

WEST DEPTFORD SCHOOLS

High School Offers New Courses for 20-21!

Amidst all that is currently unpredictable, one thing is certain, West Deptford High School is continuing to make forward progress in our course offerings and plans for the 20-21 school year. We are excited to announce a myriad of new courses for the upcoming year, expansion of our dual credit opportunities for students, as well as our first approved NJ CTE (Career and Technical Education) Program of Study. Currently, and in the weeks ahead, High School Guidance Counselors are working with current and future WDHS students to plan for these many options.

New courses for the 2020-2021 school year include: Business 101, Supply Chain Management III & IV, Mobile Applications Development, Advanced Engineering III, Life Skills 101, Intro to Foods, ASL II, Multicultural & Women's Studies, and Creative Writing.

In our Applied Technology area of study, Business 101 will serve as a basic introductory course for any student interested in pursuing a career pathway in Business Administration. Supply Chain Management, formerly known as Logistics, will continue expanding to now include courses III and IV; all Supply Chain Management courses will switch over to semester-based courses in the 20-21 year. Successful completion of this course sequence (all four courses) could lead to a Rutgers Business School Industry Certification. This course sequence is also our FIRST ever WDHS CTE Program of Study approved by the State of New Jersey. Introduction to Foods is a rebranding of our current Regional Foods and International Foods curricula whereas Life Skills 101 will be a fresh look at what is

necessary for surviving in the real world. Mobile App Development will serve as an introductory course to our Computer Science programming sequence where all students can “play” with the creation of apps and become more comfortable with the coding skills required of them if they continue the Computer Science track. Lastly, Advanced Engineering III will serve as the third course in our current Exploring Engineering programming.

Finally, we are very excited to announce two new semester courses in our Humanities Department – Multicultural & Women's Studies and Creative Writing. These new courses are geared to address a love of reading and/or writing as well as the students' popular demand for more diverse literature. The first course will emphasize the celebration of differences and cultures as well as the role women authors have played in the canon, whereas the latter will give students the opportunity to express themselves through writing in a variety of genres.

With the rollout of these NEW courses and expansion of our current programs, WDHS is also currently in talks with Rowan College of South Jersey (RCSJ) to expand our dual credit opportunities for students. The RCSJ staff is reviewing WDHS curricula and teacher credentials in an effort to create more classes where WDHS students can earn college credits while remaining in high school seats. In addition, Camden County College (CCC) has expanded our dual credit selection to include AP Computer Science A and Introduction to Python Programming. All of these dual credit agreement details with either CCC or RCSJ are listed in the WDHS Curriculum Guide listed on our high school webpage.



WDMS Root Rally!!

WDMS held its 3rd annual “Root Rally” Contest on March 6, 2020. Root Rally is a culminating celebration and competition that takes place after an 8-week study in which all Fifth-Grade students learn roots originating from Greek, Hebrew, Latin, Spanish, and French backgrounds. The students learn 10 new roots a week and study the meaning and definition of the roots. Word Study is an instructional focus in Fifth-Grade,

as vocabulary knowledge is hugely beneficial to reading comprehension. The goal of root rally is to enhance student vocabulary by learning parts of words and also how to spell multisyllabic words. Fifth-Grade teachers made this year’s event extra special by dancing to “Whoomp! (Root!) There It Is!” The teachers practiced after



The top three students were Cambria Marz (1st place), Brianna Valentino (2nd place), and Molly Moorman (3rd place). WDMS can’t wait for next year’s Root Rally!

Green-Fields Takes On “The Great Kindness Challenge of 2020”

Throughout the week of January 27th-31st, the students and staff of Green-Fields put their National School of Character award to the test by participating in a week-long celebration of kindness. Through various school and classroom activities, students and staff demonstrated visible acts of kindness embedded within the normal school day, as well as at a special evening event. Each activity was designed around a daily theme in which students completed assignments, wrote reflections, met as a classroom family, and participated in a service-learning project to help a local day shelter. The schedule was busy as each day celebrated a different facet of what kindness means.

