



Outstanding Partner – Superintendent

Little Falls Education Foundation

Superintendent: Tracey Marinelli

The recipient of this award was Tracey Marinelli, Superintendent of Little Falls Township Public School District. Mrs. Marinelli began her career in Little Falls in July of 2015, shortly after the foundation was founded. Little Falls is a K-8 district with 3 schools and approximately 900 students. She reached out the education foundation shortly after taking on the role of Superintendent, and quickly became a dynamic and invaluable partner. Mrs. Marinelli not only helps to get the word out about the biggest foundation fundraiser but she donates her time. Most importantly she encourages her teachers and administration to participate setting a great example for the staff on the importance of supporting the foundation. She has added a foundation report to the monthly Board of Education meeting agendas. This addition to the agenda ensures that the Board of Education is fully informed of the important work being done by the foundation, and illustrates to the board and the community the value she places on the foundation.

The most significant factor for the advancement and success of the foundation stems from Superintendent Marinelli's collaboration and partnership with the foundation. In this capacity she has insured that the work of the foundation directly benefits the students and teachers in her school district, and that all members of the educational community are on the same page, working towards common goals.

Coming to Little Falls, she brought with her not only a wealth of knowledge having been a teacher, a principal, and an Assistant Superintendent, but she brought an infectious enthusiasm.

Mrs. Marinelli makes it a priority to send out any communication from the foundation to parents in direct email to get the word out effectively about fundraisers and events. Not only does she spread the word she donates her time by auctioning off “lunches with the Superintendent.”

Every December the foundation partners with Mrs. Marinelli to hold a Barnes and Noble book fair fundraiser. She coordinates the entire event which included story time with her, her principals and teachers. Other contributions she has made to the foundation include arranging a live penguin brought in for a K assembly, coordinating bringing the entire 4th grade to a Broadway show where she works to tie the theme of the show to the curriculum.



Last, but not least, she oversaw a STEAM lab re-development project that was the result of a very large restricted donation being made to the foundation. Mrs. Marinelli created a state of the art STEAM lab while working closely with the donor and the designer.

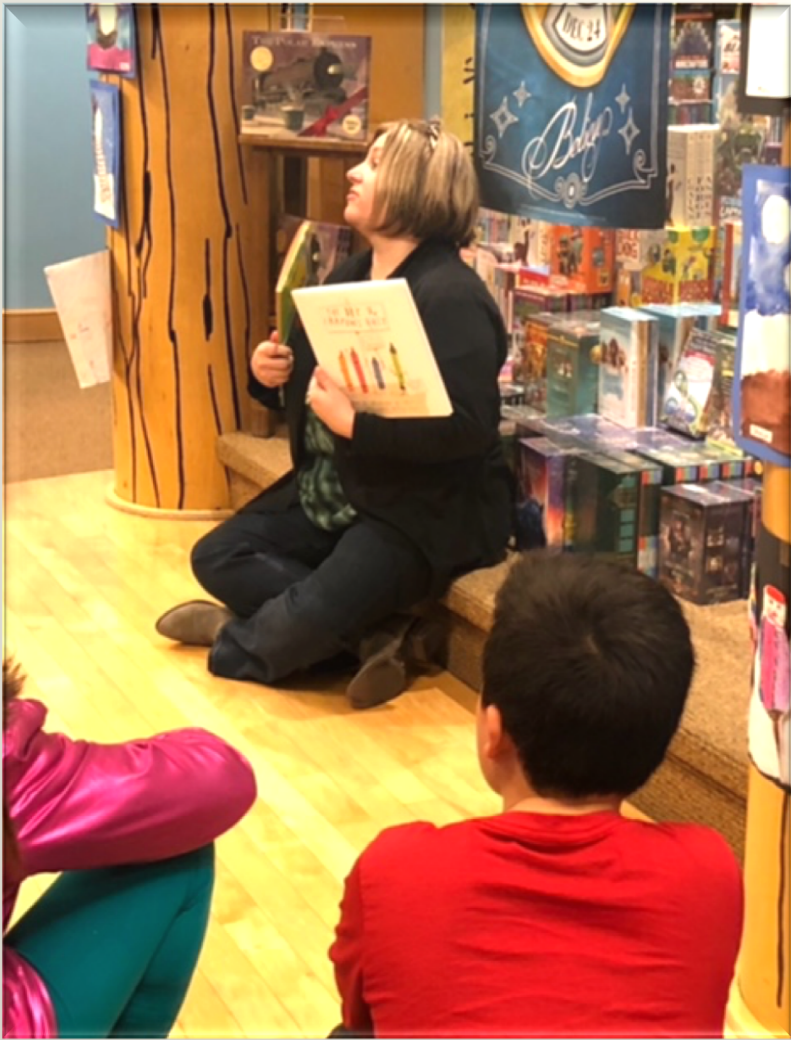
Mrs. Marinelli’s relationship with the Little Falls Education Foundation is an outstanding example of “best practice”.



