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## News & Updates - March 2018

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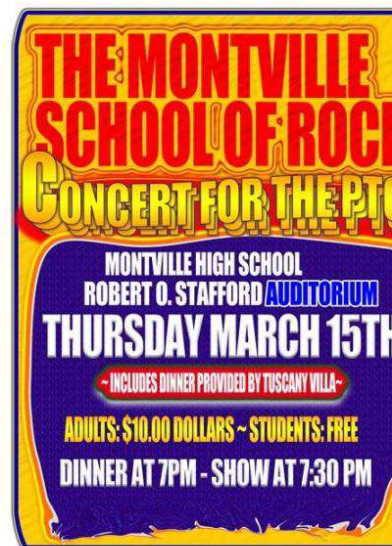
### Board of Education Prepares Budget for 2018-2019

A preliminary presentation on the district's 2018-2019 annual budget will be presented at the March 6 Board of Education meeting. The meeting will be held at the Montville Township Municipal Building 7:30 p.m. The budget is considered tentative at this time as Governor Murphy has not yet made his budget address to the State Legislature. The budget address is scheduled for March 13th. School districts are then expected to receive notification about their state aid allocation by March 15th. The Board will meet again on March 20th to approve the submission of the tentative 2018-2019 budget to the Executive

County Superintendent for review and approval. The March 20th meeting will be held at the Township Municipal Building at 7:30 p.m. The budget will also be discussed at the Board meetings on April 10th and 24th. The April 24th meeting will include the public hearing on the budget and the final adoption of the budget by the Board of Education.

### Montville School of Rock to Present Benefit Concert for the MTHS PTC

The School of Rock will be presenting a concert on Thursday, March 15th in the Robert O. Stafford Auditorium at Montville Township High School. Proceeds from the concert will benefit the MTHS PTC. A free dinner will be offered to concert goers at 7:00 p.m. prior to the concert. Tuscany Villa will be providing the dinner. The concert will follow at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$10.00 for adults, students are free. Come out and experience the tremendous talents of the students involved in this dynamic performing group!



**Bits and Pieces....**

Congratulations to Santina DiBenedetto and Raelle Lamela, students at Lazar Middle School, on their selection to the North Jersey Junior High School Regional Honors Chorus.

Julia Gilliam, President, and Colin Noone, Vice President of the MTHS DECA (Distributive Education Clubs of America) organized a fundraiser that generated over \$1,800 for the Bridge of Book Foundation which provides an ongoing source of books for underserved students throughout New Jersey to support the development of literacy skills and encourage a love of reading.

MTHS - Alan Lai was recently notified that his research paper submitted for the 2018 Junior Science and Humanities Symposium was selected for the first place prestigious award of "excellence in Advanced Materials and Nanotechnology Science." Alan will be honored at a banquet at Picatinny Arsenal on March 5th.



**District Website Provides Information on Outdoor Air Quality**

As part of the Montville Township Public School's Goal of attaining Bronze Level Certification through the Sustainable Jersey for Schools Program, we are sharing information regarding the Air Quality Index:

**Air Quality Index (AQI) Basics**

The AQI is an index for reporting daily air quality. It tells you how clean or polluted your air is, and what associated health effects might be a concern for you. The AQI focuses on health effects you may experience within a few hours or days after breathing polluted air. EPA calculates the AQI for five major air pollutants regulated by the Clean Air Act: ground-level ozone, particle pollution (also known as particulate matter), carbon monoxide, sulfur dioxide, and nitrogen dioxide. For each of the pollutants, EPA has established national air quality standards to protect public health. Ground-level ozone and airborne particles are the two pollutants that pose the greatest threat to human health in this country.

**How Does the AQI Work?**

Think of the AQI as a yardstick that runs from 0 to 500. The higher the AQI value, the greater the level

of air pollution and the greater the health concern. For example, an AQI value of 50 represents good air quality with little potential to affect public health, while an AQI value over 300 represents hazardous air quality.

An AQI value of 100 generally corresponds to the national air quality standard for the pollutant, which is the level EPA has set to protect public health. AQI values below 100 are generally thought of as satisfactory. When AQI values are above 100, air quality is considered to be unhealthy-at first for certain sensitive groups of people, then for everyone as AQI values get higher.

**Understanding the AQI**

The purpose of the AQI is to help you understand what local air quality means to your health. To make it easier to understand, the AQI is divided into six categories:

Air Quality Index (AQI) Values	Levels of Health Concern	Colors
<i>When the AQI is in this range:</i>	<i>..air quality conditions are:</i>	<i>...as symbolized by this color:</i>
0 to 50	Good	Green
51 to 100	Moderate	Yellow
101 to 150	Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups	Orange
151 to 200	Unhealthy	Red
201 to 300	Very Unhealthy	Purple
301 to 500	Hazardous	Maroon

Each category corresponds to a different level of health concern. The six levels of health concern and what they mean are:

- "Good" AQI is 0 to 50. Air quality is considered satisfactory, and air pollution poses little or no risk.
- "Moderate" AQI is 51 to 100. Air quality is acceptable; however, for some pollutants there may be a moderate health concern for a very small number of people. For example, people who are unusually sensitive to ozone may experience respiratory symptoms.
- "Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups" AQI is 101 to 150. Although general public is not likely to be affected at this AQI range, people with lung disease, older adults and children are at a greater risk from exposure to ozone, whereas persons with heart and lung disease, older adults and children are at greater risk from the presence of particles in the air.
- "Unhealthy" AQI is 151 to 200. Everyone may begin to experience some adverse health effects, and members of the sensitive groups may experience more serious effects.
- "Very Unhealthy" AQI is 201 to 300. This would trigger a health alert signifying that everyone may experience more serious health effects.
- "Hazardous" AQI greater than 300. This would trigger a health warnings of emergency conditions. The entire population is more likely to be affected.

**AQI colors**

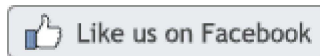
EPA has assigned a specific color to each AQI category to make it easier for people to understand quickly whether air pollution is reaching unhealthy levels in their communities. For example, the color orange means that conditions are "unhealthy for sensitive groups," while red means that conditions may be unhealthy everyone.

Air Quality Index Levels of Health Concern	Numerical Value	Meaning
Good	0 to 50	Air quality is considered satisfactory, and air pollution poses little or no risk.

<b>Moderate</b>	<b>51 to 100</b>	<b>Air quality is acceptable; however, for some pollutants there may be a moderate health concern for a very small number of people who are unusually sensitive to air pollution.</b>
Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups	101 to 150	Members of sensitive groups may experience health effects. The general public is not likely to be affected.
Unhealthy	151 to 200	Everyone may begin to experience health effects; members of sensitive groups may experience more serious health effects.
Very Unhealthy	201 to 300	Health alert: everyone may experience more serious health effects.
Hazardous	301 to 500	Health warnings of emergency conditions. The entire population is more likely to be affected.

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