

Pleasantville Public Schools

Dr. Marilyn Martínez, Superintendent



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Good Afternoon Pleasantville Staff, Parents, and Students,

We are so excited about tomorrow's Homecoming Football Game — go Greyhounds! 🐾 If you have the opportunity, please come out and join us. The game begins at 6:00 p.m., and halftime is typically around 7:30 p.m. Come cheer for our team and see our Homecoming Court during the halftime celebration!

A friendly reminder that the high school is leading a "Pink-Out" in observance of Breast Cancer Awareness Month — so don't forget to wear PINK in support of this important cause.

October is also National School Principal Month. Please join me in congratulating and thanking our principals for their outstanding leadership and dedication to raising the bar of excellence in our schools.

Finally, I want to share a few highlights to keep everyone informed about the many great things happening across our district this school year. We celebrate that:

Back to School Night

Over 1,000 parents attended our Back to School Night in our schools. We encourage parents to actively participate in school activities and their child's learning experiences.

Personnel

We began the school year with very few teacher vacancies. At the start of the year, there were:

- Three special education vacancies at the high school
- One special education vacancy at the middle school
- One special education vacancy at South Main
- Two librarian vacancies — one at the middle school and one at the high school

Currently, there are:

- Two special education vacancies at the high school
One math vacancy at the high school due to a recent resignation
- Two librarian vacancies
- Each Elementary School has a Librarian

All other positions have been successfully filled.

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I want to commend our Talent & Development Team for their diligent efforts in recruiting and retaining high-quality staff, as well as all those who collaborate with them in this important work. Our shared goal remains ensuring that every student is taught by a highly qualified teacher.

Curriculum and Instruction

Our district continues to make significant progress in strengthening teaching and learning at all grade levels. We have expanded dual language instruction, providing English and Spanish learning opportunities beginning in pre-kindergarten. At the high school, students now have access to eleven new elective courses, offering greater variety and engagement.

We have also expanded our STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) initiatives, ensuring students develop critical skills for college and career readiness. All of our curricula have been updated, and we have implemented new intervention strategies and programs to help close the achievement gap across all grade levels.

I want to thank our math and science teachers for their excellent classroom leadership. A special recognition goes to Mr. Clark for his phenomenal work in setting up the e-sports class at the high school, which now has a dedicated room for the program. He is working closely with our technology team to advance the classroom experience. Please enjoy video clips from [Mr. Clark](#) and [Mr. Latorre](#).

Our supervisors, teachers, and instructional leaders deserve recognition for their continued commitment to excellence and innovation in our classrooms.

Facilities and Operations

We continue to make great strides in improving our school facilities to provide safe, welcoming, and inspiring learning environments for our students and staff. Over the summer, several schools received fresh coats of paint, giving our buildings a brighter and more inviting appearance.

We are also proud to share that the new turf athletic field has been completed and certified for safety and performance. This beautiful addition enhances both our athletic programs and our community pride.

In collaboration with the Schools Development Authority, we are preparing for the demolition and rebuilding of Decatur Elementary School, which will bring a modern, state-of-the-art facility to our district.

Our Facilities and Maintenance Teams continue to work tirelessly to ensure that our schools remain clean, functional, and safe every day. Their hard work plays an essential role in creating a positive environment for teaching and learning.

Thank you all for your continued dedication and for the positive energy you bring to our schools every day. Together, we are making great progress and continuing to raise the bar for excellence across our district.

Warm regards,
Dr. Marilyn Martínez
Superintendent of Schools