

# Howell Highlights

## Inside this issue

Familiar Faces in New Places.....2

District News.....3

Welcome, Mrs. Farinick.....3

2016-2017 HTEF Grant Winners.....4

Congratulations.....4



## *From the Superintendent's Desk.....*

Dear Parents/Guardians:

The 2016-2017 school year is well under way and our classrooms are buzzing with activity.

Our schools are warm, caring places where multiple academic and enrichment initiatives are taking place. In an effort to keep you informed and to facilitate a deeper understanding of what is taking place in the district, we've embarked upon a project to create short informational video segments on a regular basis.

We are calling the project OpenMic@Howell Township Public Schools. As implied by the term Open Mic, these video segments are a "show" where multiple voices will be heard: administrators/educators, parents, Board of Education members, as well as community members.

Please be sure to watch our very first episode, which can be viewed at [www.openmichtps.com](http://www.openmichtps.com). Note that there is no registration required. We will soon be adding ways for you to participate by sending in your thoughts and comments.

OpenMic@Howell Township Public Schools is our commitment to keeping you informed of the wonderful things happening in the Howell Township Public Schools. We look forward to having it evolve into a forum that is a meaningful part of our partnership. We hope you enjoy it!

*Joseph Isola*

### Howell Township Board of Education

Timothy O'Brien, President     Mark Bonjavanni, Vice President  
 Suzanne Brennan     Jeanne DePompo     Marissa Fleishman  
 Dr. Denise Lowe     MaryRose Malley     Albert Miller  
 James Moretti, Jr.  
 Joseph J. Isola, Superintendent

*You can follow Howell Township Schools and Mr. Isola on Twitter!*

*[www.twitter.com/howelltwpk8](http://www.twitter.com/howelltwpk8)*

*and*

*[www.twitter.com/josephisola](http://www.twitter.com/josephisola)*



## *Familiar Faces in New Places*

Effective July 1, 2016, Dr. Robert Henig was appointed principal of Howell Middle School South. He began working in Howell as a special education teacher at Howell Middle School before it became North in September, 1997. Dr. Henig became a vice principal/athletic director at Howell North in September, 1999 and the east house vice principal in July, 2003. In July 2011, he was transferred to the former Memorial Middle School as vice-principal until the school was reconfigured to an elementary school, at which time he returned to Middle School North as a vice-principal. Dr. Henig also served as the district Affirmative Action Officer for the past five years. In addition to his work in Howell, he has taught at several universities as an adjunct professor teaching in the Educational Leadership Department.



*Dr. Robert  
Henig*

*Mrs. Dheranie  
Suarez*



The Board of Education has appointed Dheranie Suarez as the principal of the Land O' Pines School. Suarez previously served as the vice principal at Howell Middle School South and vice principal at Howell Memorial Middle School over the past 12 years. She believes her diverse educational background, spanning various grade levels with a background in science, is an asset to her work with children in the primary and early elementary grades. Mrs. Suarez said she is looking forward to leading a strong group of educators who share a vision of ensuring success for all students. "Land O' Pines has a rich and beautiful history that I would like to continue to grow. My goal is to provide our children a safe place to learn and thrive," she said. She is delighted to start her maiden voyage on the Land O' Pines Pirate ship alongside its strong crew.

At its July 6th meeting, the Howell Township Public Schools Board of Education proudly affirmed the appointment of Mrs. Taryn Doyle to the position of vice principal at Adelpia School. Mrs. Doyle has been a devoted teacher and literacy coach to Howell Township Public Schools for the past 10 years. She started her career as a Kindergarten and third grade teacher at Griebing School and for the past two years was working as a district literacy coach. Mrs. Doyle is an innovative educational leader who thrives on the challenges of being an effective educator by working with district administrators, supervisors, teachers, staff members, students, and parents to create lifelong learners. Mrs. Doyle is committed to continuing the work of Howell Township Public Schools to provide a healthy learning community for academic success and social growth by fostering a positive and safe school environment.



