

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

“SUNSHINE MOMENTS”

SCHOOL: Elementary # 1

PRINCIPAL: Christian J. Paskalides

DATE: December 14, 2017

1. On December 1st, Mrs. Shute and Ms. Phillips began sponsoring the 14th Annual Food Drive supporting our local food closets. The students used their Everyday Math skills by tallying, counting, and estimating the canned goods each day. This year we collected 1,826 items! Congratulations to Miss Quigley's 1st grade class for donating the most items and earning a pizza party.
2. Preschool teacher Debbie Hess was recognized as the Lite Rock 96.9 Teacher of the Month for October. On Monday, November 20th, Eddie Davis from “The Lite Rock Morning Show” visited Mrs. Hess' AM classroom. He provided a donut and pastry tray for the students. He also took photos and recorded short interview clips with the students. Some of these clips were aired on his radio show. We are very proud of Mrs. Hess for this well-deserved recognition.
3. On Monday, December 11th, Students from Ellesmere College (New Zealand) performed for the 2nd grade, and again for the staff at our faculty meeting. The staff and students learned about the Maori culture, and were treated to a Haka, or Maori war dance. Teacher and cultural advisor, Miru McLean, presented a waka hoe (canoe paddle) to the school as a gift. A special thank you to Kim Thompson for organizing this once in a lifetime event.
4. On Thursday, November 16th, The Soar Church of Woodbine donated several items to Andrea Davis' self-contained class as part of their #Impact2k17 initiative. These items included a mini trampoline, hopscotch rug, balance beam, river stones, light filters, grippers, and various sensory equipment. Pastor Thomas Dawson Jr., Alfonzo Toney Sr., Julie Smith, Robert Matthews, Dr. David Salvo, and Christian Paskalides were on hand for the presentation. The Church also sponsors an annual bowling trip for Mrs. Davis' class. A special thank you to The Soar Church and our community members for this much appreciated altruistic endeavor.

Middle Township Elementary School #2

"Helping Every Child Achieve Success"

December, 2017

- On December 1st, the staff at Elementary #2 participated in the second professional development day of the school year. The teachers worked within grade-level teams as they discussed the new National Geographic science program for this year and the newly implemented Next Generation Science Standards. The teachers had an opportunity to review the curriculum and take an in-depth look at specific units of study. Many thanks to the board of education for supporting the district's professional development opportunities.
- On December 19th, our advanced band will perform its holiday concert beginning at 7:00 at the PAC. The students will showcase their newly acquired skills as they play an array of holiday songs. A special thanks to Mrs. Cindy Yenolevich for providing our students with this opportunity.
- A special congratulations to Evelyn Minecci, a third-grade teacher, and Tracey Robinson, a fifth-grade teacher on their retirement effective January 1st; both teachers have been highly dedicated staff members for our thirty years. We thank them for all that they have done on behalf of their students and we wish them a happy retirement.



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SCHOOL: Middle School **PRINCIPAL:** Mr. Jeff Ortman
DATE: Thursday, December 14, 2017

On Friday, November 11th, 2017 Student Council, National Junior Honor Society, and United Young Generation attended the 22nd Annual Cape May County Peer Leadership Conference at the Wildwood Convention Center. The theme was "Kindness Counts". The key note speaker was Jeffrey Bucholtz who gave an interactive presentation titled "The Social Medium: Safety and Respect in Our Online Interactions". Students were then allowed to attend 4 of the 7 workshops available. Our Middle School students won 3rd Place for their participation in the Kindness Counts Challenge.

On Friday, December 1, Middle School staff members participated in a full day of professional development. This day included activities on integrating simulations on nonfiction text with our literacy science, social studies and special area teachers that will allow staff to implement literacy strategies across content areas. Math teachers had the opportunity to dig into new technology available in our building and explore new resources. In addition to the curriculum based activities, staff members actively participated in the Cultural Diversity portion of the day with the game BAFA BAFA. This activity supported our district slogan “Diversity is our Strength” and gave staff members an understanding of what it is like to enter into a new culture.

