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**Montville Township Public
Schools Named 2018
National District of
Character**

**Robert R. Lazar Middle
School
Named 2018 National
School of Character**

**William Mason School
NJ School of Character
Honorable Mention**

**Woodmont School
Promising Practice Winner**

On Friday, May 18, 2018 at the Annual
Conference of the New Jersey Alliance for
Social, Emotional, and Character Development

held at Rider University, Douglas Karr, President and CEO of Character.org made the nationwide announcement of the National Districts and Schools of Character. Montville Township Public Schools was named a 2018 National District of Character and Robert R. Lazar Middle School was named a 2018 National School of Character.

Each year, Character.org (formerly The Character Education Partnership) and its state affiliates select schools and districts that demonstrate a dedicated focus on character development programs and a positive impact on academic achievement, student behavior, school climate and their communities. Schools and districts selected in January as State Schools and Districts of

Character were forwarded to Character.org for consideration for national recognition. Through an in-depth and rigorous evaluation process, these schools and districts were found to be exemplary models of character development. This year there were five National Districts of Character named and 72 National Schools of Character.

Lazar Middle School joins Cedar Hill School and Woodmont School which were named National Schools of Character in 2016. William Mason School was named an Honorable Mention New Jersey School of Character for 2018. In addition, Woodmont School attained the honor of Promising Practice for its Pathways Peer Mentoring Program.

Character education is something that has been a focus of Montville Township Public Schools for many years. All seven of the district's schools engage in proactive and intentional efforts to help students develop important core ethical (recognizing what's right) and performance (doing what's right) values such as caring, honesty, diligence, fairness, fortitude, responsibility, grit, creativity, critical thinking and respect for self and others.

All National Districts and Schools of Character will be honored at the upcoming National Forum on Character Education to be held in October in Washington, D.C.

Congratulations to Our Retirees

At their June 5th meeting, the Montville Township Board of Education will honor the following retirees. The Board will present them with a gift to thank them for their years of services to the district.



Montville Township High School

Mary Gormley
Patrice Yodice

Lazar Middle School

Judith Caggiano
Jenna Matuszewski
Marjorie McCutcheon

Cedar Hill School

Cathy Lundquist
Frances Work

Hilldale School

Pamela H. Coward

Valley View School

Patricia Harvey
Mary Wilczynski

William Mason School

Janis Amodeo
Rosalyn Lippa

Woodmont School

Donna Bruno

Special Services

Elizabeth Hermann

District

Josef Karner

The Board wishes all of our retirees a long, happy and healthy retirement!

**MTPS Working With Township
Committee to Provide SRO and
SLEO Class III Officer for
2018-2019 School Year**

SRO

School Resource Officer

Representatives from the Montville Township Board of Education and the Montville Township Committee have been engaged in a series of discussions to provide for the assignment of one School Resource Officer and one SLEO Class III officer for the district beginning in September 2018. The SLEO Class III Officer is a recently retired police officer who holds a School Resource Officer certification. Both officers would be armed when on duty in their role within the school district. Since these two positions would be jointly funded by the Board of Education and the Township Committee, both parties must first enter into an

interlocal services agreement. The terms of the agreement and the specific roles and responsibilities for these two positions are expected to be finalized in June. The Board of Education is grateful to the Township Committee, Township Administration and the Montville Township Police for their willingness to collaborate on this initiative to increase security in the district.

Bits and Pieces....

A proposal submitted by Cesar Cruz and Anthony Sia, teachers at MTHS, has been accepted for the creation of a MTHS documentary on the School of Rock and how it affects the high school and the Montville Township community. This film will be featured at the 2018 Sonic Highways Hometown Documentaries Film Festival will be part of the New Jersey School Boards Association's Fall Workshop in October.

On May 5th students from MTHS competed in the New Jersey History Day State Competition at William Paterson University. In the Group Website category Hannah Park and Kelly Chan qualified for the National Competition in Washington, D.C.

Cameron Hojecki, Sarah Bolen and Victoria Wei were National Alternates for their Group Documentary. Congratulations to these students and best of luck at Nationals in June!

Congratulations to the 5th Grade Character Education Committee at Cedar Hill School on raising over \$2,200 for lung cancer research through their "May the 4th Be With You" event.

The 2nd Annual Perennial Math Team Championships were hosted live across the US with the participants answering questions in a virtual format. With computer cameras and microphones, competitors could see other competitors around the country at the same time! The test format was game show style, where there was one question at a time for all teams and the team that answered correctly first got to pick the next category. Categories included computation, logic, algebra, ratio, and other topics. The Montville team took first place, surpassing 21 other teams in the competition. The Montville Team consisted of 5th graders Joshua Estrin (WM), Curtis Wang (WM), Nicholas Ferrone (WM) and Scipio Han (VV) and 4th grader Logan Fitzpatrick (VV).



School News

Parents Cautioned About Season Two of Netflix Series - 13 Reasons Why

On May 18th Netflix released Season 2 of its popular series "13 Reasons Why" which has been adapted from a book by the same name.

Across the country it has attracted wide viewership, particularly among teenage audiences. "13 Reasons Why" tells the story of Hannah, a high school girl who takes her own life and creates 13 cassette tapes which she sends to those she blames for her death. Season two continues that story.



The story is pure fiction, but it is depicted in a very graphic way. Mental health professionals have expressed concern about the impact that this series may have on a

young audience, particularly anyone who may have experienced mental health issues, suicidal thoughts or behaviors. The series has suicide prevention specialists concerned about potential risks due to the series' sensationalized depiction of teen suicide. The series does provide an opportunity for some dialogue about suicide prevention and how to protect yourself and your friends. These kinds of conversations are supported by Montville Township Public Schools' position as a Stigma Free School District.

Click on the link below for information from the National Association of School Psychologists for Educators, Families and Students:

[Guidance on Thirteen Reasons Why](#)



You Can't Hide From Mustang Pride!

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



OneMontville Unites DARE TO BE DIVERSE:

How to Stand Out and
Fit In at the Same Time

A forum on diversity, action, perspective, and what it takes to bring it all together to build a community.

Holy Spirit Lutheran Church (70 River Rd.)
Sunday, June 3rd -- 6-00PM

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A ONEMONTVILLE COMMUNITY EVENT



Moderated by
Michael D. Johnson
Author, "From the Classroom to the Boardroom: Memoirs of a Student Leader"; Co-Founder at MSLstories.com

Get your tickets!

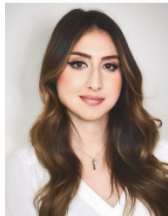
\$5 per person online at [OneMontville.org](#)

\$7 per person at the door

Light fare will be served.

Hear from our local panelists

Jenan Matari
Founder & Editor-in-Chief
at **MissMUSLIM**



Jamie Bruesehoff
Writer, speaker, advocate,
and mother of a
transgender child



Wendy Sefcik
Speaker & advocate,
Remembering T.J. - A Story
of Teen Depression,
Lessons and Hope



Kristin Canella
Local business owner,
speaker and educator on the
disease of addiction and
substance abuse.



This Sunday, June 3rd at 6PM

OneMontville will hold its first in a series of panel discussions about facing challenges and building community.


This event includes MTHS Grad Jenan Matari and is for ages 13 - 113.

Tickets are only \$5 and are available at [OneMontville.org](#)

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