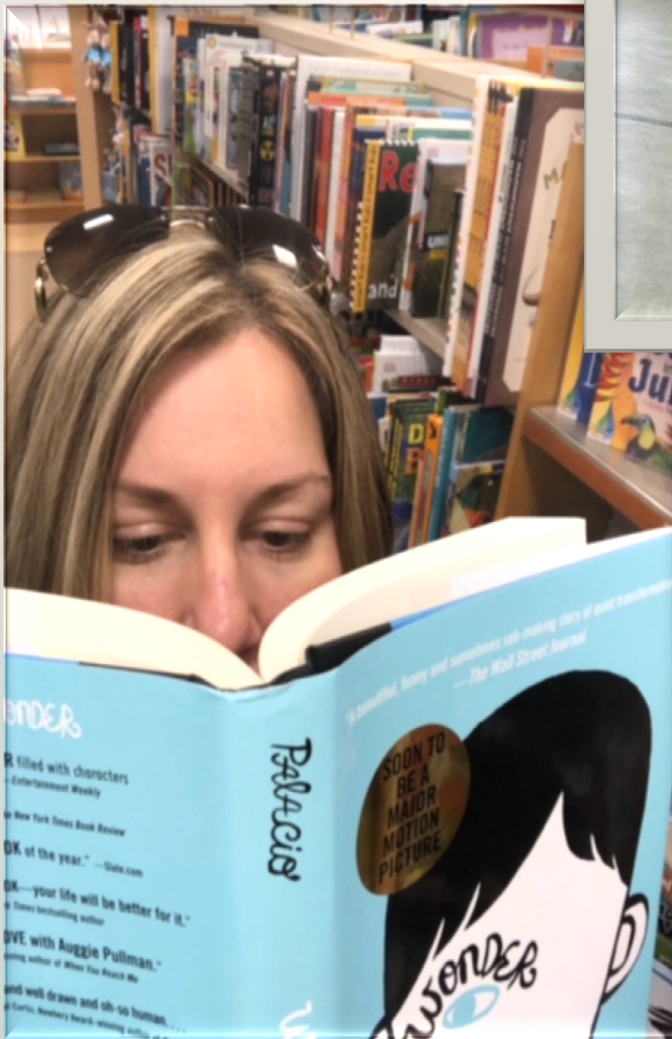
STEAM Lab



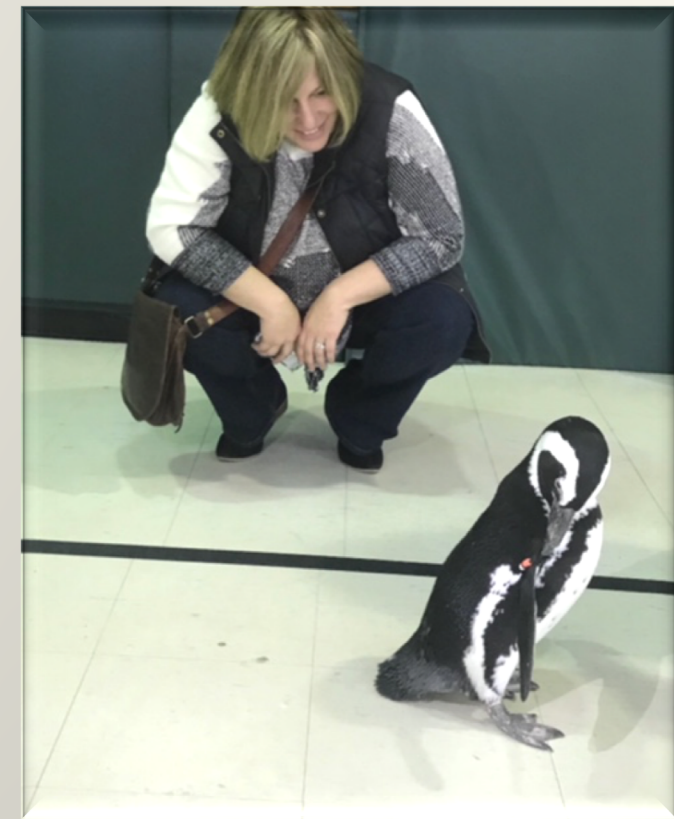
4th Grade trip to see Wicked on Broadway



Barnes and Noble Fundraiser



Penguin Assembly



New Jersey Education Foundation Partnership



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