Thank you to our Middle School Music Programs for their performance on December 5 at the Performing Arts Center. The concert included pieces by both our band and choir under the direction of Mr. Evan Weatherby and Ms. June Camizzi.

Middle School Winter Sports teams are practicing and preparing for their first competitions. Boys and Girls Basketball along with Wrestling and Cheerleading all look forward to successful seasons.



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- Our first Awards Recognition Ceremony of the year will be held this coming Friday, December 22 at 7:45 a.m. in the Performing Arts Center. Several people will be recognized over the following four categories: Academic, Athletic, Extra-Curricular, and Staff. The choir, band, and dance academy students will also perform with a holiday theme. The goal of this program is to highlight the many accomplishments and achievements of the members of our school community.
- Our winter band and choir concerts were held Wednesday, December 6th and Thursday, December 7th respectively. Thank you to Mr. Weatherby and Mrs. Dalfonso for coordinating these outstanding events. Also, the band concert was highlighted by a performance by our Dance Academy students. A big thank you goes out to Ms. Tridente and her dance students.
- The Middletones perform nearly 30 hours of caroling during the holiday season. Their performance schedule includes the following visits: the Stone Harbor's Tree Lighting event, the Cape Regional Medical Center, Dennisville's Tour of Homes, the Board of Education Christmas Party, and Lite Rock 96.9 (which will take place on December 20th). The group is extremely talented and they raise funds at many of their engagements. Those funds are deposited into the choir's fundraising account to support the purchase of music, a recording system, matching folders, and other supplies that the group chooses together. The Middletones, under the direction of Debby Jenkins Dalfonso, are: Justin Camp, Thomas Jefferson, Hannah Rose Lafferty Zoltowski, Sofia Lomax, Tyler MacLeod, Laura Porto, Chloe Selover, and Billy Thompson. In addition, Hannah Rose Lafferty Zoltowski and Alan Rendzak have the distinct honor to perform in the Jersey Shore Pops' Holiday Show on Saturday, December 16th. I had the opportunity to hear this young men/women sing last week. They were awesome!!!!
- As part of a Sports and Cultural Tour, students from New Zealand came to visit the high school on December 5th and 6th. It was nice to see all of the students bond and share cultural norms during the visit. Our students/staff were great hosts. Some of the adjectives used from the New Zealand staff to describe our students/staff were: caring, sharing, engaging, and innovative.
- Our first Parent Advisory Committee Meeting will take place on Tuesday December 19th at 6pm in the media center. This will be a time for school administration and parents to collaborate and discuss ideas to better serve the students of Middle Township High School.

Sports Update (as of 12/7/17)

· Panthers and Lady Panthers swimmers opened season with wins over rival Cape May County Tech on Tuesday, Dec. 5.

· Basketball season opens on Friday, Dec. 15, with boys hosting Absegami at 7 p.m. and girls on the road at Ocean City.

· On December 13th Boys Basketball in the spirit of giving gave back to the community and volunteering their time at the Bethel Commandment Church and its food bank

· On Tuesday, Jan. 9, 2018, we will hang 4 new banners in the gym recognizing four athletes whose jerseys were retired over the years. John Roberson, John Leahy, Ricky Harmon and Jennifer Snyder Legler have been invited to a ceremony unveiling the banners preceding the girls' varsity basketball game. The ceremony will take place at about 6:30 p.m.

· First home wrestling meet is Thursday, Jan. 4, when Panthers welcome Ocean City at 6 p.m.

· We added several signs to the Memorial Field fence in the fall and continue to solicit new ones. 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. · Winter sports schedules are available at www.capeatlanticleague.org.

· Last but certainly not least the Athletic Department would like to take this time to honor and recognize Mr. Frank Riggiano and his dedication to not only the district but for all his years as the Athletic Director and coach! We thank you.