1. Summer cleaning and facilities maintenance are moving along on schedule. Chuck, Lisa, Mike, Luis, and Tyler have been working hard to get the school ready for September. They've had to work around several construction/remediation projects throughout the summer, and have done an outstanding job. Two classrooms have been renovated, the parking lot has been expanded, and the gym HVAC project is nearing completion. Our building will be ready to welcome our students!
Middle Township Elementary School #2

“Igniting a Thirst For Knowledge in Every Child”

Sunshine Moments- August, 2019

- On Thursday, July 25th, Elementary #2 concluded its annual Summer Learning Program. This year over 70 students attended the three week program which focused on providing the students with a preview of the reading and math concepts they will encounter in the new school year. Parent feedback was very positive and the students appeared to benefit greatly from the program. Many thanks to the entire staff for their commitment toward our students during the summer months.

- A new security protocol has been installed in the front office. Many thanks to Tod from our security company and Mr. Webster for helping us design and install a procedure to enhance the safety of our students and staff.

- A special thank you to the entire custodial staff for a job well-done in preparing our building for the new school year. The floors are polished to a high sheen, the classroom have been scoured and cleaned, and some walls have been spruced and painted. Everyone demonstrated tremendous teamwork as they cleaned and delivered the needed supplies for the new school year. Great job to Barb, our newly appointed Senior Custodian and our team, Jay, Fern, Joe and Ken! The Great team at Elementary #2

- A sincere thank you to our men and women in blue. On Tuesday of this week, about 21 police officers dressed in full gear trained in my building doing mock active shooter drills. I was in the mural counting out books and had been warned that this drill was going to be a real as they could make it and I might hear what sounded like gunfire. I asked if I was in their way and then went about doing what I needed to do. I really didn’t think about it. Then I heard the shots. I knew it was a drill, and I still didn’t think too much about it. But then, as I heard the police, I turned to see them marching in a crouched like huddle and moving very quickly, in full helmets, body armor, and with weapons drawn. The lead was speaking into his radio saying, “More shots fired...Children down...” I froze. I watched them turn in the hall and I began to cry. I thought to myself, this is my worst nightmare. It all of our worst nightmare. I watched as a second group performed a similar drill and I couldn’t watch anymore. I noticed that after each drill, the team of police talked amongst themselves about what they thought they did right and what they could improve upon. Each team did this after they had completed a drill. And the instructors talked with each other after each drill, as well. They were all going back to the department to debrief. But I heard in their voices that this was their worst nightmare, too. And I witnessed how very seriously they performed this drill and how well prepared they were. Although we never, ever want to imagine bad things happening in our schools or homes, I feel better knowing that these men and women of our police force, the finest and best trained of all, are ready and able and prepared to protect us. Many thanks to Corporals James D’Alonzo and Phil Johnson and Sergeant Mark Higginbottom for instructing this drill and our own Officer Julio for protecting my building during the process. Thank you, Middle Township PD.
MIDDLE TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS
CAPE MAY COURT HOUSE, NJ

"SUNSHINE MOMENTS"

SCHOOL: Middle School PRINCIPAL: Mr. Jeff Ortman
DATE: Thursday, August 15, 2019

On Tuesday, August 6, 2019 several students from Middle Township Middle School graduated from the Middle Township Police Department Youth Camp at National Night Out. This was a great opportunity for our students to work with the local police department to get an idea of how law enforcement works and an opportunity to build their leadership skills.

Mr. Ortman and Mr. Hodges would like to extend a job well done to our custodial staff (Frank Yacobelli, Peter Phillips, Chrystine Whitaker, Julie Shelton and Neil Haggerty) for getting our classrooms and building spruced up for the upcoming school year. A thank you also to our secretarial staff (Julie Seitz, Thea Major and Sainah Masud) for working to get supplies inventoried, schedules out, and documentation prepared for the start of another exciting school year. Special thanks also to guidance counselor Monica DeRose for her efforts in helping to finalize student schedules for the upcoming school year as well as our child study team members Paula Rozyn and Erin Majane for their efforts and assistance with our special education students.

The staff and students of the Middle School will be coming back in September to some exciting building changes at the Middle School. Thank you to Dr. Salvo, Mrs. Fox and the school board for your support in having the Middle School Gym redone in orange and black, hallways freshly painted, new curbing at the parent pickup loop and new paint and carpet in the main office. These projects have allowed us to add to the Panther Spirit in incorporating our school colors throughout the building.
Sunshine Moments August 2019

- I would like to take the time to thank Billy Knight, Lynn Frech and the custodial staff for their cleaning efforts at the high school. The high school is on track for a successful opening.

- Our Freshmen/Parent Orientation will take place on Tuesday August 27th from 6:30 to 8:30pm. This is a great opportunity for parents and students to walk around the high school, meet club advisors and athletic coaches, and mingle with high school administration. Student council and NHS students will be present to help escort the parents/students around the building.

- Our first AP Boot Camp took place on August 6th, 7th, and 8th. Over 40 students attended the informative camp. Ms. Trapani, Ms. Moore, and Ms. Berkey created sessions to help our Honors/AP students sharpen their critical reading and study skills and get a leg up on their challenging classes.

- Our Freshmen Transition Program took place on Tuesday and Wednesday, July 23rd and 24th at the high school. Over 100 incoming freshmen took part in the program. The students got the chance to walk the halls, review a class schedule, learn about the student handbook, open their locker, receive free gifts from Jostens Renaissance and take a trip to Great Adventure. Thank you to Ms. Lamoreux, Ms. Lambert Ms. Willis, Ms. Villano, Mr. Doan, Ms. Nagle, Mr. Wilson, Mr. MacLeod, and Ms. Holmstrom for making this a successful event.

Athletic Sunshine Moments (as of 8/12/19)

- Fall sports pre-season got under way on Monday with all teams practicing.

- Our amazing new sports performance/conditioning center is open, thanks to support from administration and sponsors, plus hard work by our staff and volunteer consultant Nick Elisano. On Tuesday, Nick introduced coaches to the new facility and demonstrated how it can be utilized to help athletes get better.

- Mark calendars for season openers! Field hockey and tennis are first up, hosting game/match 4 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 3. Football opens season at home 6 p.m. Friday, Sept. 6 vs Cumberland. Homecoming is 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 4.
Signs are available for businesses to advertise at Memorial Field, Shunpike and Boyd Street venues. Sign up form has been posted on our Facebook and Twitter pages.

Fall sports schedules are on www.capeatlanticleague.org. Stay up to date by downloading RSchoolToday app.