

Scotch Plains–Fanwood Opening of Schools 2019–2020

“We are the authors of our lives” - Brené Brown

Facilities Updates as of August 29, 2019

HIGH SCHOOL

- Sidewalks
- LED Sign
- HVAC project from Summer 2018
- Security vestibule buzzers
- Turf fields
- Cafeteria & kitchen painted, new ceiling installed in cafeteria with LED lighting
- CAD room expanded to accommodate robotics classes
- Chorus room & Band room painted
- Chorus room has new tile floor
- Weight room painted and some new equipment

PARK

- Masonry repair on back half of building
- LENS System Installation
- Generator exhaust run to roofline
- Office created for Art Integration
- Tech Room divided into 2 classroom spaces, added a hallway door for speech room
- Added a water bottle filing station on 3rd floor
- Installed LED lighting in the main gym
- Asbestos removal complete

TERRILL

- LENS System Installation
- Air conditioning in offices
- Concrete work
- Container for middle school theater programs
- Fire clean-up
- Hallway Lockers

Facilities Updates as of August 29, 2019

McGINN

- LENS System Installation
- New bathroom partitions
- Concrete work
- Replaced main office/principal office carpet with tile

EVERGREEN

- Concrete work
- LENS System Installation

SCHOOL ONE

- Drain near Madison Ave properties
- Playground drainage
- LENS System Installation

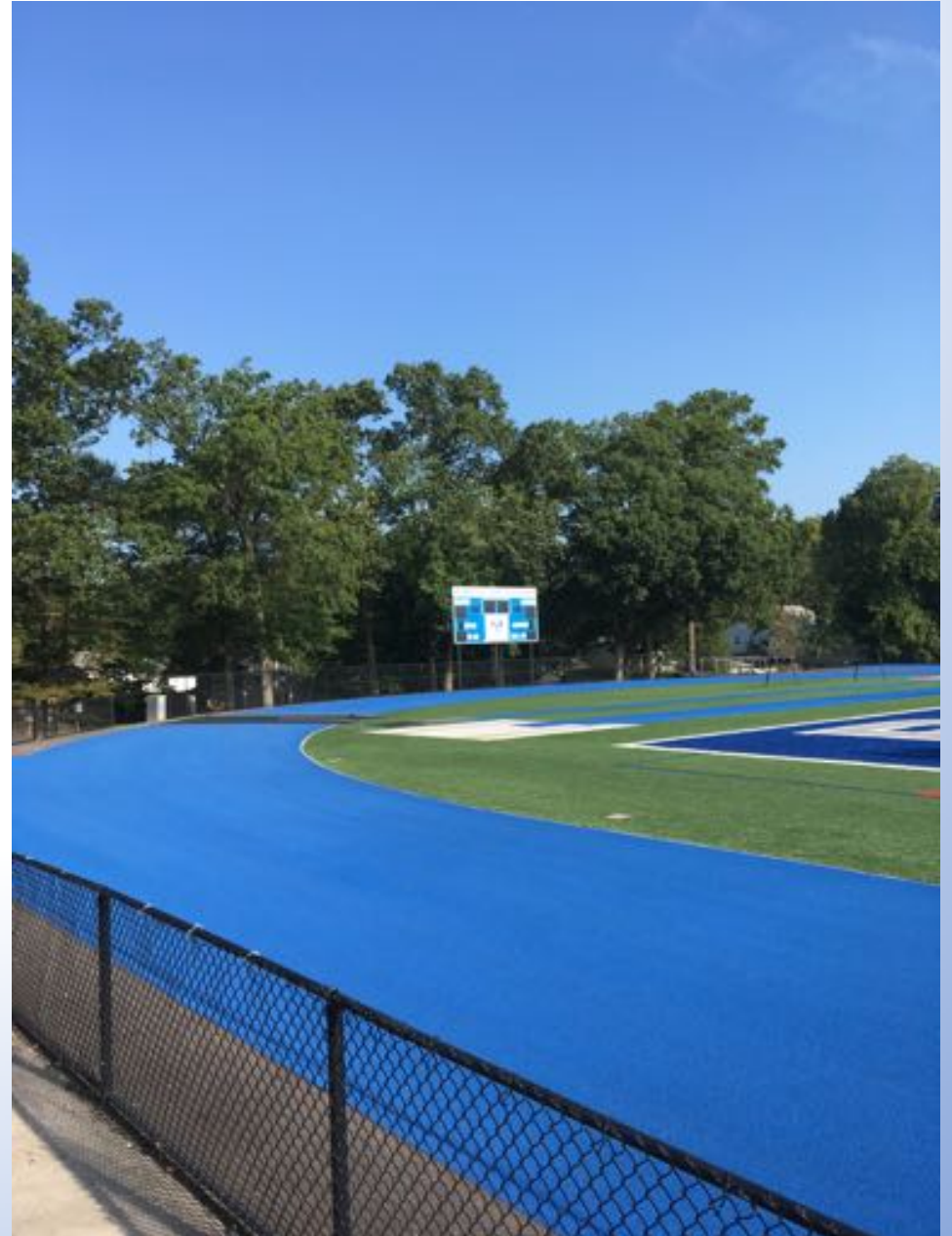
BRUNNER

- LENS System Installation
- Refinished boys' bathrooms

COLES

- LENS System Installation
- Concrete work (exception of playground)
- Replaced all carpet in classrooms around media center with tile
- Numbered parking spaces

New Track and Field!





