

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

“SUNSHINE MOMENTS”

SCHOOL: Elementary # 1  
DATE: March 22, 2018

PRINCIPAL: Mr. Christian Paskalides

1. Once again, the students of Elementary #1 participated in the American Heart Association's "Jump Rope for Heart" Jump-A-Thon during the week of February 26<sup>th</sup> in their physical education classes. In addition to learning the benefits of being heart healthy, the boys and girls raised over \$7,500 bringing our grand total to \$143,109. Thank you to Chris McMullen and Andy Ludman for coordinating the event and to the PTO for providing the students with snacks after they jumped.
2. Elementary #1 celebrated Read Across America during the week of February 26<sup>th</sup>. Each day had a theme, in honor of Dr. Seuss, and the students participated in numerous literacy activities. On Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>, Lisa Mericle's Junior National Honor Society students visited every classroom and read various Dr. Seuss stories to the children. A special thank you is extended to Karen Ortman for being a guest reader, and to Theresa Clark for coordinating the week's events.
3. The preschool moved into their new wing on Monday, February 26<sup>th</sup>! A special thank you to the following for their help completing the finishing touches on the facility in time for the big move: The custodial, maintenance, and grounds staff, Pat O'Dea and Matt Gilbert, Scott Webster, the preschool teachers and their assistants.
4. NJTV's Classroom Close-up recently aired the "Lemonade Stand" episode. It was a fitting recognition for an outstanding group of teachers and their students. You can watch the episode online at [classroomcloseup.org](http://classroomcloseup.org).

## Middle Township Elementary School #2

*"Helping Every Child Achieve Success"*

### Sunshine Moments- March, 2018

- Elementary #2 has been celebrating **Read Across America** during the month of March by participating in a variety of activities coordinated by Megan Bramble, our media specialist. Along with having several guest readers, the students also participated in many special activities including Cat in the Hat Day, Fox in the Sox Day, and The Lorax Day. As a culminating activity, Joe Holiday presented his lively magic show entitled **Reading Rocks**. Mr. Holiday entertained the students with exciting tricks as he showcased specific reading books and emphasized the importance of reading. Many thanks to the entire staff for coordinating all of the exciting activities throughout the month.
- Many thanks to the students and families who donated to our "Pennies for Patients" campaign in support of The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. This year Elementary #2 raised 1, 697.00 for this all-important cause. A special thank you to Lisa Novsak, our school's counselor, for coordinating this worthwhile endeavor.
- Recently, Elementary #2 held its' annual **Digital Learning Day**. Parents and community members were invited to visit the classrooms throughout the school in order to see how technology is being utilized for instructional purposes. The visitors were able to observe how the teachers use various equipment and applications to deliver instruction as well as how the students interact with the technology. Many thanks to Mrs. Lisitski and the entire staff for their hard work in preparing the activities for this special event.



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On March 3, 2018, Ms. Chew and Mr. White had two students, Katrina Fuentes and Charlotte Grayson, participate in the regional competition of National History Day at Rutgers -Camden. NHD is similar to a science fair with history projects. Following this year's theme, "Conflict and Compromise," they created a website titled, "Victory or Death" The Crossing of the Delaware River and the Battle that Saved the Revolution"

Congratulations to student David Giulian who represented Middle Township Middle School on Monday, March 5 at the Cape May County School Boards Association annual "8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dialogue and Reception." This student recognition program honors the 8<sup>th</sup> grade students whose character, determination, school spirit, leadership and community service inspire all of us. It provided an opportunity for students to discuss pressing issues in education and answer questions regarding their home district.

Thank you to the staff members of the Social Studies Department for organizing this year's student participation in the History Bee. Fourteen students have qualified to participate in the Regional History Bee Competition this April in Philadelphia as a result of their scores on the qualifying test.

On Wednesday, March 14, Student Council Officers Jordan Severino, Sarina Wen, Charlotte Grayson and Emily Mahwinney organized a student led walkout to bring to light the tragedy from Parkland, Florida. During this time, students were given the option to leave the building and participate in 17 seconds of silence for each victim of the tragedy. In addition, the aforementioned students reminded their classmates to alert an adult with any safety concerns and took a stance on ending bullying. The student body should be commended for their excellent behavior and attentiveness during this event. Special thanks to the Mr. Webster who worked with local law enforcement to insure a safe venue for students to have their voices heard.

