



## ***Superintendent's Report***

To: Board Members

From: Leah M. Christman

Date: June 10, 2013

- The year ended successfully with a positive graduation ceremony on Friday night, followed by our annual staff assembly and recognition this afternoon. 1<sup>st</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 25<sup>th</sup>, and 30<sup>th</sup> year and retiring employees were recognized. Thank you to everyone who worked to make both events so successful!
- Lower Milford held a dedication with staff, students, and community members in honor of Dot Nagy last Thursday morning. A tree was planted in her honor for the children at Lower Milford to enjoy for years to come.
- Last Monday, Jamie O'Donnell (Hopewell IA) and Heather Freed (HW teacher) coordinated an unbelievable effort with Matt Parkes, (store manager), Sarah Gappa and 25+ other "Team Depot" volunteers to surprise Hopewell with a Habitat Makeover in Caitlyn Dickey's honor! The team donated \$100's in gardening supplies and plants, and an entire day of work to turn the habitat into a beautiful garden area for children to visit and learn. Children helped plant flowers. A poetry reading and dedication occurred on Wednesday morning with Caitlyn's family. Thank you Jamie and Heather for working side by side with the Home Depot volunteers and for providing them a lunch while the transformed our Habitat into a remarkable new space!
- The Secondary [Social Studies and English Curriculum Council Presentation](#) was held on Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup>. Subject Area leaders presented their research and rationale for their recommendations for curriculum changes.
- Plans for 2013-14 school year are already underway. The Curriculum Department is planning in-service days and professional development activities along with curricular updates scheduled. We are also planning our summer administrative retreat which will focus on goal setting for all buildings and departments for 2013-14, the new PDE strategic planning process which will begin next year, and a presentation from our personnel legal counsel on supervision, evaluation and the new Educator Effectiveness law that take effect on July 1<sup>st</sup>.