Park Middle School Masonry Work



School One Playground



School One Drain



High School New Staff Bathroom



High School New Ceiling



School One New Windows



New Teacher Orientation 2019

45 New Teaching Staff!
72 New Staff Total!

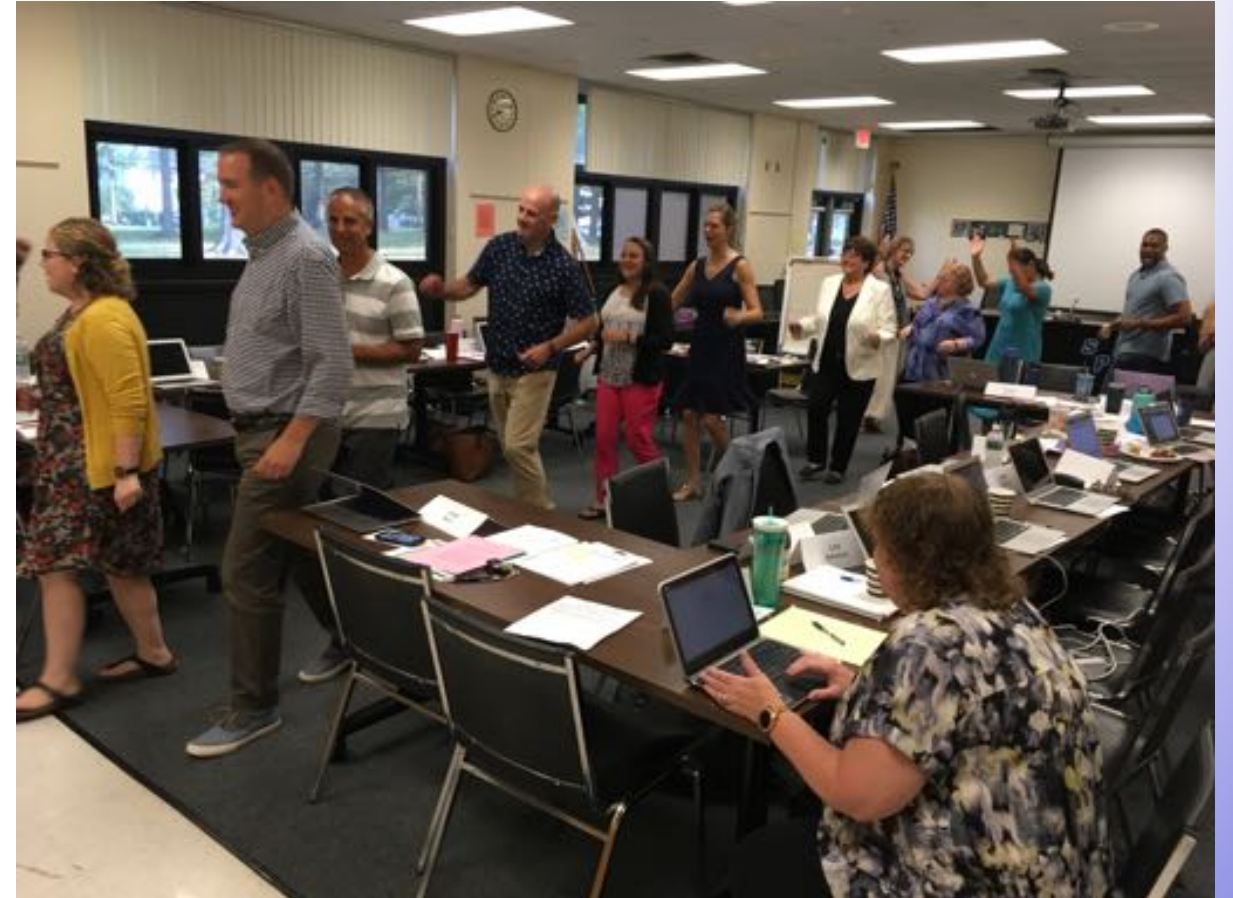
- Danielson Frameworks for Teaching
- Setting the Stage for Learning
- Supporting Professional Growth
- Fostering Intellectual Engagement
- Working with Special Needs Students
- Bullying Awareness and HIB Introduction
- What to Expect from Your First Year
- Technology Sessions I & II
- What to Expect from the Mentoring Process
- Bus Tour!



