

THE FALCON FLYER

JEFFERSON TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS

JTHS STEM ACADEMY

The JTHS STEM Academy facilitated a collaborative challenge as part of the admissions process for the first wave of applicants for the Class of 2026. Every applicant sat for an interview with the admissions panel which consisted of district supervisors as well as a Middle and High School counselor. The STEM challenge was an assessment created and administered by Middle School STEM teachers Mr. DiDonato and Mr. Migliacci. The applicants were tasked with constructing a working catapult only using a plastic cup, rubber band, paper clip, masking tape, and a cotton ball in 20 minutes. The applicants had their full range of skills on display while competing against each other to see who could launch projectiles the farthest distance. Currently, 14 students have been offered admission into the STEM Academy Class of 2026. More applicants are expected and will be reviewed on a rolling basis into Spring 2022.



NEW PLAYGROUNDS

Our new preschool playgrounds at the Ellen T. Briggs (pictured top right) and Cozy Lake (pictured bottom right) Schools were recently installed. The children are enjoying the use of the new equipment before the cold winter weather is upon them.



NEWS AROUND THE DISTRICT

Cozy Lake's Kindergarten ABC Fashion Show celebrated the students learning all of their letters and sounds. The red carpet was filled with enthusiastic models sporting their assigned letters and fashion creations. (pictured right)

Jefferson Township Education Association Pride Grant: Ellen T. Briggs kindergarten students celebrated diversity within our community by recognizing different holidays and how they are celebrated. Students engaged in collaborative learning centers to experience fun traditions and customs. Thank you to the JTEA.

The Ellen T. Briggs & Arthur Stanlick Schools communities collected six carloads of much-needed items for the three local pantries.

Arthur Stanlick School: Last month the Girls on the Run students and staff participated in the Elf 5K run.

White Rock: Members of the band and chorus performed at the Township's Christmas in the Village last month. The event was an excellent opportunity for the students to share their talents and hard work with the Jefferson community.

White Rock students contributed nonperishable food items to the local food pantries. Thank you to White Rock's fourth-grade teachers for organizing the event.

Last month, the **Jefferson Township Middle School** 7th & 8th-grade chorus performed at the Jefferson Township Tree Lighting ceremony. The choirs led the community in a sing-a-long of holiday music. The Select Chorus members also performed at the Township's Rotary Club's holiday party.

Jefferson Township High School's first Service Night was a huge success. Students supported and assisted the Community Food Bank of New Jersey and the Jefferson Township Education Foundation.

The **Falcon's Nest Sports and Entertainment Blog** is up and running. All articles are investigated and written by students in the Sports and Entertainment Journalism class. Articles include the high school's sports and entertainment events, college and professional athletics, music, video games, art, and movies. The students recently began airing a weekly soft news wrap-up segment during the Friday edition of Good Morning Jefferson.

