



Superintendent's Report

To: Board Members

From: Leah M. Christman

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- A group of our high school students under the supervision of Dave Krial, social studies teacher, are starting a cycling club. Students plan to meet at the high school on weekends or after school and will ride their bikes on the rails to trails in our area.
- The Robotics club recently qualified for the Mid-Atlantic Region Robotics Championship to be held at Temple University April 12-14. With the combination of points earned during the season, the team is currently ranked at **17 out of 99 teams** in the region.
- May 7th marks a deadline for students to be up-to-date with immunizations required to attend school. The change in the law now requires EVERY student to have 2 properly spaced varicella (chicken pox) vaccines. It also mandates a TDaP (tetanus, diphtheria and pertussis) and Menactra (meningitis) for every 7th grader. Our school nurses have been diligent in sending home multiple letters to parents since the beginning of school who need to bring their student's immunizations up-to-date. April 18 has been set as the date to compile the district wide list of non-compliant students. Calls will continue to be made, urging parents to comply with the State law. I will be sending out a BlackBoard Connect message to any remaining families who still have not addressed this issue after April 18. We will be allowed to admit students who have a doctor's appointment scheduled after May 7th.
- A copy of the Assessment Data Report for last year has been provided to each Board member and is posted on the website under Curriculum. The curriculum directors will be sharing a presentation that summarizes our status at the net meeting. Board members are asked to review the data and send any specific questions they have to me, so that responses have been researched for accuracy.
- We recently learned that we have been awarded another Guest Arabic teacher for the 2012-3 school year through the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs at the US State Department and Teachers of Critical Language Program. This will be the last year we will be eligible for the program. Dr. Donahue will serve as the Principal contact for next year, and will travel to Washington DC in May to learn more about the program.
- Notices have been sent out to the community to secure host families for our 3 guest foreign teachers for next year. This is a unique opportunity and I would ask for everyone to help spread the word so that we can arrange for housing for our guests.
- A document, *Education or Indoctrination?*, was received and has been shared with each Board member concerning claims made against social studies textbooks. None of these texts are used in the District.
- A summer Geometry course will be offered for acceleration to interested students by our high school math department. (see attached document). This course will be offered with no cost to the school district. The course is targeted to currently on-level math students who did not meet requirements to accelerate in the intermediate or middle levels. This will provide students the opportunity to accelerate in order to reach higher math courses including Calculus, AP Calculus, AP Statistics or College Algebra.