

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

“SUNSHINE MOMENTS”

SCHOOL: Elementary # 1
DATE: September 21, 2017

PRINCIPAL: Mr. Christian Paskalides

1. A special thank you to the PTO for their participation in several school events. The PTO helped with arrival and dismissal for the first week of school, ensuring the safety of our students. They provided snacks and bus safety coloring books for Preschool Orientation, and set up a table during Back to School Night. Additionally, PTO President Pam Shute delivered an introductory and informational speech at all of our “Back to School” events. The staff at Elementary #1 are very appreciative for the ongoing support that the PTO provides.
2. Our *Back to School* events featuring *Preschool Orientation, Kindergarten Sneak-A-Peek, and 1st & 2nd grade Back to School Night* were well attended. These events featured a formal presentation by the classroom teacher, and a general parent meeting with the administration. Parents had an opportunity to learn about school goals, the curriculum, the basic skills program, and the PTO. Assistant Principal Don Robertson gave an informative presentation regarding the New Jersey regulations pertaining to student attendance and truancy. All parents received a resource guide with information and activities on how to help their child at home.
3. Students at Elementary #1 are PAWsome! Elementary #1 got off to a PAWsome start at the annual SMART start assembly. Students were introduced to an exciting new social skills program, “PAWS for Good Behavior.” PAWS stands for Positive Actions with Students which is designed to acknowledge and reward positive behaviors. Each month a target behavior is selected and any student displaying that behavior is given a special PAWS sticker and a chance to pick from the PAWS prize box. Selected behaviors include; walking quietly in the hallway, using please and thank you, and cleaning up after yourself. A special thank you to Assistant Principal Don Robertson and the Social Skills Committee including Kathy Wynn, Lisa Novsak, Linda Adams, Vicki Peterson, Kim Banks, Toni Wallace, Mary Engiles, Debbie Teise, Mauri Coskey, and Diane Mills for creating this outstanding new program for the students.

These programs and events are in line with our strategic plan in the areas of community engagement and school climate.

Middle Township Elementary School #2

"Helping Every Child Achieve Success"

September, 2017

Sunshine Moments

- **On September 5th, Elementary #2 hosted its' annual open-house for all incoming third-grade students and their families. Over 200 excited guests attended the event in which they visited classrooms, met the instructional staff, and toured the building. (Strategic Plan Goal #1, B)**
- **Elementary #2 experienced an excellent start to the 2017-2018 school year. A special thank you to the entire teaching staff for working so hard in preparation for the new year. The staff spent countless hours on their own time ensuring that their classrooms were ready for the eager students.**
- **On September 7th, our school hosted another very successful "Back-to-School Night" for parents. Staff members met with parents and guardians in order to provide an overview of their instructional program and materials, and to discuss expectations for the new school year. (Strategic Plan Goal #1, B)**
- **On September 22nd, Elementary #2, along with the P.T.O. , will host its' first Family Movie Night in conjunction with our western-themed Book Fair. Families will have an opportunity to visit the book fair, then they will be treated to an outdoor movie entitled *Disney's Home on the Range*. Many thanks to Pam Shute from the P.T.O. for coordinating this year's movie event; also, a special thank you to media specialist Megan Bramble for coordinating the Book Fair.**



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SCHOOL: Middle School **PRINCIPAL:** Mr. Jeff Ortman
DATE: Thursday, September 21, 2017

Our teachers did a fantastic job with the opening week of school. The atmosphere was very welcoming and our teachers deserve commendation for their efforts. Our Facebook page is a great place for pictures and current content on events and school happenings.

Before the end of the month, teachers will be administering the STAR Renaissance Learning computerized assessment tests. A big thank you to Connie Chabok and Lisa Mericle for scheduling testing for our middle school students in Literacy and Math. Teachers will use the powerful data from the system to set up differentiated activities for their students throughout the year based on their strengths and weaknesses reviewed during their disaggregation of student and class data.

The Middle School has implemented Positive Discipline Referrals this year with the hope of recognizing students for their positive behavior. Their names will be placed on the bulletin board near the cafeteria to recognize our “PAWsitive Panthers”.

Try outs for our Fall sports took place last week. We are excited to get Cross Country up and running this year and look forward to their first meet. We had over 100 students express interest in our fall sports this year.



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Middle Township High School enjoyed another outstanding opening this year. A special thank you goes out to the custodians, the support staff for all of their hard work in preparing the building, and the staff for a smooth opening.

On Wednesday, September 13th, Middle Township High School held its annual Back to School Night event. The event was well attended and parents were able to follow their child's schedule and meet with each teacher. I would like to thank Maria Woodring, and her Family and Consumer Science classes, for providing the refreshments for the event.

On Thursday, September 7th, 98.7 The Coast hosted their annual Back to School special from the high school. A variety of student athletes, staff and school board members appeared on the show to talk about their experiences and successes regarding the high school. A special thank you goes out to Phil Pizzi and the staff at the station for doing an outstanding job of recognizing the great things that we do in the high school every year.

Congratulations go out to Seniors Tathya Modi and Brian Hoy for recently being recognized by the National Merit Scholarship program for their outstanding performance on the Preliminary SAT qualifying test in 2016. More than 1.6 million students took the test, and these two individuals placed amount the top 50,000 scorers.

Sports Update (as of 9/20/17)

- Panthers football is 2-1 on the season heading into Friday's 9/22 home game vs Buena! Kickoff 6 p.m. at Memorial Field! Student Council is promoting red, white and blue theme for fans!
- Homecoming is coming up quickly, with the football game vs Gloucester Catholic on Friday, 9/29. Student Council is busy planning Spirit Week activities!
- Our field hockey, girls soccer, boys soccer teams are having success with some of their younger players. All teams are facing busy and challenging contests heading into the heart of the season.
- Tennis is holding a car wash fund raiser at Burke Motor Group Saturday, 9/30, from 9 a.m. -1 p.m.
- We continue to solicit new signs for the Memorial Field fence, which raises 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.
- All Fall sports schedules are available at www.capeatlanticleague.org.