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# Excellence in

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# A Message From the Superintendent

The annual fall edition of the *"Excellence in Our Schools"* newsletter features our Teacher of the Year and Excellence in Service award recipients, as well as our new faculty and staff. This year, we welcome 7 new teachers to our faculty, 4 permanent "tenure track" teachers and 3 long term substitute teachers, as well as 4 Special Class III Hanover Township Police Officers, one per school. As they join our existing staff, they will be surrounded by great role models who embrace, and aspire to be part of *"A Community That Inspires Excellence."*

As always, thank you for your ongoing support of our students, staff, and faculty. We encourage you to visit our website ([www.hanovertwpschools.com](http://www.hanovertwpschools.com)) and become better acquainted with the Hanover Township Public School District. You will gain insight as to why we are so proud of our school community. Have a great Holiday Season.

Michael J. Wasko, Superintendent of Schools

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## 2017-2018 Teachers of the Year

- Pictured on the cover (clockwise from the top):

1. The 2017-2018 Excellence in Service Award recipients were honored at the June 19, 2018 Board of Education Meeting and they each received an engraved Golden Apple award.
2. The 2017-2018 Teachers of the Year were recognized at the June 19, 2018 Board of Education, and each of them received an engraved Golden Apple.



Jessica Venner, 3rd Grade Teacher, was selected as Salem Drive School's 2017-2018 Teacher of the Year. She is seen here with Aaron Wasserman, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Professional Development, Rob Camean, Principal, and Michael Wasko, Superintendent of Schools.



Lisa Healy, Special Education (MD-I) Teacher, was selected as Bee Meadow School's 2017-2018 Teacher of the Year. She is pictured with Greg Margolis, Director of Special Education, Darrin Stark, Principal, Michael Wasko, Superintendent of Schools, and Aaron Wasserman, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Professional Development.



Music Teacher, Ray Uy was selected as Memorial Junior School's 2017-2018 Teacher of the Year. He is seen here with some of his very proud students, and Michael Anderson, Principal, Michael Wasko, Superintendent of Schools, and Aaron Wasserman, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Professional Development.



Maureen Allieri, Kindergarten Teacher, was chosen as Mountview Road School's 2017-2018 Teacher of the Year. She is pictured with Principal Carmen Bellino, Michael Wasko, Superintendent of Schools, and Aaron Wasserman, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Professional Development.



## 2017-2018 Excellence in Service Award



*Deborah Manning, Memorial Junior School Secretary, was selected as a recipient of the 2017-2018 Excellence in Service Award. She is pictured above with Aaron Wasserman, Director of Curriculum, Instruction, and Professional Development, Michael Wasko, Superintendent of Schools, and Michael Anderson, Principal of Memorial Junior School.*



*Scott VanSteyn, Bee Meadow School Custodian, was chosen as a recipient of the 2017-2018 Excellence in Service Award. He is pictured above with Darrin Stark, Bee Meadow School Principal, Michael Wasko, Superintendent of Schools, and Aaron Wasserman, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Professional Development.*



*Deborah Petrella, Special Education Aide was selected as a recipient of the 2017-2018 Excellence in Service Award. She is pictured with Michael Wasko, Superintendent of Schools, Aaron Wasserman, Director of Curriculum, Instruction and Professional Development, Carmen Bellino, Principal of Mountview Road School, and Greg Margolis, Director of Special Education.*



*Mountview Road School Special Education Aide, Elizabeth McCormick, was chosen as a recipient of the 2017-2018 Excellence in Service Award. She is pictured above with Aaron Wasserman, Director of Curriculum, Carmen Bellino, Principal, Michael Wasko, Superintendent, and Greg Margolis, Director of Special Education.*



## Meet Our Excellent New Staff



- Amy Bello-mo is the temporary Long Term Substitute Replacement School Nurse at Salem Drive School. She has a BSN from Fairleigh Dickinson University and has worked in hospitals for the majority of her career in the Neonatal Intensive Care Nursery in New Jersey and New York City. She received her School Nurse

Certification last December from New Jersey City University. She has been a substitute school nurse in the district for three years. She lives in Whippany with her husband, two daughters, and two cats. Her daughters currently attend Salem Drive School. When she finds free time, which is rare these days, she loves playing the piano, reading, and studying French. She is so grateful and honored to have the opportunity to work full-time in such an amazing school district.

