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# Hoboken Middle School News

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## Coordinator's Message

It is hard to believe that almost two months have gone by already, and we are more than halfway through the first marking period. Interim report cards were posted through Genesis last Friday; if you are having trouble accessing the parent portal or viewing the report card, please reach out to either Mr. Cooley or myself. Parent teacher conferences will be held next week, October 26<sup>th</sup>. We will have two sessions: 1:30-3:00PM and 5:00-6:30PM. A letter was sent home with the

students yesterday. The conferences will be grade level team meetings. We look forward to seeing you on the 26<sup>th</sup>. Additionally, Hoboken High School will be holding their Showcase of Excellence on the 26<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-7:30PM. Please stop by and meet the teachers and hear what they have to say about the high school programs. As I mentioned last week, we will be having Challenge Day on November 3<sup>rd</sup>. The day-long, interactive Challenge Day program pro-

vides teens and adults with tools to tear down walls of separation, and inspires them to live, study, and work in an encouraging environment of acceptance, love, and respect. Challenge Days are powerful, high-energy programs in which youth and adult participants are guided through a series of experiential learning processes. The overall goals of the program are to increase personal power and self-esteem, to shift dangerous peer pressure to positive peer support

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## Upcoming Events

**October 26, 2016**—Middle School Parent Teacher Conferences, 1:30-3:00 and 5:00-6:30 pm;

Hoboken High School Open House, 6:00-7:30 pm

**November 3, 2016**—Challenge Day

*Lunch forms and emergency cards are due. If you need a new one, please contact us. Please send in a completed health history form for your 7th grader.*



## HOBOKEN PUBLIC SCHOOLS



**Hoboken High School**

**&**

**Hoboken Middle School**

### **ANNUAL TITLE I PARENT MEETING**

**WHAT IS TITLE I ?  
HOW DOES TITLE I HELP MY CHILD?**

**JOIN US FOR A PROGRAM OVERVIEW AND DISCUSSION**

- Academic accountability in Title I schools
  - Programs supported with Title I funds
- Student support and resources provided through Title I funds
  - Title I Parent Involvement policies and requirements

**Date:** **Thursday, October 27, 2016**

**Time:** **10:30 AM—11:30 AM**

**Location:** **800 Clinton Street, Library 2nd Floor**

## So Peculiar.....

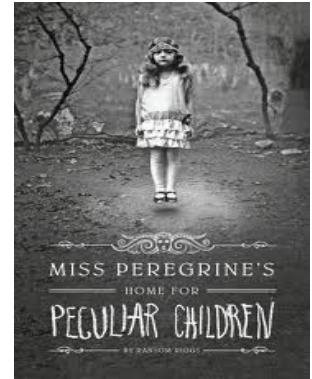
This week, our eighth graders began reading the novel *Miss Peregrine's Home for Peculiar Children* by Ransom Riggs. Students became acquainted with the main character, Jacob, a sixteen-year-old who experiences a horrific family tragedy and follows clues that take him to an abandoned orphanage on a Welsh island. Throughout our

reading, students will focus on the themes of personal identity and empathy. We encourage families and friends outside of school to read and join in on the conversation about the novel with our 8th graders!

Here is the link to the audiobook:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SugpmVxBFBw>

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## Counselor's Corner

Mr. Cooley has been partnering with Ms. Matterna, our Student Assistance Coordinator, on activities for Red Ribbon Week (promotes living drug-free) and Purple Ribbon Week (violence prevention). Purple Ribbon Week involved mes-

sages of peace and a campaign to stop and THINK (is it True, Helpful, Inspiring, Necessary and Kind) before speaking.

In addition, Mr. Cooley has been getting to know our students and pro-

moting social leadership and positive social interactions among peers. One of his methods involves recognizing excellent social leadership in the lunchroom with a reward of donuts on Fridays. So far, the students love it!

