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summer of 2019.

Summer Referendum Work Results in Updated Facilities at MTHS, Lazar, Cedar Hill and William Mason Schools

Work began in earnest the day after school closed in June to address referendum projects in four of the district's schools. Gym/All Purpose Room, HVAC and restroom renovations took place at MTHS, Lazar, Cedar Hill and William Mason schools. Roofing work was completed at MTHS, Lazar and William Mason. Media Center renovations were finished at Lazar, Cedar Hill and William Mason. Due to the large scope of the projects, and the need for school facilities to be available for summer programs, half of the schools were the focus of the work this summer. The remaining schools will have their projects completed during the

District to Incorporate Mindfulness in 2018-2019

During the 2017-2018 school year the district administration developed a Mindfulness Implementation Plan.

Mindfulness is defined as the ability to focus and

create a mindset that helps you to be ready to learn. Mindfulness provides the power to regulate emotions. Mindfulness also has a "heartfulness" component which is directly related to the district's long standing programs in Character Education.

Students can learn the life benefits of Mindfulness techniques. They can become more resilient in using mindful behaviors to overcome any stress, disappointment or failure that they may encounter in their lives.

Implementing Mindfulness in schools can have many beneficial effects. These include better engagement in lesson activities, lower levels of absenteeism, lower levels of conflict and aggressive behavior, and increases in resilience, respect, kindness and compassion.



MTPS Welcomes Scott McGowan as District SRO

Over the summer, the Board of Education and the Township Committee entered into a shared services agreement to provide School Resource Officer (SRO) and SLEO Class III personnel for the Montville Township Public Schools. Officer Scott McGowan will be the district SRO. Officer McGowan is very familiar to students and staff in all of the Montville Township Public Schools through his work as the Community Liaison officer over the past year. He will also continue as the instructor for the L.E.A.D. program which will be expanded to the 5th grade students in all five elementary schools in 2018-2019.

L.E.A.D. is a national initiative. It stands for Law Enforcement Against Drugs.

Additionally, Officer Jeffrey Sims is one of two Special Law Enforcement Officer (SLEO) Class III personnel assigned to the district. These two officers will share one full time position so that the district will always have coverage in the event of illness, training, etc. The law requires that any candidate for a SLEO III position also be a certified SRO. The second Class III officer will be brought on shortly.

Officers Sims and McGowan were both on hand Wednesday, August 29, 2018, to greet all faculty, staff and administrators as they gathered at Montville Township High School for the launch of the 2018-2019 academic year.

We are excited about this important enhancement to the district's security program.

New Jersey Monthly Magazine Names MTHS #18 on List of 100 Top Public High Schools for 2018

The September Issue of New Jersey Monthly Magazine features the 2018 Listing of the [top 100 New Jersey Public High Schools](#). Montville is ranked at #18,

rising from #48 in 2016. Rankings are determined based on a number of criteria including the student/faculty ratio, the number of Advanced Placement (AP) subjects offered, the percentage of students in grades 11 and 12 taking at least one AP course, Students scoring 3 or above on AP exams, SAT scores, the graduation rate and the percentage of students enrolled in college 16 months after graduation.

Bits and Pieces....

Hannah Massey, MTHS Class of 2018, collaborated on research of the topic of "The Prevalence of Hypoglycemia in Geriatric Patients with Chronic Kidney Disease." This research has been accepted for publication and will be presented at the American Association of Clinical Chemistry meeting.

Cheryl Zanone, Science Teacher at Lazar Middle School, is currently serving at the President of the New Jersey Science Teachers Association.

Congratulations to the MTHS students who won awards at the New Jersey State Fair this summer:

Name	Grade	Project	Award
Kevin Kahwaty	12	"Unearthed" - Raku and Smoke Fired Skull	1st Place - Ceramics (Hand building)
Kevin Kahwaty	12	"Ocean Man" - Cone 10 Reduction Fired	2nd Place - Ceramics (Hand building)
Max Baresich	11	"Ode to Maria" - Native American Inspired Vase	2nd Place - Ceramics (Wheel Throwing)
Max Baresich	11	"Robin's Egg" - Wheel Thrown Vase	1st Place- Ceramics (Wheel Throwing)
Emilee Vizzuso	12	Horsehair narrow neck vase	2nd Place- Ceramics (Wheel Throwing)
Emilee Vizzuso	12	Raku Vessel	1st Place - Ceramics (Wheel Throwing) & Recipient of the Peters Valley School of Craft Scholarship
Faith Hickler	11	Recycled Denim Backpack	3rd Place- Sewing
Kaleigh Culmone	11	Anguish	2nd Place- Ceramics (Hand building)
Kaleigh Culmone	11	Organic Vessel	1st Place- Ceramics (Hand building)
Kaleigh Culmone	11	Glass Canyon	1st Place- Ceramics (Hand building) & Special Award for Outstanding Work in Ceramics
Kaleigh Culmone	11	Twisted Heart	Honorable Mention- Ceramics (Hand building)
Miranda Morrone	11	Crochet Reindeer	2nd Place- Crochet
Miranda Morrone	11	Beaded Bracelet	1st Place- Beaded Jewelry
Roy Min	10	Hershey Bar	Honorable Mention- Ceramics (Hand building)
Jared Hollfelder	9	Crochet Bear	2nd Place- Crochet
Nathanael Chan	10	Origami Sculpture	Honorable Mention- Ceramics (Hand building)
Emily Kozell	11	Hand Embroidered Jeans	1st Place- Sewing
Alyssa Weiss	11	Crocheted Elephant	2nd Place- Crochet
Tiffany Lee	11	Soapstone Carved Rabbit	1st Place- Carving
Solene Gulka	9	Knitted Blue Lion	1st Place - Knitting & Recipient of the Margret Caffasso Award for Outstanding Work in Knitting
Alexis			



