

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

“SUNSHINE MOMENTS”

**SCHOOL: Elementary # 1
DATE: January 19, 2017**

PRINCIPAL: Mr. Christian Paskalides

- 1. The staff at Elementary #1 participated in a holiday basket raffle. A total of \$1,220 was raised and donated to the Covenant House of Atlantic City. The money will be used to feed, clothe, and shelter kids in crisis. A special thank you to the staff for their altruistic endeavors.**
- 2. 2nd grade students had an opportunity to watch Elementary #2's production of "Snow Way Out" on Friday, January 6th at the PAC. A special thank you to Jay Wynn and the Elementary #2 Drama Club for a memorable performance.**
- 3. On Wednesday, January 11th, volunteers from the Stone Harbor Lion's Club conducted vision screenings to our preschool and kindergarten students. A detailed report was sent home to parents to share with their pediatrician. Thank you to members of the Lion's Club for offering their time and assistance to our School Nurse, Patricia Attenborough and Assistant Nurse, Marie Serrano. A special thank you to Mari Coskey for organizing the screenings.**
- 4. All are invited to our annual Family Movie Night on Tuesday, January 24th at the PAC. We will be featuring the movie, "The Secret Life of Pets." The show starts at 6:00. Snacks and refreshments will be provided.**

January's Sunshine Moments are in line with strategic plan Goal #1 C1-3, and Goal #5 D2.

Middle Township Elementary School #2

"Helping Every Child Achieve Success"

Sunshine Moments- January, 2016

- On January 6th and 9th, Elementary #2's Drama Club presented its 2017 show entitled **Snow Way Out** at the Performing Arts Center. Over 230 students participated in singing, dancing, and acting, as they told the story about a family who renovated a wintry mountain resort but needed snow for the resort's opening festivities. The event was very well attended and received by all. Many thanks to Mr. Jay Wynn, Mrs. Christal Holmes, Mrs. Julie Moore, Mrs. Lisa Novsak, and the other staff members who remained "behind the scenes" in order to make the show a success. A special thank you to Dr. Salvo, Mr. Johnson, Mrs. McDonald, as well as board members Dennis Roberts, George DeLollis, and Gloria Hodges for showing their support and attending one of the performances.
- Congratulations to the entire instructional staff at Elementary #2 for their overall success in promoting student achievement and moving students forward along the continuum of learning during the 2015-2016 school year. Each year the N.J. Department of Education provides certain teachers with a Student Growth Percentile (SGP) score that reflects the amount of growth that students made based on their standardized test performance from one year to the next. This year, 95% of the teachers received a score of 3.0 or above on a scale of 1.0-4.0. The overall average was 3.6; great job to all! This excellent score is a testament to their hard work and dedication to our students. Many thanks to Dr. Salvo, Diane Fox, Kathleen McDonald, Robert Johnson, and the entire board of education for supporting the educational endeavors at Elementary #2.



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SCHOOL: Middle School **PRINCIPAL:** Dr. Toni Lehman

DATE: Thursday, January 19, 2017

On January 5th, 10 students, Mr. Farrow, and Mrs. McGarrity attended a Students of Color Youth Leadership Conference at Camden Community College. The goal of the workshop was to help support the development of the leadership and academic potential of students of color in New Jersey's Network to Close the Achievement Gap for middle school students. The workshops aimed to enlighten middle grade students about effectively addressing their current challenges in school and in life, and to empower them to make sound and success-producing decisions about their futures. A nationally recognized youth motivation speaker was the keynote. Students also attended 6 dynamic breakout sessions with other facilitators. This event addresses the action steps outlined in the strategic plan #4.A.1- School Climate and celebrating the unique contributions of all members of the educational community and to implement programs to support multi-cultural awareness.

On January 6, 15 female students and teachers Sharon Rementer, Tracy Vanderhoff, Shannon Hunsicker, Kara Osmundsen, and Kristin Stiles attended Tween Tech, a mini -conference designed to develop girls' interest and self-confidence in STEM related activities. The event hosted on Stockton University's campus, featured local female teachers, professors, and educators who led hands-on workshops for middle school girls. Topics for the conference included- Mystery Diagnosis, Solve a Murder with Forensics, Chemistry of Modern Cuisine, Science of Clay, and What's the Chance of That?

Earlier today, Mr. Farrow and Mrs. Roselli, hosted a diversity assembly at the MLK Center in Whitesboro. The main goal for the day was aimed at creating a nurturing, inclusive school community where all students can thrive. Participants were provided with tools to lead and embrace cultural differences in our school.

