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## Superintendent's Message

#### **Dear Bound Brook Community,**

Taking cues from this season of appreciation and gratefulness, I want to take the opportunity to personally thank the Bound Brook community:

- To our staff You are pivotal in shaping our students' futures and it is noticed. Thank you for your dedication to our students!
- To our students Thank you for showing up each day curious to learn and eager to engage in the programs we offer. You are the pulse of these schools and continue to make us proud.
- To our families I appreciate your steadfast commitment. Thank you for working alongside our schools to give your student(s) a meaningful learning experience.

YOU contribute to the Bound Brook Brilliance that makes our schools unique. Let's uplift those around us and appreciate the community we built together.

I wish everyone a restful and happy Thanksgiving!

Sincerely,
Alvin L. Freeman, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools



# A Place for Everyone - Smalley Elementary School

Smalley Elementary School's Gifted & Talented program is built on the belief that *every* student deserves to be challenged and stimulated.

The program, now in its second year, provides hands-on, project-based STEAM instruction in English and Spanish for all students, plus additional enrichments for students identified as gifted through a screening tool and nomination process. At the beginning of this school year, students at Lafayette also started receiving weekly enrichment and modifications for students identified as gifted. Bound Brook's program proves Gifted and Talented programming thrives when it is built on inclusivity!

Watch this <u>video about the unique program</u> to see the importance of supporting all students to reach their full potential.



# Lafayette Elementary School receives donation from new Burlington Store

Lafayette Elementary School recently received a \$5,000 <u>AdoptAClassroom.org</u> donation from <u>Burlington Stores</u>, through its partnership with the national non-profit organization. The donation was part of a celebration of its new store in Bridgewater.

Students attended the grand opening and represented Bound Brook School District by wearing spirit attire. As part of the store's ribbon-cutting event, Burlington associates presented the giant check to the teachers while colorful confetti rained over the group.



Teachers will use the funds on a number of new classroom items including art supplies, physical education equipment, and classroom games and activities. The marketplace includes over 20 vendors such as Staples, Lakeshore Learning, and Scholastic.

"On behalf of the Bound Brook School District, I would like to welcome our new local Burlington store to Bridgewater and thank them for their generous donation to our school through their partnership with <a href="AdoptAClassroom.org">AdoptAClassroom.org</a>," said Superintendent of Schools, Alvin Freeman, Ed.D. "Our teachers are so excited to purchase the tools they use to enhance teaching and learning in their classrooms this year. We are thankful for the support we received."

#### Read more about the special donation

### **#BoundToAstound Stories**



LaMonte hosts family
Thanksgiving craft

Students at LaMonte reflected on what they are grateful for while creating special Thanksgiving crafts.



Furry friend visits Lafayette students

Students at Lafayette practiced reading with their new, furry friend.



Frightfully belated Halloween at Smalley

After an unexpected school evacuation, Smalley students got a chance to re-do their Halloween parade.



# Creative project to wrap up Math unit

CMS students demonstrated their understanding of unit rates by creating real-life scenarios in their math course.



#### Mock election at Bound Brook High School

Students acted out their civic duty during a mock election hosted by the Rho Kappa Social Studies Honors Society.

## Submit a story to Updates Abound

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