A kickoff assembly was held on Monday to introduce the weekly events which included: “Shoesday” - an exercise in empathy, or what it’s really like to walk in someone else’s shoes; “Compliments” – sending special compliments to classmates or staff members by writing them on a mitten; and a “reflection” on kindness – a writing exercise in which students shared their thoughts on what it’s like to be kind. Finally, Thursday celebrated our Annual Family Service Learning Night – a time for students and their families to come together to support Cathedral Kitchen in Camden by participating in tangible activi-

ties to help those in need. In one evening alone, Green-Fields families were able to make approximately 1,100 sandwiches, pack 123 hygiene bags, and make centerpieces and placemats for 3 holidays, all of which was delivered to Cathedral Kitchen the following morning. Channel 6 Action News from Philadelphia was also on hand to cover the event, and actually stayed longer than planned due to the noticeable outpouring of support from our students and families.

Green-Fields has also partnered with Starbucks in Woodbury Heights to spread kindness to the community. Starbucks gave the school 1,300 coffee sleeves for the students to decorate with kindness quotes which were distributed to the community during the week of the Kindness Challenge (1/27-1/31). This was well-received by our families, many of whom visited Starbucks just to receive a special coffee sleeve.

We’re so proud of our Green-Fields students and their families for demonstrating true acts of kindness and benevolence in purposeful, visible ways. It is our hope that our students carry the true spirit of kindness with them wherever they go... a spirit that was cultivated through our efforts at Green-Fields in honor of our designation as a National School of Character.



Oakview Celebrates Youth Art Month



On March 4th, Oakview Elementary School celebrated Youth Art Month by turning our hallways into a beautiful art museum. Students, parents, and community members were welcomed to visit our "Night at the Museum" Art Show to recognize the artistic talents of students in Kindergarten and First-Grade. The hallways displayed a colorful variety of student artwork that represented multicultural backgrounds, literary focus, as well as student replications based on famous artists. Each student artist assembled their own Art Board which showcased their creations. Mrs. Hicks, our Art Teacher, used a variety of literature to be the inspiration for creativity. Students read "Glad Monster Sad Monster" to turn their line drawing into fun monsters with their choice of emotion. Classes also read "I'm Not Just a Scribble" to encourage students' creativity as they made silly little critters from fun scribbles. Students learned about the differences between African and Indian Elephants

as they experimented with grayscale. In addition, our young artists learned about the Lunar New Year and the art of Japan as they used watercolor crayons to create nature scenes on their Uchiwa fan. A descriptive gallery guide was given to all visitors in attendance to provide further background information for the pieces in our collection. Families also had the opportunity to visit the fun-filled photo booth to take memorable pictures with their young artists. In addition, art students from WDHS were present to model their art skills in action and discuss their previously-created pieces. This evening provided our families with the opportunity to come together to honor and encourage our students' growing artistic abilities. We are so proud of the work our artists have done!



Vets in Training

Red Bank has a unique population of students in the building. It is the home for many of the District's Preschool students and all of the Second-Grade students. This presented the extra challenge of finding a school assembly that would be appropriate and enjoyed by all. After much searching, a program, Vets in Training, was recommended, and it was perfect for our school. The program combines hands-on learning, animal studies, and social-emotional learning into one dynamic package. Instead of one large assembly, each classroom was presented with a lesson that included real live animals.

More students were engaged and lots of learning took place.

The first visit from Vets in Training was to our Preschool classes. Students were asked to bring their favorite stuffed animal to school while they participated in the Teddy Bear Clinic. The presenter started her lesson with a brief discussion on why our pets go to the vet and what happens during a well-check. Using their stuffed animals, students learned how to check eyes, ears, mouth, and heartbeat. Yes, they each used a real stethoscope! Just when they thought it couldn't get any

more fun...the real live animals were brought out. Listening to the heartbeat and breathing of a guinea pig and bunny was the highlight of the show.

Second-Graders were presented with the class, "All Creatures Great and Small." To begin the lesson, students participated in a discussion about the different types of animals. What is a mammal? What is a reptile? What animals make great pets? How does pet care differ between animals? Many of our students had the best stories to share and this is what makes learning personalized. Of course, after discussing various facts and information, the animals popped out for all to see and TOUCH! The Second-Graders made friends with a mouse, guinea pig, rabbit, ferret, hedgehog, and even a bearded dragon!

