

WEST AMWELL TOWNSHIP

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSBITE



IMPORTANT DATES

01.05.24	PTO Kids Night Out
01.09.24	Grades 4, 5 & 6 Band/Chorus Rehearsal
01.10.24	PTO Meeting
01.11.24	Winter Concert 6:00 p.m.
01.12.24	All School Assembly
01.15.24	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day School Closed

IMPORTANT LINKS



Counselor Doran's
January Newsletter

SHRSD INSTRUCTIONAL COACHES

SHRSD Instructional coaches Melissa Campbell (*pictured left*) and Danielle Stewart (*pictured right*) collaborate with teachers daily, whether that is using data to dive into planning, co-teaching lessons or serving as thought partners when navigating new curriculum and/or strategies. However, embedded into each day is a focus around district initiatives, such as personalized student learning through high-impact tutoring.



High-Impact Tutoring

The coaches are involved in helping implement the High-Impact Tutoring Program that will run from January to May.

The tutoring grant was awarded to only five districts in Hunterdon County and the focus is on building stamina for our 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th grade students in preparation for the state testing in the Spring 2024. We were awarded \$48,000 which will be used primarily to support small group instruction after school for two afternoons each week from January to May.

The coaches have been instrumental in reviewing student data to determine the students invited to participate. There will be a focus on SEL and growth mindset in order to successfully achieve Level 4 (Meet Expectations) on the NJSLA.

We will be using a combination of personalized learning with an adaptive online program along with teacher-led small groups. Prizes, celebrations, and incentives will be offered throughout the program at the end of each month.



The fifth grade had a tasting of foods from different cultures. Then they wrote a persuasive report about which food was the best and why.



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Meet

MS. KAITLYN FLYNN

K-6 Music, 4-6 Chorus and Band



8TH YEAR TEACHING

2ND YEAR TEACHING
AT SOUTH HUNTERDON



WHAT DO YOU ENJOY MOST ABOUT TEACHING?

My favorite aspect of teaching various grade levels is seeing student growth and building relationships over time. It absolutely fills my cup to see students master something for the first time in music and build upon it for years to come.

WHAT DO YOU THINK IS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING A TEACHER CAN DO FOR THEIR STUDENTS?

Teachers should be the voice of reason for their students, alongside being their biggest cheerleader. Students have to navigate so much, from personal experiences to academic pressure, and it's our job to help them find their way. Sometimes this looks like being their biggest cheerleader, and other times this looks like helping them weigh their options when making a difficult choice. We see them for so much time every day and every week, it's important to be good role model, supportive figure, and cheerleader for them.

WHAT IS THE MOST IMPORTANT THING YOU HOPE STUDENTS LEARN FROM YOU?

My goal is for students to be lifelong learners and consumers of music. Everyone is capable of connecting to music, and that may look different for each individual. Some may be natural born performers, while others may need to work really hard to hone in their craft. Music can be enjoyed by all, created by all, and can bring us all together.

