

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

“SUNSHINE MOMENTS”

SCHOOL: Elementary # 1
DATE: March 16, 2017

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 27th in their physical education classes. In addition to learning the benefits of being heart healthy, the boys and girls raised over \$7,436 bringing our grand total to \$135,606. 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 27th. Each day had a theme, in honor of Dr. Seuss, and the students participated in numerous literacy activities. On Thursday, March 2nd, Heather Chew's Middle School Volunteer Club visited every classroom and read various Dr. Seuss stories to the children. A special thank you is extended to Karen Ortman for dressing up as the Cat in the Hat, and to Theresa Clark for coordinating the week's events.

Middle Township Elementary School #2

"Helping Every Child Achieve Success"

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- 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 will present his lively magic show entitled **Reading Rocks**. Mr. Holiday plans on entertaining the students with exciting tricks as he showcases specific reading books and emphasizes 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 almost 900.00 for this all-important cause. A special thank you to Lisa Novsak, our school's counselor, for coordinating this worthwhile endeavor.
- Recently, many of our fifth-grade special education students participated in yet another community service project to benefit the Cape May County Animal Shelter. The students worked in small teams as they purchased supplies for the shelter; the students utilized estimation, team work, and social skills in order to complete the task. Additionally, the students were given a "behind the scenes" tour of our local ACME Market. The employees who conducted the tour highlighted specific careers and various aspects of the business. Many thanks to Cyndi Dykhouse, a special education teacher, for providing these meaningful and memorable activities for our students.



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

DATE: Thursday, March 16, 2017

Student Council, under the direction of David Farrow, along with the Nature Club, Success Club, Diversity Club, Choir, and our cheerleaders planned and delivered a Diversity Assembly at the PAC last month. The theme of the assembly embraced our district’s moto, “Diversity is our Strength.” Students performed in skits, monologues, songs and dance. Various student groups emphasized their acceptance of one another, no matter their differences. This event is directly aligned with our strategic plan whereby we celebrate the district’s diversity and the unique contributions of all the members of our educational community.

Kenneth Hitchens, Regional President of the National Black Coalition of Federal Aviation Employees at the FAA Technical Center located at the Atlantic City International Airport extended an invitation to The Middle Township Dance/Step Team to be the featured guest with The Barefoot Rhythms group of Whitesboro at a Black History Program on February 28, 2017. This coalition was established in 1976 to aid the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) in its promotion of equal opportunities for African Americans, other minorities and female FAA employees in the agency.

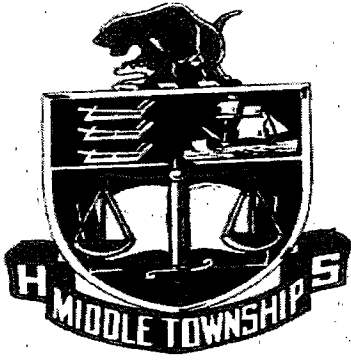
The Trustees of the Educational Foundation of The Delta Kappa Gamma Society International were pleased to award our middle school with \$1000.00 for the 2017-2018 school year to help fund our “MTMS Girl’s Overnight Lock In.” Thank you to Monica DeRose and Lee Ann Kane for pursuing this noteworthy grant.

Students in the sixth, seventh, and eighth grades filled the cafeteria in three different 30-minute sessions Thursday, Feb. 16 to take part in a cyberbullying presentation by detectives Kyle MacDonald, Danielle Mitchell and Mary Rybicki from the Cape May County Prosecutor’s Office.

The middle school drama club will present the musical “James and the Giant Peach” next Friday and Saturday at the Performing Arts Center. The members of the middle school drama club have been working hard over the last several months in preparation for next weekend’s performances. Good luck to Mr. Wynn, students, and staff.

Upcoming events- St. Baldrick’s Fundraiser tomorrow, March 17th and the Color Run Event on April 29th.

Baseball and softball season is underway at the middle school. We look forward to successful seasons.



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On March 3rd and March 4th, this year's musical, delighted large audiences. The students presented outstanding performances and received standing ovations each night. A special thank you goes out to Mrs. Debby Jenkins-Dalfonso, director, and Mrs. Kelley Hogg, producer, for their roles in putting together this performance.

The Barnes Foundation of Philadelphia recently recognized the following students for their participation in the Art of Math Challenge: Bella DiPasquale, Billy Thompson, Hannah Rose Zoltowski, Bridget McLaughlin, and Noah Leaming. These students created a three dimensional model of the painting, Card Players by Paul Cezanne. A major portion of the project was to figure out the Math needed to create the 3D model. Additionally, students needed to write a description of the mathematical processes they used and were interviewed to explain their processes and decisions. On March 5th they presented their work in person in Philadelphia along with many other schools. Our students were recognized in both the math challenge and in the art competition. We won a 3D printer and bag of Art supplies and other goodies from the Barnes Foundation. The students' artwork is now on display in our Main Office.

Middle Township High School hosted its fourth annual college fair on Wednesday, March 15th from 5:00 pm to 6:30 pm in the A Gym. Over thirty colleges were in attendance to assist students and provide important information about college choices and the selection process. The event was well received and plans are already being made for next year's fair.

The Red Cross Club will hold its annual blood drive tomorrow at the high school. There are roughly 215 students and staff members registered to give blood and over 40 club members will split shifts to ensure a smooth and efficient experience. A special thank you goes to Mrs. Nagle for her help in planning this event.

Sports Update (as of 3/14/17)

- Lady Panthers basketball finished a successful season 25-4. The team made us proud, even in a heartbreaking 1-point loss in the South Jersey Group II final in front of a huge supportive crowd. Jenna Herlihy and Bridget Ruskey were named First Team Cape Atlantic League All Stars. Bridget will be added to the 1000-point scorer banner with her career total of 1,081 points.
- Jenna Herlihy and Bridget Ruskey were selected to participate in the 44th annual South Jersey All-Star Game at Paul VI High School on Saturday, March 18.
- Three-sport athlete Bridget Ruskey has been named 2017 Scholar Athlete by the South Jersey Coaches Association and will be honored at a banquet in May.
- Gary Nagle (160) was Panthers wrestling's first District Champion since 2013 and Austin Cominsky and Isaac Lopez were the first Region qualifiers since 2014. The team set numerous school marks, including most District Finalists, most District Semifinalists, most wrestlers with 30 or more wins, most wrestlers with 25 or more wins and most wrestlers with 20 or more wins. Gary Nagle also broke the single season school wins record. Austin Cominsky was named First Team Cape Atlantic League All Star at 182 pounds.
- Panthers swimmers were named First Team Cape Atlantic League All Stars: Stephen Bosacco, Sean Geary, Zach Hurtado and Brendon Bartha in 200 Medley Relay; Khushbu Patel in 500 Freestyle and Abby Thompsom in 100 Freestyle; and Miranda Targum, Emma Fiorucci, Shannon Risko and Urvi Patel in 200 Freestyle Relay
- Spring sports have been practicing since Friday, March 3.
- Complete Spring sports schedules are available at www.capeatlanticleague.org.