



## RIVERDALE SCHOOL NEWS

August 2016

From the desks of Riverdale School Superintendent,  
Mrs. Vicki Pede, and Principal, Mr. Sean Bowe:

This year's summer vacation is nearly half over with the opening of school for students set for Thursday, September 8, 2016! Mr. Bowe and I are anxious to have the children in our halls once again this September. Although there is certainly a substantial amount of things to accomplish over the summer, it will be great to be amidst all of the excitement of our students and staff! This year, we will welcome some new faces to our school, including Ms. Jessica Cohen who will be teaching in the same hallway as our fourth grade classrooms. The hallway will look a bit different to students since there was a classroom created from two smaller rooms; the wall has been removed and a new floor has been installed. Thanks to all of the hard work of our custodial and maintenance staff, the furniture is ready for its new inhabitants too!

You may have already experienced the capabilities of our new school website at [www.rpsnj.org](http://www.rpsnj.org). We encourage you to check it for updates and pertinent information for our school. The school supply list is noted under the "Student Tab" located on the homepage. Supply lists have also been distributed to some local store websites for your convenience. In addition, our wonderful PTA also worked last year to provide school supplies for students with the help and support of parents. Please be sure to check out their information; you can find a link to the PTA through our website under the "Parent Tab" on the homepage.

Our Board of Education will set the Board and District goals at the September 7<sup>th</sup> meeting that begins at 7:30 in the school library. I encourage your participation and involvement in this aspect of your child's education as well as in so many other ways. As I close, please allow me to share some words from an article (found in *The Journal of Special Education*) I have recently read. According to the article, it seems that teachers not only need specific skills that they have studied and learned, but also need to believe that what they do makes a difference. In Riverdale, our staff does make a difference and we want to continue making a difference in the education of your child. Next week, in fact, numerous teachers will be honing their skills in specialized reading instruction so that they can make an even bigger difference.

In closing, we encourage you to be involved in your child's education. According to information on a Kids Health website (<http://kidshealth.org/en/parents/positive/#catlearning>), "it's a great way to show your kids that you take an interest in their education, and it sends a positive message that you consider school a worthwhile cause." We welcome your participation as together, we can accomplish great things!

### UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS AND REMINDERS:

6 <sup>TH</sup> GRADE ORIENTATION	9/1/16 at 6:30	LIBRARY
TEACHER IN-SERVICE DAYS	9/6/16 and 9/7/16	PER SCHEDULE
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING	9/7/16 at 7:30	LIBRARY
<b>SCHOOL STARTS FOR STUDENTS</b>	<b>(Thurs.) 9/8/16</b>	<b>PER SCHEDULE</b>
PTA MEETING	9/15/16 at 7:30	CAFETERIA
BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT (PK-5)	9/20/16 at 6:30	PER SCHEDULE
BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT (6-8)	9/22/16 at 6:30	PER SCHEDULE
SCHOOL BOARD MEETING	9/21/16 at 7:30	LIBRARY