Needless to say, the Vets in Training, hands-on classroom assembly was a huge success. Students and teachers talked about the animals for days.



Preschool Teddy Bear Float Parade

Since its conception, the West Deptford Preschool Program has understood the importance of engaging families in their Preschoolers' early learning and development. As part of this initiative, the Preschool teachers have been working to develop activities that support the families' efforts to create a learning environment beyond the school setting. The

most recent example of family participation took place in February when the District hosted a Teddy Bear Float Parade in each of the Elementary Schools. Based on instructions from the teachers, families worked at home with their children to create a shoebox "float" for a favorite stuffed animal. They had the freedom to use whatever materials they had available to

them to create their float, and then added a string or rope as a way for the children to pull the box. The at-home project culminated with an exciting parade in each Elementary School. Families were invited to watch as the children pulled their floats in a parade-like format in the all-purpose rooms of their home school. Feedback from the teachers and families recounted the event as a great success and plans are in place for it to become an annual activity to help reinforce a home-to-school connection.



New Faces of the West Deptford Administrative Team

Principal, Oakview Elementary School

Mrs. Sandy is continuing her thirteenth year as a member of the West Deptford School District. She started her educational career as a Third-Grade teacher at Green-Fields Elementary School and transitioned to West Deptford Middle School as a Math teacher at various grade levels. In addition, Mrs. Sandy's love for sports led her to be the Assistant Coach of the Track and Field Team at West Deptford High School for several years.

Mrs. Sandy obtained her first Administrative position at Pennsville School District as the Supervisor of Math, Science, and STEM for grades K-12. Mrs. Sandy has spent the last four years as the Assistant Principal of Curriculum and Instruction at West Deptford Middle School. During her time at WDMS, she collaborated with stakeholders to lead numerous curricular initiatives.

Mrs. Sandy earned her Undergraduate Degrees in Elementary Education and Psychology from Stockton University, her Master's Degree in Teacher Leadership from Rowan University, and School Administration Degree from Wilmington University.

Mrs. Sandy and her husband Matt are proud parents of two amazing children. In her free time, Mrs. Sandy enjoys coaching her daughter's lacrosse team, cheering her kids on at various school and sporting events, and spending quality time outdoors with her family and friends.



WDMS New Assistant Principal

West Deptford Middle School is excited to welcome our new Assistant Principal of Curriculum and Instruction, Mr. Jeff Podolski! Mr. Podolski is a graduate of West Deptford Schools. He taught History at Woodstown High School for over 12 years and was named Teacher of the Year in 2016. While teaching, Mr. Podolski also coached basketball, softball, and football. He was named South Jersey Coach of the Year in 2009 and 2016. While in Woodstown, Mr. Podolski worked towards standards-aligned grading and facilitated a District-wide professional development to train and support teachers and staff in the transition. In February 2019, Mr. Podolski joined Alloway School District as the Director of Curriculum/Vice Principal. During his time there, he collaborated with teachers to update all curriculum maps and pacing guides and, under his leadership, Alloway School District successfully passed QSAC evaluations. Mr. Podolski supported his staff as

they infused Lucy Calkins into their English Language Arts instruction, oversaw the selection of Lab-Aids as an upcoming instructional resource for Science, and worked with the teachers to reinforce that the NJSLA math standards were taught with the support of their resources. Mr. Podolski also recently developed and initiated a school-wide Social Emotional Learning (SEL) program that worked to expand the program. Under his leadership in the role of I&RS Coordinator, they were recognized by the County and asked to host an I&RS consortium meeting as part of the Countywide in-service day. Please join us in welcoming Mr. Podolski back to Eagle Nation!



Director of Facility Management

Walter “Butch” Berglund is honored to be a member of the West Deptford Team. He has worked as a Facilities Director for several School Districts in Gloucester County. Between school facility jobs, he was a Mid-Atlantic Operations Manager for Fortune 500 company, EMCOR Facilities Services. He managed a mobile workforce, servicing clients in six states. He was also part of the startup team and managed the facilities operations for new clients that included Citizens Bank, Children’s Hospital offices, and LDS Church.

