



Bunker Hill Principal Named

Please help us welcome Jeff Davis. Jeff has been named principal of Bunker Hill Elementary, an all-new facility opening in August 2009 in Middletown. Jeff's credentials include a Masters Degree in Elementary Education together with strong classroom and administrative experience in grades K-5. Since 2004, he's been an administrator in the Caesar Rodney School District and currently serves as Assistant Principal at both W. Reily Brown & Nellie Hughes Stokes Elementary Schools.

While Jeff officially begins his new duties in Appoquinimink on July 1, he's already busy planning. Recently, he toured the new school and met with key staff to discuss staffing, curriculum, operations and finance issues.

Staffing. Assignments for teachers and other educational professionals at Bunker Hill are nearing completion. Lateral transfers have been decided and letters to staff have already gone out. The voluntary transfer process will be finalized by month's end. Candidates for the Assistant Principal's position will be interviewed later this spring.

If you would like to contact our new principal with a note of welcome and congratulations, feel free to email him at jadavis325@comcast.net.

Don't forget to mark your calendars for Bunker Hill's dedication ceremony – **Tuesday, August 19, at 6:30 p.m.** – when we'll have tours, light refreshments, and a chance to visit classrooms and meet with teachers and administrators.

The Education Fair will be here soon

SATURDAY, MAY 16 | 10-2 AT APPOQUINIMINK HIGH

The 11th annual Education Fair is happening this Saturday. The creative team in our Curriculum Department, working with top educators from around the district, have prepared dozens of hands-on games and activities that will delight and amaze young learners (grades PK-6).

Activity Zones will feature interactive challenges in Science, Math, Social Studies, English Language Arts, World Languages, Technology, Art, Talent Development, Health & Fitness and more. Highlights for our families include the opportunity to watch their student perform in a band or chorus event, and the Student Art Showcase. All schools are represented!



This annual event requires hundreds of staff & volunteers and is funded through the generous support of our business community. Brochures detailing this year's activities will be coming home soon with your students. See you there!

Staffing Directions:

Spring is a busy time for our growing district. In early May, the interview process for administrative positions created by growth, retirement and transfers will be in full swing.

- Curriculum Director, Secondary Education May 1 interviews
- Middletown High Principal May 5 interviews
- Bunker Hill Elementary Asst. Principal TBD

As discussed above, the teaching staff at Bunker Hill is being identified through a transfer process that is already underway. Any new teachers hired will reflect gains in enrollment beyond current levels.

End of Year Dates:

Principals recently responded to a request to provide an update on student performances, graduation ceremonies, awards programs, talent development showcases, field day activities and a myriad of other celebrations designed to enrich the final days of school. A district-wide look at what's happening (more than 70 events) is now posted under **News & Events** section on school and district websites.

- May 26 Grade 12 graduation ceremony at the University of Delaware-Carpenter Stadium
- June 5 Last day for preschool

- June 8 Last day for grades K-11, half-day with lunch available
- June 11 Last day for teachers

Teacher of the Year Announced

On April 28, the district announced the educator chosen to represent Appoquinimink as our district-wide Teacher of the Year for 2009-2010. She is **Mrs. Tracy (Taylor) Calhoun**, a kindergarten teacher at the Townsend Early Childhood Center.

Tracy's selection represents the successful completion of a rigorous process that included a nomination, letters of recommendation, an interview, classroom observations, and a comprehensive portfolio review.

Together with 12 other building-level winners: **Tawanda Bond**-Appoquinimink High, **Sherrie Brown**-Cedar Lane ECC, **Kristine Colazzo**-Alfred G. Waters Middle, **Linda Callahan**-Silver Lake, **Diane Ciccone**-Cedar Lane Elementary, **Greg Ciccone**-Olive B. Loss, **Danielle DelDuco**-Townsend, **Dori Gleason**-Middletown High, **Tanya Hayse**-Brick Mill, **Tiwanna Richardson**-Appoquinimink ECC, **Gina Robinson**-Everett Meredith Middle, **Tracy Wall**-Louis L. Redding she was honored with a dinner attended by our Superintendent, Principals and the Board of Education.

A record, 195 teachers were nominated for Teacher of the Year honors this year. While not all of them go on to complete the application process, each and every one can feel proud knowing a child, parent, peer or community member cared enough recognize their contributions. We will be saluting them all in a thank you ad in our local paper, *The Middletown Transcript* later this month.

Educators In The News

Congratulations to **Linda Baker** of Cedar Lane Elementary School. Linda has been named Delaware's Elementary School Counselor of the Year. A professional with 24 years of experience, she is Appoquinimink's lead counselor, providing advice and support on an almost daily basis to our Student Service Department.

Teacher **Mimi Corcoran**, also based at Cedar Lane, has been honored by the Delaware Council for Social Studies as Appoquinimink's Social Studies Teacher of the Year. Praised for her ability to promote critical thinking and active engagement, Mimi has led her students in the Delaware Day Competition, Geography Bee, Project Citizen, and Meaningful Economics to name just a few.

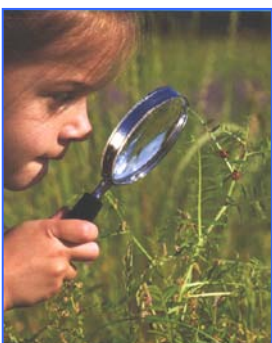
School Board Election: May 12

If you are 18 or older and a resident of the Appoquinimink School District, we hope you'll cast your vote in the May 12 election. Five talented citizens are running for an at-large seat on the five-member board including:

- **Norman Abrams**
- **John B. Brown**
- **Nemish Mehta**
- **Edward Czerwinski (incumbent)**
- **Valerie Jones-Rabb**

Candidates have had an opportunity to participate in public forums sponsored by the Alfred G. Waters PTA and the Southern New Castle County Alliance. Interviews with each candidate appeared in our local paper: *The Middletown Transcript* on April 30.

Polls will be open from 10:00 a.m. until 8:00 p.m. at the following locations: Appoquinimink Training Center, Cedar Lane Elementary, Everett Meredith Middle, Louis L. Redding Middle, Middletown High, Olive B. Loss Elementary and the Townsend Elementary. If you are unable to vote that night, please contact New Castle County's Department of Elections for information on absentee voting.



Summer Enrichment Camps

A variety of enrichment activities are available in our district this summer for students currently enrolled in grades K-5. Thanks to a special collaboration with Delaware Technical and Community College, we're proud to offer: Computer Kids, Stars & Planets Science Camp, Creative Writing, Comic Book Illustration, Mathmania, Dance Camp, Myth Busters, Art & Illustration, Basketball, Jewelry Making, Summer School Musical, Photography and much more! Two half-day sessions (July 13-23; July 27-August 6) are available. A brochure listing dates, times and registration information was sent home with students in April. If you have questions or need more information, feel free to contact Talent Development Coordinator Ms. Katherine Bin-Yusif at 376-4272, summercamp@appo.k12.de.us.