*Mrs. Taryn Doyle*



***Howell School District's English as a Second Language Program (K-8)  
Recognized with Model Program Award from NJDOE for 2016-2018***

The Howell Township Public School District's K-8 English as a Second Language Program has been designated as a Model Program for 2016-2018. The District was formally acknowledged by the NJDOE at a Model Program Awards Ceremony on May 12, 2016, at the New Jersey Association of School Business Officials. As a Model Program District, our ESL program will serve as a resource for other districts, and will enable educators to witness the exemplary practices in our ESL program. The 2016-2018 Model Program Award was based upon a detailed review of the program in its entirety, including extensive site visits to Adelpia Elementary School, Ardena Elementary School and Howell Middle School North, which are the ESL Magnet Schools in the District, by recognized experts and highly regarded educators in the field of Bilingual and ESL Education. Jacqueline Moore, who supervises the ESL Department, commented on the honor by stating, "This recognition is particularly special because it is a reflection of the high caliber of professional expertise and meaningful collaboration that goes on, not only among our ESL teachers, but also among all faculty members and building administrators who influence the learning experiences of our English Language Learners, and contribute to the creation of a school culture that celebrates and embraces diversity in our magnet ESL schools. All staff members, including teachers, paraprofessionals, secretaries, custodians, guidance, cafeteria staff, administrators, guidance counselors, child study team members, nurses and all service providers, have an impact on the experiences of English Language Learners."



***KUDOS to our team!***

*Left to Right:*

*Rocio Bautista, Jacqueline Moore, Stephanie Abelson, Stella Cohen and Paul Farley*

***Welcome Deana Farinick***



*Mrs. Deana Farinick*



At its July 6th meeting, the Howell Township Public Schools Board of Education

proudly approved the appointment of Mrs. Deana Farinick to the position of vice principal at Middle School South. Mrs. Farinick has teaching experience at the high school level as a mathematics teacher. She has also worked eight years as a mathematics supervisor in the Freehold Regional High School District. Throughout those eight years she oversaw other various departments which included Science, Technology, Family and Consumer Science, Business and Music. Mrs. Farinick will oversee the 8th grade and two teams from the 6th grade. Along with her grade level responsibilities she will work closely with the building ScIP team helping with building based professional development.

*The Howell Township Education Foundation Congratulates  
2016-2017 Grant Winners:*

Stephen Rao

Ramtown School  
Invent to Learn

Katherine Lenetti-Lynch

Andrea Menhart

Lisa Oliver

Pamela Nielsen

Middle School South/Newbury  
Next Generation SySTEMs Science

Lynn Sutphen

Ardena School  
Practice with Prodigy Math

Skye Donzelli

Memorial School  
STEM Innovation Stations:  
Special Needs Life Skills  
and Career Readiness for  
the 21st Century

Michael Fleming

Lisa Rojas

Aldrich School  
"Treasure Island" Play

Danielle Gianelos

Middle School South  
Aquaponics in the Classroom

Beth Frantz

Tina Yorke

Terry Cooney

Ardena School

STEM Based Digital Indoor  
Planetarium

Erin Lowman

Griebling School

Connecting STEM Learning with  
Literacy in Kindergarten

Melissa Silovitch

Memorial School

Project STEM and Makerspace  
Motivator

Joanne DeMartino

Griebling School

"Young Yogis" Learning How  
to Handle Daily Challenges  
through Breath and Movement

Evelyn Kearney

Aldrich School

Future Coders and Inventors

Kimberley Khouzam

Aldrich School

3rd Grade Weather Station

***Congratulations***

to Howell Township literacy coaches Betty Ferrigno, Barbara Kudrick, and Renee LeFante on being accepted into the New Jersey Department of Education Literacy Coaches Collaborative Consortium. Participation in the consortium provides an exciting opportunity to network with coaches around the state while attending professional development on coaching over the course of the 2016-2017 school year.

As seasoned literacy coaches, Mrs. Kudrick, Mrs. Ferrigno, and Mrs. LeFante will have the opportunity to collaborate with other coaches, build greater capacity to support teachers, and showcase the innovative practices being implemented here in Howell Township Public Schools!

