

**Welcome Class of 2023!**

The Athletic Department hosted a very successful Salute to Service Night on September second. Over fifty local Veterans and their families were honored during a pre-game ceremony. The attendees witnessed five spectacular West Point cadets parachute with precision onto the mid-field. Additionally, Salute to Service Night tee-shirt sales raised monies to support the Tunnel-to-Towers organization. Tunnel-to-Towers graciously sent retired FDNY Battalion Chief John Buckner to speak during the game's halftime ceremonies. Thank you to Chief Buckner for sharing his 9/11 experiences. The evening was nothing short of amazing.

The Department of Education reported that our New Jersey Quality Single Accountability Continuum (NJQSAC) review was complete and the scoring of the five components reflected that our district has been designated as "high performing". The Commissioner recommended to the State Board of Education that Jefferson be certified as providing a thorough and efficient system of education to our students.

Our three in-house academies are up and running! Currently, there are 34 students in the Broadcasting Multimedia & Journalism Academy, 21 students in the STEM Academy, and 29 students in the Business & Finance Academy.



## NEWS FROM THE FIRST MONTH OF SCHOOL

**Ellen T. Briggs:** Kindergarten students spent the first week of school getting to know one other and acclimating to their new school. Students engaged in activities to build their classroom community. In Art class, kindergarten and preschoolers listened to the story *Where the Wild Things Are* by Maurice Sendak. First graders listened to the story *It Came in The Mail* by Ben Clanton. Following the story, students drew a picture of something that they would like to receive in their mailboxes, such as a horse, a dinosaur, or a \$100-dollar bill. Briggs' Falcons are off to a terrific start!

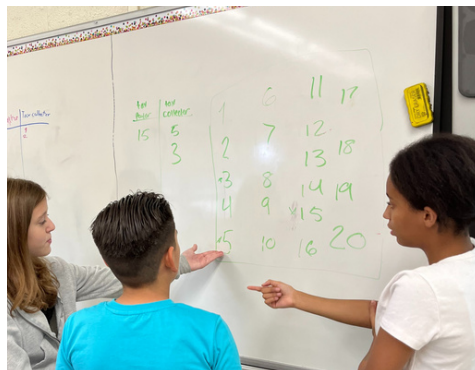
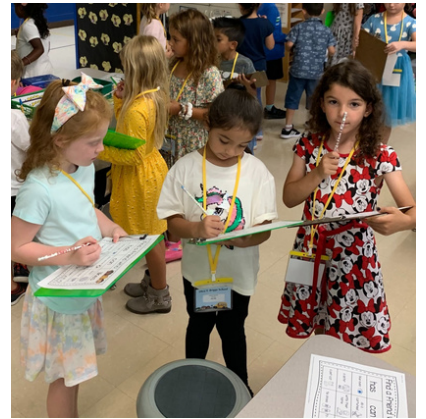
**Arthur Stanlick:** Miss Santini led our Start with Hello Week, which teaches empathy and empowers students to end social isolation. Students wore green, the color of friendship, and completed a promise pledge and hung them outside their classroom.

**Cozy Lake:** September's kindergarten news includes students successfully finding their classroom, learning to work together, adapting to routines and rules to make their classroom a safe and fun place to learn, and decorating the hallways with their artwork. School Guidance Counselor Mrs. Williams kicked off Cozy Lake's Mindful Monday. The cool-down skill for the week was candle breathing. The students used this breathing exercise to calm themselves and focus.

**White Rock:** To help alleviate any nervousness during the transition to White Rock, the incoming second graders and newly enrolled students visited the school, prior to the first day of school. During the program, the children met the teachers, explored their classrooms, and took a tour of the building.

**Middle School:** In every school and community, there are young people who suffer silently because they feel left out, alone, or invisible. We are encouraging staff and students to find ways of acknowledging one another by Starting with Hello! Staff and students wore "Hello my name is..." name tags to remind one another to say hello.

**High School:** Auditions for the fall production of *Clue* have already taken place. The fall drama will take the stage on November 18th and 19th.



**Wishing all members of our Falcon Family a wonderful school year!**