

Absecon Board of Education Meeting

February 28, 2023



District Update

- **Black History Month**

- Districtwide assemblies Feb. 27 by Bright Star Touring Theater
- Sponsored by the PTO



District Update

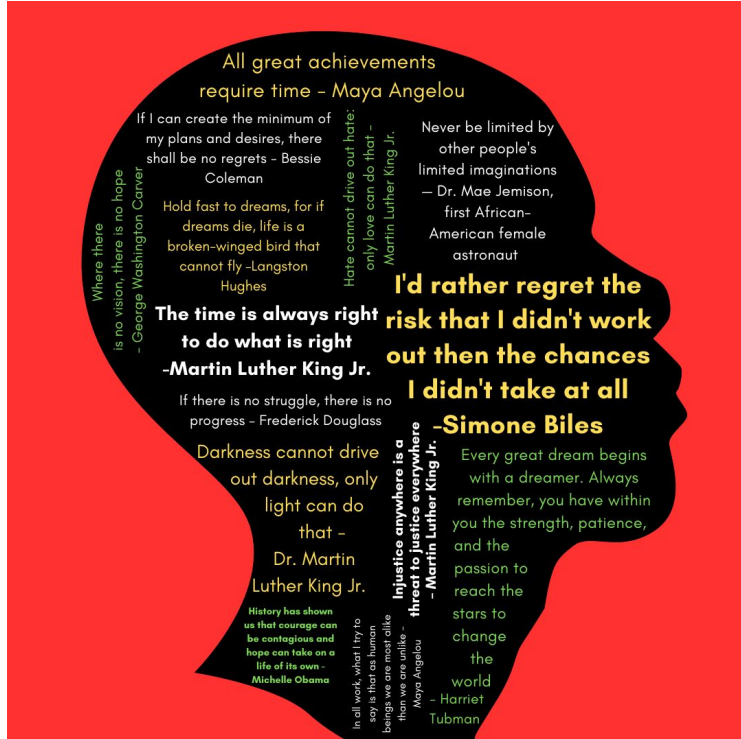


- **Black History Month**

- Students at Marsh spent the month participating in a [Choice Board activity](#), with a variety of educational assignments, crafts and lessons to earn tickets for a chance to win VIP seating at the assembly.



District Update



- **Black History Month**

- Attales Student Summit participants worked to develop a list of inspirational quotes from famous Black Americans and have been sharing them during the morning announcements each day.



District Update

- **Therapy Dog program expansion**
 - More handlers trained with Skye and Hope
 - Pet Partners on-site Feb. 27 for certification testing



District Update

- **Bus Driver Appreciation Breakfast Feb. 22**



District Update

- **Girl Scout VIP Badge Feb. 17**



Girl Scouts of Central & Southern NJ, Inc. 3d · 🌐

Shoutout to Dr. Daniel J. Dooley, Superintendent of Absecon Public Schools. Thank you for your VIP visit! [#isoldcookiestoavip](#)



- Girl Scouts visited Absecon's Marsh Elementary School on Friday during our Staff Development Day and received the "I Sold Cookies to a VIP" badge from Superintendent Dr. Dooley and Marsh Principal Ms. Satt
- Students at Absegami High School working toward their Gold Award (the highest award in Girl Scouts)
- Through the VIP initiative, Girl Scouts of Central & Southern NJ, Inc. is surprising at least 100 troops across the Council region with these new badges
- Troop 11439 was selected by the GSCSNJ



District Update

- **Kindness weeks**
 - Random Acts of Kindness Week Feb. 21-24
 - Teachers distributed raffle tickets to students caught in the act of kindness. At the end of the week, they handed in raffle tickets for a chance to receive a prize.
 - Great Kindness Challenge Jan. 23-27
 - Students were asked to complete as many "kindness" related acts as they can for a chance to win a pretzel party.



District Update

- **Eagles Day on Feb. 10**

- District invited all students and staff to support the Eagles in the Super Bowl by wearing Green or Eagles gear



District Update

- **VFW Patriot's Pen Essay Contest winners and Teachers of the Year Feb. 23**

- Teachers of the Year
 - Sherri Liepe, Attales Middle School
 - April Bellettini, Marsh Elementary School
- Essay Contest
 - 1st Place - Hannah Oliver, 7th Grade
 - 2nd Place - Farhan Alam, 8th Grade
 - 3rd Place - Sienna Williams, 7th Grade



District Update

- Professional Development Day Feb. 17




District Update

- National School Counseling Week Feb. 6-10



Marsh Update



IMPORTANT DATES :

March 2 (Kick-Off)
Read Across America - Dress Seussical

March 6-10
Community Guest Readers (STARS Reading)

March 8 & 9
AEA-Sponsored Ice Cream Social - Buddy Reads with Mr. Broomhead's Class (K-4)

March 17
Wear Green - St. Patrick's Day

March 21
World Down Syndrome Day - Crazy Sock Day - Wear Blue/Yellow

March 31
PJ Party (pretzel parties)



ALL MARCH
Schoolwide Reading Challenge
Contest - One Pretzel Party per Grade Level
Buddy Reading

READING IS SPECIAL

ART
-MAKING BOOKMARKS
-TELL YOUR STORY

GYM
-AFFIRMATION STATIONS
-BUILDING A GYM WORD MALL
-READING DIRECTIONS

MUSIC
-LYRICS TELL A STORY
-"SEASONS OF LOVE" PROJECT
-BUILD A MUSIC WORD MALL



- **Read Across America**

- To be celebrated throughout March
- Guest readers during STARS Reading
- Special designated spirit days
- Buddy reading
- Incorporated into special area classes



Marsh Update

- 100th Day of School Feb. 10



Marsh Update

- **Valentine's Parties Feb. 14**



Marsh Update

- American Heart Association Kids Heart Challenge (Jan-Feb. 13)**



- Marsh Elementary wrapped up the [American Heart Association's Kids Heart Challenge](#) earlier this month, raising nearly \$7,000!