Administrative Retreat

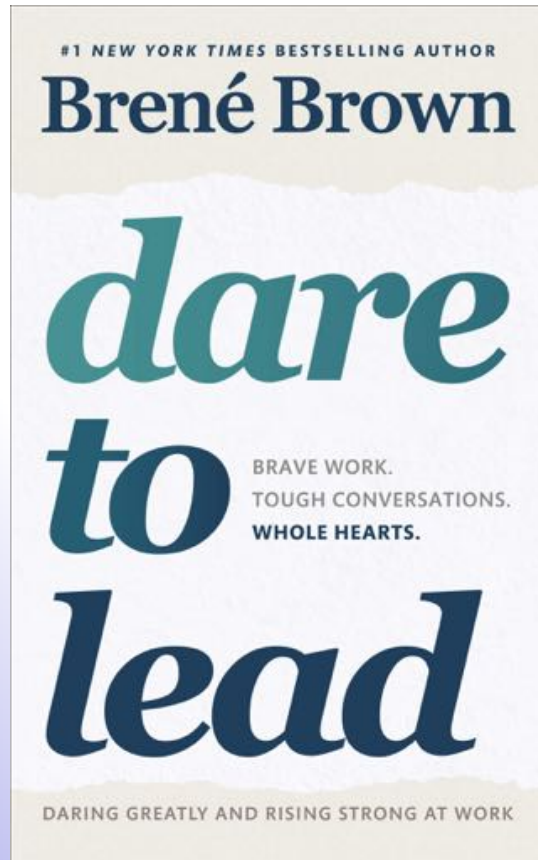
Dennis Budinich
Cultivating the Advantage

Personal Leadership=
Hope, Optimism, Purpose, Happiness



**Always start your meetings with
music!**

Showing up is our Power



Agenda

- Robotics
- ELL Discussion
- Professional Development
 - Front Line Training
 - New Website
 - Data Review
- Increasing Student Voices, Student Focus Groups
 - Strategic Plan
 - Administrator PDP/ Administrator Goals
 - Annual Evaluation Training for Evaluators
- Environmental Remediation & Management, Right to Know
 - Buildings and Grounds
 - SPFEA Contract Settlement
- Arthur Gallagher Insurance, Risk Management
 - Observation Grid and Timelines

Convocation 2019!

Presenters

- Brooke Abadir and Addie Bozetarnik, 4th gr. Evergreen School
Welcome!
- Mayor Al Smith
- Mayor Colleen Mahr
- Jacob Morrell 7th gr. TMS sang
The National Anthem
- SPF Marching Band
- Regina Gannon, PTA President
- Dr. Karen Kulikowski,
Board of Education President
- Candice Testa, SPFEA President
- Dr. Joan Mast, Superintendent of
Schools
- Graeme Daniskas, Mackenzie Crimmins,
Hannah Solomon 8th gr. TMS sang
“Rise Up” by Andra Day
- Ralph Gerace, Assistant Principal TMS
“What If?”
- Anand Sahasrabudhe, 7th gr. TMS
- Paige Peneno, 8th gr. PMS
- Loy Lytch Sr. SPFHS
- Cynthia Evans, Interim President &CEO
at the Geraldine R. Dodge Foundation





Curriculum Initiatives Summary for 2019–2020

- Elementary Program of Studies for 2019-2020
- Fifth Grade Program of Studies for 2019-2020
- Middle School Program of Studies for 2019-2020
- Language Arts K-5 Proficiencies
- Social Studies Kindergarten Proficiencies
- Social Studies World Geography Grade 6 Proficiencies
- Digital Design - Grade 7 Proficiencies

Professional Development Day 2019–2020

BLOCK SCHEDULING!

ENGLISH/WRITING WORKSHOP/READING

- Assessments for Language Arts and Writing Workshop
- Fresh Perspectives I Language Arts and Writing Workshop
- Introduction to the Writing Workshop units of Study

MATHEMATICS

- Making-Meaning in your Math Classroom

MUSIC/VISUAL ARTS

- Meaningful Leadership in the Arts
- Curriculum Alignment in the Arts

SOCIAL STUDIES

- Teaching the Big Ideas
- Engaging Hearts and Minds

MEDIA SPECIALIST

- Exploring online resource in Destiny
- Best Practices in early childhood LMS
- Research skill for middle school

