



### **Purple for Pappas 5k**

By: Justin Soto and Emma Phelps

A 5k-marathon in honor of Mrs. Aubrey Pappas was held on October 4th, 2015. Mrs. Pappas was a beloved teacher here at Linwood; she was memorable to many of North Brunswick's past students. One of the things on Mrs. Pappas' bucket list was to run a 5k, which she did not have a chance to cross off. Thus, the Purple for Pappas 5k was founded. This 5k was about spreading the positivity and joyous spirit Mrs. Pappas had shared with our community. The event started and ended at the school where Mrs. Pappas taught. Linwood Middle School was the perfect host to remember Mrs. Pappas. There were 504 runners who participated- many of them students and teachers from the district. 200+ people also came just to join in on the fun. As you can see, this was a great event to support the Aubrey Foundation and the community.



## Current Events

By: Kaltra Alliu



The White House is making an anti-bullying campaign to empower Asian Americans. This campaign raises awareness for Asian Americans, Pacific Islanders, Sikh, Muslim, LGBT, and immigrant youth. The campaign is also to persuade teachers, students, parents, etc. to stop bullying. This #ActToChange campaign is teamed up with Sikh Coalition and the Coalition of Asian Pacifics in Entertainment (CAPE). These two teams have been studying on the subject of bullying immigrants. With all their research, they are helping to stop bullying in Georgia. They have now protected over 100,000 kids that cannot be bullied anymore, and are helping many more.

Another current event that is happening right now is the presidential debate for 2016. Since Obama is ending his 2nd term, candidates are eager to become president. One of those candidates is Donald Trump. He has a very interesting idea to make a wall on the border of Mexico that blocks immigrants coming to the United States. Many Latinos are mad about this and protest against it. But, other Latinos stand with Trump to make this wall. Another candidate is Hillary Clinton, who is also running for president. She is against the idea of making the wall, and has other ideas. Her idea is to make everyone in the United States a citizen. She wants everyone to feel free, as if they belong here, and not like they are isolated. They have had a few debates already, and it is getting really tense! These are some current events that are going on all over the world!

## Ms. Maguire

By: Alejandro Freire and Jason Brower

Ms. Maguire, a 6th grade math teacher, let us in on a bit of her personal life: she has been teaching over 20 years! Ms. Maguire's passion for teaching math doesn't end there, she says that her favorite part of teaching math is making kids like math because it is easy and fun. Wait there's more! Ms. Maguire doesn't teach math randomly; she engages her students by playing games like the *Stock Market Game* and doing a lot of projects. Additionally, Ms. Maguire graduated in May, along with Ms. Gilbert, with her Masters in Math Education from Rutgers! Furthermore, Ms. Maguire's hobby is to volunteer at a local historic site, Rockingham (pictures thanks to Ms. Maguire), which was





General George Washington's last wartime headquarters in 1783. In case you're wondering, Rockingham is located at 84 Laurel Ave, Kingston, New Jersey. Finally, Ms. Maguire loves to travel and spent over two weeks this summer in Morocco. She's also been able to travel to Australia, New Zealand, Fiji, China, Kenya, Turkey, and many countries in Europe. In the spring, Ms. Maguire is visiting Iceland. This is a quick glimpse on the spectacular math teacher, Ms. Maguire.

