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A Message From the Superintendent

I am pleased to be able to share with you the latest edition of the *"Excellence in Our Schools"* newsletter. This edition highlights many of the outstanding activities, accomplishments, and programs that our students, staff, and greater school community have participated in during the school year. The cover of this edition features a visit to Memorial Junior School by the New Jersey State Police Aviation Bureau's medevac helicopter on Career Day, and the Salem Drive School "Family Tree" mural painted by all of the students, staff, and parents of Salem Drive School.

I hope you enjoy this latest edition of our district newsletter and, as always, thank you for your ongoing support of our great schools and for working with us as we continue to be *"A Community That Inspires Excellence."* We encourage you to visit our website (www.hanovertpwschools.com) and become better acquainted with the Hanover Township Public School District.

Have a great summer.

Michael J. Wasko, Superintendent of Schools

Student and Staff Activities, Accomplishments and Recognitions

• Pictured on the Cover :

1. *It's not too often you have a helicopter land on the softball field outside your school! Memorial Junior School had a surprise visit from the New Jersey State Police Aviation Bureau's medevac helicopter for MJS 8th Grade Career Day on Friday, May 18, 2018. After landing on the softball field, the 8th grade students were able to get an up-close view of the helicopter and then were able to take a class picture.*
2. *Salem Drive School's new mural was painted by all of the students along with many parents and teachers during an artist residency with Caren Frost Olmsted of Morris Arts, and is a gift from the Salem Drive School PTA.*



The staff at Bee Meadow School all dressed up like Bees for Halloween, except for the principal, of course. Mr. Darrin Stark was dressed up as the bee keeper!

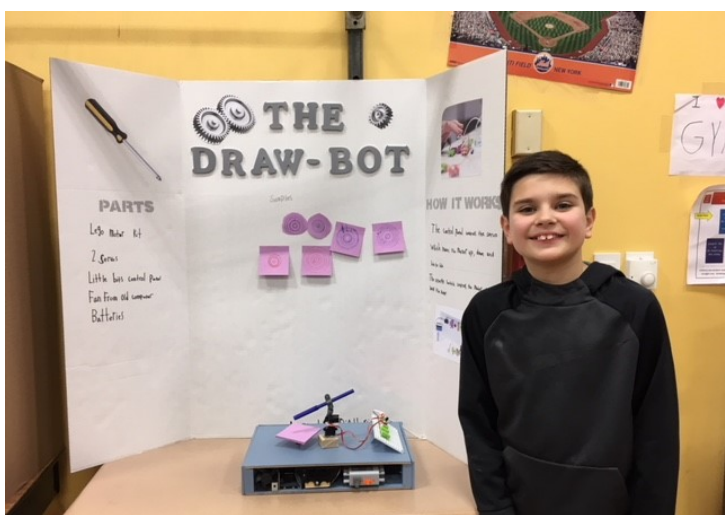


The 2nd annual MJS Art Show took place on May 22, 2018. This fun, community event showcased 315 works of student art and a variety of fun activities. These included "Name That Artist" and "Cartoon Caption" contests, fine artwork puzzles, giant coloring pages, an "American Gothic" photo op cutout, and music and refreshments. Over 200 MJS students, parents and teachers attended. Mr. Rockland, Art Teacher, looks forward to another great Art show next year!

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Dr. Lateiner and Miss Ester came to visit Bee Meadow School and provided lessons on oral hygiene for grades K-3.



Mountview Road School's Creativity Fair was held on February 15th. We had 90 projects this year! The children were able to choose a project of interest and share it with the MTV community.



The Memorial Junior School girls track & field team had a successful season and won a number of individual events as well as the Group 1 Team Championship.

- As a part of the Week of Respect activities in October, students at the three elementary schools worked on this school wide project: They read the book *Only One You* by Linda Kranz. The inspirational children's book discusses important life lessons such as "Always be on the lookout for a friend." And "Find your own way. You don't have to follow the crowd." The overall message of the book is that everyone is unique and has something to contribute to the world. The staff and students then painted their own rocks keeping that message in mind. These "kindness stones" were then placed in a rock garden outside the three schools



near their main entrances as a constant reminder that "There is only one you in this great big world. Make it a better place." A special thanks to the PTA's and to Jay Cornine, the owner of JMC Landscape Contracting for donating his time and his crew to create the "rock garden" at Bee Meadow School.

Students at Bee Meadow School painted "kindness stones" during the "Week of Respect" in October 2017, and JMC Landscaping "planted" the "kindness stones" around the tree in front of the building. Owner of JMC is former BMS student, Jay Cornine.