He is a Certified Educational Facilities Director who holds a Black Seal license and an OSHA 10 card. As a community member, he was a past School Board President and Councilman in Deptford Township. He served on many committees and boards during that time, including the Pitman Golf Course Advisory Board. Currently, he is a member of the Deptford Township Planning Board and is the Secretary for the Gloucester County Utilities Authority.

Besides being an avid golfer and fisherman, his other hobbies include ice, rock, and mountain climbing. He has summited Mt. Kilimanjaro in Africa, Mt. Blanc in France, Cotopaxi in Ecuador, several mountains in the Swiss Alps, and Mt. Rainer in Washington State.

Since 1990 he has lived in Deptford Township with his wife April.



Governor's Teachers of the Year

Joan Schissler - WDHS Governor's Teacher of the Year

West Deptford High School is pleased to announce Mrs. Joan Schissler as our Governor's Teacher of the Year! For 22 years, Mrs. Schissler has been an exemplary member of the West Deptford English Department. She has served as a teacher, coach, mentor, friend, and role model to both the students and the staff. In her time at WDHS, she has pushed our freshmen to become better readers and writers by holding them to the highest expectations. She also leads our juniors through the incredibly rigorous AP Language and Composition course and they meet with great success on the national exam each year. She is the kind of teacher who students complain about having, but the first one they thank when they finally have the moment of realization about the value of hard work. Year after year college freshmen return to tell her that their success in writing in their first semesters is thanks to her class. She pushes her colleagues to value hard work as well, never pedaling in dramatics. Recently, her already approved AP course syllabus disappeared from the online environment of the College Board; a lengthy document that requires a nerve-wracking approval process. Rather than panic, Joan simply wrote a new one, in between classes, and

submitted it for a successful approval before the day was out.

Mrs. Schissler's level-headedness, leadership, and stoicism have helped our department through difficult times and can almost always bring any dispute over curriculum or policy to a logical conclusion. Every August you can find her in the office collecting her summer work in the blue composition books, due before school begins, setting the tone for her students. She was also the first teacher in the department to really embrace the collaborative nature of editing writing with students in the Google suite, finding a balance between traditional educational tools as well as the cutting-edge ones. She continues to take on new challenges and co-teachers without hesitation, switching from Ninth-Graders to Seniors this year, which most definitely means even more college students will be returning to thank her next year. Thank you, Mrs. Schissler, for everything you do for our school community.



Adam DiLorenzo - WDMS Governor's Teacher of the Year

West Deptford Middle School proudly acknowledges Adam DiLorenzo as its Governor's Educator of the Year Honoree for the 2019-2020 School Year. Mr. DiLorenzo holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in History from Rutgers University and a Masters of Leadership in Educational Administration from Capella University. He is certified in Elementary Education and is highly qualified in Mathematics. Mr. DiLorenzo began his teaching career in 2008 as a Middle School Math teacher at the Park Avenue School in Orange, New Jersey. He joined the West Deptford Middle School family in 2015 where he continues to teach Seventh-Grade Mathematics. While at WDMS, he has served as STAMP advisor, School Improvement Panel team member, Code Blue team member, and has participated in the Staff vs. Student soccer and basketball games. He is currently the WDMS Boys Basketball Head Coach, WDHS Girls Soccer Assistant Coach, and the WDHS Varsity Baseball Assistant Coach.

Mr. DiLorenzo truly believes that "teachers make a difference" and considers himself lucky he gets to live this each and every day. He believes it is his job as a teacher to create better learners, better humans, and better community members. He consciously chooses to meet each student with positivity and love. He is his students' biggest cheerleader, even if just for 45 minutes each day. Mr. DiLorenzo makes sure each of his students knows they are special to him. He treats them with fairness, addresses their individual needs and boosts their self-esteem while they are in his class. Mr. DiLorenzo feels that fairness is not everyone getting the

same, but instead everyone getting what they need.

Mr. DiLorenzo thinks outside of the box. He considers his students' needs and has reshaped his classroom to an inquiry-based learning environment to help fill these needs. Flexibility in learning is paramount to him. It is his belief that each student brings an exponent. It is not just the student, it is the student's whole being that enters his classroom each day. He makes a point to get to know each of his students, asks questions, and listens. He shares his own life experiences and concerns. He devises lessons to challenge each learning style and varied abilities and he requires his students to be engaged and to do the talking. No two classes are ever the same. It is this unique teaching style that makes him both well-liked and successful in the classroom. Mr. DiLorenzo is an energetic co-teacher, and he can often be spotted modeling strategies in the classroom that appeal to all styles of learning.

