1. A special thank you to the PTO for their participation in several school events. The PTO helped with arrival and dismissal for the first two weeks of school, ensuring the safety of our students. They set up tables during Kindergarten Sneak-A-Peek, Preschool Orientation, and 1st/2nd grade Back to School Night. We are very appreciative for the ongoing support that the PTO provides.

2. Preschool Orientation was held on Friday, September 6th. It started in the café with a program overview with school administration. The event concluded in the classrooms where students and their parents met their teachers, and participated in a variety of orientation activities. On Monday, September 9th, Elementary #1 welcomed our first full day preschool class. I’m pleased to report that the transition from ½ day to full day preschool was a success. The following should be recognized for their efforts in making this very challenging endeavor possible: Central Administration, the preschools staff, Transportation, the custodial staff, Nancy Loteck, Pam Shute, Don Robertson, Eileen Douglass, Megan Collins, Brenda Schafran, and Lois Gruenler.
Middle Township Elementary School #2

“Igniting a Thirst For Knowledge in Every Child”

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- On September 3rd, Elementary #2 hosted its’ annual open-house for all incoming third-grade students and their families. Over 200 excited guests attended the event where they visited classrooms, met the instructional staff, and toured the school facility.
- Elementary #2 experienced an excellent start to the 2019-2020 school year. The custodial staff did an outstanding job in preparing our building for our opening. The teaching staff worked exceptionally hard the two weeks prior to the start of school in preparing their classrooms for the new school year.
- The secretarial staff has done an excellent job is ensuring materials and students schedules were at the ready for the beginning of the school year. We have a new team in place this year and they have worked very hard to ensure a smooth opening. Thanks to Becca Carr, Doreen Swanson, and Monique Sudan.
- Back to School Night was held on September 10th and was very well attended. Many thanks to the teaching staff for all their efforts in having of children’s work displayed and special thanks to our PTO for their presentation.
- The students and staff at #2 recognized September 11th. Many thanks to Mrs. Bramble for coordinating the morning announcements and moment of silence which began the day. The instructional staff did an excellent job providing meaningful activities centered around the all-important theme of helping others.
Our teachers and staff did a fantastic job with the opening week of school. The atmosphere was very welcoming and they deserve commendation for their efforts. Our Facebook page continues to be a great place for pictures and current content on events and school happenings.

The new Panther Block Period is up and running at the Middle School. The students are excited to participate in elective courses that give them an opportunity to start their day with something they are interested in. Some of the courses include band, choir, exercise, knitting and crochet, guitar, meditation, gardening, cooking and sign language to name a few. The goals of this program look to provide opportunities to address student social emotional learning needs and decrease their stress level before they start their academic classes. This period also allows for time for students to get extra help in academics and time for staff to collaborate and develop lessons in department meetings. Thank you to the staff who has worked very hard to provide these opportunities for our students.

Try outs for our Fall sports teams took place last week. We are happy to have over 100 students participating in our fall athletic programs. Thank you again to the Cape May County 4H Fairgrounds for providing the venue for our Middle School Cross Country Meets at no cost to the district.

The Middle School Back to School Night was held this past Monday, September 16. This well attended event gave parents an opportunity to meet their child’s teachers, follow their schedules and learn about the programs offered at the Middle School. The night concluded with grade level meetings to give parents an overview of what to expect for the year in their child’s respective grade level. Thank you to the staff at the Middle School for making this such a successful night.
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- The Coast 98.7 came to visit Middle Township on Monday September 9th. They interviewed Board Members, Central Administration, High School Administration, Faculty, and Students. It was such a positive experience and a great way to share all the wonderful things happening at Middle Twp. High School. Thank you to Dr. Remente for laying out the itinerary for the day.

- Back to School Night took place on Thursday September 12th from 6pm to 8pm. The parents got the opportunity to meet teachers, review class syllabuses, analyze textbooks, and dive into the curriculum. Refreshments were set up in the cafeteria by the students from Ms. Woodring’s Family Consumer Science Class. Also, tables were set up in the main office foyer conveying our different clubs/activities/ and community agencies. Overall, it was another well attended event.

- Grade Level Assemblies took place on September 10th and 11th in the PAC. Mr. MacLeod and myself addressed each class reviewing expectations for the upcoming school year. In addition, Tom Casey from Josten’s Renaissance, gave a presentation on climate and culture, getting involved with your school, school ring purchases, and the importance of graduation. After the freshmen assembly, the students signed a “Commitment to Graduate” banner.

- Our College Planning Night took place last night in our PAC. Parents got the opportunity to meet our guidance counselors, get a better understanding of the college application process, and partake in a question/answer segment with our counselors.

- Logan Maund, sophomore, will be restoring the cupola that stands outside of the Administration building for his Eagle Scout project. The cupola, which dates back to 1907, was originally on top of the Cape May Court House Grammar School, located on Boyd Street behind the Old High School. We will have a district-wide dress down day on Friday, September 20th to help Logan raise funds for his project.

- Emily DiGilio, junior, represented Middle Township High School and the State of New Jersey at the Congress of Future Medical leaders in Boston, Massachusetts. Emily received an official Award of Excellence in Leadership Potential, Academic Performance, and Serving Humanity
through the profession of medicine. In addition, Emily go the opportunity to watch a live surgery and question the surgeon in real time.

Sports Update (as of 9/13/19)

· Lady Panthers soccer held a moving pre-game Salute to Service Ceremony before their night game vs Lower Cape May Regional on 9/11. Thank you to all first responders who participated and fans who turned out!

· All fall sports teams have enjoyed successes in their first couple weeks.

· Football won its home opener and was slated to host Wildwood 9/13, with pee wee teams from both communities playing at halftime.

· Homecoming football game is 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 4.

· Brand New District Wide Wall of Fame for both athletic and non-athletic achievements by staff and graduates are seeking nominations. Form can be found on high school website. Nominations are due Nov. 1.

· Signs are available for businesses to advertise at Memorial Field, Shunpike and Boyd Street venues. A 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. Winter schedules will be on the website within next couple of weeks.