

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

“SUNSHINE MOMENTS”

SCHOOL: Elementary # 1
DATE: September 15, 2016

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 and Kindergarten Sneak A Peek* 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. Mr. 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. Our *1st & 2nd grade Back to School Night* will be held on Tuesday, September 20th.
3. Elementary #1 continues to utilize our Facebook page to share school news and upcoming events, and highlight the achievements of our students and staff. To date, our Facebook page has 518 “likes.” Our goal this year is to highlight individual class activities, in addition to school-wide events. This initiative is aligned with our District strategic plan in the area of strengthening communications and public relations.

Middle Township Elementary School #2

"Helping Every Child Achieve Success"

September, 2016

Sunshine Moments

- **On September 1st, 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 2016-2017 school year. The teaching staff worked exceptionally hard the two weeks prior to the start of school in preparing their classrooms for the new school year.**
- **On September 8th, 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)**



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SCHOOL: Middle School **PRINCIPAL:** Dr. T. Lehman
DATE: Thursday, September 15, 2016

Our teachers did a fantastic job with the opening week of school as we embarked upon a new middle school schedule. The atmosphere was very welcoming and our teachers deserve commendation for their efforts. We look forward to our Open House on September 19. 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. A big thank you to Lisa Mericle for her help in coordinating the 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.

In continuing in our efforts to align with our strategic plan through community engagement, two local businesses connected with us to provide our staff and students gifts and incentives throughout the upcoming school year. Local Alfredo's Pizza provided us a total of \$200 in Staples gift certificates for our teachers along with 6 back packs filled with school supplies for needy students. In addition, we received several gift cards for pizzas to use throughout the year. Local Rio Grande Theater touched based with us to initiate honor roll and star student awards. The movie theater will be providing coupons for free popcorn, drinks, and candy throughout the year.

Try outs for our fall sports took place this week. Soccer and field hockey have their first games of the season next week.



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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.

There has been a major change in the high school this year. With the approval of the school board and the help of our outstanding staff, a new master schedule has been put in place and has been very successful thus far. With the rotating structure of the schedule now offers our students the opportunity to take eight classes instead of seven. In addition, class time is extended by ten minutes which offers the teaching staff additional opportunities to expand on the lesson and activities. This new schedule coupled with the infusion of the academies last year, makes our high school unlike any in the area.

On Wednesday, September 14th, 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 8th, 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 Denis Brown 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.

SPORTS UPDATE:

Sports Update (as of 9/12/16)

- The Fall sports teams have had their opening games and matches. Football hosts Mainland at 6 pm Fri., 9/16/16
- Field hockey's Jenna Herlihy could score her 100th career goal vs Lower Cape May Regional, the team's home opener, on Wed., Sept. 14.
- Mark your calendars: The Black & Orange Social, our athletics fundraiser, will be held at 6 p.m. on Fri., Oct. 21, 2016, at the Bellevue. Tickets are \$25, available from any coach or at the door.
- Fall 2016 sports schedules are available on www.capeatlanticleague.org.