

**Happy New Year! Best Wishes for a Wonderful 2017!**



## **News & Updates - January 2017**

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### **District to Discuss Potential Referendum at January 17th Meeting**

In July 2016, the Montville Township Board of Education identified four goals for the 2016-2017 school year. The first goal is focused on a possible referendum with the goal statement reading, "Through Board of Education discussion, determine the need for the district to conduct a referendum to obtain funding for facilities projects. If a referendum is necessary, develop an action plan to help ensure its passage by the voters of Montville Township."

During the past several months the Board of Education's Finance and Facilities Committee met with the district's architect of record and central office administrators to review the facility needs and identify a listing of possible projects to be included in a referendum.

The State of New Jersey has determined that there are five dates each year on which a referendum election can be held. A special election may be held on the fourth Tuesday in January, second Tuesday in March, the last Tuesday in September, and the second Tuesday in December.



### **Montville Board of Education to Honor Teachers and Educational Service Professionals of the Year**

At their January 17, 2017 meeting, the Montville Township Board of Education will honor the 2016-2017 Teachers of the Year and Educational Service Professionals of the year. The Governor's Educator of the Year Program is designed to recognize teachers who are exceptionally skilled and dedicated. They are experts in their field and inspire students of all backgrounds and abilities to learn. They actively collaborate with colleagues, students, and families to create a strong culture of respect and success in their school. They demonstrate leadership and innovation in educational activities at the school, district and/or state and national levels that take place both within or outside the school setting.

They are our shining stars and significant contributors to the academic excellence that is a hallmark of the Montville Township Public Schools. The district is extremely proud to have all of these individuals on our faculty.

**Governor's Educator/Teacher Award**

Cedar Hill - Katelyn Kung  
Hilldale - Marci Craig  
Valley View - Linda Otte  
William Mason - Ann Marie Treanor  
Woodmont - Lauren Boninfante  
Lazar - Roseanne Freykar  
MTHS - Tammy Bombard

**Governor's Educational Services Professional Award**

Cedar Hill - Jody Ravellese  
Hilldale - Britany Bucci  
Valley View - Keith Spector  
William Mason - Teresa Gorgia  
Woodmont - Janice Shingledecker  
Lazar - Susan Rappaport  
MTHS - Naomi McCloskey

**Princeton University Distinguished Secondary School Teacher Award**

Scott Riotto



**Join in OneMontville's MLK Day of Respect and Community Service - Monday, January 16, 2017**

On Monday, January 16, 2017, the OneMontville organization will host its first MLK Day of Respect and Community Service. The event will start at 10:00 a.m. at the Montville Township Administration Building at 195 Changebridge Road, Montville. From the gathering place at the administration building, participants will join in a walk from the Town Hall Building to the Pine Brook Jewish Center. The OneMontville Walk is an opportunity to bring the community together to symbolize the OneMontville mission of Respect-Acceptance-Kindness.

Participants in the OneMontville Walk are asked to bring a nonperishable food item to donate to the Montville Kiwanis Club's Food

Pantry. In addition to food, participants are asked to bring white men's tube socks, hand or feet warmers for donation to the Towaco-based Homeless Bus.

Following the walk, participants will be welcomed into the Pine Brook Jewish Center where light refreshments will be available. They will have the opportunity to learn about the center from Rabbi Mark Finkel, OneMontville board member, and also have the opportunity to tour the custom designed Homeless Bus, donated by comedian Steve Harvey.

From 11:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. participants will be able to meet with leaders from across Montville Township to learn about service and community. Participants may visit the Montville Reformed Church located at 9 Church Lane, St. Pius X Church at 24 Changebridge Road, or the Jam-e-Masjid Islamic Center located at 110 Harrison Street in Boonton.

At each of the stops, the religious leaders will introduce participants to the Montville Everyone in Action for the Community (EAC), an ecumenical coalition of religious organizations throughout Montville, who gather monthly in service to the community.

A map and a listing of the activities will be distributed at the walk. Detailed information about the event is available at [www.http://onemontville.org](http://onemontville.org).

OneMontville fleece headbands will be on sale at the walk or can be ordered in advance by contacting [communications@montville.net](mailto:communications@montville.net). The cost of a headband is \$10.00 and all proceeds will assist OneMontville in organizing activities and events.

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.

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## ***Bits and Pieces....***

Congratulations to the following MTHS students who have been accepted to Region I Choir, Band and Orchestra:

Womens' Chorus: Gabriella Casciano, Rachele Philip, Anna Rehberg, and Madison Budamante

Mixed Chorus: Verina Megala, Heather Guidice, Srishti Nandy and David Champion

Band: Tommy Sansone, Sophia Hwang, and Jennifer Weiss

Orchestra: Enoch Jo, Bethany Ko. and Seungho Lee

The Montville Township High School DECA's Club attended the regional competition at Kean University on January 6th. Sixty-eight students have advanced to the State level competition to be held later this year!

Valley View School has launched its annual math marathon to raise money for St. Jude's Hospital.


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