



Round Ball Rounds the Season

The boys' basketball team completed its regular season with a record of 19 and 4, and are league co-champions with Garfield. The first game of the State tournament was held last Monday night at home where we hosted Westwood. It was a decisive victory for the Falcons beating Westwood 65 to 50. The team played to a packed house, and we had four police officers on duty, three inside the gymnasium and a patrol car outside. The police officers were exceptional keeping a vigilant watch over the spectators. On Wednesday night, Manchester hosted a quarter finals game with Lodi. We beat them and are hosting the North 1 Group 2 semi-final game tonight against Pascack Hills at 7:00 p.m.



[PARCC Success](#)

The first week of PARCC testing ended last Friday. Subjects tested last week included English 1 and 3, Algebra 1 and Geometry. Our technology infrastructure performed well, no breakdowns, and there were only several minor software problems that were easily corrected. At this point we have four students who have opted out of the test,



and they were advised that they still must attend, and if not testing, bring a book or other work. They were further advised that if they do not attend they will be considered absent/cut, or leaving premises without permission and will be disciplined accordingly.

[RAC RATES MRHS](#)

The Regional Achievement Center visited the school to review our graduation rate, collect attendance data, and review dates for the spring survey. At this point, everything is in order, and the Regional Achievement Director is confident that we will exit the program prior to the need to develop a follow-up School Improvement Plan. The spring survey is scheduled to be available in April and May. We have two goals to be measured in the spring. The first one is to reduce tardy to class. The second one is to increase the percentage of staff who feel that they are included in the decision-making process. Last fall 51% felt as if they were part of the process. This fall, 64% felt as if they were part of the process. That is encouraging to us, because some teachers aren't interested in being part of that process. However, we are making an effort to include more teachers in the process and are hoping to approach 80%.



[Nine to Five](#)

The school musical "Nine to Five" is scheduled to be performed in our auditorium Friday, March 13 and Saturday, March 14 at 7:30 p.m. Pre-dress rehearsal is Monday March 9, and Dress Rehearsal is Thursday, March 12. Theatre Arts teacher Mr. Basford and Music Teacher, Ms. Persenaire have been working very hard with cast and crew members and promise an outstanding production.



[Get Fit!](#)

Zumba classes started Monday, March 2 in the cafeteria for staff and students from 3 to 4 and will continue every Monday through June 15. Fitness classes will begin Wednesday, March 11 2:30 until 4 in the cafeteria and continue through April 29.



No Room for R

The Make a Difference Club and Falcons Lounge ran a school-wide awareness campaign: Spread the Word to End the Word. You may have noticed the flyers around the building. The 'R word' refers to the word retarded. We are trying to impress upon the students to stop using this word. The students took pledges to stop using this word on 3/4/2015 during lunches. The response was great! Many teachers and students took the pledge and signed their names to the pledge sheet!



Jeans for Teens

Thank you to all of you for your hard work, collecting jeans for homeless youth these past few months. **Together, as a competitive group of 47, we collected 16,944 jeans!!!** It fills us with so much pride here at DoSomething.org to know that we have members like you guys who have now clothed 16,944 homeless kids! We are still waiting to hear the TOTAL number from



the other 10,000 schools who participated in teens for jeans but stay tuned...

[World Read Aloud](#)

This Wednesday, March 4th, the library celebrated **World Read Aloud Day** by giving interested students a free used book. LitWorld, the organization that sponsors World Read Aloud Day, works to cultivate a new generation of leaders, storytellers and academic achievers, effecting change for themselves, their communities, and the world. Our campaigns mobilize children and adults from around the world to advocate for literacy as a human right that belongs to all people.