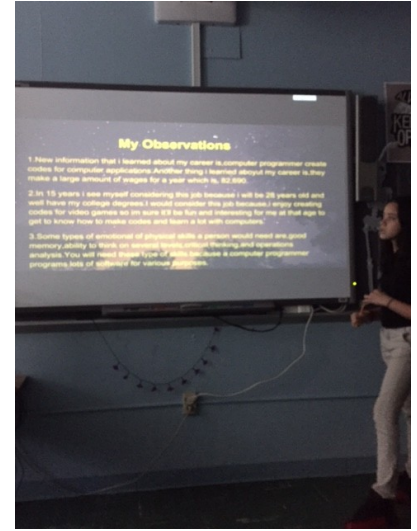
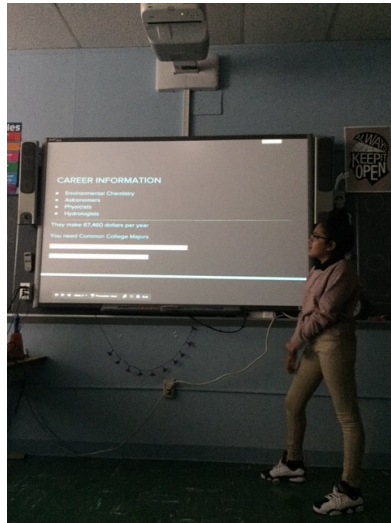
## Algebra News

Students in Ms. Richard's math class just finished taking a test on all the properties of exponents. Now we are beginning to review solving one-step and multi-step equations before we deepen our knowledge on solving linear equations!



**Project Lead the Way includes elements of computer science, engineering and biomedical science, offering students a glimpse into those careers.**

## PLTW



Students in Ms. Kurt's class have presented their research on careers in STEM such as computer programming and aerospace engineering, including the physical and emotional demands required in these careers. Students also discussed their personal observations as to whether or not they see themselves possibly entering their researched field and why or why not, while working on their presentation skills.

## Coordinator's Message Continued

**Don't forget to  
send in your  
Challenge Day  
permission slips!**

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and to eliminate the acceptability of teasing, violence and all forms of oppression. Challenge Day programs are designed to unite the members of the school and/or community and to empower them to carry the themes of the program back to the greater school population.

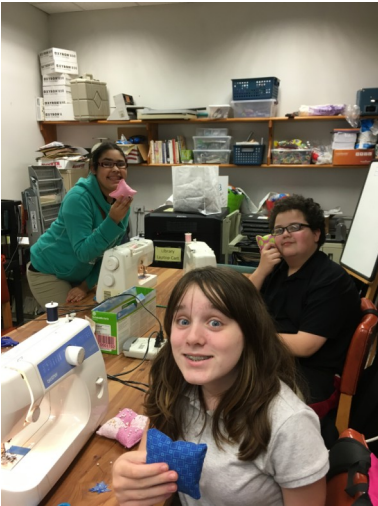
This is an amazing program that has been very successful in the past and we are excited for the opportunity to bring it to Hoboken Middle School. We are looking for adult participants. If you or someone you know is interested in participating please reach out to me at [tara.donnelly@hoboken.k12.nj.us](mailto:tara.donnelly@hoboken.k12.nj.us).

[n.k12.nj.us](http://n.k12.nj.us).

As always, if you have any questions, concerns or suggestions about the program, please share them with me. Thank you for your support and enjoy the weekend.

Tara Donnelly  
Hoboken Middle  
School Program Coordinator

# Sewing is a Life Skill



The Middle School Sewing and Crafts Club learned sewing machine basics last week by sewing on paper guides. This week they got to use fabric to create sachet pillows. They were surprised by how easy it was. Students learned about right/wrong sides of fabric, pinning, threading the machine, sewing a straight line, and pivoting at corners.

We hope to see you next week when we will use the button machine to make cool buttons.



## Club Schedule

Debate Club with Mr. d’Bernado: Monday and Tuesday

Pay it Forward Service Club with Ms. Falcone: Tuesday and Thursday

Student Newspaper with Mrs. Dickerson: Monday and Wednesday

Yearbook with Ms. Geleailen: Tuesday and Thursday

Sewing and Crafts with Mrs. McGreivey: Tuesdays

*Join some clubs and make new friends!*



# Contact Us

We are happy to communicate with you to help your children achieve. Please do not hesitate to reach out to our staff at the email addresses listed below. You can also email teachers from within the Genesis Parent Portal. If you need to call the school, our number is (201) 356-7325.

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