

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

"SUNSHINE MOMENTS"

SCHOOL: Elementary # 1

PRINCIPAL: Christian J. Paskalides

DATE: November 15, 2018

1. On Wednesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>, Elementary #1 held Fall Harvest/Halloween festivities, which included classroom parties, costumed children, and the Grand March. This year's theme was "Disney Villains." A special thank you to the PTO room parents and volunteers for hosting the classroom parties.
2. 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.
3. Thank you to The Soar Church of Woodbine for donating about \$2000 worth of sensory and STEM materials and activities to be used by the self-contained classes at Elementary #1.
4. Elementary #1 recognized Veteran's Day with a number of activities including:
  - a. Thank you letters and signs for veterans.
  - b. Short stories about Veterans Day.
  - c. Letters to active duty soldiers.

## Middle Township Elementary School #2

"Helping Every Child Achieve Success"

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- Congratulations to the entire instructional staff at Elementary #2 for their overall success in promoting student achievement and moving students forward along the continuum of learning during the 2017-2018 school year. Each year the N.J. Department of Education provides certain teachers with a Student Growth Percentile (SGP) score that reflects the amount of growth that students made based on their standardized test performance from one year to the next. This year, 100% of the teachers received a score of 3.0 or above on a scale of 1.0-4.0. The overall average was 3.42; up from 3.3 the previous year. Great job to all! This excellent score is a testament to their hard work and dedication to our students. Many thanks to Dr. Salvo, Diane Fox, Dr. Lehman, Robert Johnson, and the entire board of education for supporting the educational endeavors at Elementary #2.
- Veterans were honored throughout the building this week. The fifth grade team both personally interviewed veterans, if they could, or researched other Vets. Then they compiled a video of their work which was shared on Google Classroom for others to view. Our Third grade classes wrote and presented poems to honor our veterans while fourth grade viewed and discussed specific videos and gained a greater understanding of the ultimate sacrifice of our country's veterans.
- On November 7<sup>th</sup> our staff became both engineers and artists. We were graced with the presence of Michelle Wendt from Stockton and ETTC. She explained how our Little Bits Stem kits worked and integrated the Maker Space concept to it. Maker Space, by design, is making something out of everyday items. Teachers constructed miniature arcade rides to school buses. Pictures and Videos of the day can be found on our face book page. A very special Thank- you to Denice Coulter who provided us with much of the materials we needed and Dr. Lehman for finding us, Michelle.
- Ms. DelCorio's class is participating in a Code-A-Thon. For one week her students are able to access a program through Learning.com which earns them points as they navigate through the challenges of learning to code. Coding is not easy, but this program had her students coding from home. Parents shared pictures, through ClassDojo, of their children coding after the first day. Thanks given to Melanie Lisitki for finding this opportunity and to Ms. DelCorio for running with it.



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On Friday, October 26, 2018, the Middle School held our Fall Pep Rally. This was an opportunity for all students to participate in this spirited event with several competitions among grade levels. Students on our fall sports teams were represented including Boys and Girls Soccer, Cross Country, Field Hockey and our Cheerleaders. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade students won the pep rally for earning the most spirit sticks for their participation in the pep rally activities as well as the several Red Ribbon Week Activities.

On Tuesday, November 13, 2018, Middle Township Middle School held our Veteran’s Day Assembly to celebrate our veterans. Thank you to the Cape May Coast Guard Color Guard Recruits, our Middle School Band and the Middle School Choir that performed for our students, and to all of our speakers. Special thanks to our Veteran’s Day Committee members Donia Mills, Lisa Mericle, Heather Chew, June Camizzi, Chris White, Barbara Arenberg, Josh McCarty, Jessica DeBiase, Amy McGarrity, Stefan Griffin, and Dave Farrow for putting this meaningful event together. Special thanks to the Middle Township Education Association who provided grant money to support this meaningful event.

