

# KEANSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT NEWSLETTER

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The New  
Keansburg  
School District  
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**GO TITANS!**

## Important Dates!

10/6	"BURG" Meeting, Bolger Media Center @ 6:30 pm
10/7	District Staff Development Day
10/8	KHS Homecoming Football Game @ 1:00 pm
10/10	Columbus Day, Schools Closed
10/18	Board of Educa- tion Meeting, Bolger Teachers' Cafe @ 7:00 pm
10/26	Late start Wednesday Staff Development

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High School  
Business Department  
Students.

## NEW BEGINNINGS

Gerald North

A new school year presents opportunities for various beginnings – new classes, new faces, new teachers and definitely new experiences and learning. Summer and vacation can be great healers; and as we begin a new school year, I invite everyone to begin anew in the Keansburg School District.

Newness alone, however, cannot produce transformation. We ourselves must be willing to be caught up in the rebirth that is possible with each new year. Starting a new year gives us the opportunity to make new goals, design new strategies, and

implement new ideas. Whether one's role is administering, supervising, teaching, preparing lunches, maintaining the building, managing an office, driving a bus, parenting or being a student; there is always room for improvement and for new ways to do a good job even better. We must be willing to not accept the status quo and be willing to change to meet the needs of our students and community. It is time for the Keansburg School District to make itself ready for the students of Keansburg. It is time for the parents and community of Keansburg to work with

the schools to make the education of their children the top priority.

We have dedicated and talented individuals working in the school system. We must use their talents and abilities to create a learning environment that will allow all children to have a chance at success. Our entire approach has to change and that calls for a massive retraining of our workforce and re-designing our curriculum. This will be a multi-year program that will allow our teachers and students to compete with 21<sup>st</sup> century skills. I invite you to be part of the change in the Keansburg School District.

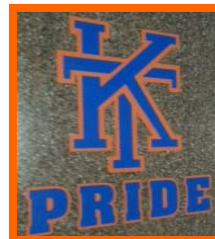
## High Expectations at the High School

R. Dennis Adams

There has been a lot of buzz around the high school this year. Students and staff are excited about the changes and improvements that were made to the high school. Specifically, teachers are excited about the newly painted classrooms and digital projectors. In addition, students have made many positive comments about the flat screen TVs, floor decals, new lighting and the positive energy that is circulating throughout the hallways.

The year is now in full swing as students have adjusted to the new class schedule. The 9<sup>th</sup> grade students are off to a good start after being introduced

to the high school during the Freshmen Transition program held for 2 weeks during August. The 10<sup>th</sup> grade students seem to have taken a sense of ownership of the building now that they have a year of high school behind them. The 11<sup>th</sup> graders are ready to



take an active part in making the school the very best it can be. Finally, the seniors have embraced the

responsibility of leading this school and the new direction of the "BURG."

The entire staff and administration have high expectations for student learning, high achievement, and community involvement. We are striving to produce a well-rounded respectable student in hopes that education leads to a lifetime of opportunities and successes.

The support by the BOE and community has given our students a sense of pride, excitement and hope as we move forward. Together we are stronger! There are bigger and better things ahead for KHS. We are looking forward to your continued support and we will have a successful year.

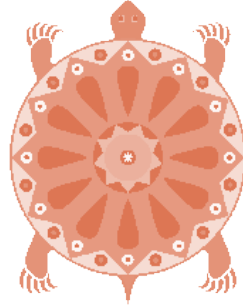
# Full Speed Ahead at Caruso!

Maria Joyce and Nancy Varley

We are off and running into another fantastic school year at JCCS. Fourth grade students jumped right back into familiar routines while third grade students quickly caught on and adjusted to their new surroundings. All students and teachers have enjoyed spending time getting to know each other in the first few weeks of school.

Fourth grade classes kicked off the year reading chapter books including one of their favorites, "Because of Winn-Dixie". Students are acting as young scientists by per-

forming experiments and they are gearing up for



their class trip to build longhouses by learning about New Jersey's first people, The Lenni Lenape.

Third grade classes have been working with Money, Time and Number

Sense during Math and have been busy Launching Writer's Workshop. Students have enjoyed Shared Reading so much that they have been asking for various books in all subject areas, so they can read independently!! Students are learning all about plants and animals and are enjoying Science experiments. Learning about the world and map skills is directing our way in Social Studies.

It's full speed ahead at Caruso and we are looking forward to a fun and successful year!

Parents are children's first and most influential teachers. By reading to children or having them read to us, by making sure homework is done, by monitoring television use, by knowing how children spend their time, parents can have a powerfully positive effect on their children's learning. ~ U.S. Secretary of Education

## Pupil Personnel

Robert Dunn

The Office of Pupil Personnel Services Department is responsible for Child Study Team, Special Education, Out of District Services, Bilingual Education, Nursing Services, Speech and Language Services, Occupational and Physical Therapy, and Homeless students. We have a library of reference materials for teachers /parents in-service in special education, videos, books, tapes, professional newsletter files on Special Education.

Our Office helps educators to develop instructional strategies that meet individual students' needs. We help to improve the understanding of the academic, social, emotional, and physical needs of each learner and ensure that

# The "Tiny Titans" of PMRS

Craig Palmer

The 2011-12 school year has begun and the Port Monmouth Road School is "open for business"! The administration, staff and support personnel are all excited to have the students back in the building and look forward to another great year at PMRS. Some noteworthy changes have taken place since June. Most notably,

former principal Donna Glomb will now serve the district as the Supervisor of Early Childhood and Elementary Curriculum & Instruction while former Vice Principal James Altobello will work in the same position at Bolger Middle School. Both will be missed and forever members of the PMRS "family".

Other major changes include the adoption of the Titan mascot being used by all district schools as well as the "Orange and Blue" now being the official colors of the Keansburg School District. It is with great enthusiasm and pride that we all at PMRS chant, "**GO TINY TITANS!**"

# Tallying up the TITANS at Bolger

Doug Covert

Our opening in the Joseph R. Bolger Middle School was a great success. Our students, teachers, and staff have created an active and safe learning environment. School wide initiatives for the year include



Titan Tally's where students can earn tickets for positive actions, Character Education program that will coincide with our delayed opening days, and an emphasis on career and college.

We are also excited to welcome eight new teachers to the Bolger School including Mr. Janik 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade Social Studies, Mr. Sigrist 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade

Social Studies, Ms. Sheehan 5<sup>th</sup> grade Social Studies, Ms. Lapaz, Ms. Acconzo Special Education, Mr. Marinoff 6<sup>th</sup> grade Science, Mr. Mangels Special Education, and Ms. Malloy Art. Also, we would like to welcome Ms. Larosa from the Caruso school.

We are excited for the new and challenging journey.



educators utilize appropriate teaching skills to enable students to meet or exceed their potential. The office recognizes that collegial support and interaction are essential to the success of every aspect of education.