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News & Updates - November 2017

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Referendum Update

The district administration is moving forward with the architect to strategically plan out the logistics of the bidding process and the construction timelines. We are anticipating being out to bid by early spring on the portion of the work that will be scheduled for the summer of 2018. Due to the large amount of construction that will need to be accomplished, the work will be targeted at Montville Township High School, Lazar Middle School, William Mason School and Cedar Hill School during the summer of 2018. The work at Hilldale School, Valley View School, and Woodmont School will be scheduled for the summer of 2019. We are also working with our bond counsel and financial advisors to prepare for the sale of the bonds to finance the projects.



Ongoing updates will be provided at Board of Education meetings and through future district newsletters.



MTPS Honored with Four Promising Practices at the National Forum on Character Education in Washington, D.C.

The Montville Township Public Schools were honored with four promising practices at the 2017 National Forum on Character Education held in Washington, D.C. on October 20-21, 2017. The Forum is sponsored by Character.org, an organization of passionate

advocates who recognize the importance of infusing integrity, honesty, respect and other core ethical values into schools through strong character education programs. Promising Practices are those programs which are identified by Character.org as being unique, specific and effective character education strategies. The Montville Township Public Schools programs selected as 2017 Promising Practices are:

Living Lessons and Fun First Friday at Lazar Middle School
Embracing Diversity Student Video Program at Valley View School
OneMontville as a district level initiative



Lazar Middle School Receives Its Bronze Level Certification

At the New Jersey School Boards Association Fall Workshop held in Atlantic City on October 23-26, 2017, the Robert R. Lazar Middle School was recognized for achieving Bronze Level Status through the Sustainable Jersey for Schools Program.

Sustainable Jersey for Schools is a certification program for New Jersey public schools that want to go green, conserve resources and take steps to create a brighter future. Sustainable Jersey is a prestigious designation that is earned through undertaking a number of sustainable actions which include policy development, assessment activities such as energy audits, school projects and curriculum activities.

Bits and Pieces....

Montville Township High School's School of Rock will present its SOCKS-Giving concert on Tuesday, November 21 at 7:30 p.m. at MTHS auditorium. The price of admission is a new pair of men's socks as a donation to Homeless Bus, Inc. Dinner will also be served courtesy of Tuscany Villa. Doors open at 7:15 p.m. See Story in [Montville Patch](#).

OneMontville is sponsoring a special screening of the new movie *Wonder* on Sunday, November 19th at 2:00 p.m. The showing will take place at the AMC Loews Wayne Theater, 67 Willowbrook Road in Wayne. The movie stars Julia Roberts and Owen Wilson and is based on the best selling book. Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$4 for children. Tickets can be purchased with cash or check at Joe's Pizza, 185 Changebridge Rd, Montville, NJ 07045, or Landauer Cafe, 632 US-202, Towaco, NJ 07082. OR, use this link to access a ticket order form: <https://www.montville.net/cms/lib/NJ01001247/Centricity/Domain/1/wonderPDF.pdf>

Congratulations to the MTHS Marching Band for their 1st place showing at the North Warren Band Competition and for receiving the "Best Visual" award at Yamaha Cup.

Len Saunders, physical education teacher at Valley View School, was recently interviewed by Steve Adubato for an upcoming episode of the PBS series "One on One". The interview focused on the ACES (All Children Exercising Simultaneously) program created by Mr. Saunders which has garnered participation from schools all over the country and around the world.

Congratulations to Dr. Karen Cortellino, Montville Township Board of Education member, on her selection for the "Good Scout Award" by the Patriot's Path Council of the Boy Scouts of America. Dr. Cortellino received the award at a special dinner held in October.



School News



Montville Township High School Stages DEATH BY CHOCOLATE


The Montville Township High School Drama Club will present its fall production of "Death by Chocolate" Friday, November 3 and Saturday, November 4 at the MTHS Robert O. Stafford Auditorium. The curtain will rise each evening at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$12.00 for

adults and \$10.00 for senior citizens and students. Written by playwright Paul Freed, DEATH BY CHOCOLATE is billed by Samuel French as "Delightfully sarcastic and cynical." Set in the newly renovated Meadowbrook Health Resort - where members are dropping like flies - the cast of characters includes: Lady Riverdale, Ralph Deadwood, Dick Simmering, and "Sweet Pea" Meadowbrook. Directed by MTHS Drama Club advisor Scott Baird, the production team includes: Student Director: Brooke Nagel, Stage Manager: Brendan Silverberg, Set Designer/Construction: Paul Meachem, Costume Designed: Susan Kenny, Properties Designer: Karen Holeczko and Art Designer: Eileen Racioppi. The cast includes students: Carly Benson, Lexi Burns, Jeffrey Gallup, Skyler Herman, Nina Lewin, Jaclyn Montano, Sam Shalongo, Griffin Smolar, Declan Sullivan and Veronica Tullo.

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