

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

“SUNSHINE MOMENTS”

SCHOOL: Elementary # 1

PRINCIPAL: Christian J. Paskalides

DATE: December 13, 2018

1. On December 1st, Ms. Phillips began sponsoring the 15th Annual Food Drive supporting our local food closets. The students used their Everyday Math skills by tallying, counting, and estimating the canned goods each day. So far we collected over 1,700 items! There's one day remaining and the class with the most items will win a pizza party.
2. An extremely productive professional development day was held on Friday, December 7th. The staff at Elementary #1 was involved in a number of activities including: Resiliency training with Michael McNight, interactive smart TV training, EM4 online resources, sensory training for paraprofessionals with Paula Berrodin, RTI intervention planning, CPI training with Don Robertson, and more. A special thank you to Dr. Lehman who helped organize the resiliency and smart TV training.

Middle Township Elementary School #2

"Igniting Every Child's Thirst for Knowledge"

December, 2018

- On December 7th, 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 discussed the data of the PARCC assessment and made adjustments to their scope and sequences for areas identified as needing improvement. Additionally, #1 and #2 teachers learned how to better utilize the technology of the Interactive Televisions. Many thanks to the board of education for supporting the district's professional development opportunities.
- On December 4th, our band and choir held its holiday concert at the PAC. Between the two groups over 150 students were involved. They showcased their newly acquired skills as they played and sang an array of holiday songs. A special thanks to Mrs. Cindy Yenolevich and Mrs. Ashley Evans for providing our students with this opportunity.
- A special congratulations to Kathy Kehm, a special education teacher, and Rick Horn, our art teacher on their retirement effective January 1st; both teachers have been highly dedicated staff members for our thirty years. We thank them for all that they have done on behalf of their students and we wish them a happy retirement.
- We are continuing to model the importance of giving. There are food drives, toy drives, and sock drives all finding great success. I would like to thank Mrs. Dykhouse, Mrs. Cubernot, and Mrs. Sinone for organizing these programs.
- A special thank you to the PTO for providing a Holiday Shop for our students to be able to purchase gifts for others. Tomorrow morning, the PTO is spoiling us with a delicious breakfast. We are truly appreciative for all the PTO does for our school community.
- We are excited about two upcoming events. On December 18th our advanced band and 5th grade choir members will be joining the Middle school and the high school's performance in the first District Holiday Concert. And on January 11th and 12th over 200 of our students will be performing the musical, At The Bandstand. We invite all to come out and see both these performance at the PAC starting at 7:00.



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SCHOOL: Middle School **PRINCIPAL:** Mr. Jeff Ortman
DATE: Thursday, December 13, 2018

On Friday, November 16, several middle school students attended the Peer Leadership Conference put on by Cape Assist at the Wildwood Convention Center. This year's conference title was "Be Your Own Leader" with the theme of "Bystander Intervention." Students had an opportunity to hear from keynote speaker Jeffrey Bucholtz who discussed ways children can intervene in a bullying situation in a safe way. Students left the conference with the understanding that to be a leader, one doesn't need to lead crowds or be the most popular kid, leadership is about being respectful and considerate, it's about doing the right thing even when no one is watching or the opposite, when everyone is watching. Thank you to Dave Farrow and Lisa Mericle for leading our students with this meaningful event.

On Thursday, December 6, 2018, the Middle School Choir was recorded singing a holiday song for 98.7 the Coast. The video will be available on The Coast website and their song will aired on the radio season throughout the holiday season. We look forward to hearing our choir on the radio if you have not already. Thank you to Choir Director June Camizzi and the Performing Arts Center Staff for their efforts in getting our choir this exposure.

The Middle School is happy to announce that over 300 students achieved a PAWS Card for the first marking period. Entrance into this incentive-based program was based on academic performance, positive behavior and attendance. Students will be provided with different incentives throughout the marking period as a result of their entry into this program. Thank you to Mr. Hodges and the secretarial staff at the Middle School for their efforts in getting this program organized and off the ground. The students and staff at the Middle School are excited about this new program.

Middle Township Middle School is pleased to announce the students of the month for November. 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 November Students of the Month are 6th graders Sydnie Hunter and Jaxon Schmidt, 7th graders Dayra Perez-Bazan and Justen Wen, and 8th graders Emily Letts and Jason Campbell.



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- Members of our Italian-American Club spent time cleaning graves and placing flags at the head stones of veterans at one of our local cemeteries. Community members Howard Trout and Maureen Lozier stopped by to thank the students. It was a great experience for the students to do something special for those who have sacrificed so much. Thank you Mr. Dapolito for putting this together.
- On December 2nd, eight of our Panther Musicians were accepted into the 2018 Atlantic Cape Honor Band. Those students were: Isabel Hargest, Emily Mawhinney, Logan Maund, Dale Morrison, Jim Pickering, Olivia Pasciucco, David Tzorfas and Matthew Tzorfas. All of these fine people performed alongside some of the best high school musicians in southern New Jersey. Way to go!
- Tandi Ankrum was chosen for the Community Spark Award. Tandi was one of 20 students recognized for actively taking strides to improve her community through volunteer and community activities. Tandi donated her \$1000 dollar award winnings to the Family Promise of Cape May County. Congratulations Tandi!
- Senior football players and cheerleaders spent the day at the Crest Haven Nursing Home to wish Happy Thanksgiving to those not able to go home for the holidays. Their visit put plenty of smiles on the people they met. The kids had a great time giving back and carried themselves extremely well. Nice job Coach Riggitano and Coach Drake!

Sports Update as of 12/6/18

- Panthers football recaptured the new and improved Anchor Bowl by defeating Lower Cape May Regional on Thanksgiving morning. Stop by the high school lobby to see the Anchor Bowl trophy on display in a place of honor!
- Congratulations to Panthers football players Johnny Carlson (kicker), Matt Marino (wide receiver) and Karl Giulian (linebacker), who were named West Jersey Football League First Team All Stars. Second team: David Hayes (running back), Dawson Tallant (defensive line), Romeo Rodriguez (linebacker) and AJ Baez (defensive back).
- Panthers athletes have been spreading cheer in the community. Football players and cheerleaders visited Crest Haven Nursing Home residents on Wednesday before Thanksgiving. Wrestlers played with children during breakfast with Santa earlier this month.

- Panthers swim opened their season Tuesday, Dec. 4, hosting Wildwood Catholic, and Friday, Dec. 7, hosting Cedar Creek.
- Basketball season opener Friday, Dec. 14. Boys are at home vs Ocean City 4/5:30/7 p.m. Girls are at Holy Spirit 4:30 p.m.
- Panthers winter sports schedules are available at www.capeatlanticleague.org. Stay up to date by downloading RSchoolToday app.