



## SEAHAWKS II AND RIPTIDES IITEAMS SPRING NEWSLETTER

Welcome Spring! During the third marking period, the Seahawks II and Riptides II teams have been involved in various projects and team events. These afford opportunity for new friendships to develop and established ones to be strengthened among our students. We went to the Camden Aquarium and the 8<sup>th</sup> graders also enjoyed a trip to the Vocational School of Ocean County to see the wonderful options available to our students as they think about and explore their future educational goals for high school. Several students are involved working at the school store, attending Art club, running Track, and going to Intramurals. We anticipate all our students doing their very best on the ASK 7/8. Before we turned around, it was 4<sup>th</sup> marking period and the school year is flying by.

In Mrs. Tate's Math class, during marking period 3, units on Ratios, Proportions, Percents and Geometry were covered. In addition, both grade levels have been preparing and reviewing for their grade level ASK tests. Starting Marking Period 4, practice tests covering the different year-long Math clusters will be completed in Class and for Homework. These are used as study guides as well. For 7<sup>th</sup> graders, marking period 4 will bring lessons on multiplying and dividing rational numbers, and adding and subtracting unlike fractions. Eighth graders will cover Relations, Functions, and Scatter plots; in addition Slope will be introduced as well.

Mrs. Dalon's 8<sup>th</sup> grade science classes finished the energy unit this marking period and continued onto the space unit. The students learned about the phases of the moon, eclipses, and tides. The students also learned about stars and the planets. Each student worked hard on their individual planet report and did a fine job in writing them. At the end of the marking period we started to review for the science portion of the NJASK. We started to prepare our vegetable garden and have many different vegetables growing in our classroom greenhouses! We have also prepped the soil and garden area to start planting when the weather gets warmer! We will be starting a new unit when we finish the NJASK in April—meteorology!

Mrs. Dalon's 7<sup>th</sup> grade science classes finished the chemistry unit this marking period by studying the periodic table and balancing equations. We then moved onto the cells unit. We learned about the cell parts and their functions and the students made very creative 3-D cell projects. We started to prepare our vegetable garden and have many different vegetables growing in our classroom greenhouses! We have also prepped the soil and garden area to start planting when the weather gets warmer! The students will create a cell city based on the cell parts and relating them to different buildings throughout their own town at the beginning of the 4<sup>th</sup> marking period. We will continue studying the kingdoms throughout the rest of the school year by looking at the 6 kingdoms and heredity.

