



# Do You Know?

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## News and Information From the Yonkers Public Schools For Parents/Families/Community/Partners

Welcome to the first edition of **Do You Know**, our new family and community newsletter. Each month we will brief you on topics important to you, updates on instruction, decisions that impact the schools and tips to help a child's success from home. If you have something you would like to see here or general suggestions, please contact us at: <http://www.yonkerspublicschools.org/site/efault.aspx?>



### Meet The Newest Member of the Board of Education

Mayor Mike Spano appointed **Kevin Cacace** to serve as a Trustee of the Yonkers Board of Education, filling the unexpired term of Mr. Curtis Kendrick, who relocated from Yonkers. He will take the official oath of office Tuesday, December 13, 2016, when several of the Board's committees meet.

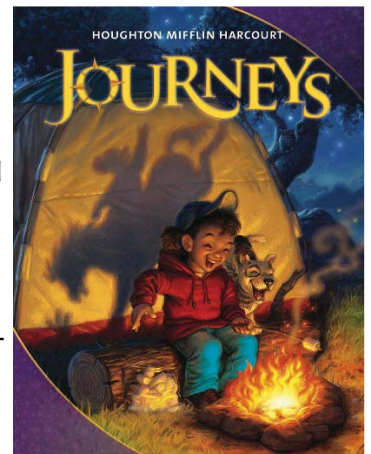
A long-time business leader, Mr. Cacace currently serves as the Yonkers Chamber of Commerce President. He serves as a board member to the Yonkers Public Schools Occupational Education Council, and is the Vice President of the Queen's Daughters Day Care Center in addition to other community boards. As President of the Chamber of Commerce, Cacace is responsible for policy making and strategic planning as well as the administration of the Chamber's city, state and federal grants.

Mr. Cacace attended State University of New York, Delhi. He is married and the father of three children.

At the City Hall announcement were (left-right): Superintendent of Schools Dr. Edwin Quezada, Board of Education President Rev. Steve Lopez, Mr. Cacace, and Yonkers Mayor Mike Spano.

### Journeys Access is Available to you At Home

Do you know that your elementary school student uses a reading program titled **Journeys**. Most students in grades K-6 use this Guided Reading Program. It has many components your child uses in class, such as a text book, a workbook, and supplemental stories to complement what is being read in class. All of this is available to you at home. This program supports learning listening skills, spelling/phonics, vocabulary, and comprehension. It also has ways to involve families in student reading and learning with quick, fun ideas to do at home. If you do not already have the login information for your child just ask the teacher and then visit them online at: <https://www-k6.thinkcentral.com/ePC/start.do>



### Attendance Matters

Do you know that just two absences each month may not sound like a lot, but by the end of the school year, a student will have missed an entire month's worth of instruction. See more about the attendance policy at: **????? Flyer and Policy Document location**