

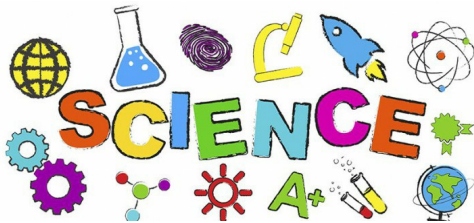
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New State Science Assessments Coming in 2018

The New Jersey Department of Education has released some information about the new state science assessments that will be introduced in the spring of 2018. The new test is called the New Jersey Student Learning Assessment - Science or NJSLA-S for short. There will be a two year period of transition to using these new assessments for accountability. The administration of the assessment in 2018 will be a "field test." The 2018 results will not be included in a district's New Jersey Quality Single Accountability (NJQSAC) review and will not affect a district's score. The spring 2019 administration will be a baseline year. The NJSLA-S will be a computer-based test and will have a full menu of accommodations available similar to the PARCC exam. Previously the NJASK Science test was administered in grades 4 and 8 while the high school students took an end of course examination in Biology. The NJSLA-S will be administered to students in grades 5, 8 and high school. The elementary test consists of four 30-minute test units. The middle school test has four 45-minute units and the high school test has four 60-minute test units. Students may take two units per day, so the testing may be completed in just two days. Additional information will be shared with parents when the administration dates (May-June timeframe) have been determined.

MLK Day of Respect and Service Coming on January 15, 2018 SAVE THE DATE!

OneMontville has extended an invitation for all community members to participate in the organization's second annual MLK Day of Respect and Service on Monday, January 15, 2018.



The mission of OneMontville is to create and promote a climate of acceptance, inclusion and kindness which teaches and celebrates respect for one another by embracing and being enriched by the diversity that comprises the Montville Township Community. The mission can only be fully accomplished through the involvement and commitment of community leaders, religious leaders, business leaders, and residents of all ages, races, religions, ethnicities, abilities, gender identity or sexual orientation.

The event will run from 10 AM until 2 PM. Participants will meet at Montville Community Park and walk from the Park to the Montville Reformed Church on Church Lane. Participants will have the opportunity to visit three additional local houses

of workshop and engage in different service projects at each location. Participants are asked to bring food donations for the Montville Kiwanis Food Pantry.

More details to come....

Bits and Pieces....

Congratulations to the MTHS Marching Band for their 3rd place finish at the New Jersey State Championship held on November 4th in Middletown. The band also received the caption award for "best overall effect" for their program which celebrated Montville Township's 150th anniversary. The band also earned 5th place out of 21 bands in the A Class National Championship in Allentown, Pennsylvania.

The MTHS Speech and Drama team has been named one of the top 100 schools for 2016-2017 by the National Speech and Debate Association.

Congratulations to Anna Rehberg, Gabriella Casiasno and Rachele Philip on their selection to the Morris Area Honor Choir.

Kudos to Lazar Middle School on their fall production of Beauty is a Beast - a character education play about the importance of inner beauty over outer beauty.



School News


Kayne and Johnson to Retire from Board of Education - Daughtry and Zuckerman to be Sworn In

The Montville Township Public Schools thank retiring Board members Dr. Matthew Kayne and Mr. Michael Johnson for their service to the district. Both of these men have made substantial contributions through their volunteer services and leadership roles. Dr. Kayne was recently elected to the Montville Township Committee and Mr. Johnson serves as the President of the Montville Kiwanis Club. Both gentlemen will serve at their final meeting on December 19th. In November the voters of Montville Township Elected Joe Daughtry and Michelle Zuckerman to three years terms to replace Kayne and Johnson. The newly elected members will be officially sworn in at the Board's reorganization meeting on January 2, 2018.

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