Mr. DiLorenzo exemplifies the delicate balance that all educators face in today's culture: to be encouraging, constructively critical, empathetic, supportive, non-judgmental, and trusted. West Deptford Middle School is proud to have Adam DiLorenzo as their Governor's Educator of the Year Honoree!



Amy Vassallo - Green-Fields Governor's Teacher of The Year

Green-Fields Elementary School is proud to announce Amy Vassallo as our 2020 Governor's Teacher of the Year. Amy is in her second year as a Spanish teacher in our Elementary world, and has made a seamless transition from the High School level. In this relatively short amount of time, she has truly become a highly respected member of the staff and a favorite among our students throughout the building.

Through her work with students, Mrs. Vassallo truly immerses each student in the Spanish language, along with its culture and traditions. Lessons are lively, active, and enjoyable, and Spanish as a world language is more present in the building than ever. Colorful displays are present throughout our hallways, exposing students and staff to important people within the Spanish community. She has created a real connection to our Spanish-speak-

ing population, and has even been able to convince the Principal to speak Spanish during bus dismissal one day a week.

One of Mrs. Vassallo's visible strengths is her natural ability to connect with her students. An elementary building is full of diverse personalities and abilities, and Amy has a true gift of reaching each of our students in an individual way. It is obvious that they trust her, enjoy being in her presence, and respond well to her instruction. To say that Mrs. Vassallo is a relational person is perhaps an understatement. She has the genuine ability to relate, listen, and



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connect with those around her. Beyond this, she is an excellent listener, making everyone in her presence feel as though she's completely focused on them.

Besides her teaching responsibilities at Green-Fields, Amy continues as the advisor for the Safe Space Club at WDHS. She has extended her knowledge along to the Elementary faculty and staff through assistance and information in order to support the diversity of all of our students. In addition, she has become a respected member of our Character and Climate Committee, and her enthusiasm in this regard is contagious.

Mrs. Vassallo is constantly sharing her ideas, and look-

ing out for all students in regard to their learning. She consistently checks in with classroom teachers, and finds solutions to help struggling students. This demonstrates Amy's connection to all facets of our school, not just her specialty area. Her judgment, ideas, and concerns are well-received, and she has made herself an integral part of the academic team in our building.

We are grateful that Mrs. Vassallo has become a part of the Green-Fields Family, and she has indeed made our team stronger. She is a quality example of a fine educator and designation as the Governor's Teacher of the Year is well-deserved. Congratulations!

Mrs. Maureen Lex: Oakview Governor's Teacher of the Year

Oakview Elementary School is honored to recognize Mrs. Maureen Lex as our Governor's Teacher of the Year. Mrs. Lex earned her Bachelor of Arts degree with a focus in Special Education from Glassboro State College. Mrs. Lex is very passionate and serves as a model for true dedication throughout her 28 years working in West Deptford School District. Over the years, she has served as a Special Education Teacher in our Preschool, Kindergarten and First-Grade classes. Her ability to work with students at various levels and diverse learning styles has made Mrs. Lex such an amazing teacher. Mrs. Lex has been instrumental in the development of thematic units for the Preschool curriculum. Through the years, she has continued to adapt and modify these themes as the needs of her students have changed. She has utilized her expertise in Special Education to provide staff with support in understanding childhood development to help students succeed individually. In addition, she has worked to encourage our youngest learners to participate

in service-learning projects for the community. Mrs. Lex has extended her community involvement by providing a parent workshop in the evenings, centered around improving behaviors using a program called 1-2-3 Magic Play, and the importance these strategies hold to support a child's learning. Mrs. Lex's favorite part about being a teacher is seeing her students desire to learn and have fun while persevering. She has found that being consistent with her expectations, providing structure, and having knowledge of each child's individual needs guides her instruction so that each student can grow into their full potential. Oakview is very fortunate to have a teacher who is so dedicated to our students, staff, and community. Thank you, Mrs. Lex, for all that you do!