- Vicki Cobane is the new Resource Center Teacher at Bee Meadow School. She grew up in Pennsylvania and moved to Whippany 20 years ago when she got married. She graduated from Penn State University with a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education, and earned her Special Education Certification at William Paterson University. She taught third grade at Mountview Road School for seven years before having three children of her own. During the past three years, she has worked in the Resource Room at Bee Meadow School and as an In-Class Support Teacher at Memorial Junior School. She is honored to be working in the district again. When not in school, she enjoys cheering at her children's sporting events, decorating, cooking, and entertaining family and friends.



- Christine Szeluga is the new Library Media Specialist at Memorial Junior School. She graduated from The City University of New York with a BA in history and a MSEd in childhood education. She then completed an MS in Library and Information Science, School Media from Syracuse University. Prior to joining Hanover Township, she worked for the Brooklyn Public Library managing an outreach education program for middle school students, the Staten Island Museum as Manager of Education and most recently, as Media Specialist for the New York City Department of Education. Christine loves to read, bake and spend time with her family.



- Brian Klein is a temporary Long Term Substitute Replacement School Psychologist at Mountview Road and Salem Drive schools. He graduated from the University of Florida with a BS in Psychology, and earned a Master of Arts in General and Theoretical Psychology at NYU, and his MA in Clinical Psychology at Fordham University. He received his certification in School Psychology from Fairleigh Dickinson University. Before coming to Hanover Township, he was the School Psychologist in the Belleville School District, the Roselle School District, and in Boonton Township.



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- Lara Rouillard is the new Kindergarten Teacher at Bee Meadow School. She graduated from Ramapo College with a BA in Visual Art and Elementary Education Certification, and earned her Masters in Arts and Education and Teacher of Students with Disabilities Certification from College of St. Elizabeth. Before coming to Bee Meadow in Hanover Township

she taught 3rd grade for 3 years at Our Lady of Mercy Academy, technology at PG Chambers School for 3 years, and was a substitute teacher in Hanover Township for the past 2 years. When she is not in the classroom, she loves to travel with her family and scrapbook all of their adventures.

- Kimberly Gibbs is the Elementary Spanish Teacher at Bee Meadow, Mountview Road, and Salem Drive schools. She graduated from Muhlenberg College with a BA in Communication and Spanish, and obtained her K-12 Spanish Teaching Certification through Jersey City State University. She continued her education at The College of New Jersey, where she earned her MA in Educational Leadership. Prior to joining the Hanover Township Public Schools, she taught various levels of Spanish at Hardyston Township School and Wallkill Valley Regional High School in Hamburg, and Ridgedale Middle School in Florham Park. She is very happy to be teaching in the Hanover Township Schools.



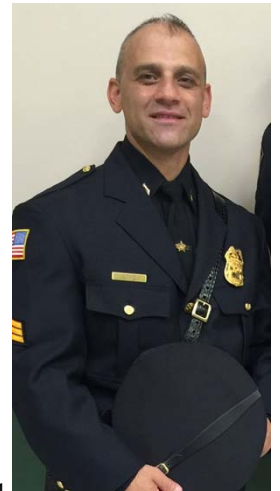
*John Keymer (pictured on the right) is a Class III Special Law Enforcement Officer (SLEO) at Bee Meadow School for the 2018-2019 school year. He graduated from Stockton State College in 1981 with a BS degree in Environmental Science. He became a Madison police officer in 1984 and retired as Sgt. in charge of the Traffic Safety Unit in August 2013. He and his wife Anne have two children who attended the Hanover Township Public Schools: John C. Keymer is a Business Major at County College of Morris; and Ashley Keymer is a senior at Whippany Park High School.*



