

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

“SUNSHINE MOMENTS”

SCHOOL: Elementary # 1

PRINCIPAL: Christian J. Paskalides

DATE: October 18, 2018

1. On Wednesday, October 10th, Elementary # 1's Kindergarten held its 15th Annual PTO sponsored Pizza Party. The pizza and desserts were delicious, and the entertainment captivated the students with a lively performance by volunteers Amy and Chuck Marriner. A big thank you to the PTO volunteers, and Court House Pizza for all their efforts in making the evening extra special for our kindergarten students and their families.
2. In observance of Fire Prevention Week, Elementary #1 held a Fire Safety Day for all students on Tuesday, October 9th. Firefighters Kathy Elwell and Doug Greenberg reviewed safety rules, firefighting equipment, and how to act in emergency situations. Each class had an opportunity to tour the fire trucks during their recess period. A special thank you to the Court House, Goshen, Green Creek, and Rio Grande Fire Departments for making the program a success. This program is aligned with our District strategic plan: Goal 1, Objective C, Action Step #2- Recognizing community members and volunteers.
3. The staff and students at Elementary #1 recently participated in America Recycles Day. This is a nationally recognized day, a national initiative of Keep America Beautiful, dedicated to raising awareness and advancing recycling in the United States. This initiative encourages Americans to recycle and buy recycled products. The staff and students participated by collecting and recycling plastic bags. The school was able to fill 3 large recycling containers.

Middle Township Elementary # 2

"Igniting Every Child's Thirst for Knowledge"

Sunshine Moments-October, 2018

Elementary # 2 recognized the Blue Ribbon Week of Respect from October 9th to the 12th. Each day began with Words of Wisdom read over the PA system followed by viewing specific You Tube videos about Respect. Additionally, all classes discussed, took, and signed the Pledge of Respect which was predominantly displayed throughout the building. A Wall of Kindness was created in the mural area where students wrote positive messages on post-it notes which then "Covered the Mural with Kindness". To complete the week, students were encouraged to "Dress" in their finest on Friday to signify Kindness is Classy. Many thanks to Asst. Principal, Melanie Lisitski and guidance counselor, Lisa Novsak for coordinating these activities.

Teaching Technology and Life Skills through Coding and Robotics, is the name of the grant proposal submitted to the Ocean First 2018 Model Classroom Grant Program and the BASF Science Education Grant Committee. We are pleased to announce that the Ocean First Model Classroom committee awarded us \$500.00 dollars and the BASF Science Academy awarded \$5,000.00. Many thanks to Mrs. Kiki Coupland for writing this grant and for Karen , of the Laura Bishop Agency for assisting us.

On October 30th, the Halls of our building will be transformed into an Enchanted Forest. Together with the PTO and to kick off the book fair, students will be able to celebrate Halloween a day early. There will be tables arranged for treats, A Charlie Brown Pumpkin Movie playing in the cafeteria, and books and pizza for sale. If you are able, please come out and join us. Many thanks to our wonderful PTO for orchestrating such a fun-filled event and for Harlee Fisher and Morgan Lynn who are coordinating the transformation of our halls.



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

DATE: Thursday, October 18, 2018

On Friday, October 5, 2018, the Cape May County Prosecutors Office provided presentations to all Middle School Students on cyberbullying. This presentation, which took place during the Week of Respect, provided information to our students on the consequences of cyberbullying and gave them strategies to use to report cyberbullying. In addition, the program addressed internet safety and the importance of appropriate posting on social media sites. This presentation was well received by all.

The Middle School is happy to accept a \$500 Amazon Gift Card from the Ocean First Foundation. The gift card was a result of a grant application through Ocean First Bank. While we did not obtain the large grant, we are thankful for the gift card which will be used to provide incentives for students in the WIN Program.

The Middle School is excited to have our PAWS Program up and running. The PAWS program, which stands for Practice Safety, Act Responsibly, Work Together and Show Respect, is an incentive based program that will reward students for academic performance, appropriate behavior, and attendance. The Middle School looks forward to using this program to help decrease discipline referrals, improve attendance and increase academic performance.

Congratulations to the Middle School Students of the Month for September. The following students were chosen by their teachers to be recognized with a certificate and a pizza luncheon. These students are 6th Graders: Joline Abe and Aydan Howell, 7th Grades: Parker Lengle and Sean Brannon, and 8th Graders: Hannah Price and Gavin Clark.



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- On Sunday, October 7th, approximately 45 Key Club Members traveled to Great Adventure for a Fall Pep Rally. Key Clubs from all over the state were there. It was great day of celebrating service and getting motivated for the year to come. Thank you to Ms. Kelly Hogg for making this possible.
- Chloe Byrne, a 10th grader, was selected to play a part in a JC Penny commercial in New York City last month. What an amazing accomplishment for Chloe. Oh, did I mention, Chloe is diagnosed with Down Syndrome and Type 1 Diabetes.
- Logan Thomas, a 12th grader, spoke at a TEDx event on Sunday, October 14th in Cape May County. Logan was one of five high school students selected to speak at this prestigious event. The following topics were discussed at the event: social issues, race, gender, and economy. Way to go Logan!
- Spirit week is taking place this week. Monday was PJ Day and the 8th Grade Pep Rally, Tuesday was dress like a word starting with the first letter of your name, Wednesday was dress like a Brainiac, Today was dress as your future career, the powder puff game and the bonfire, and Tomorrow will be dress in orange and black. Spirit week will end with the homecoming game tomorrow vs. Gloucester City, home, at 7pm, followed by the Homecoming Dance on Saturday, starting at 6:30pm in the A-gym.
- Important Dates:
 1. Red Ribbon Week 10/22 to 10/26
 2. National Honor Society Induction on Thurs. 10/25 at 7pm in the PAC

Sports Update (as of 10/10/18)

* Panthers soccer had an amazing experience playing in the stadium of Philadelphia Union professional soccer team on Oct. 9. Months of planning and help from the administration and a host of involved individuals and departments within the district made this a rousing success for the team, fans and community. They will always remember it! Many thanks to all!

* Several teams have achieved winning records and have good chances for success in upcoming state playoffs.

* Field hockey Coach Janina Perna achieved her 100th career win on Oct. 3.

* New volleyball coach Nicole Robinson got her first career win on Oct. 3. Let's hope it's the first of many for Coach and her large roster of first-time players.

* Members of our football team enjoyed attending Rutgers football vs Illinois on Saturday, Oct. 6, thanks to tickets arranged by RU alum Anthony Farmer, assistant football coach.

* Mark calendars: Powderpuff football game 6 p.m. Thurs., Oct. 18, followed by bonfire from 7:30-8:30. Homecoming football game 7 p.m. Oct. 19 vs Gloucester City. We host the Anchor Bowl vs Lower Cape May Regional 10 a.m. Thursday, 11/22.

* Winter sports are organizing. Swim practice starts Mon., Nov. 12. Fall and winter Panthers sports schedules are available at www.capeatlanticleague.org. Stay up to date by downloading RSchoolToday app.