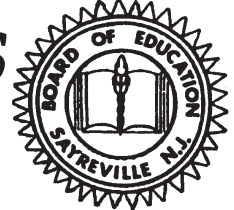


# HEAD OF THE CLASS

*The Monthly Newsletter of the Sayreville Board of Education*



Volume 16, Issue 9

May 2010

The Sayreville Board of Education congratulates those who are at the

## Head of the Class

### ARLETH SCHOOL

Kudos to the Arleth Elementary School for their "Pennies for Peace" program. Beginning with Dr. Seuss's birthday on March 2nd and an annual visit from the Cat in the Hat, this year, their "Read Across America" celebration extended beyond our nation's borders to the countries of Pakistan and Afghanistan as they joined millions of other children and schools in the "Pennies for Peace" campaign. "Pennies for Peace" supports the Central Asia Institute created by Dr. Greg Mortenson, author of *Three Cups of Tea*, and his efforts to build schools in these two war torn countries in order to promote peace through education.

### ASSEMBLYMAN CRAIG COUGHLIN

On Wednesday, March 3, 2010, Assemblyman Craig Coughlin of District 19 visited Arleth Elementary School. His visit included reading a book for "Read Across America." Assemblyman Coughlin read to Mrs. Comerford's third grade class. There was a discussion about how government works which coincided with the new student government committee Arleth School has organized.

### TRUMAN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MS. ALLISON CENCI

On Friday, March 5, 2010, over 300 Truman Elementary School students in grades K-3 participated in a community service project, "Jump Rope for Heart." This event gave the children an opportunity to benefit from the physical activity as well as do something to help others. The jumpers were an enthusiastic group and a fun time was had by all. Special thanks to Ms. Allison Cenci, physical education teacher, for organizing and implementing this worthwhile activity for the students. Also, thanks to the PTO for their involvement and help with this project. The school raised \$4,112.65 for the American Heart Association. A heartfelt thank you to the students, parents and staff for their support on another successful community service project.

### MR. MICHAEL GAWRON

Wilson Elementary School is very proud of Michael Gawron, lead custodian, for his quick thinking, assertive approach and pure dedication to the district as he handled several emergency situations that were caused by the "Hurricane with No Name." Mike came in on that Saturday when he was made aware of the ceiling leaking in the

principal's office, purchased materials to prevent any further damage and protected everything he could from the damage. The next day, Mike was listening to his police scanner, heard a call of an alarm at the school and once again, he came to the rescue. Upon arrival at 6 AM that Sunday, Mike found water pouring out of the ceiling and again went above and beyond the call of duty by ensuring that the furniture and electronic equipment were moved from harms way and set up an alternative office space for the principal. Mr. Gawron's response to this situation far exceeded his job responsibilities; however, his actions are very indicative of his outstanding work ethic, commitment to Wilson School and his role as the school's caretaker. Thank you Mike! You are a hero!

### HARSHITA RAMANUJAM EMILY LOUGHMAN

The students of Team 4-4 in the Samsel Upper Elementary School participated in the Celebrate NJ writing contest. We are proud to announce that Harshita Ramanujam and Emily Loughman both wrote articles that were selected as the "Best of the Best" among fourth graders in the state. Harshita's article about Judy Blume, and Emily's article about the New Jersey Devil were selected from a pool of over 7,000 applicants. The girls will be honored at an awards ceremony at Monmouth University on April 30th. The two students should be commended for their interest in NJ and exceptional writing abilities. Thank you also to Miss Janet Ust and Miss Kelly Lynn Shortis, teachers, for their help in this endeavor. To view the articles written by these students, visit the website: <http://www.celebratenj.org/> Great job girls!

**RAVI TRIVEDI - Principles of Finance**

**ANUJ TALATI - Accounting Applications**

**KELVIN TYSON -  
Quick-Serve Restaurant Management**

**MILVIAN PRIETO - Advertising Campaign**

**DEMETRIOS PANAYI -  
Advertising Campaign**

Fourteen Sayreville War Memorial High School DECA students competed against 1,533 other DECA students and we had five winners! The above winning students placed in the top ten for the State of New Jersey and will receive medals. The Sayreville DECA students have won a total of 38 medals this year. Percentage wise, we are one of the top winning schools in New Jersey! Congratulations to all these students who worked very hard preparing for these competitions and were determined to be winners!