- Dominick Mancini is the Class III Special Law Enforcement Officer (SLEO) at Salem Drive School. He is a retired Essex County Sheriff's Officer who began his career in law enforcement in 1992 and retired in March 2018. Most of his career was in the Bureau of Narcotics (B.O.N.). After being promoted to Sergeant in 2014 he spent the rest of his career in criminal investigations. He received special training at John Jay Col-

lege, various Police Academies, and Top Gun, which consisted of all fields of training. He resides in East Hanover with his wife, Tracy, a Human Resource Manager at L'Oreal, and their three children: Joelle, a grad student at William Paterson University who is determined to be a Speech Pathologist; Dominic, a sophomore at Hanover Park High School and all year round wrestler who hopes to make it to States; and Massimo, an eighth grader and year round wrestler with expectations to make it to States as well. Mr. Mancini loves traveling, water sports, barbecuing with family and friends, and watching his sons wrestle.

- Antoine Atme is a Class III Special Law Enforcement Officer (SLEO) at Mountview Road School. Sergeant Atme is a 25 year veteran of the Passaic County's Sheriff's Dept. He graduated from the Passaic County Corrections Academy in 1995 and Police Academy in 1996. He was a Corrections Officer, Court Officer, Detective of Warrant Fugitive Division, Motorcycle Patrol Traffic Division, Police Academy Instructor and attained the rank of Sergeant in the patrol division in 2015. Tony and his wife, Charlene reside in Glen Rock with their two children; Tony



age 13 and Nicholas age 11 who will both be attending the Glen Rock Middle School. Tony has been involved in the Glen Rock Junior Football Association serving as the Vice President of the executive board and has served as the junior head coach for six years. Tony has also been the assistant wrestling coach for the Glen Rock Panthers Wrestling Program. Tony's favorite pastimes are exercising and spending quality time with his family.





# Student and Staff Activities, Accomplishments and Recognitions



*In October, Memorial Junior MJS 6<sup>th</sup> grade students participated in the annual Outdoor Education Trip to Fairview Lake YMCA in Stillwater, New Jersey. During these three days in the woods, our students went on excursions doing field studies; such as Geocaching, Survival, Team Building, Boating, Lake Study, Apple Cidering and Swamp Hike. Not only did they enjoy the great experiences camp had to offer, they enjoyed great weather where they were able to see most of Sussex & Morris County at the top of the Appalachian Trail after a 1 ½ mile hike up to the ridge. Each evening, after dinner, students also had opportunity to improve their social development and leisure skills by participated in different activities. On the first night, students enjoyed a small group camp-fire where they enjoyed roasting marshmallows for s'mores followed by a large group campfire with singing and stories lead by Mr. Toomey. On the second night, the students participated in a program called Touch of Nature. During this program, students had the opportunity to see and touch animals such as a chinchilla, a ferret, various snakes, and even an alligator. Overall the experience was a tremendous success. The activities were great, the weather cooperated, and the teachers and parents who chaperoned the trip were amazing. For these reasons, it's easy to see why we've been participating in this trip for over 60 years.*



*Timothy P. Franks, Sr. is the new Class III Special Law Enforcement Officer (SLEO) at Memorial Junior School. Officer Tim, as he is referred to at MJS, comes to Hanover Township after retiring from the Somerville police department after 28 of service. While serving at the Somerville PD he was assigned to the patrol, traffic and community policing bike patrol units. Officer Franks was the department's self defense, defensive tactics and baton instructor. He attended the university of Texas while in the military and RVCC while working towards his degree in criminal justice. Officer Franks enlisted in the US army right after high school and served in numerous state side locations as well as West Germany and was stationed in West Berlin during the height of the Cold War. In his off time, Officer Franks is an avid martial artist with 35 plus years of knowledge and competition experience. He currently holds black belt/instructor ranks in 4 different disciplines. He has 6 children and enjoys coaching basketball, baseball and football. When he actually has some free time he enjoys weight lifting and is a life Long tropical saltwater fish hobbyist.*

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