

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

“SUNSHINE MOMENTS”

SCHOOL: Elementary # 1
DATE: September 20, 2018

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, new PTO President Jen McDonnell 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. Thank you to Lowe's Home Improvement for donating and installing furniture for our new outdoor learning center! Also, thank you to Mrs. Banks and Ms. VanTrieste for making their vision a reality! In July, Mrs. Banks and Ms. VanTrieste reached out to Lowes to support their idea for an outdoor space for all teachers to utilize for their lessons. The space includes a gazebo, four wicker loveseats, and three picnic tables.

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

"Igniting Every Child's Thirst For Knowledge"

September, 2018

Sunshine Moments

- **On September 4th, 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 11th, our school hosted another very successful and well attended "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)**
- **A congratulations and thank you to Susan Germscheid who applied for and was awarded a \$3,000.00 grant from the Dollar General Literacy Foundation. The grant will be used to supply I-Pads for Ms. Szigeti and Ms. Germscheid's students.**
- **On September 14nd, the P.T.O. hosted Family Movie Night in the Elementary # 2 cafeteria. Over 70 students and their families came out to enjoy Hugh Jackman's performance in The Greatest Showman. Many thanks to the PTO for providing such an entertaining evening for our community. (Strategic Plan Goal #1, B)**



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SCHOOL: Middle School **PRINCIPAL:** Mr. Jeff Ortman

DATE: Thursday, September 20, 2018

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

Thanks to the support of Dr. Salvo, Mrs. Fox, Dr. Lehman, Mr. Johnson and the Board of Education, the Middle School was able to install seven new Smart TVs as well as procure 60 new chromebooks. This technology will further help to support our students and staff as we integrate our new textbooks in science and math that are supported with high quality online resources.

Try outs for our Fall sports teams took place last week. We are happy to have over 100 students participating in our fall athletic programs. We are excited for the second season for the Cross Country Team. Thank you to the Cape May County 4H Fairgrounds for providing the venue for our Cross Country Meets at no cost to the district.



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Sunshine Moments September 2018

- Phil Pizzi, from the Coast 98.7, came to visit Middle Township on Thursday September 6th. Phil interviewed Board Members, Central Administration, High School Administration, Faculty, and Students. It was such a positive experience and a great way to share all the wonderful things happening at Middle Twp. High School. Thank you to Ms. Holmstrom for laying out the itinerary for the day.
- Back to School Night took place on Wednesday September 12th from 6pm to 8pm. The parents got the opportunity to meet teachers, review class syllabuses, dive into the curriculum, and take a survey. Refreshments were set up in the cafeteria by the students from Ms. Woodring's Family Consumer Science Class. Also, tables were set up in the main office foyer conveying our different clubs/activities and sports teams. Overall, it was another well attended event.
- Grade Level Assemblies took place on September 12th and 13th in the PAC. Our VP's, Ms. Jennifer Holmstrom and Mr. Brad MacLeod, addressed each class reviewing expectations for the upcoming school year. In addition, Tom Casey from Josten's Renaissance, gave a presentation on climate and culture and school rings.
- The High School would like to share their Renaissance Theme for this year. The themes were created and voted on by the faculty. This year's theme, drumroll please, is: It's not just for four years, it's for life!

Sports Update (as of 9/10/18)

* Panthers football was off to its first 2-0 start since 2004 before heading in to week 3 at Buena Regional (6 p.m. Fri. 9/14).

* Message from Athletic Director Sharon Rementer: "On behalf of athletics and the football/cheer program, just want to say we appreciate the support in allowing our football program to travel to Seaford, Del., (on Fri., Sept 7). This was a great experience for our student athletes. For many, it was the first time on a ferry ;-). Some comments from the boys were hysterical:

* "I thought the water was supposed to be blue?"

* "I can swim to shore from here?"

* "If this ferry sank would it hit the bottom?"

* "this pic is going on the wall right"

I also want to point that (Friday night) was a class act, professional, and everyone represented Middle Township in a positive light. Coaches: Thank you for providing an awesome environment for our athletes. The level of involvement, dedication, and community outreach is sparking a fire within these kids and setting them up for future success. We received this comment from Gerry Kobasa (Seaford AD): 'All the best the rest of the season. Your FB program is a class act.'"

* Great opportunity coming for our boys' soccer team: They will play Mainland Regional in the Philadelphia Union stadium in Chester, Pa., at 5 p.m. Oct. 9. This will be fun for the whole community, with all teams, band and fans traveling to cheer on the boys. The effort entails selling tickets to Union Games. Link is available on our athletics Facebook page.

* Mark calendars for exciting events, including our first home football game 7 p.m. Sept. 21 vs Gloucester Catholic. Homecoming game is 7 p.m. Oct. 19 vs Gloucester City! More details to come! * Panthers sports schedules are available at www.capeatlanticleague.org. Stay up to date by downloading RSchoolToday app