

Report Card Narratives

New Jersey Department of Education
MONROE TWP (23-3290-300)

Applegarth Elementary School

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Attached for your review is the New Jersey Report Card for Applegarth Elementary School. We share Monroe Township School District's Vision which commits itself to all children by preparing them to reach their full potential and to function in a global society through a preeminent education.

In addition to the statistical information contained in this report card, Applegarth School offers numerous student-centered experiences to reinforce and enhance learning. Our curriculum is current and aligned to the Common Core Standards. Programs to help students succeed in school such as Basic Skills, and programs to enhance student learning such as Talented and Gifted classes in language arts, math, science, and visual arts, are held after school. Comprehensive Band and Chorus programs are held before the school day begins. Fine Arts programs showcase students' artistic abilities. Students visit our school library with lessons given by our Media Specialist. For our advanced mathematics students, we offer an accelerated math class in grade five. Students who meet the criteria are invited to participate in this class where curriculum includes topics from fifth through eighth grade math. Enrollment in this program leads to advanced mathematics at the high school level.

We also have Cluster Grouping classes at each grade level. Gifted students are purposely placed together into a mixed ability classroom based on their abilities, potential, and achievement. Cluster grouping is a method for providing full time gifted education with the potential to raise achievement for all students. Cluster teachers have had specialized training in differentiating instruction for gifted learners. Students also benefit from STEM lessons. These lessons improve student achievement and competitiveness in science, technology, engineering and math.

All of our classroom teachers are highly qualified as defined by the State of New Jersey and they infuse technology throughout their instructional programs preparing students for the 21st century.

Our youngsters are also afforded the opportunity to demonstrate physical proficiency through their participation in a comprehensive physical education program, the President's Physical Fitness Challenge and Field Day activities. Last year, our students again participated in the American Red Cross Jump Rope for Heart activity.

Student government experiences abound through an active student council program. The student council leadership body consisting of representatives from each fifth grade classroom meets regularly to plan activities, such as spirit days, food collections, and fundraiser activities. Our school is involved in many community service activities related to Autism Awareness, The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, and the Middlesex County Food Organization. Students hold a Thanksgiving food drive for local families within the Applegarth School Community as well as food drives for local food pantries. In December the student council works with an organization to provide food and gifts to underprivileged families and children in shelters.

The Applegarth School Community is also proud to have a very active PTA. The PTA funds many student activities and educational assemblies throughout the year. In addition, our PTA offers teacher grants to enhance instructional resources in our classrooms.

I encourage you to visit our school, school website and district website. The information you will find on the websites include complete curriculum documents for all subject areas, school board policies, Principal's Newsletters, school calendar, and much more. Your support of our school is greatly appreciated. Thank you.

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