

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

“SUNSHINE MOMENTS”

SCHOOL: Elementary # 1  
DATE: February 16, 2017

PRINCIPAL: Mr. Christian Paskalides

1. Our preschool students hosted the Valentine’s Day Tea on Tuesday, 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.
2. Our annual Family Reading Night, held on Tuesday, February 23<sup>rd</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 an episode of Brave Wilderness. A special thanks to Nancy Simmerman and the Reading Night Committee for organizing the event, and for MTHS student Nick Gibboni for dressing up as Clifford the Big Red Dog. We would also like to thank our guest readers Dr. Salvo, Dennis Roberts, Stephanie Thomas, Mayor Clark, Deputy Mayor DeVico, Maria Mallett, Chris Paskalides, Don Robertson, Chief Leusner, Katie Schoyer, Allison Logan, Amy Nagel, Amy Casterline, Vicki Peterson, Karen Ortman, Linda Adams, Samantha Douglass, and our sponsors, CMCH Acme, Anderson Family, Avalon Golf Club, 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, Thea Crawley, and Crystal Holmes, the Middle Township Step Teams and United Young Generation presented their annual Black History Month Program to the students of Elementary #1 on Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup> at the Performing Arts Center. The students and staff were captivated by a show that gets better each year. Throughout the month, the students have been learning about famous African Americans through their social studies lessons, literacy center activities, Discovery Education videos, and by reading short stories and biographies.

## Middle Township Elementary School #2

*"Helping Every Child Achieve Success"*

### Sunshine Moments- February, 2017

- Recently, the students of Elementary #2 along with Cub Scout Pack #65 participated in the **Valentine's for Troops Project**. Over 350 Valentine's Day cards were made for our troops serving overseas. Additionally, our students donated eight large boxes filled with snacks and socks which were presented to the American Recreation Military Services and Lite Rock 96.9 to be sent to the troops. Many thanks to everyone who helped make this service learning project so successful.
- On Tuesday evening, February 28<sup>th</sup>, Elementary #2 will host its annual **Technology Night** from 6:30-8:00 p.m. The event will feature technology based projects as well as Finch Robot demonstrations and a "build your own Bot" station. Also, our gifted and talented students will showcase their NASA projects, and our new 3-D printer will be up and running for all to see. Many thanks to the following staff members for their hard work in preparing for this event: Melanie Lisitski, Janet Biller, Megan Bramble, Cyndi Dykhouse, Nicole DelCorio, Kelsey Acker, Shannon Hagan, Kathleen Watts, Amanda Crafts, Joan Standish, and student teacher Jesse Muncig. Also, a special thank you to the high school's National Honor Society and the Middle School's Junior Honor Society for helping out with this event.



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**DATE:** Thursday, February 16, 2017

The third annual Girls Lock -In took place at the middle school on February 3. The following activities and events were enjoyed throughout the evening- Hamer's School of Karate-Martial Arts, guest speaker Kate Ecke on bullying, dinner provided by Bethel Commandment Church, dancing with Step Team members and moderator Mrs. Major, arts and crafts hosted by the Soroptimists of Cape May County, yoga with volunteers from Stone Harbor Yoga, health care and beauty, jump roping, Q&A with high school girl volunteers, ice cream sundaes, karaoke, scavenger hunts, popcorn and a movie! Thank you to the many teacher volunteers and co-moderators, Mrs. DeRose and Mrs. Kane for all their dedication and hard work in making this event so successful.

Thirty two students made it to the finals of the school wide spelling bee held at the PAC on February 3. Students were able to build confidence through public speaking experience, develop good sportsmanship in a competitive environment, and demonstrate academic excellence. Thank you to Mrs. Chabok, middle school supervisor and literacy teacher, for organizing this event. The following students were the top three spellers.

Julia Quinn- 1st place  
Brianna Robinson- 2nd place  
Sergio Miller- 3rd place  
Congrats to all participants.

Twelve student leaders in grades 6, 7, & 8 attended the NJ State Elks' Association Path to Leadership Conference on February 2. Topics included bullying, cyber-bullying, and social media issues. Thank you to Mr. McCormick, school counselor, and the Elks for providing students this opportunity.

Reymar Bosch Orta, Frankie Castellano, Bryn Dougherty, Henry Ginyard, Anthony Lindholm, Gennavieve Lisitski, Rylee McFadden, Taylor McNeal, Emmajah Pelzer, Shelby Repici, Isiah Carr-Wing and Parker Smart

The following three students placed 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place respectively in the Elks Americanism essay contest. Emily Mawhinney, Audrey Deane, and Aislin Robb. These three students were chosen from over a hundred entries from the local area. They were presented with a monetary award and a plaque from local Elks' representatives last Friday. The topic of the contest was, "Why is it important to vote?"