Please join us this upcoming weekend for the Middle School Musical- Adam's Family Junior. The talented group of Middle School students has three shows this weekend: Friday, March 23 at 7 pm and Saturday, March 24 at 2 pm and 7 pm.



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- Ms. Kim Moore was selected to participate in Yad Vashem's summer excursion to Poland to visit Holocaust sites. Kim was nominated through Stockton University and the trip is fully subsidized.
- A graduate of MTHS from 1965, Philip E. Orbanes, authored, signed, and donated three books to our media center. The three titles are: *Monopoly, Money, and You: How to Profit from the Games Secrets of Success*, *The Game Makers: The Story of Parker Brothers from Tiddlywinks to Trivial Pursuit*, and *Monopoly: The World's Famous Game and How it Got That Way*.
- Our Blood Drive took place on Friday, March 16<sup>th</sup> in the B-gym. Thank you to Ms. Tracey Nagle for putting this event together. Many of our students and staff, 114 total, took the time to donate blood with the assumption of saving lives.
- Students from Middle Township High School, Elementary #1, and Elementary #2 starred in 3 performances of Meredith Wilson's *The Music Man* on March 2nd and 3rd. *The Music Man* starred sophomore Alan Rendzak as "Harold Hill" and senior Hannah Rose Lafferty Zoltowski as "Marian." Other principal cast members included Justin Camp, Lena Dougherty, Joshua Hettenbach, Thomas Jefferson, Tyler MacLeod, Daniel Schuster, and Chloe Selover, as well as elementary teacher Jay Wynn. *The Music Man* also featured 16 local elementary students with Carter Wood as "Winthrop," Addison Shagren as "Amaryllis," and Alexa Trombetta as "Gracie Shinn." *The Music Man* was directed by Deborah Jenkins Dalfonso and produced by Kelley Hogg with choreography by Nancy Gibson and assistant direction by Dennis Township teacher, Marni McCann.
- On Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at 10am, our students participated in a peaceful walkout in response to what happened in Parkland, Florida last month. Delaney Tice, Brianna La Fleur, and Emma Stanford wrote speeches, and the student body gave a moment of silence for the 17 victims. The students conducted themselves appropriately while allowing their civic voices to be heard.
- On Wednesday, March 14<sup>th</sup>, the high school hosted its 6<sup>th</sup> annual college fair from 5pm to 6:30pm in the gymnasium. It was a huge success with 49 colleges and universities attending. The fair was open to our entire school community, and a big "thank you" to the guidance department for putting this night together.

## Sports Update (as of 3/15/18)

- 13 Panthers were named Cape Atlantic League All Stars for the winter season. Brendon Bartha, Zach Hurtado, Travis McCray and Rob Giulian (200 free relay); Sophia Bosacco (200 freestyle); Urvi Patel (100 breaststroke); Romeo Rodriguez (126 wrestling); Kira Sides and Katie Herlihy (both basketball); Jalen Freeman (basketball); Sean Geary (100 breaststroke); Gary Nagle (170 wrestling); and Austin Cominsky (220 wrestling). All Stars will be recognized at a ceremony Tuesday, March 27, at Atlantic County Institute of Technology. Girls 200 free relay of Ishika Patel, Miranda Targum, Lindsey Pane and Samantha Braun received Honorable Mention.
- Panthers football's Gary Nagle received the National Football Federation's South Jersey Chapter Scholar-Athlete Award at a banquet attended by his family and coaches on Sunday March 11<sup>th</sup>.
- Speaking of Gary Nagle, he wrapped up his career as one of the most successful Panthers wrestlers in school history. Gary went 1-2 at States, the first Panther wrestler to win a match at States since 2001! He finished as all-time leader in victories for a season and career, with 41 and 104 respectively. He also won more individual tournaments -- 8 -- than anyone in school history and was a two-time District champion!
- The Panthers crowned three champions and qualified a total of seven wrestlers for the Region 8 Tournament in the program's best-ever showing at a district tournament. Romeo Rodriguez (126 pounds), Gary Nagle (170) and Austin Cominsky (195) each earned championships at the District 30 Tournament at Clearview Regional High School. In addition, Karl Giulian (160) and Carson Haas (145) placed second, Giovanni Berardis (182) and Kyle Matthews (220) all placed third.
- Wrestling Coach Matt Wolf was recently named "Coach of the Year" in the Atlantic City Press.