

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

“SUNSHINE MOMENTS”

SCHOOL: Elementary # 1

PRINCIPAL: Mr. Christian Paskalides

DATE: June 13, 2019

1. **Preschool graduation ceremonies were held on Thursday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, at the Performing Arts Center. Family and friends enjoyed watching each class perform a song and applauded as each child was recognized for his or her accomplishment in completing preschool. Immediately following the ceremony, a reception was held on the patio and the PTO provided refreshments. A special thank you to Mrs. Simmerman, Mrs. Camp and the entire preschool staff for making this event possible.**
2. **As part of their service learning commitment to others, the students of Elementary #1 raised \$3,574 for St. Jude’s Children’s Research Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee as they completed their annual Mathathon fundraiser. A special thank you to Lois Gruenler for coordinating the fundraiser.**
3. **On Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, the second grade students performed their annual musical concert at the Middle Township Performing Arts Center. The program was entitled “The Seasons of Jazz.” The show featured 4 very challenging songs from each of the four seasons. A special thank you and congratulations to Chris Evans, and the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade class.**
4. **On Wednesday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, the staff at Elementary #1 participated in our first professional book tasting event. Teachers shared their favorite cuisine and browsed a variety of books with topics that included classroom management, reading comprehension, social-emotional learning, effective reading and writing strategies, supporting English Language Learners, and more. A special thank you to Kathy Wynn and Pam Shute for organizing the event.**

## Middle Township Elementary School #2

*"Igniting a Thirst for Knowledge in Every Child"*

### Sunshine Moments- June, 2019

- Our fifth grade students were involved in two essay contests this month. One was sponsored by the VFW and asked students to answer what Memorial Day means to them. Representatives from the VFW selected the winning essay, which was displayed under glass and the writer read it aloud at the Memorial Day parade. The other was sponsored by the officers from the LEAD program, which asked students to write about what they learned from the program and how they would apply these lessons in their lives. The winner was announced during the graduation ceremony, held at the PAC on June 7<sup>th</sup>. And then read the essay in front of everyone at the PAC. This year, the same fifth grader happened to win both contests. I would like to recognize and congratulate Caleigh Paskalides. In my ten years at Elementary # 2, we have never had the same student win both essay contests. Caleigh was awarded a gift card from the Middle Township LEAD police Instructors for her winning essay.
- The entire fifth grade was awarded certificates for their successful completion of the LEAD at the graduation ceremony. Then all headed to the Goshen sports complex for a barbeque an afternoon of celebration. Many thanks to Sgt. Higginbottom, Officer Julio, and the entire Middle Township Police Department for their support of this program.
- A special thank you to Colleen Slater in transportation for helping us bring back the fifth grade trip to the Franklin Institute. For the past several years we had not been able to go there but with Colleen's help and the PTO's financial support, this fifth grade trip is back on track. The students and staff had a wonderful time and are most appreciative. The PTO also helped defray the cost of several other educational experiences including EcoVentures fishing clinic and beach wildlife studies, the Naval Aviation Museum, and a theatrical production of Number the Stars. We are most thankful for all that the PTO continues to do for our students and staff.
- Last week Mr. Paskalides and I scooped ice cream for the students and family members at the PTO sponsored Ice Cream Social. According to the PTO turnout was more than expected as over 400 people enjoyed the evening.

- Currently our fifth graders are enjoying their Moving-Up Dance. They are getting their yearbooks signed, taking pictures in the photo-booth, and forming last minute memories. Many thanks to the PTO and the fifth grade teachers for hosting the event.
- Tomorrow is the last of three Academic Awards assemblies. During this assembly 4 special awards will be presented. As many of you know, a classmate of the 5<sup>th</sup> grade, Kanen Keating-Wear, is suffering from a rare form of cancer. During the course of this year Kanen inspired us to get in touch with John Lynch, who organizes the Thumbs-Up for Kindness campaign. Because of this connection, Kindness became a running theme throughout our building. Fifth grade teachers came to me with the idea of awarding a Kanen inspired Kindness award to four of his classmates and so, we are. We have purchased 4 books written by Kanen and his parents, HurriKanen Fights Back, to give to those we receive this recognition. A portion of this purchase goes to Kanen's family, who are now using experimental drugs which are no longer covered by insurance. Another portion goes to fund research for Kanen's particularly rare form of cancer. This book can be order through Amazon, only. And I am shamelessly providing this information.
- A special "thank you" to the Board of Education, Dr. Salvo, Mrs. Fox, Dr. Lehman, and Mr. Johnson for their continued support of the academic and extra-curricular programs at Elementary #2. Because of this support, the students enjoyed yet another successful and enjoyable school year!



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**DATE:** Thursday, June 13, 2019

On Tuesday, May 21, 8<sup>th</sup> grade students Hannah Price and Jacob Radzieta represented the Middle School and were recognized as Outstanding 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students at an awards dinner sponsored by the Cape May County Superintendents Association held at Avalon Links. These students were recognized for their leadership, scholarship and character.

On Tuesday, June 4, the Middle School Choir traveled to Cape May to participate in the Cape May Choral Festival. Thank you to Ms. June Camizzi for her continued efforts with our Middle School Choir.

