

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

**“SUNSHINE MOMENTS”**

**SCHOOL: Elementary # 1**

**PRINCIPAL: Christian J. Paskalides**

**DATE: December 8, 2016**

- 1. On December 1st, Mrs. Shute and Ms. Phillips began sponsoring the 11th Annual Food Drive supporting our local food closets. So far over 400 items have been collected, and the students have been using their Everyday Math skills by tallying, counting and estimating the canned goods each day.**
- 2. An extremely productive professional development day was held on Friday, December 2<sup>th</sup>. The staff at Elementary #1 was involved in a number of activities including: NGSS implementation, health lesson planning, music department articulation, preschool ESI data analysis, technology training, speech and language intervention, ELL webinars, fine motor training, and more. A special thank you to Paula Berrodin, Mari Coskey, and Nancy Simmerman for volunteering to provide training in their area of expertise.**

## **Middle Township Elementary School #2**

*"Helping Every Child Achieve Success"*

### **December, 2016**

- On December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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 reviewed the New Jersey Student Learning Standards for Math and English/Language Arts along with the 2016 PARCC assessment data. The teams analyzed grade-level performance on specific standards and reviewed the evidence tables showing what students need to be able to do in order to master the given standards. The teachers also reviewed the existing math and language arts curricula, available resources, and current instructional practices in order to identify possible gaps. The staff was very engaged and came away with specific strategies that can be implemented to promote improved performance on the 2017 assessment. Many thanks to Dr. Salvo and the board of education for supporting the professional development day for our staff.
- On December 22<sup>nd</sup>, our beginning and advanced bands will perform their holiday concert at 6:30 in the cafeteria. The students will showcase their newly acquired skills as they play an array of holiday songs. A special thanks to Mrs. Cindy Yenolevich for her hard work in preparing the students.



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**SCHOOL:** Middle School **PRINCIPAL:** Dr. Toni Lehman  
**DATE:** Thursday, December 8, 2016

The MTMS choir performed in Atlantic City on December 5th to raise money for the MAPS Foundation. MAPS raises money to help those in need in South Jersey with Multiple Sclerosis, Alzheimer's, and Parkinson's. Our student body offered support by giving during lunches for a donation from MTMS. On December 6<sup>th</sup>, the Middle School Band and Choir held their winter concert.

On December 2<sup>nd</sup>, the middle school participated in a district wide day of professional development. Teachers and staff participated in various workshops throughout the day. Our Math and Literacy teachers spent time using PARCC data to improve teaching and teaching for our students.

The Middle School is hosting its fourth annual toy drive that benefits the MTPD. All toys stay local. The goal is for each grade level to bring in 125 toys and 500 non-perishable items. The drive, spearheaded with the help of Mrs. Mericle and our National Junior Honor Society, runs until December 20.

In addition to our local police department toy drive, our volunteer club will be collecting toys for the Kyle Brown Memorial Toy Drive. Kyle's sister, Emily attends our school. The toys will be donated to children who will remain in the hospital over the holidays.

Pink Panthers, an all-girl after school club, led by Mrs. Rementer and Mrs. Pohle kicked off their first meeting of the year with a mile run, indoor fitness session, and overall conditioning! This group continues to build its legacy...leaving an impact on MT middle school girls! A trip to the Coast Guard base is in the works and the members plan to participate in the coming weeks in a self-defense training course.

Each month the Middle School celebrates Students of the Month. Students are nominated by their teachers and an invite a friend luncheon is held with building administrators. The following students are November's Students of the Month

6<sup>th</sup> graders- Kindness Copson and George Karapangiotis

7<sup>th</sup> graders- Elizabeth Shalick and Austin Shagren

8<sup>th</sup> graders- Ishika Patel and James Curtis



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### Sunshine Moments December 2016

- Our first Awards Recognition Ceremony of the year will be held this coming Friday, December 23 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/will held Thursday, December 1 and Tuesday, December 13 respectively. Thank you to Mr. Weatherby and Mrs. Dalfonso for coordinating these outstanding events. The Band concert will be highlighted by a performance by our dance Academy students. Thank you to Miss Phillips and her students.
- The Middletones perform nearly 30 hours of caroling during each holiday season. They are featured Saturday evenings at Cape May's Physick Estate for their candlelight home tours, as well as in decorated homes during Dennisville's Tour of Homes. They also perform at the tree lighting hosted by The Reeds and Stone Harbor. This year, they will be performing for the Avalon Senior Citizens Association, Linwood Farmer's Market Christmas Market, and on Lite Rock 96.9. Their caroling adventures began with their annual performance at Cape Regional Medical Center, which remains the highlight of their season. The group is actually paid as professional performers 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:
- Marshall Brown, Anika Buchanan, Justin Camp, Thomas Jefferson, Sofia Lomax, Tyler MacLeod, Jennalyn Peteani, Laura Porto, Michael Seitzinger, and Chloe Selover.

### Sports Update (as of 12/6/16)

- Lady Panthers field hockey was named Press of Atlantic City's Team of the Year. Three players were named the paper's First Team All Stars: Jenna Herlihy, Skylar Gentilini, and Caroline Gallagher. Middle Township Committee recognized the team at Monday's meeting for winning the program's first-ever South Jersey Group 1 championship.
- 17 Panther student-athletes were named First Team Cape Atlantic League All Stars. Here is the complete list:

FIRST TEAM FIELD HOCKEY: Jenna Herlihy; Skylar Gentilini; Maggie Fossett; Abby Thompson  
GIRLS SOCCER: Bridget Ruskey; Nadine Coyle  
BOYS SOCCER: Nik Anagnou; Zack Thomas; Christian Rafter; Trent Canter; Brendan Forrest  
FOOTBALL: Matt Harris; Shawn Scott; David Bond, Johnny Zarfati  
TENNIS: Ruby Washington and Olivia Banach

- Panthers football won its 5<sup>th</sup> straight Anchor Bowl on Thanksgiving morning 58-7 over Lower Cape May Regional. It was the 100<sup>th</sup> meeting between the rivals.
- The swim team opened its season Tuesday 12/6 vs Cape May Tech. Basketball and wrestling scrimmages are underway. Basketball season opens 12/16 with girls hosting Ocean City and boys traveling to Absegami.
- A ceremony is planned to unveil the basketball court painted with Coach Feraco's name on Tuesday, Jan. 3, 2017, before the boys' home opener. More details to come.
- Complete Winter 2016-17 sports schedules are available at [www.capeatlanticleague.org](http://www.capeatlanticleague.org).