

MIDDLE TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
CAPE MAY COURT HOUSE, N.J.

“SUNSHINE MOMENTS”

SCHOOL: Elementary # 1

PRINCIPAL: Mr. Christian Paskalides

DATE: February 15, 2018

1. Our preschool students hosted the Valentine’s Day Tea on Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>. The students performed their favorite Valentine’s Day songs for their families and friends and the program concluded with a tea party where the children enjoyed valentine treats. A special thank you to the preschool teachers and their instructional assistants for coordinating the program. Before the Tea Party, parents had an opportunity to tour the new preschool facility, visit their child’s classroom, and learn about the project and new procedures.
2. Our annual Family Reading Night, held on Tuesday, February 6<sup>th</sup> was a huge success. Guests had an opportunity to listen to a story, make a bookmark, visit the Book Fair, take selfies at the selfie station, and watch a puppet show by the Cape May County Library. A special thanks to Nancy Simmerman and the Reading Night Committee for organizing the event. We would also like to thank our guest readers Dennis Roberts, George DeLollis, Mayor Clark, Deputy Mayor DeVico, Maria Mallett, Chris Paskalides, Don Robertson, Toni Lehman, Katie Schoyer, Sam Douglass, Allison Logan, Jackie Mendel, Kim Banks, Mike McGowen, Amy Casterline, 3<sup>rd</sup> grader Benjamin Banks, and our sponsors, CMCH Acme, Anderson Family, Bellevue Tavern, Kindle Auto Plaza, CMCH McDonald’s, Middle Township PTO, MTEA, and Sturdy Savings Bank. Family Reading Night is one of many community outreach programs in line with our strategic plan.
3. Under the direction of Andrea Davis, Crystal Holmes, and David Farrow, the Middle Township Step Team and United Young Generation presented their annual Black History Month Program to the students of Elementary #1 on Wednesday, January 31<sup>st</sup> at the Performing Arts Center. Past performances have always been outstanding, but this year’s program entitled, “The Museum,” was a true masterpiece. A special thank you to everyone who helped make “The Museum” a memorable show. Throughout the month, the students have been learning about famous African Americans through their social studies lessons, literacy center activities, and by reading short stories and biographies.

## Middle Township Elementary School #2

*"Helping Every Child Achieve Success"*

### Sunshine Moments- February, 2018

- Recently, the students of Elementary #2 participated in the ***Valentine's for Troops Project***. Over 350 Valentine's Day cards were made for our troops serving overseas. Additionally, cards were made for our local military veterans living within the area nursing homes. Many thanks to everyone who helped make this special project so meaningful.
- Elementary #2 has been recognizing ***Black History Month*** in various ways. Recently, our students travelled to the Performing Arts Center and were treated to an extraordinary program presented by the Middle Township Step Team. The program, entitled A Living Museum, took the students on a historical trip through a living museum in which they heard factual accounts about significant individuals and events. The show included wonderful dance numbers along with oration. Many thanks to Christal Holmes, Andrea Davis, and David Farrow for providing this wonderful experience for both the performers and student body.



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**SCHOOL:** Middle School **PRINCIPAL:** Mr. Jeff Ortman

**DATE:** Thursday, February 15, 2018

On Thursday, January 18, 2018, Middle Township Middle School welcomed NJ State Teacher of the Year and Final Four Finalist for National Teacher of the Year Ms. Amy Andersen. Ms. Andersen brought students from her American Sign Language class and delivered a well received anti-bullying message referencing her family ties to the Holocaust. Her message was to learn to recognize, accept and celebrate the differences in others and stand up for your friends and others in your school.

On Thursday, January 25, Middle Township Middle School held our annual diversity assembly. This event, organized by Mr. Farrow, provided an opportunity to celebrate our district slogan “Diversity is our Strength”. The assembly gave students the chance to create messages and present skits, songs, poems and performances. This event was featured on 6abc Action News on the evening of January 25 and was a great opportunity to showcase everything that is great about Middle Township Public Schools.

Thank you to Monica DeRose and LeeAnn Kane for organizing this year’s Girl’s Overnight Lock-in held on Friday night February 2. The 4th annual lock-in gave an opportunity for Middle School girls to spend the night at school with their peers to promote self-esteem and health and wellness in a fun environment. 187 out of 273 girls from the Middle School attended this well-run event.

Congratulations to Taylor McNeal who was the winner of the 2018 MTMS Spelling Bee held on Friday, February 2. Taylor will represent MTMS at the regional spelling bee to be held later this spring in Folsom. Congratulations to second place winner Briana Robinson and third place winner Cowhen Mills. Thank you to Mrs. Chabok for organizing this event.

Thank you to the members of the Middle Township Step Team and United Young Generation for their excellent performances this past weekend for our students and community. Their performance never disappoints and continues to be a well received community event.



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- Three of Ms. Lisa Taylor's AP Government students, Rob Giulian, Stephen Burner, and Tatha Modi, were chosen for Congressman LoBiondo's Youth Advisory Council. They attended a session at the Salem Nuclear Power Plant where they had a tour and lunch with Congressman LoBiondo. They will be meeting with the congressman two more times this year.
- Bridget Donohue, a junior in Ms. Karen Biederman's art class, had her artwork accepted into the "New Visions" exhibition at Rutgers University-Camden. The artwork, named "Harry," sat in a professional gallery setting the week of February 5<sup>th</sup> where university professors witnessed her work.
- Our Dance/Step Team and United Young Generation hosted a talent show and a Black History Presentation called "The Museum" last Saturday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> in the PAC. It was well-organized event spearheaded by Ms. Christal Holmes, Ms. Andrea Davis, and Mr. David Farrow. Also, Ms. Laura Lambert and her staff put together a Black History Assembly for the students on Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup> in the PAC. The assembly included the high school choir, band members, a piano player, dance team members, theatre students, and broadcasting students. The assembly focused on Black History through the sound of music.
- Our high school science fair took place on Tuesday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at 5pm in the PAC. It was nice to see the innovative minds of our students putting together sophisticated experiments. Thank you to the Science Department for putting this night together.
- Our high school musical, "The Music Man", directed by Ms. Debra Dalfonso, will take place on Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7pm, and Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2pm/7pm in the PAC.

**Sports Update (as of 2/9/18)**

- Panthers girls and boys swim teams both had winning seasons, were seeded 4<sup>th</sup> and hosted first-round playoff meets on Feb. 6. Girls swam vs CMC Tech and the boys' vs Delsea Regional. Both teams won their respective meets.

- Senior Panther wrestler Gary Nagle broke the school record for career wins and Coach Matt Wolf got his 100<sup>th</sup> win!
- In a great night for the community, Panthers wrestlers had a win over Lower Cape May Regional and a fantastic ceremony on Senior Recognition Night. A nice crowd cheered them on, including young wrestlers from Middle Twp. Rec. program and our own swimmers, who were painted up! The next day, wrestlers returned the favor by coming out to swimmers' senior recognition meet!
- Girls' basketball is expected to win the Cape Atlantic League United Division and has qualified for the CAL Tournament, which begins Feb. 16. Finals are slated for Feb. 24 at Stockton.
- Boys and girls basketball teams are hosting first-round NJSIAA playoff games on Tuesday February 27<sup>th</sup>. Girls are playing West Deptford at 5pm and the boys are playing Barnegat at 7pm.