

To: Parents/Guardians
From: Mark Solimo *MS* **F.Y.I.**
Date: November 12, 2009
Re: Board Meeting of November 10, 2009

Superintendent's Report

Each year the Moonachie School District provides a unique opportunity for one eighth-grade student to attend a national program known as Lead America. The program is a weeklong program where students have the opportunity to meet with important people such as senators, congressmen, and other leaders of America. Our nominated student, Alejandra Torres, will travel to one of various sites, such as Boston, Chicago, and Washington D.C. At the leadership academy, she will work with other students doing hands-on leadership simulations. Alejandra was nominated by a committee of teachers who select the one student who they feel best demonstrates leadership qualities among their peers and within the school community. Congratulations Alejandra!

Miss Salamone's preschool students have been enjoying their new curriculum, Curiosity Corner. The comprehensive, early childhood program introduced our class to new activities including "Rhyme Time." During rhyme time activities, we have been focusing on rhymes and songs that promote phonological awareness.

The class has also been enjoying "Clues and Questions" activities that introduce the thematic concepts for the day using our classroom mascot, Curiosity the Cat. Interacting with Curiosity has been one of our favorite activities each day. We have extended the curriculum to include the creation of a class book and a production of a puppet show based on the Curiosity the Cat character. Most recently, the students had fun choosing their favorite Halloween costume for Curiosity to wear.

So far this year, Miss Salamone's preschool students have successfully adapted to this integrated curriculum. The students look forward to the weekly thematic units that provide them with a solid foundation in the developmental domains needed for future school success.

Finance

1. Approved Contracted Service Agreement with the South Bergen Jointure Commission for the 2009-2010 school year.
2. Approved Audit Corrective Action Plan.

Policy:

1. Approved the Pupil Safety Policy.

Personnel

1. Approved the following workshops:

Workshop	Date	Attendee
Keeping All Your Students Engaged	Dec. 1, 2009	Debra Finch
Dr. Jean's "Tips, Tricks and Terrific Ideas": Reading, Math and Classroom Management	Dec. 8, 2009	Jessica Salamone