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## News & Updates - December 2018

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### Montville Township Public Schools to Explore Service Learning

The Montville Township Board of Education adopted a five-year Strategic Plan in April 2017. Goal three of the plan addresses the area of School Culture and Climate/Community Involvement. Objective #3 of this goal is to implement a service learning program at all grade levels to foster community involvement.

The Montville Township Public Schools has a long tradition of having students provide service to the community in a variety of ways. A district committee has been formed to explore the logistics of adding a service learning component into the district's graduation requirements. The committee will be exploring the feasibility of this initiative and analyzing the experiences of other area school district who have made this a mandatory part of the educational experience for their high school students.

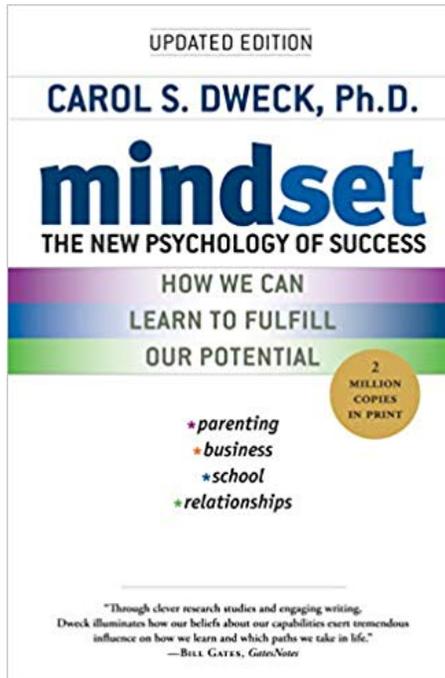
It is expected that the district committee would prepare recommendations to be shared with the Board of Education in the spring of 2019.

### Montville Township Public Schools Engaged in Energy Savings Improvement Program (ESIP)



The Montville Township Public Schools is taking advantage of a New Jersey State Law that allows government agencies to make energy-related improvements to their facilities and finance the projects through the value of the savings that result from the improvements. Last summer the district completed a Request for Proposal process and selected Honeywell as the Energy Savings

Consultant (ESCO) for this project. Working with the district's architect, Honeywell has used information from the district's energy audits, which were completed in early 2018, as well as Honeywell's assessment and analysis to develop an Energy Savings Plan for the district. The plan recommends a number of projects that would qualify as ESIP projects. Projects identified for the district include lighting upgrades, the integration of exterior lighting controls into the building management system, and air conditioning system changes to improve efficiency along with the addition of solar panels in several locations. A report by Honeywell was presented to the Board of Education at their meeting on December 4th. The district administration will now review the proposed self-funding infrastructure upgrades and select a third party to review these recommendations prior to submitting the plan to the Board of Public Utilities for approval. It is hoped that construction related to these improvements can begin in June 2019.



## Second Parent Book Club Discussion Coming in April 2019

The second parent book club discussion for 2018-2019 will be held on Monday, April 8, 2019 from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Montville Township High School Media Center. The focus of the discussion will be *Mindset - The New Psychology of Success* by Carol S. Dweck, Ph.D.

"After decades of research, Stanford University psychologist Carol S. Dweck, Ph.D. discovered a simple but groundbreaking idea: the power of mindset. In this brilliant book she shows how success in school, work, sports, the arts, and almost every area of human endeavor can be dramatically influenced by how we think about our talents and abilities. With the right mindset, you can motivate those you lead, teach and love - to transform their lives and your own".

Contact Dr. Rene Rovtar at [Rene.Rovtar@Montville.net](mailto:Rene.Rovtar@Montville.net) to register to participate in the Parent Book Club.

## Bits and Pieces....

Congratulations to the Montville Township High School Marching Band For winning the New Jersey State Group II-A Band Championship in October and the National Group II-A Championship in November. The band posted the top score among the 16 bands in their division. In addition, the band received the caption awards for Best Music and Best Overall Effect. Congratulations to Mrs. Stebbins, Mr. Pasquale and the marching band and band front participants on their outstanding season!

Congratulations to Rohan Shah (Class of '20), Mihir Paranjape (Class of '20), and Aditya Sharma (Class of '20) for their participation in a prestigious summer economics program. Each student attended the "Economics for Leaders" program conducted by the Foundation for Teaching Economics. The program was a weeklong, residential opportunity offered to 40 high school students from around the country so they could gain a better understanding of how to integrate economics into the process of decision-making in a hands-on, experiential environment.

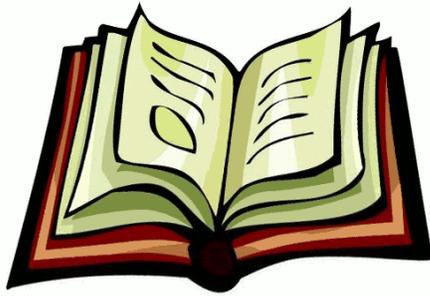
Jason Jones and Sandy Weber recently accepted the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society's "Highest Per-Capita Earner Award" on behalf of Hilldale School. This award is given to the New Jersey school that raises the most money per student during their "Pennies for Patients" fundraiser. Last year, Hilldale raised \$4,562.81.

William Mason School accepted the challenge of helping to find a cure for blood cancers! We joined over 27,000



schools across the country to make a difference and raise as much money as we could. Over the past 3 weeks, our students worked relentlessly fundraising online as well as collecting coins and raised a total of \$3,347.

On Friday, October 19th, the Art, Nutrition, Family and Consumer Studies Department at Robert Lazar Middle School hosted their annual "Bus Drivers Breakfast". Students were responsible for scheduling, menu planning, pricing, room décor, food preparation, and service. Morning highlights involved presentations by the students to include an "Alphabet of Gratitude", a breakfast buffet offering a wonderful assortment of student-prepared foods, an international sampling table, and handmade favors. The event was personalized and heartwarming as students' words and actions reflected their sincere appreciation and respect for the Montville School District's bus drivers.



## Students Asked to Contribute Their Writing to Book

During the course of the 2018-2019 school year, Dr. Rene Rovtar, District Superintendent, is serving as the editor of a book that is being written collaboratively with district students in grades Kindergarten through twelve.

The book will contain the students' perspective and advice on a number of topics such as respect, kindness, gratitude, grit, courage and resilience. These are areas which form the

core of the district's character education program. The superintendent will gather input from students by visiting certain classes and by engaging in electronic dialogue with other students. The final work will be self-published and made available for purchase with proceeds going to the Montville Township Public Schools.

Students are asked to share their wisdom on questions such as:

Why is it important for us to show respect to others?

When you have a bad experience or a bad day, how do you cope? How do you manage to get yourself through it?

When you are doing something really difficult, how do you convince yourself to continue when giving up would be so much easier?

Why would someone want to be kind?

What gives you courage to do something that you might be afraid to do?

Students wishing to contribute to the book should email their writing to:

[Rene.Rovtar@montville.net](mailto:Rene.Rovtar@montville.net)

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