

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

“SUNSHINE MOMENTS”

SCHOOL: Elementary # 1
DATE: November 17, 2016

PRINCIPAL: Christian J. Paskalides

1. On Friday, October 30th, Elementary #1 held Fall Harvest/Halloween festivities, which included classroom parties, costumed children, and the Grand March. This year’s Mario Kart theme was a big hit with the students. A special thank you to the PTO room parents and volunteers for hosting the classroom parties.
2. In October, Elementary #1 celebrated the “Week of Respect.” Teachers celebrated this week by providing age-appropriate instruction focusing on preventing harassment, intimidation, or bullying. Students took the Respect pledge on Monday and participated in a daily assignment or discussion throughout the week. The week culminated with Respect Day, when students and staff were encouraged to wear blue to promote kindness and respect amongst all. A special thank you, to Don. Robertson, Lisa Novsak and Elementary #1 staff for promoting such good values
3. Elementary #1 recognized Veteran’s Day with a special edition of our daily Words of Wisdom. Teachers also held classroom discussions and/or read-alouds honoring our servicemen and women.
4. This week, Elementary #1 welcomed parents/guardians into our classrooms in honor of American Education Week. Families were given the opportunity to see our curriculum in action, while watching their children experience exciting lessons.

Middle Township Elementary School #2

"Helping Every Child Achieve Success"

Sunshine Moments: November, 2016

- Elementary #2 recognized **American Education Week** on November 15th and 16th. The community was invited to visit the school and observe first-hand the various instructional programs and activities that are available to our students. The event was well attended and enjoyed by everyone.
- Elementary #2 recognized **Veteran's Day** with numerous in-class activities designed to foster patriotism while honoring those who have served in our nation's military. The students were treated to an assembly program organized through the Mid-Atlantic Center for the Arts and Humanities. Several local veterans from WW II and the Vietnam War were on hand to discuss their experiences while serving in our armed forces. The students had created cards and poems which were presented to the veterans. Both the speakers and students enjoyed the program very much. This activity supports our Strategic Plan, Goal 1, C.1.
- Many thanks to our local Wal-Mart for donating various school supplies to our students in need. A representative visited us on November 14th and presented the school with boxes of notebooks, pencil cases, writing journals, and other assorted supplies. Their generosity is greatly appreciated!
- On October 28th, the Parent Teacher Organization held their first annual **Trunk or Treat** event in the Elementary #2 parking lot. Students donned their favorite costumes as they visited the cars in the parking lot and received their candy. Representatives from the Middle Twp. Police and Fire Departments also provided candy to those in attendance. The event provided a wonderful afternoon of family fun that included music, food, and games. Many thanks to those who helped make this event possible.



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SCHOOL: Middle School **PRINCIPAL:** Dr. T. Lehman
DATE: Thursday, November 17, 2015

The Middle School hosted its annual Veteran’s Day program on November 8th. Several community members and staff were honored. Our staff veterans included Mr. Moyer, Mrs. Blood, Mr. Wishart, and Mr. Zigner. Our band and choir performed during the program. The members of the National Junior Honor Society provided dessert and served food and refreshments during the event. To conclude our program, Mr. Weatherby played America the Beautiful by the flag pole. A special thank you to teachers Jennifer Parmelee, Lisa Mericle, Heather Chew, June Camizzi, Donia Mills, Dave Farrow, and Evan Weatherby who came together to help plan this community/school based program. The Middle School would also like to recognize Bethel Commandment Church for their efforts in catering our event. The students and teachers did a fabulous job decorating our hallways and media center for this patriotic event. A special thanks to Mrs. Arenberg, Mrs. DeBiase, Mrs. McGaritty, Mrs. Rubcich and Mrs. Chew for coordinating the decoration efforts.

A thank you to Heather Chew for coordinating our recent Book Fair. By holding this event, she brings in a profit to help fund future library initiatives.

Students and staff at Middle Township Middle School celebrated the end of its fall sports season last week with a student pep rally. Students cheered as their teams were introduced and took part in games including scooter races, loudest chant and tug of war. Thank you to our fall coaches Mrs. Rementer, Mrs. McMullen, and Mr. Leahy. We look forward to our winter sports. Tryouts just around the corner.

The Middle School National Junior Honor Society and Student Council will participate tomorrow in a Peer Leadership Conference at the Wildwood Convention Center. This event is a countywide peer conference that is held each year to recognize, support, and encourage strong peer leaders and peer leader programs throughout Cape May County. Thank you to Mr. Farrow, Mrs. DeRose, and Mrs. Mericle for chaperoning this event.

The Middle School is currently holding parent teacher conferences this week. Our Parents Active With School (PAWS) members look forward to an event at the Atlantic Cape Community College next month that aims to get parents involved with partnering with the college to discuss college and career readiness opportunities.



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Congratulations to the cast and crew of this year's drama production *The Crucible*. The students and staff did a wonderful job putting together an outstanding performance. I would like to send out a special thank you to Miss Jacky Buckingham for all of her efforts with the show.

With the help of several staff members, we once again held an open house for community members and current eight grade students on Monday, November 14th. Mrs. Debbie Dalfonso and Mrs. Laura Lambert did a wonderful job preparing the evening's festivities. The itinerary included everything from hands on activities and student performances to dessert stations and homemade snack samplings from our world language clubs and extra-curricular organizations. The evening was a huge success with over 150 people in attendance.

On Wednesday, November 16, in a joint effort of the Interact Club, Key Club and Red Cross Club, MTHS hosted the annual dinner for a local organization, Caring for Kids. The students in these clubs assisted in the total preparation of the evening and providing assistance to the organization in its efforts to assist families in need. A special thank you goes out to Mrs. Kelley Hogg and Mrs. Tracey Nagle for their efforts in coordinating this event.

The Malcolm Bernard Historically Black College Fair was held in Camden on Tuesday, November 15. Twenty-Five MTHS students attended and met with approximately 50 colleges. Students met and interacted with admissions representatives and had the possibility of on-the-spot college admissions and scholarship awards.

Sports Update (as of 11/15/16)

- Lady Panthers field hockey won the program's first-ever South Jersey Group 1 championship, was co-champion of the Cape Atlantic League's National Division and broke the school record for team wins; final record 17-2-2. Senior Jenna Herlihy ranks among the top three scorers in the state with 53 goals on the season; 146 career goals and 62 career assists.
- Panthers football team qualified for the state playoffs for the first time in five years and finished the season 5-4 overall. We are excited to host the Anchor Bowl vs Lower Cape May Regional at 10 a.m. Thanksgiving morning.
- Boys soccer was co-champion of the National Conference championship and finished the season 15-4. Five players were named First Team CAL All Stars.
- Girls soccer advanced to the semi-final of the state playoffs. The Lady Panthers finished the season 10-6-2
- Winter 2016-17 sports schedules are available at www.capeatlanticleague.org.