Mountview Road School students painted stones during the character education "Only One You" painting project, as part of the "Week of Respect" observance.

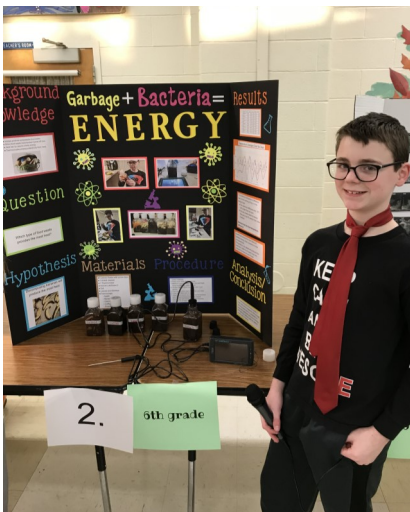
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NJEA's Cat in the Hat surprised Mountview Road School students during their One School, One Book kick-off in late February. Pictured are our Kindergarten students, Principal, Miss Bellino, and Librarian, Mrs. Geannakakes with The Cat in the Hat.



In January Memorial Junior School students welcomed Sergeant Tom Rich for an assembly on online safety. The assembly, sponsored by the Hanover Township Substance Awareness Council, was part of the recently updated character ed program at the middle school, called MJS CARES.



Memorial Junior School students participated in the 2nd Annual MJS Science Fair on March 13, 2018. The event, sponsored by the MJS PTA, had over 60 participants.



Over 125 students at Memorial Junior School were involved in this year's MJS Spring Musical, Bye Bye Birdie. The performances took place on Friday, March 23, 2018 and Saturday, March 24, 2018.



Two groups from Memorial Junior School's Technology Club participated in this year's TransOptions Junior Solar Sprints Inter-County Finals at Ridgedale Middle School in Florham Park on Monday, May 21, 2018. Out of the teams who made the finals, the two teams from MJS finished 6th and 14th, respectively.



The Memorial Junior School faculty recently won the 8th Grade vs. Faculty Volleyball Tournament. The victory was Memorial Junior School faculty's fourth in a row. The tournament, which is a fundraiser for The Seeing Eye Foundation, brought in over \$700. This year, 13 teams participated, including faculty teams from every one of our schools.

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Mrs. Venner's and Ms. Rockwell's third grade students at Salem Drive School took part in the education program at the NJ Sea Grant Consortium. This full day guided outdoor field trip provided an introduction to the salt marsh and barrier beach environment. Students took a beach hike where they learned about the various plants and animals, identified and collected shells and other shoreline finds. Students also visited the salt marsh where they got into waders and worked together seining for various sea creatures and fish. Students were engaged in hands-on learning activities throughout the day.



Memorial Junior School's Lady Vikings girls softball team had a very successful season winning the Greater Morris County Junior School Coaches Association Group III Championship.



*Author Jolie Della Valle visited Mountview Road School's Kindergarten classes in September 2017. Jolie engaged students with her book, *Ants in the Pants*.*



The Memorial Junior School boys track & field team had a very successful season winning a number of individual events as well as the Group 1 Team Championship. The boys and girls track & field teams, as well as the girls softball team will be recognized at the June Board of Education meeting.

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The 2017-2018 Superintendent's Middle School Leadership Award recipient from Memorial Junior School was honored at a special dinner at the Marriott on May 1, 2018. Pictured with the recipient are Mr. Justin Toomey, Assistant Principal, and Mr. Michael Wasko, Superintendent of Schools.



BMS students participated in a friendly competition during the 2018 Winter Olympics. They were asked to show Good Character while staff members took note. Points were given to individual classes or whole grade levels based on their demonstration of Good Character in the halls, at lunch, in class, homework, and school spirit. There was an Opening Ceremony which explained the Olympic Rules and Expectations, and a Closing Ceremony at the end of the competition. Mr. Michael Wasko, Superintendent of Schools, a 1988 Olympic Bobsledder, was invited to speak. Pictured here are our Gold Medal First Grade Teachers and Superintendent (Mrs. Prout, Mrs. Lowy, Mrs. Clamser and Mr. Wasko).



Hogwarts has come to Salem Drive School! In this Harry Potter club, wizards were sorted into Houses, created their own magical wands and potions, recited magical spells, challenged other Houses to duels, and even competed in a friendly game of quidditch.



Students in Mr. Dakak's Social Studies class were treated to a surprise visit from Mr. Wasko while working on an Olympics project. Having competed in bobsledding in the 1988 Calgary Winter Olympics, Mr. Wasko dazzled the students with stories, answered their questions, and even brought his Olympic helmet to share. What a great way to keep the MJS Olympic spirit strong!

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