

## January Backpack Notes

January 4, 2016

### **Professors in Residence at Berkeley Elementary School!**

Partnering with William Paterson University, Berkeley is a Professional Development School. Each week, we have two Professors in Residence that assist our teachers in lesson planning and development, hands on instruction, and assessment creation.

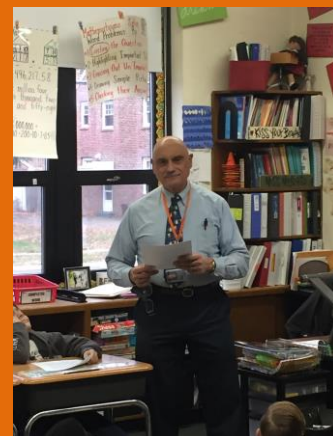
Mrs. McGrath spent most of her teaching career as a kindergarten teacher while Mr. Ciardi was a language arts teacher and has helped the State of NJ create both NJ ASK and PARCC questions.



### **Huga Tuga Reading Assembly!**

If you happen to visit Fairfield, Connecticut, you may hear the tale of Huga Tuga, the magical blue sea monster that was born in the imagination of Joe Shandrowski, and soon brought to life in a series of children's books.

All children enjoyed Huga Tuga and how books are born. We thank our PSO for funding this "Reading Rocks" assembly!



## Some Reminders:

- 1/8/16 Grade 3 Spirit Assembly, 9:15 a.m.
- 1/18/16 Schools closed for students/  
Staff Professional Development
- 1/19/16 Adult Painting Night by PSO
- 1/21/16 Grade 4 and 5 Chorus and Band Concert,  
9:15 a.m.
- 1/25-1/29/16 Berkeley 'SOUPer' Bowl
- 1/27/16 PSO meeting, 7 p.m.

### \*Revised School Calendar!

On December 17, 2015, the Board of Education adopted a revised school calendar for the 2015-16 school year to accommodate 181 days of instruction for students. To achieve this change with minimal disruption to the existing calendar, the revised calendar reduces the allotment of snow/emergency days from four to three. Should extra days be needed, they will be added to the calendar in this order: February 16, April 11, and April 12. If these three days are not needed, schools may close in this order with action by the Board of Education: May 31, 27, and 26.

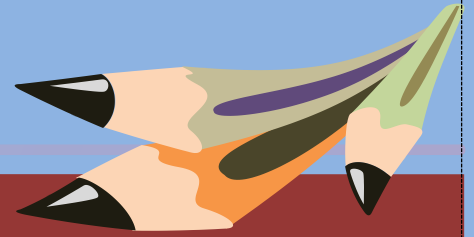
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## Welcome 2016!

To All Berkeley Families:

We wish you warm and heartfelt  
wishes for a  
Healthy and Happy New Year!