### **Interviewing Ms. Ismail**

By: Param Sengar



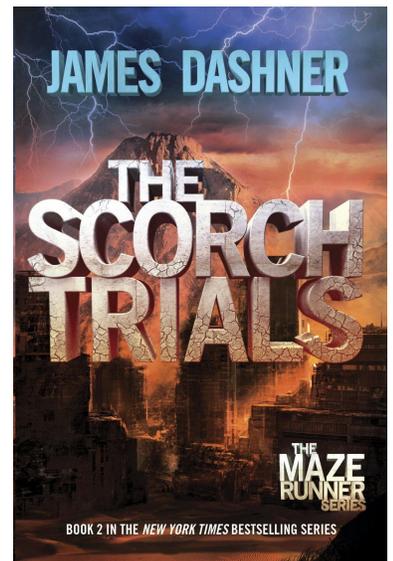
Ms. Ismail, an 8th grade language arts teacher, has recently graduated from Rutgers University's Graduate School of Education. She became a teacher because she wanted to inspire young minds, to be appreciated, and to be looked upon as a good teacher. By making sure that her teaching is relevant, and by differentiating instructions to cater to different learners' capabilities, Ms. Ismail engages her students. She said that she expects her students to "put their best foot forward and try their hardest to be a good component to the classroom." She encourages them to always work hard and actively contribute to the classroom experience. Ms. Ismail says that she loves to read in her free time. Some of the books that she is reading currently are Sarah Dessen's Saint Anything and Paulo Coelho's The Alchemist. In addition to reading, she loves writing, running, and spending time with her

loved ones. Her excitement and confidence, while talking about her hobbies, reflects her passion and love for these things. It was a pleasure interviewing Ms. Ismail and finding out what it is like to be a teacher.

### **The Scorch Trials By: James Dashner**

By: Adyan Khondker

If you're looking to read a new and thrilling dystopian novel, then The Scorch Trials may be the book for you. The sequel to the best seller, The Maze Runner, Scorch Trials is an action-packed adventure book, and one of my personal favorites selling more than 6.5 million copies worldwide. Scorch Trials picks up right where we left off with our hero Thomas. Thomas and the Gladers were sure that escaping the maze would mean freedom for them and a cure for the flare for the rest of the world. What was the Flare? It was the disease that started all the experiments on the gladers and the reason why they had to escape the maze in the first place. But they were wrong. In fact, WICKED have just started Phase Two. The Scorch- The most Flare impacted part of the world. And WICKED are sure to put everything against them. They want to make sure that they can't get through. There are others as well. And if they survive, the Gladers must be destroyed. But, they're determined to live. They all have the Flare implanted in them already, but if they



make it through the Scorch, they'll receive a cure for the Flare from WICKED...or is it just another one of WICKED's lies? You'll have to pick up a copy to find out.

### **McTeacher's Night**

By: Adyan Khondker



On Tuesday, October 27th from 4-7 pm, the McDonald's on Georges Road was packed. With who, you ask? A bunch of Linwood students, that's who! Not only that, but the teachers served students and their families their meals... lucky students! This was a PTSO fundraiser which raised more than \$200! More than a dozen Linwood teachers volunteered to come out and serve meals for the students who came. Make sure you come out and support Linwood at our next fundraiser!

### **Principal's Corner**

By: Keshav Mukundhan and Sarah Wilk

There have been many principals leading our school who have all helped us achieve great things. We would like to welcome our new principal, Dr. Roy Wilson. He has many dreams and is full of passion for Linwood Middle School. To accelerate school growth, and ensure every child is learning in the class, there are three critical things he wants to focus on. First, he wants to create more opportunities for students to voice their concerns. He also wants to increase the role of parents and make them more involved, while also ensuring that the classrooms are solely for learning and lead to growth. Despite being an accomplished educator, Dr. Wilson says his biggest accomplishment is being the father of two intelligent daughters, Nahlah and Sade. He is hopeful that they will decide to become educators, as well.

There are many aspects about being a principal that Dr. Wilson enjoys. He enjoys, "Seeing the smiles on students' faces everyday when I greet them, working with students from various cultural backgrounds and family dynamics, and creating opportunities for all children." Our principal has discovered many interesting things about Linwood. For instance, he likes that the children are polite and are eager to learn. He is learning that this school has teachers who care about their students and want their families to be active. Dr. Wilson "believe(s) Linwood has a path to greatness due to committed students, faculty, and school community." He is very excited to work with Linwood's staff and students in the future and continue to improve it.



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