



Pemberton Township Schools



Pemberton Pride Newsletter

November, 2018

Pursuing Excellence, One Child at a Time

Students Celebrate Respect and Non-Violence



Schools throughout the district celebrated special weeks during October, participating in activities to bring awareness to respect, non-violence, fire safety and alcohol and drug prevention. With activities ranging from daily inspirational quotes, to unique assemblies, to local dignitaries and law enforcement personnel visiting classes, students took full advantage of the activities to exhibit their finest qualities and character traits.

Above, Emmons students proudly show off the sneakers they created as part of their pledge to "Step Up" against violence: Left row back to front: Braden Boyanton, Elizabeth Dowling and Kira Biskey. Right row: Carissa Cwiklinski, Ava Lake, Sakinna Davis and Ni'airah Jackson.

In addition, a new event this year encouraged PTHS students to participate in a song-writing contest that focused on character education traits. Click the button below to listen to the winning songs that were written, arranged and performed by music theory students **Gabrielle Dougherty** and **Kenita Williams**!

"Hold my Hand" by Gabrielle Dougherty

"Keep ya Head up Remix" by Kenita Williams

[View Respect and Non-Violence Activities Photo Gallery](#)

Pemberton Receives First Security Grant



Pemberton Township Schools was proud to be the first school in Burlington County to receive a school security grant from the Board of Chosen Freeholders. The **\$1.2 million grant** will fund a number of projects at the high school designed to improve current building security measures.

The grant will provide funding for the following projects:

- A new, secure vestibule at the entryway to the high school
- Upgrading classroom door locks, removal of door pulls, and installing shades on classroom doors
- Emergency notification - expanding the PA system over the entire campus and adding visual signage and strobes
- Security cameras - upgrading current cameras and purchasing additional cameras
- Exterior lighting upgrade
- Additional Signage Campus Wide
- Creating an exterior trash enclosure
- Ballistic film for glazing along public walkway

Superintendent Tony Trongone expressed his gratitude at the check presentation ceremony. "We're extremely grateful to the Burlington County Board of Chosen Freeholders for this generous school security grant. Not only does it align with our plans to enhance security at the high school, but it allows us to directly address the concerns of our own students."

Above, PTHS Principal Eder Joseph, Security Chief Joe Bowen, Freeholder Director Kate Gibbs, Superintendent Tony Trongone and Assistant Superintendent of Secondary and Special Services Adelina Giannetti display the ceremonial grant check.

Denbo-Crichton Celebrates Ground-Breaking



Students, board members, administrators and officials from the School Development Authority joined together to celebrate the official ground-breaking for the new highly anticipated Denbo-Crichton School. With demolition of the Crichton school building complete, construction has officially begun on the new 126,000 square-foot building that will have the capacity to accommodate over 900 students from pre-K through 5th grade. The school will have 47 classrooms and feature a multi-purpose room with a stage, a gymnasium, a science demonstration room, an art room, a tech lab, a vocal music room, and a computer lab. The school is due to open to students in September 2021.

Above, future members of the first class in the new school show off the architectural drawings of the new school building: Phoebe Tornetta, Janeth Guillen, Aiyanna Allen, Raymond Myers, Hector Diaz and Xaine Rodriguez.

Welcome to Pemberton!



Daniel Smith Appointed School Business Administrator

Dan Smith was recently appointed school business administrator for Pemberton Township Schools. He came to Pemberton from Stafford



Dean Adams Named Assistant Director of Operations

New assistant director of operations **Dean Adams** joined Pemberton in September and is responsible for overseeing the maintenance,

Township School District in Ocean County, where he served as BA for over 3 years. Prior to that he was the business administrator for Hamilton Township School District in Mays Landing, NJ. His previous experience includes serving as the assistant business administrator for Vineland Public Schools and as a public accountant. Smith received both his master's degree in School Finance and bachelor's degree in Accounting from Rowan University.

custodial and building and grounds departments. Adams joined Pemberton from Southern Regional High School in Manahawkin, where he most recently served as the facilities director. He worked for Southern Regional for 24 years in various supervisory and custodial positions before being named facilities director. He holds his CEFM (Certified Educational Facilities Manager) certificate from Rutgers University.



PTHS Advanced Placement Students Recognized

Nearly 300 Advanced Placement students were recognized at PTHS this fall, with certificates distributed to students who excelled on the AP exams last year. The rigorous AP courses challenge students to excel at collegiate level curriculum. PTHS currently offers 21 AP courses, giving students a chance to get a jump start on college before graduating high school.

Above, senior Chloe Ackerley is congratulated by AP Language and Composition teacher Alison Stroup for achieving excellence on the AP exam.



First Quarter Co-op and Intern Student Awards

The PTHS School-to-Career Advisory Board presents awards to co-op students and student interns who exhibit such qualities as outstanding attendance, maturity, behavior and citizenship. Students are presented with awards acknowledging their achievements during the the first three quarters of the school year, with overall winners awarded in June.

First quarter recipients pictured above: Student intern Kevon Matthias, and co-op students Delijah Laster, Nicole Fagans and Isaiah Steele.



Be sure to watch **Superintendent Tony Trongone** as he brings you the latest information on school programs and initiatives on his video blog **Inside Outlook**.

Click here to watch the most recent episode, and catch up on ones you may have missed!

November Schedule

Thursday, Nov. 8th & Friday, Nov. 9th:

SCHOOLS CLOSED

(NJEA Convention)

**Wednesday, Nov. 14th - Friday, 16th &
Monday, Nov. 19th - Wednesday Nov. 21st:**

EARLY DISMISSAL

(Parent Conferences)

Thursday, Nov. 22nd - Friday, Nov. 23rd:

SCHOOLS CLOSED

(Thanksgiving Break)

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