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

**“SUNSHINE MOMENTS”**

**SCHOOL: Elementary # 1**  
**DATE: June 22, 2017**

**PRINCIPAL: Mr. Christian Paskalides**

- 1. Preschool graduation ceremonies were held on Thursday, June 1<sup>st</sup>, at the Performing Arts Center. Family and friends enjoyed watching each class perform a song and applauded as each child was recognized for his or her accomplishment in completing preschool. Immediately following the ceremony, a reception was held in the band room and the PTA provided refreshments. A special thank you to Mrs. Simmerman, Mrs. Camp and the entire preschool staff for making this event possible.**
- 2. As part of their service learning commitment to others, the students of Elementary #1 raised \$5,614 for the children of St. Jude’s Hospital in Tennessee as they completed their annual Mathathon fundraiser. A special thank you to Lois Gruenler for coordinating the fundraiser.**
- 3. On Tuesday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, the second grade students performed their annual musical concert at the Middle Township Performing Arts Center. The program was entitled “Americans All,” a musical celebration of America’s multicultural heritage. The show featured 7 songs, and included student narrators, soloists, and dancers. Students were encouraged to wear clothing that represented their cultural heritage. It was truly a memorable performance by the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class. A special thank you and congratulations to Miss Jennifer Kane for her first major production, and to the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teachers for supporting their students in this endeavor.**

## **Middle Township Elementary School #2**

*"Helping Every Child Achieve Success"*

### **Sunshine Moments- June, 2017**

- On June 7<sup>th</sup>, the fifth-grade students attended an anti-bullying assembly program presented by the Cape May County Prosecutor's Office. The presentation included an in-depth look at cyberbullying and included many different personal testimonies and stories. A comprehensive question and answer discussion period followed. Many thanks to the members of the Prosecutor's unit who took the time to discuss this all-important topic with our students.
- A special "thank you" to Pam Shute and our entire Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) for their hard work on behalf of our students this year. Because of their fund-raising efforts, we were able to provide many positive educational experiences for our students. This year, the PTO helped to defray the cost of several trips including the following: touring replicas of Columbus' ships the Nina and Pinta, EcoVenture zoo and beach wildlife studies, and the County's naval aviation museum. We are most appreciative for all that they continue to do for our students and staff.
- End of the year assembly programs were held for each grade level during the last week of school. Various awards were presented including the Presidential Gold Award for Educational Excellence and the Presidential Silver Award for Educational Achievement. The assembly programs showcased the hard work of both the students and staff; the 2016-17 was a very successful school year for everyone. A special "thank you" to the board of education and central administration for supporting the academic and extra-curricular programs at Elementary #2.



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

**DATE:** Thursday, June 8, 2017

This year on May 23<sup>rd</sup> members of the band and choir from Elem #1, 2, and 4 performed in their first inter-district concert on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Additionally, the middle school band and choir participated in the Music in the Parks Festival at Dorney Park in Allentown, PA the weekend of May 19<sup>th</sup>. Both the band and choir were awarded 1st place, with a rating of “Excellent.”

Middle School students annually vote on a “Book of the Year,” and this year, the title Masterminds came out on top. The students recently had the opportunity of a lifetime to discuss their favorite book with the author himself, Gordon Korman. An author of more than 80 children’s and young adult fiction books, Korman visited the school on May 12 to speak with sixth, seventh and eighth grades about his titles and his writing process. Each grade had read one of Korman’s books in class and performed related writing exercises.

On June 5th and June 6th, our GIS and STEM club members were taken to Corson's Inlet State Park in Ocean City by supervisors Mr. Handley, Mr. Rhile and Mr. McCormick. GIS stands for geographic information system or geographical information system. Steve Eisenhauer from the National Lands Trust led students through the hiking trails and introduced them to the plant and animal life native to the barrier islands prior to developments. From there, students toured the tidal pools along the inlet where the group observed horseshoe crabs, fiddler crabs and other sea life. After a kayak tour, students seined for fish and identified several species.

