



# NORTH CALDWELL PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## *Board of Education Connections*

### **Gould School Named a New Jersey Reward School**

Gould School was once again designated a Reward School by the State of New Jersey. A Reward School is a school with outstanding student achievement or growth over the past three years. Gould School was one of only fifty-seven (57) schools statewide to achieve this status. To become a Reward School, a school must achieve an overall proficiency rate of 90% for the entire school population over a number of years, and each subgroup within the student population must rank within the top 10% statewide.

Special thanks to the faculty and administration at both Gould and Grandview Schools for preparing our children and setting the foundation for this prestigious award!

### **Important Calendar Change Reminder - March 5**

The NCBOE will be voting at its next meeting to change March 5, 2014 to an early dismissal day. Please mark this potential change on your calendars! The New Jersey Department of Education will be meeting with our teachers (and those in our neighboring districts) to discuss PARCC testing and, specifically, how our teachers can incorporate questions that will enhance student performance into their daily lessons.

### **Snow Day Make Ups**

As you know, the District has used six "snow days" -- three more days than were built into the 2013-2014 school calendar. While we made up one of those days on February 18, the NCBOE will need to add two more days to the calendar. The Board is currently reviewing the schedule and coordinating with West Essex to determine when those days, and any others that may accrue, will be made-up. While we will do our best to coordinate schedules with West Essex, there are some complications in that regard because West Essex has limited ability to add days at the end of the school year. This issue will be discussed during the NCBOE meeting on Tuesday, February 25.

## Classroom Highlights

- The students from Mrs. Agnellino's Kindergarten class partnered with the students from Mrs. Currie's Second Grade class to create Valentines for the Veterans in the V.A. Hospital in Lyons, N.J. Shown here are the children with their buddies holding their Valentines.



- Gould School students are participating in a yearlong cultural exchange via videoconferencing with Armenia. Rose Jeffrey, Peace Corp Volunteer, has arranged with Mrs. Jeffrey, Technology Instructor, Gould School, to meet regularly this school year to share and exchange cultural experiences. 6th grade students have "met" with Armenian students to practice English and share information about climate, culture and fashion! Rose is in the states for 2 weeks and will visit with Gould students to continue the dialogue and answer questions about her experience in Armenia. Please check out this blog link to view slides on the program: <http://jjeffrey45.edublogs.org/?s=armenia&submit=Go>
- The 3rd Grade Science Works was a huge success! This student-centered exhibit allowed students to be able to question, explore, research and create science projects and teach others about what they had learned.



## Sunsational Sixth Graders

### **SUNSATIONAL SIXTH GRADER**

is an award given weekly to sixth grade students who meet the following criteria consistently in each of the academic subjects:

- Organized
- Focuses on the task at hand
- Takes advantage of academic opportunities
- Takes risks while participating in class
- Self-motivated and goes beyond the teacher's expectations

Though the award is academic in nature, the student does not have to have an **A** average to be a recipient. Rather, he or she must be responsible, independent, working to his or her potential, motivated, and curious. A SUNSATIONAL student is willing to make mistakes, willing to learn from others, and willing to accept constructive criticism. A SUNSATIONAL sixth grader knows it's not about **the grade** but rather about **the process!**

All five teachers participate in the nomination and selection process. Awards are given on Fridays, just before lunch, during an informal gathering of the entire class. A certificate is presented to the SUNSATIONAL student, and his or her name is posted on a special bulletin board in the Gould Building. The principal personally signs each certificate. Students may win the award multiple times. Additionally, the sixth-grade graduation speakers are chosen, by lottery, from among these winners.



Congratulations to this year's recipients (through February 7):

- Back Row, L-R: Ava Cappitelli, Connor Epstein, Joseph Barbarito, Andie Steinberg, Bri Anderson
- Middle Row: Sofia Pastena, Zoe Offir, Amanda Sierra, Danielle Schwartz, Chase Morrone, Natalie Caine, Joey Schachtel, Sydney Fishman, Emily Talkow
- Front Row: Andrew Marshlian, Becky Klein

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## District Calendar of Events

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NCBOE maintains a detailed calendar of events on the District web page that includes all school related programs and activities. Check out what is happening in our District by clicking [here](#).

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## Upcoming Board of Education Meeting

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**February 25, 2014**  
**Grandview School Cafeteria**

The next North Caldwell Board of Education meeting will be held Tuesday, February 25, 2014 at 7:30pm in the Grandview School cafeteria. The agenda for the meeting can be accessed by clicking [here](#). You can also find the complete list of currently scheduled Board meetings by

clicking [here](#).

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