Janice Williams - RB Governor's Educator of the Year

Janice is a dedicated teacher, who works tirelessly to make sure all students achieve success.

Janice is a master teacher, who is an active participant in professional development. She is a model teacher of Writers' Workshop, is always willing to share her expertise with her colleagues, and she does not hesitate to ask others for help when struggling to best meet the needs of her students.

Janice has created a safe learning environment for all of her students, where their social-emotional and academic needs are met. Students are often found in flex-seating, working in groups, completing assignments of their own choosing, all while using various tools and resources to complete tasks. Students in Janice's class are encouraged to select their own

behavior and academic goals, and are given the resources and support they need to reach these goals.

Janice has earned the respect of her colleagues, her students and their families. Her compassion and respect for others, and her tireless effort to help all students achieve success is why Janice is the Red Bank Elementary School's Governor's Educator of the Year.



Service Professionals of the Year

Ellen Quindlen - WDHS

Governor's Educational Services Professional of the Year

West Deptford High School is pleased to announce Mrs. Ellen Quindlen as our Governor's Educational Services Professional of the Year! As West Deptford's High School Guidance Department Chairperson, Mrs. Quindlen plays a major role helping to implement District and building initiatives with Administration and faculty including: our dual credit program with local community colleges and universities, our college visitation schedule, our AP program, class scheduling, Freshman course selection, Governor's School Program, SAT testing, student interventions, crisis interventions, and our transfer student program. Additionally, she leads our Gifted and Talented Program. Mrs. Quindlen has an excellent rapport with students, faculty, and staff. Her positive attitude, insights, and proac-

tive stance makes working with her enjoyable. Mrs. Quindlen's high level of educational knowledge is incredible. She is fully versed on all graduation requirements, mandates, updates, and social-emotional learning. When answering a question, she always puts the whole student first and responds with not only great advice, but with resources that support her conversations. Her presence has helped both the student and their families. Thank you, Mrs. Quindlen for everything you do for our school community.



Judy Frantz - WDMS

Governor's Educational Services Professional of the Year

From the moment she walked through front doors twenty years ago, Mrs. Judy Frantz has been of the highest value to the students of West Deptford Middle School. Whether in her past role as a CAP Aide, or in her current role as our Library/Media Aide, she gives freely of herself to the students and makes assisting them her number one priority on a daily basis.

With her sweet and kind nature, she maintains a friendly connection with all students who enter the library. Because she is an avid reader of books, Mrs. Frantz can be found giving recommendations that may include phrases like, "You're going to need a Kleenex for the end of this one." She has also created an incredible binder filled with brief summaries of all of her favorites. Students can skim the pages and find a book in a specific genre that is well-loved by Mrs. Frantz. The students love these personal interactions and often take her up on her recommendations.

Mrs. Frantz works hard to make sure that each visit to the library is special. She decorates the space to make it feel welcoming, but she adds many more special touches. By communicating with the teachers who visit, Mrs. Frantz makes sure she has materials on hand that are specific to what is happening in the classrooms. When she purchases new books, she does so based on teacher and student re-

quests. She pays attention to what is happening in the reading world, and she stays current with authors and titles.

In addition to being our library connection, Mrs. Frantz has become our technology liaison this year. She has proven herself to be highly adaptive as she has learned the ways of the Chromebooks. If there is a school-wide technology issue, she communicates and works extremely well with our Technology Department to get the issues resolved as quickly as possible.

Another hat that Mrs. Frantz wears in the Middle School is that of the National Geographic Society's Bee scorer. Her enthusiasm and attention to detail help the grade-level and school-wide Geography Bee maintain its success and popularity.

Mrs. Franz is the perfect candidate for our 2019-2020 Educational Services Professional. She has proven herself time and time again to be an amazing asset to the staff and students of West Deptford Middle School, and is so deserving of this hard-earned recognition!



Robin Folino - Green-Fields

Governor's Educational Services Professional of the Year

Green-Fields Elementary is proud to recognize Mrs. Robin Folino as our Educational Services Professional of the Year. Mrs. Folino currently serves as our Speech and Language Therapist at Green-Fields, and has provided services for our students since 2010.

