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February 2025 District Updates

- Congratulations to the following students who were highlighted as "Exemplary Falcons" in our high school:
- Michael Marin, Natalia Jarecki, Erica Relyea, and Yliany Paez Morel
 Falcons are renowned for their sharp vision, unwavering focus, and relentless drive to excel.
 They are natural communicators and possess an insatiable ambition. We ARE Falcons!
 - Members of VFW Post 3484 awarded prizes to their "Voice of Democracy" winners.
 Congratulations to: Eduardo Tovar and Shaun McCauley!
 - There was a presentation on mid-year updates: District Goals, BOE Goals, Strategic Planning, and Referendum updates were all shared! You can see the presentation by clicking <u>HERE</u>.
 - Our school calendar for this school year was revised. Primary Day was changed from June 3rd to June 10th. Therefore, now school will be in session on June 3rd and we will have off on June 10th.
 - The Board approved many field trips including taking our interested 11th graders to Universal Technical Institute (UTI) for a tour, and our grade 12 students to Bergen Community College for a tour, to meet their advisor, and create their fall schedule. Our MSHS Outdoors Club will be going on their monthly hikes and our students in our construction course and other electives will join them to the Jersey City waterfront to explore the intersection of art, architecture, and urban development. Our MSHS Glamour Gals club continues to visit the seniors at The Cupola to do their nails, and members of our Polish Club will be attending the Devils Game at their Polish Heritage Night.
 - The Board also approved professional development workshops for our staff to attend.
 These include counselor college visits, Educational Technology Conference, World
 Language instructional practices, and elementary art sessions.

The Board approved a grant that we submitted to the NJDCA Local Recreation
 Improvement with the hopes of receiving funds to redo our playgrounds at our three K-6 school buildings.

Personnel:

- Ms. Wright (Music Teacher at FES) and Mr. Sison (IT staff) resigned. We wish them the best in their future endeavors.
- We welcome:
 - Jack Bisesi, Evening Custodian
 - Charlie Pena, Evening Custodian
 - Sage Marchesani is moving from Evening Custodian to Bus Driver/Custodian (daytime)
- We are looking to open up an additional preschool classroom. If you know of anyone
 with a Preschool Disabilities teaching certificate who may be interested, please have
 them apply via Applitrack on our website.
- Thank you to the Saddle Brook Women's Club for donating fifteen \$20 gift cards for families in need.
- Thank you to Acme for donating 120 gift cards in the amount of \$25 each, totaling \$3000.
- Thank you to Starbucks in Saddle Brook for having our students decorate their cup sleeves for PS I Love You Day.
- February 24th is the deadline for the Healthy School Lunch Challenge. Here is the information: <u>High School</u> and <u>K-8</u>.
- Saddle Brook Athletic Hall of Fame Interest Meeting: Tuesday, March 4th @ 7pm in the MSHS Media Center. Click <u>HERE</u> to RSVP.
- Next Parent Partnership Night is Tuesday, March 18th. High school students are invited
 with their parents to attend our College Fair. And, anyone interested in having a table at
 our Career Night please register HERE.
- Thank you to those who completed the Communication Survey. We had approximately 100 responses and received some great feedback.
- They will soon be installing our "Pedestrian Crossing" blinking signs at the crosswalk in front of the MSHS. Be on the lookout for these!