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Drzymkowski	9	Knitted Dog Sweater	2nd Place-Knitting
Scott Kolaritsch	10	Torso Sculpture/American Tattoo	3rd Place- Ceramics (Hand building)
Lauren Beiermeister	11	Crocheted Scarf	2nd Place- Sewing
Lauren Beiermeister	11	Landscape Drawstring Backpack	2nd Place- Sewing
Emma Cocuzza	9	Narrow neck vase	3rd Place- Ceramics (Wheel Throwing)
Emma Cocuzza	9	Coil Vase	2nd Place- Ceramics (Hand building)
Arianne Grevesen	11	Coil Vase	3rd Place- Ceramics (Hand building)
Arianne Grevesen	11	Save the Environment	3rd Place- Ceramics (Hand building)
Alexis Cocchio	11	Plaid Backpack	Honorable Mention- Sewing
Abby Vidovich	10	Neck Tie Backpack	1st Place- Sewing
Nicolette Rubel	12	Ceramic Squirrel	3rd Place- Ceramics (Hand building)
Gianna Palmisano	10	Wheel Thrown Vase	3rd Place- Ceramics (Wheel Throwing)
Christina Herrera	11	Gumball Machine	1st Place- Ceramics (Hand building)
Christina Herrera	11	Duct Tape Infinity Scarf	1st Place - Construction Using only Duct Tape



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PARENTS - If your child graduated as a member of the Class of 2018, please consider accessing the link below and adding your child's email address so that we can include them in the Alumni database.

As part of the Montville Township Public Schools

Five Year Strategic Plan, an

ALUMNI DATABASE

has been created for Montville Township High School. We enjoy being able to periodically share news and information with alumni as well as build a network of alums who might be interested in lending their experience and expertise to various district programs from time to time.

[Click here](#) to join the MTHS Alumni Network

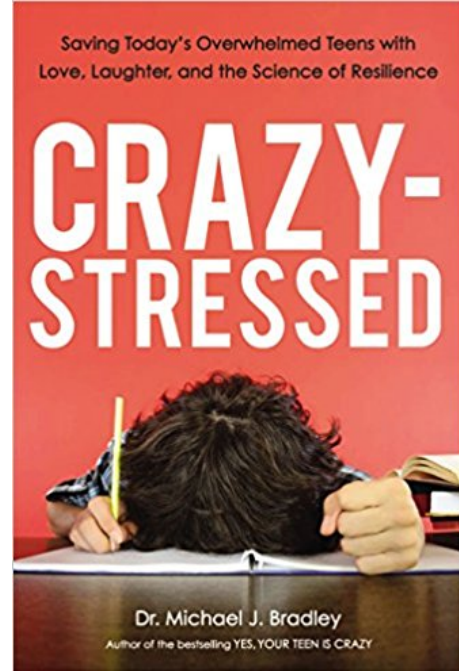
Superintendent's Book Club

Superintendent of Schools Rene Rovtar will host two Parent Book Club Discussions during the 2018-2019 school year. The first will be held on Thursday, November 1, 2018 from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. in the Montville Township High School Media Center.

The Fall Book Selection is *Crazy Stressed* by Dr. Michael J. Bradley.

In the words of Michele Borba, author of *UNSELFIE - Why Empathetic Kids Succeed in Our All-About-Me World*, "Dr. Mike Bradley takes the complex science of adolescence and brilliantly boils it down to concise, simple parenting concepts in the 'do-this, don't-do-that" language for parents of real-world teenagers. Along the way, he makes you laugh, cry and end up closer with your teen!"


[Email Dr. Rene Rovtar](#) to register for the November 1 discussion.



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