Mrs. Folino is an ASHA (American Speech and Hearing Association) certified specialist and a New Jersey licensed Speech and Language Pathologist with over 20 years of public school experience. After graduating from Montclair State University with a B.A. in Communication Sciences and Social Disorders, Robin went on to earn her Masters of Science degree in Speech and Language Pathology at Northeastern University in Boston, Massachusetts. Throughout her career, Mrs. Folino has worked in several states, including time spent as a "traveling Speech Pathologist." This experience gave her an opportunity to explore the country while performing as a therapist in a wide variety of settings. It was during this time that she became aware of her passion to work with children in the

elementary school setting.

Mrs. Folino takes great joy in working with her students to improve their speech and language skills. This work is so valued due to the wide spectrum of disabilities present across multiple age groups in our building. Her varied experiences have helped her see the value, importance, and necessity of speech and language skills and their impact on student's success in both academic and social settings. Her students enjoy meeting with her as she continually goes above and beyond to meet the unique needs of each child, helping them find success. She is truly excited and honored to be working with children at Green-Fields Elementary School, and we are proud to recognize her as our 2020 Educational Services Professional of the Year.



Mrs. Lisa Harverson - Oakview

Governor's Educational Services Professional of the Year

The Oakview Elementary School community is extremely proud to recognize Mrs. Lisa Harverson as our Educational Service Professional of the Year. Mrs. Harverson graduated from Penn State University with a degree in Human Development and Family Studies. She has been dedicated to supporting students and families as she works with the School District to bridge school and home connections. Mrs. Harverson has loved working with our youngsters as an Instructional Aide in Kindergarten since 2012. Her kind-hearted spirit and nurturing ways bring the best out of our students. Mrs. Harverson started at Green-Fields Elementary School as a Lunch Aide in March of 2011. In September of 2012, she transitioned to an Instructional Aide role as she worked to support our Kindergarteners

through age-appropriate activities that encouraged their love for school and pique their interest to want to learn more. Mrs. Harverson loves being part of students' learning experiences and considers herself blessed to be a part of their learning journey. She is always amazed each year at the growth that the students make socially and academically. Mrs. Harverson is an integral member of our school community and we are proud to have her as a valued member of Oakview Elementary School.



Joy Hill – Red Bank

Governor’s Educational Services Professional of the Year

Joy is an important member of the Red Bank staff for many reasons. She performs her designated duties as Red Bank’s Speech Therapist to all the students who need assistance with expertise and professionalism. Over the past year, she has been valuable as a mentor and voice in the inception of our Preschool program. Joy loves to interact with staff, students and parents with a kind and positive attitude. Joy actively volunteers for many other activities at Red Bank as she serves on the Code Blue Team and is heavily involved in the District’s biggest charity event, Operation Blessing. Joy willingly uses her free time to do whatever is needed to make this event a success. All the staff benefit from Joy’s participation in the Sunshine Committee as she organizes special “feel good” events among the staff. Joy

is also known to assist High School students before her day starts at Red Bank and works closely with the CBI class. She even had the CBI students make center pieces for her daughter’s bridal shower. In addition to all the wonderful things she does for Red Bank and the entire District, Joy mentors interns from various colleges and universities yearly. Joy is the definition of a team player and her willingness to go above and beyond makes her the perfect recipient of the Governor’s Educational Service Professional of the Year!



In Loving Memory



Our beloved Director of Facility Management, Mr. Myron Hall, suddenly passed on March 27, 2020. The loss of Mr. Hall was a very sad day for the West Deptford School District. Myron has served the community of West Deptford since July of 2002, where he started as Assistant to the Director of Facilities. Several months later, he was promoted to Director of Facility Management and served in this capacity until his passing. Myron was a generous giver of his time, and took great pride in making

sure our schools and grounds looked exceptional. He could always be called upon, and rarely told any of us no when we asked him to complete a project. Myron was usually the first one in our schools each day, making his rounds to speak with his staff and checking in with his colleagues. Our School District will miss him terribly, and our deepest condolences go out to his family. Thank you, Mr. Hall, for showing Eagle Pride every day that you came to work for West Deptford Schools! #breakfastclub

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