Marsh Update

- **Making Memories with Mariners game night Feb. 17**



Marsh Update

- **Thank You events Feb. 3**
 - 3rd Grade Glow/Pretzel Party
 - 4th Grade Ice Cream/PJ Party



Marsh Update

- [Groundhog Day](#) fun Feb. 2



Attales Update

- **Thank You Dance Feb. 16**
 - Emma C. Attales Middle School were treated to a Valentine's Day Dance as their 2nd Marking Period "Thank You" event
 - Attales hosts a "Thank You" event for all eligible students as a way to celebrate the end of the marking period
 - Ritas and Wawa in Absecon donated snacks



Attales Update



- **Stockton Maple Project Visits Special Education classes Feb. 9**
 - Debra Sommers, education specialist for Stockton University's Maple Grant project, visited to help students tap their own Maple tree on property
 - Students in Mary Beth Hodgens' and Shana Caputo's classes heard from Sommers about what makes Maple trees unique, how to identify them, and how Stockton is making syrup in Galloway.



Attales Update

- **Drama Club presents 'Aladdin JR.' Feb. 9-10**



Attales Update

- NJHS Candy-Gram fundraiser Feb. 6-10
- NJHS Food Drive (All February)



ATTALES' NATIONAL JUNIOR HONOR SOCIETY

PRESENTS A

FOOD DRIVE

TO BENEFIT BEACON CHURCH FOOD PANTRY

Feb. 1-28

Donations will be collected in CAP/Homeroom

What can you donate?
Non-perishable food items such as:

- canned soup and vegetables
- boxed meals
- canned meat and fish
- dry pasta
- granola bars and cereal
- peanut butter and jelly

THE CLASS WITH THE
MOST ITEMS
DONATED WILL WIN
A DONUT PARTY!

HELP SUPPORT THOSE IN NEED IN OUR COMMUNITY!



Attales Update

- **Spelling Bee Feb. 1**

- Scripps National Spelling Bee contest overall winner was eighth-grader Farhan A.
 - Farhan will be moving on to the regional spelling bee at Camden Big Picture Learning Academy on March 25 from 10 a.m.-noon
- Grade level winners
 - seventh-grade winner Paige M., sixth-grade winner Zidane A., and fifth-grade winner Emma K.
- Organized by Mr. Evans, Ms. Francisco and Ms. McCully



Attales Update

- **STEAM Tank teams advance**

- 5 STEAM Tank teams from Marsh Elementary School and Attales Middle School advanced to the virtual Regional Rounds of the NJSBA STEAM Tank Challenge
 - Teams are Team AQA, Happy Hydroponics, People Against Pollution, Save the Day Spray, and the Helpful Hand
 - Under the direction of Mrs. King



Attales Update

- **Girls and Boys Basketball**

- Boys team closed out the regular season Feb. 9 with a 10-2 record
- Girls team finished their regular season Feb. 9 with a 9-3 record
- Play-offs?

- **Volleyball**

- Tryouts held last week
- Games begin March 7

- **Softball**

- **Track and field**



Special Services/Curriculum Update

- **SEL Day March 10**



Preschool Update

- **Preschool mailer for upcoming registration drive**
 - Drive is April 18 and 19 at the school
 - Mailer to be sent to 3,265 residents in Absecon



Preschool Update



- **Author Visit with Nancy Viau
Feb. 24**
 - Local children's author
 - Visit with all PreK and K classes throughout the day
 - Interactive activities
 - All PreK students received copy of her book prior to visit



Preschool Update

- **Absecon PreK Parent Workshop on Nutrition Feb. 9**

**ABSECON PRESCHOOL
PARENT WORKSHOP:**
NUTRITION AND THE PICKY EATER
WITH ELIZABETH EWART, LCSW



**THURSDAY,
FEB. 9, 2023**
8:30 AM
MARSH GYMNASIUM

LEARN ABOUT:

- CHILD DEVELOPMENT
- HOW TO WORK THROUGH FOOD BATTLES
- HELPFUL PRODUCTS

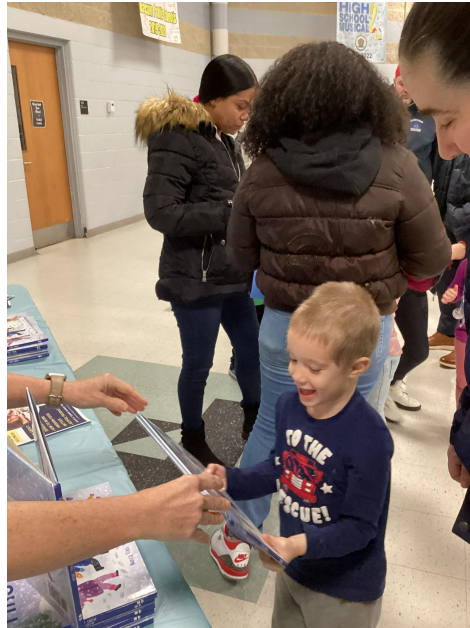
CREATE A "DINNER WINNER TRAY"

ALL PARENTS/GUARDIANS ARE WELCOME



Preschool Update

- **Winter Wonderland Family Fun Night Feb. 2**



Facilities Update

- **Marsh Courtyard Zen-sory Garden**

- \$2,994 TangerKids Grant awarded to Mrs. Fey and Dr. Horner in August
- Garden will promote social and emotional learning
- Work underway to clear the area and create garden



Facilities Update

- **Attales STEAM Room repairs**



THANK YOU!