Two students from Middle Township Schools participated in NJ Special Olympics as a part of the Floor Hockey Team. Kaitlin Manson (High School) and Chloe Bryne (Middle School) were an important part of the gold medal winning team earlier this month. According to their coaches, Kaitlin is an awesome defenseman and Chloe is an outstanding wing. They both played excellent this season for the UT Challenger Sports Floor and earned their gold medals this month at the NJ Special Olympics Winter Games. Congrats to Chloe and Kaitlin!

Each month the Middle School celebrates Students of the Month. Students are nominated by their teachers and an invite a friend luncheon in held with building administrators. The following students were January's Students of the Month

6th graders-Maddyn McAnaney & Ryan Roscoe

7th graders- Emily Mawhinney & Ohm Patel

8th Carmen Licata & Sean Connelly

Thirty-three students will make their way to the PAC stage on February 3 to participate in our school wide spelling bee. Several grade level bees were held throughout this month. After the school finals on the 3rd, the winner will advance to the next round of the regional bee and have the potential to work their way up to the national level. Thank you to Connie Chabok for organizing and hosting this event.

Upcoming events include-

Jan 23, 25, 26- HS Scheduling

Jan 26- Pep Rally

Jan 26- Winter Formal

Jan 27- In-Service Day

Feb 2- Step Performance 1pm at the PAC

Feb 3- Spelling Bee 8am

Feb 3- Lock In- pm- overnight



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Sunshine Moments JANUARY 2017

December and January have been very busy for both UYG and the Dance Step Team

Both clubs were very busy during November and December visiting nursing homes and spreading holiday cheer. Both groups works so hard on holiday dances and activities it left little time prepare for black history and Saturday Night Live originally scheduled for Jan 21. As a result, Saturday Night Live has been rescheduled for Saturday, February 4 at the PAC at 6pm which will coincide better with black history month. Upcoming events scheduled:

Jan. 27- College Trip UYG ONLY to Delaware State University

Feb. 1-Black History Presentation, Step, & UYG at PAC to Elem #1 and H.S. during the school day and the community that evening.

Feb. 2-Black History Presentation, Step & UYG at PAC to Elem #2 and M.S. during the school day

Feb. 4-Sat. Night Talent Show Fun Raiser and Black History Presentation 6pm at the PAC

Also I am waiting to hear from Woodbine Elementary regarding out yearly performance there.

Early acceptance college decisions are in and once again our high school is well represented and out entire school community is so excited and happy for them. Some of the schools included but not limited to Princeton, Yale, University of Pennsylvania, Michigan, Rutgers, University of Sciences, Susquehanna, Towson, Delaware and the Coast Guard Academy. This is a huge reflection on our entire staff and the hard work of our students.

Mrs. Taylor and Ms. Loteck coordinated an alumni mentoring meeting for our entire freshman girls class. Several graduates talked on a rotating basis about things that made them successful. Shadea Murphy, Danielle Green, Tiffany Duhart, Kelsey McCusker, Dana Tack, Emily Repici, Erin Ruskey, Shelby Smith, Alex Thomas, and Lexi Marone, all offered strategies and methods for successful life skills. The program was well received and will offered again in the future.

On Tuesday, January 17. And Friday, January 20 a pre-scheduling meeting was held for potential ninth grade students from our Middle School and Dennis Township respectively. Both groups were given information on the scheduling process and the academic programs that we offer. A group of 12 current student and teachers from out academies spoke specifically about the academy process. Special thank you to Debbie Dalfonso, Mike Capito, and Laura Lambert for creating the presentation.

Sports Update (as of 1/18/17)

- We had a tremendous community turnout for our 1/3 event dedicating the basketball court in honor of legendary Panthers basketball Coach Tom Feraco. It was fantastic to see many former players and an outpouring of admiration for Tommy!
- Lady Panthers basketball entered this week 10-1, ranked No. 5 in South Jersey.
- Panthers wrestler Gary Nagle has won 4 tournament championships at 160 pounds.
- Panthers and Lady Panthers swim teams are having success heading into the homestretch. The teams finish the regular season hosting Oakcrest in an important National Division matchup at 5:30 p.m. Friday, 1/27.
- Spring sports are organizing with an eye toward the first practice date of Friday, March 3.
- Complete Winter and some Spring sports schedules are available at www.capeatlanticleague.org.