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Montville Township Schools Select Award Recipients

Montville Township's Schools have made the following selections to honor Teachers and Educational Services Professionals for the 2017-2018 School Year:

Teachers of the Year

MTHS - Jennifer Kilanowski
Lazar Middle School - Nicole Rudge
Cedar Hill School - Andrea Petruzzo
Hilldale School - Lauren Work
Valley View School - Jennifer Blanchard
William Mason School - Meredith Wolston
Woodmont School Stacey Maciorski

Education Service Professionals of the Year

MTHS - Catherine Lomauro
Lazar Middle School - Jessica Holman
Cedar Hill School - Stephanie Perillo-Gentile
Hilldale School - Ian Schwindel
Valley View School - Shelby Newkirk
William Mason School - Kelly Goodwin
Woodmont School - Laura Catalano

Princeton University Distinguished Secondary School Teacher

Mary Gormley

Kindergarten Registration Open for Students Entering in September 2018



Registration is now open for students who will be entering Kindergarten in September 2018. Students must be residents of Montville Township and be five years old by October 1, 2018. **Registration will close on February 16, 2018.** Kindergarten registration is handled through the district website which can be accessed through the link below:

[Montville Township Public Schools Website](#)



OneMontville Announces Formation of "Response Team"

OneMontville has announced the formation of its Response Team to offer, upon request, support and comfort to individuals, families, businesses and organizations who have been the target of hate activity. The OneMontville Response Team will provide guidance to approach local law enforcement, local government resources, and/or other outside agencies as requested, and agreed upon by those affected. The Response Team will assist in any way they can, within the parameters of a volunteer, community advocacy

organization. Contact OneMontvilleResponseTeam@gmail.com

OneMontville is a community advocacy organization which promotes acceptance, kindness and respect in the diverse community of Montville Township.

DATES OF NOTE:

The **next OneMontville meeting** will be held **Tuesday January 9 at 9:30AM** at Montville Township Public Library.

The 2nd Annual OneMontville MLK Day of Respect and Community Service will be held on **Monday, January 15 at 10AM**. Meet at Montville Park across from Lazar, Bring non-perishable food for Montville Kiwanis Food Pantry. Walk to Dutch Reformed Church to participate in service projects and learn about the diverse Montville Township Community. Explore many faiths and initiatives throughout the Twp. Enjoy food from local restaurants.

Bits and Pieces....

Congratulations to Mary Gormley on her selection as the New Jersey National Educator of the Year as selected by the National Speech and Debate Association.

MTHS has created the Character Counts Award to recognize students who show excellent character traits. Congratulations to The first honorees: Cameron Horn (Class of 2018) and Megan Testa (Class of 2018).



School News

The Hilldale Student Council sold glow sticks and raised \$350 for the American Red Cross to support their disaster relief efforts.

The Woodmont School Student Council collected 290 pairs of men's socks to donate to the Homeless Bus.

Carmela Novi Resigns from Board of Education New Board Officers Installed

At their meeting on December 19th the Board of Education accepted the resignation of Carmela Novi who had most recently served as the Board's Vice President. The Board will interview candidates to fill the vacant seat at their meeting on January 16th. [Residents interested in being considered](#) for this appointment should send a letter of interest and copy of their resume to Katine Slunt, Board Secretary, at 86 River Road, Montville, NJ 07045.

At their Reorganization Meeting on January 2, 2018, the Board elected Charles Grau as President and Michael Palma as Vice President for 2018.

MTHS Receives AP Honor

Montville Township High School has been named to the 8th Annual AP District Honor Roll for Significant Gains in Student Access and Success.



Montville Township Public Schools is one of only 447 school districts in the U.S. and Canada being honored by the College Board with placement on the 8th Annual AP[®] District Honor Roll. To be included on the 8th Annual Honor Roll, Montville Township High School had to, since 2015, increase the number of students participating in AP while also increasing or maintaining the percentage of students earning AP Exam scores of 3 or higher. Reaching these goals shows that this district is successfully identifying motivated, academically prepared students who are ready for AP.

National data from 2017 show that among American Indian/Alaska Native, Black/African American, Hispanic/Latino, and Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander students with a high degree of readiness for AP, only about half are participating. The first step to getting more of these students to participate is to give them access. Courses must be made available, gatekeeping must stop, and doors must be equitably opened. Montville Township Public Schools is committed to expanding the availability of AP courses among prepared and motivated students of all backgrounds.

"Congratulations to all the educators and administrators in this district who have worked to clear a path for more students of all backgrounds to participate and succeed in AP," said Trevor Packer, head of AP and Instruction. "These educators and administrators are fostering a culture in their schools and classrooms that allows students to face new challenges and build the confidence to succeed."

Helping more students learn at a higher level *and* earn higher AP scores is an objective of all members of the AP community, from AP teachers to district and school administrators to college professors. Many districts are experimenting with initiatives and strategies to see how they can expand access and improve student performance at the same time.

In 2017, more than 4,000 colleges and universities around the world received AP scores for college credit, advanced placement, or both, and/or consideration in the admissions process. Inclusion in the 8th Annual AP District Honor Roll is based on a review of three

years of AP data, from 2015 to 2017, looking across 38 AP Exams, including world language and culture. The following criteria were used.

Districts must:

- Increase participation/access to AP by at least 4% in large districts, at least 6% in medium districts, and at least 11% in small districts;
- Increased or maintained the percentage of American Indian/Alaska Native, Black/African American, Hispanic/Latino, and Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander students taking exams and increased or maintained the percentage of American Indian/Alaska Native, Black/African American, Hispanic/Latino, and Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander students scoring 3+ on at least one AP Exam; and
- Improve or maintain performance levels when comparing the 2017 percentage of students scoring a 3 or higher to the 2015 percentage, *unless* the district has already attained a performance level at which more than 70% of its AP students earn a 3 or higher.


When these outcomes have been achieved among an AP student population in which 30% or more are underrepresented minority students (American Indian/Alaska Native, Black/African American, Hispanic/Latino and Native Hawaiian/Other Pacific Islander) and/or 30% or more are low-income students (students who qualify for free or reduced-price lunch), a symbol has been affixed to the district name to highlight this work.

The complete 8th Annual AP District Honor Roll can be found [here](https://apcentral.collegeboard.org/score-reports-data/awards/honor-roll):
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