

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

"SUNSHINE MOMENTS"

SCHOOL: Elementary # 1  
DATE: April 11, 2019

PRINCIPAL: Mr. Christian Paskalides

1. On Friday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>, Mr. George West read to Miss Legler's 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class. Mr. West treated the class to the story "The Gruffalo." He started with a comprehensive book introduction that included pre-reading strategies such as a picture walk and predictions. He read the story with expression and enthusiasm, stopping at strategic points to assess comprehension. His closure activity included a graphic organizer in the form of a story web designed to describe the main character. After the lesson, Mr. West spent a few minutes fielding questions about the High School and his role as principal. Thank you to Mr. West for educating and entertaining the students of Elementary #1.
2. On Tuesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, Elementary #1 hosted our annual STEAM Night. Families participated in a variety of STEAM inspired interactive games and activities. Thank you to Shelley McFadden and the entire STEAM Committee for putting together an excellent event for all to enjoy. Also, thank you to MTEA for donating the games through their Pride grant.
3. On Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, Nancy Simmerman launched the first of six Makerspace Nights at Elementary #1. A "MAKERSPACE" is a place where students gather to invent, create, tinker, explore and discover, using a variety of materials. Activities include the Ozmo, Circuit Boards, Ozobot Coding Robot, Marble Run, Robot Mouse, Brain Flakes, and more. A special thank you to Nancy Simmerman, and the MTEA for donating the materials through their Pride grant. All aforementioned activities support our district's strategic plan, and are highlighted on our Facebook page.



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Congratulations to the cast and crew of the Middle School Musical “You’re a Good Man Charlie Brown” who gave three great shows in the performing arts center on the weekend of March 22 and March 23. Special congratulations to our 8<sup>th</sup> grade members who will be taking their talents to the high school next year.

On Thursday, April 4, 2019, members of the girls group “The Pink Panthers” were treated to a night of girl empowerment by Burke Motors. Accompanied by their advisors Sue Pohle and Donia Mills, the girls were treated to a speaking presentation by the President of the Cape May County Chamber of Commerce Vicky Clark and an overview of basic maintenance of vehicles in the Burke Motors auto repair garage. Additionally, Burke Motors provided a catered dinner from Mandy’s Subs and a take away gift of a pink lunch box. Thank you to Francey Burke from Burke Motors for organizing this event with the Pink Panthers.

In 2016, the local Lowe’s presented the Middle School with a grant to paint a few classrooms and replace the old tile on the bottom of the walls in the hallway. As they were not able to finish the entire building with the coping, our maintenance staff was charged with the project. Recently this project was completed by the maintenance staff. Thank you to Lowe’s for donating the remaining materials needed to complete this project. We appreciate their continued support of Middle Township Public Schools.

Congratulations to the March Students of the Month. These students were treated to a pizza party on Wednesday, April 3 where they joined with a friend to celebrate their accomplishments. The students of the month for March are: 6<sup>th</sup> Graders: Areli Garcia-Bruno and Logan Leith, 7<sup>th</sup> Graders: Camille Harris and Thomas Shagren, and 8<sup>th</sup> Graders: Kamryn Super and Connor Laughlin.

Spring sports are up and running at the Middle School. The Girls Softball and Boys Baseball teams each won their openers against Pleasantville and look to have a successful spring season.

## Sports Update as of 4/8/19

- Junior golfer PJ Shulte was the Cape May County champion and our team placed second in the county tournament on 4/2/19 at Shore Gate to open the season!
- Junior lacrosse player Kira Sides scored her 200th career goal on 4/3/19 and the team was undefeated heading into the second full week of the season.
- Swim Coach Deidre Bosacco was named Press of Atlantic City Coach of the Year!
- Panthers football player Cameron Hamer was recognized as Scholar Athlete by the South Jersey Chapter National Football Foundation and is a member of the NFF's inaugural Hall of Fame Class.
- Panthers baseball won its home opener in a walkoff thriller over rival Lower Cape May Regional on 4/5/19.
- Signs are available for businesses to advertise at Memorial Field, Shunpike and Boyd Street venues. Sign up form will be posted on our Facebook and Twitter pages.
- Spring sports schedules are on [www.capeatlanticleague.org](http://www.capeatlanticleague.org). Stay up to date by downloading RSchoolToday app