1. Last month, volunteers from the Stone Harbor Lion’s Club conducted vision screenings to our preschool and kindergarten students. A detailed report was sent home to parents to share with their pediatrician. Thank you to members of the Lion’s Club for offering their time and assistance to our School Nurse, Patricia Attenborough and Assistant Nurse, Marie Serrano.

2. The staff at Elementary #1 participated in a holiday basket raffle. A total of $900 was raised and donated to the Covenant House of Atlantic City. The money will be used to feed, clothe, and shelter kids in crisis. A special thank you to the staff for their altruistic endeavors.

3. Last month, the Basic Skills Department re-assessed all students in the basic skills program. A total of 23 students progressed up to grade level and were exited from the program, no longer needing basic skills instruction. A special thank you to the department and for their hard work and dedication to their students.

4. In appreciation for their use of the facilities, the MASK (Middle After School Kare) program generously donated $500 to Elementary #1. The funds will be used to replace the original and inoperable sound system in the cafeteria. A special thank you to Director Chris Hagan and the MASK Board for their thoughtfulness.

5. All are invited to our annual Family Movie Night on Tuesday, January 29th at the PAC. We will be featuring the movie, “Small Foot.” The show starts at 6:00. Snacks and refreshments will be provided.
Middle Township Elementary School #2

"Igniting Every Child's Thirst For Knowledge"

Sunshine Moments: January, 2019

- Over 200 of our Elementary # 2 students presented At The Bandstand last weekend. Well over 1400 people were in the audience over the two night run. Students did an amazing job dancing and singing to songs of the 50’s. A very special thank you to Jay Wynn, Cristal Hodges, Julie Moore, Nicole DelCorio, Matt Betson, Lisa Novsak, and Christine Law for all their hours of work in providing our kids such a great experience.

- Elementary #2 recently received a check for over $500.00 from the Box Tops for Education Program. Many thanks to Cyndi Arnold, a fourth-grade teacher, for coordinating this program at our school.

- We have been competing in a county recycling contest through the MUA dealing with plastic film, like your plastic grocery bags or the plastic surrounding your paper towels. Every two weeks our recycling is picked up a weighed. As of today, our school is in the lead. The contest end on Earth day in April. Many thanks to Mrs. Hoffmann and her students for coordinating this contest.
MIDDLE TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS
CAPE MAY COURT HOUSE, NJ
"SUNSHINE MOMENTS"

SCHOOL: Middle School PRINCIPAL: Mr. Jeff Ortman
DATE: Thursday, January 17, 2019

On December 10, the Middle School Choir performed in Atlantic City to help raise money for the MAPS Foundation. The MAPS Foundation raises money to help those in need with Multiple Sclerosis, Alzheimer’s and Parkinson’s diseases in South Jersey.

Students and staff of the Middle School held our annual toy drive and canned goods drive to benefit families for the holidays. The Middle School donated over 1400 cans and 300 toys to be donated to families in need during the holiday season. Thank you to Mr. Farrow and Mrs. Mericle for organizing these meaningful drives.

On January 8, 2019, the Middle School, in collaboration with the High School, hosted an 8th grade parent information night. This was an opportunity for parents to get information on all of the courses and academic programs that are available at Middle Township High School. Individual scheduling sessions for 8th grade students entering Middle Township High School will be held the week of January 28 at the Middle School.

Congratulations to the December Students of the Month at the Middle School. The students are 6th graders: David Leed and Abigail Letts, 7th graders Danny Brady and Camryn Rothenbiller; and 8th graders: Tabitha Tobias and Riley Haring.

We have several upcoming events at the Middle School to make note of:
February 1, at 1 pm Middle School students will view the Step Team and United Young Generation Performance.
February 8 at 8:30 am will be the Middle School Spelling Bee in the Performing Arts Center.
February 8, the Girl’s Overnight Lock-In will take place at the Middle School.
Sunshine Moments January 2019

On Friday, December 13th, over 50 presenters visited the high school for career day. The keynote speaker for the event was Mr. Stedman Graham. Mr. Graham spoke to the student body about identity development, potential, empowerment, self-mastery, vision, and being a life-long learner. A big thank you to Mr. Dave Joslin and his team for putting this day together.

Our District Winter Concert took place on Tuesday December 18th in the PAC. It was nice to see all of the students from grades 5 through 12 partake in this successful event. I would like to personally thank Mrs. Debby Dalfonso and Mr. Stefan Griffin for highlighting our Choir and Band programs during the show.

Middletones, the high school’s a cappella group, performed holiday carols at Stone Harbor’s tree lighting, Cape Regional Medical Center, the Cape May County Chamber of Commerce holiday party, as well as the district’s luncheon. As always, they received rave reviews! In addition, junior Alan Rendzak performed the national anthem at the Middle Township Reorganization meeting to kick off 2019. Middle Township students annually sing for this event.

Our Junior Class Prom Fashion Show took place on Sunday, January 13th at the Avalon Links Country Club, despite the weather. They had 55 guests and 20 student models. A special thank you to our sponsors: Tesi’s Bridal and Formal, David’s Bridal, Jim’s Formal Wear and Men’s Wearhouse. Also, thanks goes out to our Junior class advisor, Ms. Lisa Taylor, for making this possible.

On Thursday, January 3rd the Future Educators of America attended the Future Aspiring Minority High School Institute held at Camden County College. We had 7 students attend the full day workshop geared towards having a career in teaching.

Important dates to remember:
   a.  Step Team Assembly will take place at 1pm on Thursday January 31st in the PAC.
   b.  Step Team will perform on Friday and Saturday night, February 1st and 2nd, in the PAC at 7pm.

Sports Update as of 1/10/19

Panthers basketball is planning a great night on Jan. 21 to recognize state championship teams of 1993 and 1994 (boys) and 1994 and 1995 (girls). We also will retire jersey of ’93 leader Stephano Anderson.
Festivities will take place between boy-girl doubleheader vs Lower Cape May Regional, girls at 5 p.m. and boys at 7 p.m.

Panthers swim was to recognize seniors during Monday’s last home meet vs OLMA 4 p.m. Conference championship will be on the line for girls swim @ Oakcrest on Thursday, 1/17, 4:30 p.m.

Panthers wrestling was off to a strong start, 3-0 on the season. The team won a repeat championship at the Palmyra Holiday Tournament and had 3 weight class champions at the George Maier Invitational!

Panthers basketball was competing in the Shoot Down Cancer tournament at St. Augustine Prep on Sunday, 1/13.

Lady Panthers basketball interacted with participants in the MLK Center’s homework club for a couple of afternoons and a great time was had by all!

Panthers winter sports schedules are available at www.capeatlanticleague.org. Stay up to date by downloading RSchoolToday app.