Middle Township Middle School is pleased to announce the students of the month for October. The students had a pizza luncheon where they were able to invite a friend to participate to hear how to work to hopefully get this award in the future. The October Students of the Month are 6<sup>th</sup> graders Aubrey McGarrity and Joseph Angelino, 7<sup>th</sup> graders Alisclaris Huepa-Morales and Kyle Brown, and 8<sup>th</sup> graders Marissa Gardner and Steven Berrodin.

The students and staff of Middle Township Middle School would also like to wish a very Happy Thanksgiving to all next week.



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## **Sunshine Moments November 2018**

- Since September 21<sup>st</sup>, the guidance department has set up 41 universities/colleges to visit our students in the media center during community lunch. It was been a successful program for our students, as they begin the process of choosing the right school for them. A big thank-you to Ms. Rachel Chew and her staff for making this happen.
- Ms. Lisa Taylor and Ms. Kim Moore visited the FPRI Second Continental Congress Simulation at the Museum of the American Revolution in Philadelphia with 27 of our AP students. The students were engaged during the entire simulation and everyone at the museum complimented the behavior of our kids. In addition, our students had the pleasure to listen to English History Professor, Jeremy Black, speak about the British Parliament.
- Our Drama Club participated in a Haunted Hayride Scene at the Beachcomber Resort during Halloween. They played Disney Zombies and won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Non-Profit Scene Category for the entire Hayride. The students received a \$575 check for their efforts. Congrats to Ms. Jackie Buckingham and her students!
- 55 top-notch students were inducted into the National Honor Society on Thursday, October 25<sup>th</sup>. These students convey scholarship, character, citizenship, and leadership with regularity. It was a perfect celebration and thank you to Ms. Kelly Lasher for putting the evening together.

## **Sports Update as of 11/7/18**

- \* Panthers sports teams enjoyed success in state playoffs. Field hockey hosted a home game and advanced to the semi-final; both soccer teams won opening games.
- \* Panthers football won its Homecoming Game vs Gloucester City in front of a great crowd!
- \* Spirit Week was a big success, including an awesome Pep Rally planned by Cheerleading Coach Drake; Junior Class won the annual Powderpuff game (Advisor Mrs. Lisa Taylor); and nice crowd

enjoyed the bonfire planned by Ms. Rementer with the assistance of Coach Richardson and grounds crew!

\* Mark calendars: Panthers football hosts Anchor Bowl vs Lower Cape May Regional 10 a.m. Thursday, 11/22.

\* Congratulations to First Team All Stars: Samantha Braun/Sofia Lomax (tennis); Kira Sides (soccer); Briar Rose Lemma, Caroline Gallagher, Katie Herlihy, Lexie Frank, Ava Karimalis (field hockey); Vincent Wilson, Eddie Proud (soccer). Honorable Mention: Catherine Knoll/Abigail Smith (tennis); Isabella Aftanis (soccer); David Gardner (soccer). (Football released later.)

\* Several alumni athletes experienced success on the collegiate level. Joe Fala (2016) led the Ramapo Roadrunners soccer team into the NJAC championship and was named conference offensive player of the year. Also notable: Ryan Herlihy (2015) Haverford XC; Abby Thompson (2017) Limestone field hockey; and Matt Brown (2018) Neumann soccer.

\* Boys basketball will be hosting a Fish Fry fundraiser on Friday, Nov. 16. Pick up from 3 p.m.-5:30 p.m. Tickets are available from basketball players or at the door \*limited quantity\*.

\* Swim practice starts Mon., Nov. 12. Tryouts for wrestling and basketball are Nov 19-21, with first practices Nov. 26.

\* Winter Panthers sports schedules are available at [www.capeatlanticleague.org](http://www.capeatlanticleague.org). Stay up to date by downloading RSchoolToday app

## **Sunshine Moments from Transportation**

Loretta Carty has been selected as “Employee of the Month” for the Transportation Department’s new Incentive Program.