

The Phoenix News

SPEEDWAY ACADEMIES

THURSDAY, JANUARY 18, 2018



WELCOME TO THE TEAM



My name is Paul Oliveira and I am excited to join the Speedway Academies' Phoenix Community as the Vice Principal for Mathematics, Science, and Grades 3-5.

I graduated from Clemson University in 2001 (Go Tigers!). Prior to joining Speedway, I served as the Vice Principal of Lafayette Elementary School for six years and an educator/teacher in Newark Public Schools since 2001. I am looking forward to meeting with you and your students.

Yours in Education,
Paul Oliveira
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My name is Willie Worley and I am excited to join the Speedway Academies' Phoenix Community as the Vice Principal for School Culture, English Language Arts, Social Studies, and Grades 6-8. I am a proud Montclair State University double alumnus. Prior to beginning my work as an administrator, I was a proud teacher in Newark Public Schools for many years. I was Vice Principal for Weequahic High School from 2010 to 2015 and a Principal for the Plainfield Board of Education from 2015 – 2017. See you around the school!

Yours in Service,
Willie Worley
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UPCOMING EVENTS

1/24	2nd Quarterly Spelling Bee (K-5)
1/25	Parent Academy
1/26	2nd Quarterly Spelling Bee (6-8)
1/31	No School Staff Development Day
2/2	Roll to Skating Perfect Attendance Field Trip (Tentative)
2/5	Success Academy Bowling Trip (Tentative)

THE MVOL POLAR EXPRESS STOPS SPEEDWAY



On December 12, 2017, our Kindergarten to Second Grade students “snuggled up with a good book on the Polar Express”, courtesy of My Very Own Library (MVOL). Each of our students took a ride on our all-electric train to the “MVOL North Pole”, got three free books, made winter souvenirs, had hot chocolate, and completed other “Polar Express” themed activities. We hope that all of our students and parents who participated had a wonderful time! We cannot wait to see you at the next My Very Own Library event.

THE FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS: A WINTER ARTS RECITAL

As we do every year, we celebrated our Winter Recess with our annual Arts Recital. This year's theme was “Festival of Lights” and included presentations prepared by Ms. Kamille King (Dance), Ms. Juana Rodriguez (Spanish), and Mr. Margin Bajrami (Music). Over the 45 minute presentation, 75 students from grade 3 - 8 showcased their dancing, vocal musical, instrumental musical, and oration talents.



SRI PANCAKE BREAKFAST

To celebrate our students amazing progress on the Reading Inventory (SRI) test, our Administration and School Operations Teams made pancakes for all students who made significant growth or remained in the “Advanced” category. Over 100 students were celebrated in 3rd to 8th grade. We are so proud of our students and we hope to see more of our students at our Interim and SRI Q3 Celebrations!



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

School begins at **8:05** AM. Students who arrive after **8:15** will be marked tardy. Students who are excessively tardy or absent are more likely to struggle in school than students who are in school daily. We need our students present in order for them to learn.

1ST QUARTERLY MATHEMATICS BEE

In December 2017, we held our first mathematics spelling bee, where a team of representatives from each homeroom (grades 3 to 8) battled one another in a Lighting Round Mathematics Bee, powered by Kahoot! Ms. Christine Loesch (Grade 4) and Mr. Joseph Scott Quales (Grade 6/7) created the list of problems, based on ones in their Math in Focus curriculum. We are so proud of all of our students and participants! We hope to see you at our next bee in March!



Q1 HONOR ROLL ASSEMBLY

Some pictures of some of our Q1 Honor Roll recipients! Congratulations!



COMING SOON TO SPEEDWAY ACADEMIES

This Winter 2018, we are excited to invite students to:
Spelling Bee Round 2

- *What:* Once again, our students will compete to confirm who is the Best Speller in their Grade!
 - Make sure you practice with your child and their Wordly Wise words!
- *When:* January 24 (Grades 2-5) and January 26 (Grades 6-8)



Success Academy Bowling Trip

- *What:* All of our students who attended every day of Success Academy will go on a bowling trip with our teachers! Make sure that you look for your child's permission slip in their book bags.
- *When:* First Week of February

Attendance Trip to Branch Brook Skating Rink

- *What:* All of our students with perfect attendance and students in the top homerooms will attend a skating trip to Branch Brook Park's skating rink. Make sure that you look for your child's permission slip in their book bags.
- *When:* First Week of February



Vision Statement

To cultivate a school community that honors the talent and differences of each student, culminating in lifelong learners and productive citizens, competitive in global economy.



Mission Statement

Speedway Academies will collaborate with our parents, community members, staff, and students to create a safe, supportive, and diverse environment, promoting high expectations and standards through professional development, workshops and rigorous tasks, ensuring that all students meet their potential.