

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

“SUNSHINE MOMENTS”

SCHOOL: Elementary # 1
DATE: October 19, 2017

PRINCIPAL: Christian J. Paskalides

1. On Wednesday, October 18th, Elementary # 1's Kindergarten held its 14th Annual PTO sponsored Pizza Party. The pizza and desserts were delicious, and the entertainment captivated the students with a lively performance by a local musician. He had the students dancing, clapping and playing musical instruments. A big thank you to the PTO volunteers, and Court House Pizza for all their efforts in making the evening extra special for our kindergarten students and their families.
2. In observance of Fire Prevention Week, Elementary #1 held a Fire Safety Day for all students on Tuesday, October 10th. Firefighters reviewed safety rules, firefighting equipment, and how to act in emergency situations. Each class had an opportunity to tour the fire trucks during their recess period. A special thank you to the Court House, Goshen, Green Creek, and Rio Grande Fire Departments for making the program a success. This program is aligned with our District strategic plan: Goal 1, Objective C, Action Step #2- Recognizing community members and volunteers.
3. An extremely productive professional development day was held on Friday, October 6th. All staff started off in the PAC for an engaging introduction to Stealth Learning by Dr. Rosser. For the remainder of the day the staff at Elementary #1 was involved in a number of activities in their PLC's. A special thank you to Elementary #2 for hosting our National Geographic training for the new science program.

Middle Township Elementary School #2

"Helping Every Child Achieve Success"

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- Elementary #2 recognized a **Week of Respect** from October 2nd to the 5th. Each day began with words of wisdom quotes during the morning announcements. The administration emphasized the importance of exhibiting respectful behavior before showing a video entitled " ". Additionally, **School Violence Awareness Week** was recognized this week. Again, grade-level assemblies were held in order to review the school's behavior program entitled "**Elementary #2 R.O.C.K.S.**" Specific strategies for handling and preventing bullying were discussed with the students. Officer Higgenbottom from the Middle Twp. Police Dept. was also on-hand to review the all-important topic of cyberbullying.
- Many thanks to the entire instructional staff for their hard work on behalf of our students. Recent PARCC performance reports indicate significant improvement in the areas of both ELA and Math in grades 3-5. The staff has worked especially hard in the area of writing as they reviewed the standards in detail, rewrote curriculum, and designed new instructional lessons to support the rigor of the PARCC assessment. The 2017 scores revealed marked improvement in writing expression validating their hard work and efforts. Significant improvement was also achieved in the area of Math as grades 4 and 5 exceeded or met the overall state average test scores. The fourth-grade NJASK Science scores revealed a 92.5% proficiency rate which again is a testament to the staff's hard work. Also, a special thank you to the administration and staff of Elementary #1 for working cooperatively with us in order to prepare our students for the high-stakes testing.
- On Sunday, October 22nd, the PTO will host its' annual **Trunk or Treat** at Elementary #2. This is a terrific opportunity for the students to trick or treat in a safe and controlled environment. Fun-filled games, food, and music will be part of the action as the community comes together to support our youth. Many thanks to the PTO for organizing this outstanding event.



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SCHOOL: Middle School **PRINCIPAL:** Mr. Jeff Ortman
DATE: Thursday, October 19, 2017

On Tuesday, October 3, 2017, Guidance Counselor Mrs. Monica DeRose and Student Council Advisor, Mr. David Farrow, led our students in Mix It Up Day at lunch. A group activity at the lunch tables, coupled with music, provided an opportunity for students to interact with others. The activity was very well received by all.

On Wednesday, October 4, 2017, the Cape May County Prosecutors Office provided presentations to all Middle School Students on cyberbullying. This presentation, which took place during the week of respect, provided information to our students on the consequences of cyberbullying and gave them strategies to use to report cyberbullying. This presentation was well received by all.

Thank you to teachers Sue Blood and Tracy Vanderhoff, who in coordination with Karen Forst from Laura Bishop Communications, worked to complete a grant application with BASF. On October 11, 2017, we received word that the Middle School has been awarded a \$5000 BASF Science Education Grant for Elevating Inquiry and Hands-on Learning for 7th Grade Students Exploring Energy, Forces and Motion. The funds will be used for Middle Twp Middle School students to increase inquiry-based, hands-on learning and STEM education for all current and future 7th grade students by integrating experiment kits and equipment to enhance lessons on Energy, Forces and Motion.

For the past two summers, local resident Mr. John Lauricella has provided funds for two students each summer to attend summer camp at Camp Ockanickon and Camp Matollionequay in Medford, NJ. Tonight I would like to recognize Mr. Lauricella who is here with us. Mr. Lauricella is exploring ways to increase the number of students he can send to these summer camps which are opportunities these students would not have had without his support. Mr. Lauricella, we thank you for your support for our students!



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- All sophomores and juniors took the PSAT on Wednesday, October 11 during the regular school day. An abbreviated school day followed testing with fifteen minute “Breakout Sessions” being used to provide student with important school information and updates. Some of the information provided involved health and safety issues, discipline updates, and class meetings. We also completed our practice evacuation drill to the car dealership.
- The annual National Honor Society Induction Ceremony will be held on Thursday, October 26 7:00 pm in the Performing Arts Center. Congratulations to the 31 students that will be recognized and a special thank you to Mrs. Kelly Lasher and the selection committee for planning what is always a wonderful evening.
- Red Ribbon Week activities will be held all next week under the direction of Mrs. Nagle and the Red Cross Club. All of the activities revolve around creating awareness on Drug/Alcohol related issues with this year’s theme being: Your Future is Key, So Stay Drug Free.”

Sports Update (as of 10/19/17)

- Panthers football hosts Pleasantville in its final home game of the season 6 p.m. Nov. 3. Senior players, cheerleaders and band member will be recognized.
- Panthers soccer hosts Wildwood Catholic at 5:30 p.m. Wed., Oct. 25. Seniors will be recognized.
- Lady Panthers tennis made it to the South Jersey Group 2 semifinal round and are vying to win the Cape Atlantic League National Conference with a record of 14-4.
- Lady Panthers field hockey hosts a playoff game 2 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 26. Opponent TBA.
- Winter sports are organizing. A player/parent/coaches meeting will be held on Tuesday, Oct. 24, beginning at 6:15 p.m. in the cafeteria
- Swim practice starts Mon., Nov. 6.
- We continue to solicit new signs for the Memorial Field fence. Signs raise funds for awards and other athletic department needs. Any business or organization wishing to purchase a new sign is asked to call Jeanne Donohue at 609-465-1852 ext. 5549.
- Fall sports schedules are available at www.capeatlanticleague.org and winter sports will be there soon.