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### **Family and Community Update –SUMMER, 2015**

**Greetings to All of Our Families and Friends of the Manville Public School District!**

Many exciting initiatives have been prepared for our schools during the upcoming 2015-2016 school year. We are very proud to share them with you in this Summertime Update for the Manville Public School District. Here are some of the highlights:

**A Special Invitation!!!** We are pleased to announce the appointment of new Principals to the Manville Public School District, as follows:

- Mrs. Melissa Keiser, Principal – Weston School
- Mr. Shawn Kelly, Principal – Roosevelt School

***Please join us to Meet and Greet our New Principals  
before the school year begins!***

**When:** Tuesday Evening, August 25, 2015 – 7PM

**Where:** The Michelle Sniscak Elementary Gymnasium at Weston School  
(Formerly Weston Gymnasium)

**Refreshments will be served!**

**Please pass the word on this special event! All are welcome!**

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**Goals Update:** During the winter months of 2015, the Board of Education and Administration met to discuss and finalize District Goals for the 2015-2016 school year. Goals included:

- Analysis of all personnel/certification/job descriptions, administrative capacity, scheduling, building space, impact of FEMA flood buyout, and use of technology to maximize personnel hours.
- Create a Cost-Saving Action Plan/Possible Redistricting/Referendum.

We are pleased to note that our district completely restructured our scheduling for the 2015-2016 school year, resulting in significant cost savings to our district. Monies saved by the district have been re-focused for:

- Greater Literacy support at the Elementary level, to include the creation of four (4) new Literacy Support Positions between Weston and Roosevelt Schools;
- The hiring of an additional E.S.L. Teacher for Weston;
- The hiring of an additional Science Teacher for A.B.I.S.;
- Additional Time / Staffing for Math and Literacy Support K-12

***Parents, please note that our schools have new start times for 2015-2016!  
Please log onto our Manville District Website for full copies of our new  
schedules: [www.manvilleschools.org](http://www.manvilleschools.org)***

**Enrollment/Space Update:** The Manville Public School District has engaged the services of a Demographer in order to study the impact of increased student enrollment on our school buildings. The aim of the Board and Administration is to solve space issues while still maintaining cost-effectiveness. We will keep the Manville Community informed as progress on this issue continues in the 2015-2016 school year.

**Curriculum Update:** Significant time and training have been offered to our teaching staff members over the past 12 months in order to promote active learning; to increase student achievement in literacy and math; and to foster the implementation of 21<sup>st</sup> Century Technology Skills and Practices. This summer, selected teachers came together for two solid weeks to add to their knowledge base on these topics, while also redesigning curriculum to support initiatives in this area. During the coming 2015-2016 school year, we will be asking our students to share the results of technology and problem based learning at several of our Board of Education Meetings. Please stay tuned for upcoming invitations to these very special events!

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**Announcing the Manville Public School Slogan Contest:** Have you heard these slogans before? Can you name the company that sponsors the slogan? Take this quick quiz:

SLOGAN	COMPANY
Just Do It...	
I'm Loving It...	
15 minutes could save you 15% on car insurance...	

**We are so proud of our students, our schools, and our community and we want to show them off! To this end, the district will be kicking off a “We Love Our Schools” Student Slogan contest the first week of the new school year. Details to follow!**

**(Quiz Answer Key: Nike; McDonald’s; Geico)**

**Scheduling Update:** Our Administration, Guidance Staff and Secretarial Staff have all completed training on our new GENESIS Student Information System. Master schedules (prepared in GENESIS) for all schools are complete. **Student Schedules (MHS) and Student Homeroom Assignments (K-8) are being mailed and will be arriving in homes during the week of August 24-28.** Any necessary adjustments to student schedules can be made in the Guidance Offices at each building during the first week of school.

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**Back to School Nights 2015:** In addition to our traditional Back to School Night Activities, we will be asking parents to participate in a district survey for the purpose of improving communication to and from our district. We will also be offering training to all parents on the new GENESIS Student Information System so that parents can have easy access to grades, assignments, schedules and more going forward into the new school year.

Our Back-to-School Dates for 2015-2016 are as follows:

- September 9, 2015 – Wednesday: Roosevelt School
- September 10, 2015 – Thursday: Manville High School
- September 16, 2015 – Wednesday: ABIS
- September 17, 2015 – Thursday: Weston School

***Back-to-School-Night Start-Times are 7PM in All Schools***

**Manville is College and Career-Ready:** We are extremely proud of the graduating class of 2015 from Manville High School. So many of our students have been accepted into some of the finest colleges and universities in America. Others have joined the Military and will be serving our country proudly. Still others are on their way to successful careers or training related to career choices. The following is a listing of the proud accomplishments / acceptances for the class of 2015:

Centenary College
Drexel University
Farleigh Dickinson University
Free University of Tbilisi
Georgian American University
Kean University
Lasell College
Loyola University
Lycoming College
Marist College
Northeastern University
Nova Southeastern University
PACE University
Rider University
Rutgers
Raritan Valley Community College
Salisbury University

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Seaton Hall University
The College of New Jersey
University of Florida
Virginia Polytechnic University
West Virginia University
American Institute of Medical Sciences and Education
American Institute of Medical Technology
Lincoln Tech
The Salon Professional Training Institute
Military Service - Navy
Military Service – Coast Guard
Direct Employment

**A Final Note:** I recently had the chance to spend a weekend with family at the Jersey Shore. As I was getting my feet wet in the ocean, I overheard two children talking about going back to school. One of them was quite enthusiastic and insistent, stating to her friend: “I love school. I think my teachers are the very best in the whole world and I can’t wait to go!”

I kept thinking about how true this was of our own Manville Public School District. Our Students, Staff, and Families are a very special group of people. Together, we make a difference for the children of our community.

Wishing all of our Manville families and friends a safe and enjoyable remainder of the summer.

With Sincere Best Wishes,

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