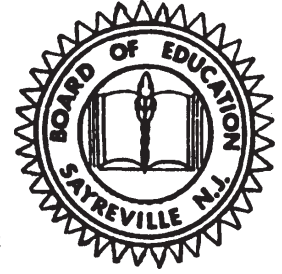


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### SAYREVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT

As a result of our district's participation in the James Monroe Liberty Fellowship, all teachers throughout the District have received free, unlimited access to CICERO, an online interactive website. CICERO utilizes a range of multimedia tools designed to engage, enhance and expand classroom experiences in history, science and language arts. Teachers of all grades will be able to access lesson plans, rubrics, primary source material, assessments, activities and interactive maps, all at no cost. The program also meets the Common Core Requirements for Social Studies and Language Arts, which will be implemented nationwide in the 2013-14 school year.

### SAMSEL UPPER ELEMENTARY SCHOOL AMERICAN LEGION POST 211

On October 27<sup>th</sup>, a group of 5<sup>th</sup> Grade TAG students from the Samsel Upper Elementary School used their interviewing skills to learn from members of the American Legion, Post 211, about their service to our country. These men shared stories of experience and valor in both war and peace.

Commander, Ed Strek, shared his experience of completing 25 military jumps as a paratrooper. The interesting addition to his story was that it was his first time in a plane!

This has become an annual event for Grade 5 TAG students, where different teachers are invited to have their classes participate. This year, Mrs. Jennifer Mahieu and Mrs. Sandy Kreminski joined Mrs. Gabriele in organizing and teaching about how to conduct a good interview. To add to this interesting day, Suburban reporter, Deanna McLafferty, covered the event, who was one of Mrs. Gabriele's TAG students!

### MRS. GINA CANALE MRS. ANNETTE CONNORS MRS. KELLY-LYNN LAWRENCE MS. JANET UST

Teachers from Samsel UES, Team 5-3, Mrs. Gina Canale, Mrs. Annette Connors, Mrs. Kelly-Lynn Lawrence and Ms. Janet Ust, collaborated with a "Teach Abroad" educator to enable their students to learn about student life in Fiji. The Samsel students collected flashcards, notebooks, pens, pencils, books and games for the students in need in a village outside Yasawa, Fiji. The Samsel students also wrote letters to the students in Fiji to begin an investigation about the

difference in cultures. The students learned about Fiji and viewed pictures of various locations. Samsel students will meet with a volunteer from Global Vision International in January to discuss how rain water is purified, how vegetables are incorporated into diets and to make a comparison between both schools. The students are looking forward to learning about another culture. Also, a great big thank you to the teachers involved, who spend their own money to send these supplies to Fiji...thank you!

### SAMSEL STUDENT AMBASSADORS EMMA L. ARLETH SCHOOL DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER SCHOOL SAYREVILLE MIDDLE SCHOOL

During the months of October and November, the Student Ambassadors from the Samsel Upper Elementary School held their annual food drive to help local families in need. The Student Ambassadors joined forces with students and staff members of Arleth Elementary, Eisenhower Elementary and the Sayreville Middle School. Within those two months, they were able to donate over 1,000 canned food items along with over \$500 in cash. The money donated will be used to purchase gift cards from local grocery stores to share with the families just in time for the holiday season. The SUES Student Ambassadors were able to deliver the food and donations to the Sayreville Care and Share Food Bank and the Saint Vincent de Paul Food Bank on November 8, 2011. The Student Ambassadors, students and staff members of participating schools would like to thank everyone who was able to help make this effort such a success.

On Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup>, the Sayreville Choir presented their Annual Madrigal Dinner Show. A madrigal performance is a holiday spectacular which first debuted during the early 1500's. The theme is always dedicated to the holiday season and includes a dinner along with a play and choir arrangements. This year's performance was entitled, "A Christmas Eve Knight Dream," which was written by our own Dr. Michael Piccuiro. James Craft conducted the choir and the students' performance, both singing and acting, was magnificent. They had the English accents and medieval vocabulary down to perfection. Dr. Piccuiro and Mr. Craft were assisted by Mr. Ron Mancini, Mrs. Claire Craft along with a host of others. All who attended commented on what a great time everyone had. Kudos to all involved and we are looking forward to next year's performance with great anticipation.

**Happy New Year!**