

# BPSD newsletter

BRIGANTINE PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

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## Welcome Back 2015!

Our 2015-2016 school year is off to a great start. Thank you to all of the staff, students, parents, and others who helped create a smooth and exciting start to another school year in the Brigantine Public Schools. Students began school on September 8<sup>th</sup>, and parents had the opportunity to meet their children's teachers on our annual Back to School Nights in the Elementary School on September 16<sup>th</sup> and the Middle School on September 17<sup>th</sup>. It was a special day to have the students enter the buildings for another year, and a pleasure to meet the parents who attended our Back to School Nights. Our District staff is looking forward to the year ahead.

Throughout last year and during the summer months, our school administration and staff began preparations for the implementation of some new initiatives both District-wide and in each individual school. These changes were highlighted in correspondence sent to District families as well as discussed at our Back to School Nights. The initiatives are a result of needs assessments within the elementary and middle schools, curricular initiatives for state requirements and standards updates, technological applications to remain at the forefront of tech integration, data-driven decision making to improve instructional practices, and the impact of an ever-developing program of study within New Jersey schools. Some of the initiatives are listed and more detail will follow in subsequent newsletters. These programs and design activities will be implemented to continually improve the educational opportunities that we offer to the children of this community.

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL READING UNIT PLANNING  
WRITERS' WORKSHOP INITIATIVE GRADES K-4  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL LEVELED READING PILOT  
MIDDLE SCHOOL MATH CURRICULUM UPDATE  
SPECIAL EDUCATION INCLUSION/CO-TEACHING  
TECHNOLOGY LITERACY CURRICULUM UPDATE  
GOOGLE INITIATIVE  
ROD GRANT FACILITIES' UPGRADES

As always, we look forward to serving your children and the families of this community.

## Important Dates and Notes

September 25<sup>th</sup>

Fall Sports' Seasons Begin

September 28<sup>th</sup>

Early Dismissal

Staff Professional Development Day

October 9<sup>th</sup>

No School for Students

Staff Professional Development Day

October 5<sup>th</sup> — October 9<sup>th</sup>

NJ Schools Week of Respect

October 12<sup>th</sup>

School Closed

Columbus Day

October 19<sup>th</sup> — October 23<sup>rd</sup>

School Violence Awareness Week



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# September 2015