PE/HEALTH

- Review of Danielson Expectations

WORLD LANGUAGE/ESL

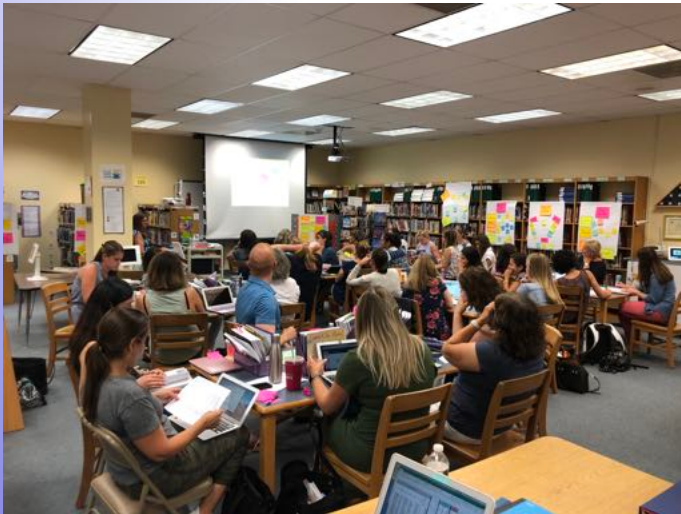
- Rigor, Relevance and the Novice Language Learner
- Elementary Spanish: Building Foundations for Success
- Language Learning for All
- Encouraging Growth for ELLs

SCIENCE



NEW ELEMENTARY LANGUAGE ARTS CURRICULUM

- 23 Elementary school teachers from all five elementary schools and both middle schools gathered with administrators to be trained in our new reading and writing programs.
- Training was designed to help members of our Pilot Team become leaders as we rolled the writing program out to the rest of the faculty in the fall.
- This fall, all teachers, K-5 General Ed. and Special Ed., were trained in the Writing Workshop program.
- The program encourages students to think and live as writers and provides ways for teachers to differentiate instruction.



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I have also seen such great subtle teaching/learning moments from staff that show they have been looking forward to this time too. I loved how a special education teacher used an engaging book to teach math to first graders. Two lunch aides chose to participate in games with the kindergarteners on the field instead of standing and watching from above. Many teachers carefully placed engineering buckets and thinking games around the room for student exploration and to build classroom community. Families seemed just as excited as their students (and nervous) to start school. It was a great opening!

-Dr. Slocum, McGinn Elementary School

More than anything, the excitement shown from our youngest student is the most exciting. For them it's a mixture of nerves and positive energy. They don't know what to expect, but are ready for this adventure. Also, seeing the proud look on parents faces is a true joy. One of my highlights is seeing our pre-k students exit the building and run full speed to their parents, with open arms and a huge smile on their face.

-Mr. Fiory, School One Elementary School

How was your first day of school?

We had a very successful opening. It is always exciting to welcome a new Freshman class. Students were excited for the start of school and it seemed that the 9th graders did their homework regarding the location of their classes. Actually I credit this to SGA and the Freshman Orientation Program When the track is complete we will hold a homecoming pep rally in early Oct!
-Dr. Heisey, SPF High School

From a fourth grade female student, "I always get the nicest teachers!" to which her friend replied, "That's not true- my teacher is the nicest!"
-Mr. Bortnick, Brunner Elementary School

SPFHS MARCHING BAND!



The SPF Marching Band won their first competition of the 2019 season, performing their latest show “Bocetos de España” (“Sketches of Spain”), at Edison High School on September 14. They brought home a First Place trophy for their division with an overall score of 74.438 and caption awards for Best Visuals and Best Music.





RAIDER NATION

FALL RECORDS as of Sept. 23,2019

	WINS/LOSSES/TIE		WINS/LOSSES/TIE
Cross Country Girls	5-1	Varsity Field Hockey	6-3
Cross Country Boys	5-1	JV Field Hockey	0-4-5
Varsity Football	1-2	Gymnastics	5-1
JV Football	0-1	Varsity Girls Volleyball	5-3-0
Freshman Football	0-2	JV Girls Volleyball	7-1
Varsity Boys Soccer	4-4-2	Freshman Girls Volleyball	1-5
JV Boys Soccer	5-1-2	Varsity Girls Tennis	7-3
Freshman Boys Soccer	6-1-1	JV Girls Tennis	6-2
Varsity Girls Soccer	5-1		
JV Girls Soccer	4-1-1		
Freshman Girls Soccer	4-2		

2019-2020 ENROLLMENT

	2018 (Sept. 12)	2019 (Sept. 24)
Brunner	407	414
Coles	551	534
Evergreen	390	400
McGinn	513	511
School One	389	379
Park	909	942
Terrill	811	829
SPFHS	1572	1543
Out of District/bedside	84	81
Totals:	5626	5633

*...and we're just
getting started!!*

Thank you to the Scotch Plains–Fanwood Board of Education,
the PTA, Candice Testa, our teachers and staff,
community members, and parents and students
for a safe and successful opening of schools!