On Wednesday, June 5, the Middle School held its annual carnival. This annual event draws in a large number of people from our community to provide games and bounce house activities for a fun night out for families. In addition, cotton candy, snow cones, funnel cakes and French fries were available for purchase to support student activities at the Middle School. A great time was had by all. Special thanks to Dave Farrow for organizing this exciting event and thank you to Kindle Ford for sponsoring the Ford Drive for your Community to help raise money to support student activities at the Middle School.

Congratulations to the May Students of the Month. These students were treated to a pizza party on Wednesday, June 12, where they joined with a friend to celebrate their accomplishments. The students of the month for May are: 6<sup>th</sup> Graders: Ella Felder and Matthew Pinto, 7<sup>th</sup> Graders: Maleah Moore and Bryan Juzaitis, and 8<sup>th</sup> Graders: Naomi Rouse and Jayden Foley.

The Staff and 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Students of Middle Township Middle School are looking forward to the upcoming promotion exercise being held on Monday, June 17, 2019 at 4 pm at the Performing Arts Center. We wish the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class well as they head to the high school.



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## **Sunshine Moments June 2019**

On Wednesday May 22<sup>nd</sup>, Officer Castellano and Mrs. Kristina Ortman orchestrated a Crash Demonstration for our students. The MTPD gave a presentation to our physics students on the procedures used to handle car accidents. In addition, members of the Green Creek and Cape May Court House Fire Departments conveyed to the students how they would help free a person trapped inside of a car after an accident. Thank you to Peterson's Towing for donating the car and thank you to Mr. Leahy's students for providing lunch for everyone.

Thank you to Mrs. Kelly Lasher and the National Honor Society students for chaperoning Elementary #2 students for the first time at Beach Day on Thursday May 30<sup>th</sup>. Also, on Wednesday, June 5<sup>th</sup>, our NHS students assisted Elementary #1 during their Field Day. Thank you to Principals Nancy Loteck and Chris Paskalides for allowing us to be part of your fun.

Seventy-Four Senior Students were recognized on Wednesday June 5<sup>th</sup> in the PAC at the 15th Annual Senior Awards Recognition Ceremony. Over \$130,000 Dollars of Scholarship Money from our local sponsors was allocated to our students. In addition, our students received athletic awards as well as academic achievement awards. Also, thank you to TJ Jefferson for his rendition of the Star-Bangled Banner.

Olivia Pasciucco auditioned for and won a spot to be an American Musical Ambassador for the 2019 American Music Abroad Program as a percussion instrumentalist and vocalist in the chorus. Olivia will perform in Budapest, Vienna, Prague, Salzburg, Austria, the Glacier, Old Germany, Strasbourg, France and the Alps during the month of July.

Kiera Phillips (400 hurdles) and Abri Bostard (pole vault) qualified and participated in the Group II Championship in track and field on May 31<sup>st</sup>. Both set school records and finished well above their seeding. Plus, Keira received a wildcard to the Meet of Champions on June 8<sup>th</sup> in the 400 hurdles.

### **Important Dates:**

1. Senior Picnic, tomorrow, from 1pm to 3pm at the 96<sup>th</sup> Street Beach, Stone Harbor
2. Baccalaureate Ceremony on Monday, June 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm in the PAC
3. Graduation on Tuesday, June 18<sup>th</sup> at 4pm on Memorial Field.

## **Athletic Sunshine Moments (as of 6/10/19)**

Panthers tennis is repeat South Jersey Group 1 Champs after upsetting top-seeded Woodstown! They were welcomed home by a fire truck parade that led them through Cape May Court House!

Congratulations to Cape Atlantic League All Stars for Spring 2019! They were recognized at a ceremony June 5 at Atlantic County Institute of Technology.

Boys lacrosse: Miguel Abarca Vargas (goalie) and Kyle Roscoe (defense) Golf: Andrew Kapp and PJ Schulte

Girls lacrosse: Maddie Barber (midfield); Kira Sides (attack); Aubrey Hunter (attack); Emily Mendel and Rachel Williams (defense)

Softball: Victoria London and Paige Fox

Tennis: Nick Gibboni; Teo Dimitrov and John Leahy; Max Gilbert.

Girls track & field Abri Bostard and Briar Rose Lemma (pole vault)

Receiving Honorable Mention from CAL: Girls track & field: Dakota Ludman and Keira Phillips Boys track & field: TJ Harris (400 high hurdles) Tennis: Justin Price (singles) and Colby Watts and Owen Carlson (doubles) Girls lacrosse: Mia Slick (goalie)

Panthers athletics award winners were recognized at the scholarship and awards ceremony on June 5. Voted by their peers for the Douglas award as best athletes were Cameron Hamer and Victoria London. Voted by their peers for the Penkethman award as most sportsmanlike were AJ Baez and Bridget Donohue. Bridget also earned 12 varsity letters. Victoria was awarded the Purple Heart award for overcoming an injury.

Emilie Repici received the first Athletic Director's Award for helping in the AD office all year. 29 seniors were recognized for earning 4 varsity letters in 1 or more sports.

Fall coaches visited middle schools to share sign up and summer schedule information with incoming freshmen.

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.

Fall sports schedules will be posted soon on [www.capeatlanticleague.org](http://www.capeatlanticleague.org). Stay up to date by downloading RSchoolToday app.