The United Young Generation Saturday Night Live Talent Show, featuring the Middle Township Dance Step Team kicked off Black History Month at the PAC on Saturday, February, 4th at 6pm. We look forward to our diversity assembly next week on February 23.

Dates to keep in mind- Cape May County Color Run – April 29. Check out the registration link on our Facebook page.



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### **Sunshine Moments –February 2017**

Middle Township High School students who are studying physics, advanced honors, AP, and forensics were given the opportunity to witness what details go into reviewing the scene of a car accident and how the activities relate to physics. Five Middle Township police officers, members of the department's Fatal Crash Investigation Unit, had arranged a two-car accident by a stop sign just outside the school's cafeteria. Skid marks were part of the evidence, and a laser measuring device was among the investigating devices used to add a high-tech touch to the scene. The officers had explained to the pupils what the team does when it is dispatched to a serious crash or fatal accident scene. The laws of physics cannot be broken, and they will remain as mute testimony if speeding or other careless actions took place to cause an accident. Physics teacher Kristina Ortman had previously briefed the students on some of the things they should observe at the scene to make theory real outside the classroom. The presentation was well received and made headlines across the country. Thank you to Mrs. Kristina Ortman, Officer Gino Castellano, and the MTPD.

We had an amazing assembly on January 23rd presented by Jacy Good and her husband Steve. Both have been on the Oprah Winfrey and various TV shows sharing her story and how texting and driving impacted her life after losing both of her parents and leaving her with a 10% chance of survival. Check out her story at [hangupanddrive.com](http://hangupanddrive.com). Thank you to Mrs. Nicole Drake and Officer Mark Higginbottom for bringing this very important issue to our students. The story had the kids' attention

There are two former students who just continue to make us prouder every day. Sarah Moll once again produced an outstanding Super Bowl halftime show. Sarah has organized the past several Super Bowl half-time shows. She is the daughter of our former Athletic Director, Bill Moll. You get perks when you know someone that close to the game. Bill and Karen Buesing were able to attend all the festivities prior, during, and after the game. As if that is not enough, another former graduate, Alisson Mastarangelo covered the Super Bowl representing Fox 21 News as the Sports Anchor from Colorado Springs. Both young ladies have become outstanding representatives of our community and awesome role models for all of our students.

On February 1<sup>st</sup>, in recognition of Black History Month, Middle Township students presented a program entitled, *À Splash of Color: The Continuous Progression*. The entire program was written by our students with the help of the Whitesboro Historical Museum and the following people: Mrs. Laura Lambert, Mrs. Anne Berkey, Mr. Ted Bryan, Mrs. Kim Moore and Mrs. Stephanie Thomas. The Step Team under the direction of Mrs. Andrea Davis and Mrs. Thea Major, and our Dance Academy students, led by Miss Morgan Phillips, were also highly involved. The program was well received and provided everyone in attendance with a general overview of key details and a performance based historical perspective of African American History. Thank you to all of those involved.

### **Sunshine Moments FEBRUARY 2017**

#### **Sports Update (as of 2/13/17)**

- Lady Panther basketball entered the week 18-2, seeded No. 1 in South Jersey Group II and No. 2 in the Press of Atlantic City's Elite 11 ranking. Girls likely will host at least one Cape Atlantic

League playoff game next week and are slated to host a 2<sup>nd</sup> round state playoff game on 3/1. Schedules will be posted as soon as they are available.

- Panthers wrestlers recently completed a winning regular season with a record record (13-12) It was the first winning record in the last four years. Several wrestlers head into District competition this weekend with impressive records: Gary Nagle is 34-3; Austin Cominsky 31-6; Rafael Rodriguez 25-5; Isaac Lopez 22-10; Romeo Rodriguez 22-14 and Carson Haas 20-14.
- Lady Panthers swim team traveled to Oakcrest for the Group C semi-final on Monday.
- Panthers basketball had won three in a row heading into Monday's contest at Cape May Tech. Senior players and cheerleaders will be recognized before Thursday's last home game on Thursday 2/16.
- Spring sports are organizing with an eye toward the first practices on Friday, March 3.
- Complete Winter and some Spring sports schedules are available at [www.capeatlanticleague.org](http://www.capeatlanticleague.org).