In the evening, on May 24th, the GIS and STEM club took members to Reed's Beach in Middle Township to tag horse shoe crabs. Students were introduced to the history and characteristics of the horseshoe crab and learned how the tagging program helps monitor the horseshoe crab populations.

Our middle school carnival on June 7<sup>th</sup> was a huge success. A big thank you to Mr. Farrow, our school staff, Honor Society and Student Council, along with the Bethel Commandment Church for organizing this well attended school and community event.

On May 26<sup>th</sup>, 16 new members were inducted into the National Junior Honor Society. Later that day, the 8<sup>th</sup> grade members attended Elementary #1’s Farm Day. Our students assisted with the Pre-K Farm day activities. They rotated around various stations and helped with set up and cleanup efforts.

Graduation- June 15- 4pm at the PAC



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### Sunshine Moments June 2017

On Tuesday, June 9th our thirteenth annual Senior Academic Awards ceremony was held in the PAC. Several members of the class were recognized by many local organizations as scholarship recipients. The overall total of scholarship money received was more than \$ 100,000. A special thank you goes out to Mrs. Becky Gombar and Miss Stacy Konczyk for making this ceremony a great experience for everyone.

On Friday, June 16<sup>th</sup> the One Hundred Ninth Annual Commencement of the high school class of 2017 was held at Memorial Field. It was an emotional ceremony for many in attendance because this outgoing class was well liked by so many. In all, 176 young adults graduated and moved on to the next phase of their lives. The rain held off once again until after the ceremony further reinforcing that the move to a 4:00 pm start was a very good one. Thank you to all staff and especially my secretary Stacy Konczyk, who did a super job getting all the behind the scene things done that are necessary to make the graduation such a huge success.

### **Sports Update (as of 6/20/17)**

- Lady Panthers lacrosse became the first Cape Atlantic League Team to make it to the state championship game after winning the South Jersey Group 1 title and defeating the central Jersey champ in the state semifinal. Bridget Ruskey finished her career with 485 goals, a new state record, and Allison Hunter holds the new state record for assists with 318.
- Panthers track & field athlete Josh Moore is the Group 2 state champion in javelin. On June 10 at the Meet of Champions, Josh placed fourth overall in the entire state. Josh beat his personal best three times in six throws. His throw of 195 feet 11 inches beat his personal best by over 15 feet. He now holds the 2nd, 3rd, and 5th farthest throws in school history. His fourth place finish is the third best finish in school history only behind Segmon Price's 3rd place finish in the 400 meters in 1996 and Ed Letts' 3rd place finish in the 3200 meters in 1997.
- SENIOR ATHLETIC AWARDS: Joey Trombetta received the Purple Heart for coming back from injury; Zack Thomas & Natalia Donohue received the, Robert R. Penkethman Award for outstanding sportsmanship and leadership; Allison Hunter was recognized for earning 12 varsity letters in soccer, basketball and lacrosse; Matt Harris and Bridget Ruskey were given the Charles E. Douglas Awards for most outstanding athletes. Bridget also earned 12

varsity letters in soccer, basketball and lacrosse. The Penkthman and Douglas awards are voted on by their senior peers; athletic trainer Amy Adair chooses the Purple Heart winner. Thirty athletes earned four varsity letters in one or more sports and they each received a keepsake blanket.

- Lady Panthers multisport athlete Bridget Ruskey was honored with the Cape Atlantic League's Joe Clements Outstanding Athlete Award during the CAL's spring award ceremony on June 11. She was also recognized this week as the three time player of the year in lacrosse by The Press of Atlantic City.
- CAPE ATLANTIC LEAGUE FIRST-TEAM ALL STARS:  
GOLF: Michael Roselli, P.J. Shulte, Andrew Kapp  
TENNIS: Rob Giulian, Brayden Carr & Matt Brown  
TRACK & FIELD: Joshua Moore (javelin and long jump), Scott Tozer (discus), Abri Bostard (pole vault)  
GIRLS LACROSSE: Bridget Ruskey, Jenna Herlihy, Allison Hunter, Skylar Gentilini
- Fall sports schedules are available at [www.capeatlanticleague.org](http://www.capeatlanticleague.org).