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News & Updates - April 2021

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Montville Township Board of Education Prepares 2021-2022 District Budget



At their meeting on April 27, 2021 at 7:30 p.m., the Montville Township School District will hold a public hearing on the 2021-2022 annual school district budget. Proposed changes to the budget include: an additional fifth grade teacher (Woodmont) due to enrollment, additional world language teachers at Lazar and MTHS, a new textbook series for mathematics across the district, funding for additional lunch coverage to enable social distancing and enable a return to full-day instruction in September 2021, and various capital improvements at each of the schools. Following the presentation on the budget by Mrs. Katine Slunt, School Business Administrator, there will

be a public hearing and an opportunity for the public to ask questions. The Board will then take action to adopt the budget for the school year which runs from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022.

NJSLA Administration

The March 2021 District Newsletter included an article regarding the request submitted by the New Jersey Department of Education (NJDOE) to have the requirement to administer the 2021 state assessments waived by the United State Department of Education (USDOE). Since the USDOE has up to 120 days to respond to the waiver request, which would take us past the end of the current school year, the NJDOE has given local school districts a directive to plan for the administration of the New Jersey Student Learning Assessment this spring. Dates have been selected for testing which will involve both in-person and fully remote students. The elementary schools and Montville Township High School will administer the assessment the week of May 17th. Robert R. Lazar Middle School will administer the tests the week of May 3rd.



State of New Jersey
Department of Education

Additional information will be forthcoming from the principals regarding the details of the assessment, including directions for those students who will be taking the assessments virtually at home.



**GIVE THANKS
TO YOUR TEACHERS!**

**THE SCHOOL WITH THE MOST
SUBMISSIONS WILL RECEIVE THE
SCHOOL SPIRIT TROPHY!**

Please email a video expressing your thanks and gratitude to:

MEFTeacherAppreciation@gmail.com

- Video length not to exceed 15 seconds
- Be sure to include your name and school
- Video must be submitted by April 16, 2021

Videos will be compiled by the MEF and presented to our Montville teachers

To see the final video, and learn more about the MEF, please visit

<https://www.facebook.com/mefgrants/> or

<http://mef-grants.wix.com/mef-grants>

PLEASE NOTE: By providing a video, you grant the MEF permission to use said video either electronically displayed via the Internet or in a public educational setting



BRIGHT STAR

CONCERT VERSION

**Bright Star: Concert Version
MTHS Theatre Company**

April 22, 23, & 24 at 7:30pm

Enjoy MTHS Theatre Company's Spring Musical *Bright Star: Concert Version* from the comfort of your own home! Purchase a StreamPass tickets for one of the performances, click the link in your email confirmation at the time of the performance and sit back and enjoy this fully remote musical! Any questions, please email mthsdramabusiness@gmail.com!

Performances: Thursday, Friday & Saturday, April 22, April 23 & April 24 at 7:30PM

Tickets: \$15 (StreamPass Ticket only good for one computer, link can not be shared)

Ticket Website: <http://mthsnj.booktix.com/>

Show Description: Inspired by a true story and featuring the Tony®-nominated score by Steve Martin and Edie Brickell, Broadway's BRIGHT STAR tells a sweeping tale of love and redemption set against the rich backdrop of the American South in the 1920s and '40s. When literary editor Alice Murphy meets a young soldier just home from World War II, he awakens her longing for the child she once lost. Haunted by their unique connection, Alice sets out on a journey to understand her past—and what she finds has the power to transform both of their lives. With beautiful melodies and powerfully moving characters, the story unfolds as a rich tapestry of deep emotion. An uplifting theatrical journey that holds you tightly in its grasp, BRIGHT STAR is as refreshingly genuine as it is daringly hopeful.

MTHS Forensics Team Claims Third Place in 2021 New Jersey Speech and Debate League with Four State Champions Crowned

Congratulations to the following MTHS students on winning a state championship in the 2021 New Jersey Speech and Debate League (NJSDL) state Championship which took place virtually over the weekend of March 19-20. Four hundred seventy-six students representing thirty-four schools participated in the competition which saw the MTHS Forensics Team take home third place. In addition, four students were crowned state champions in their disciplines: Maria Papera (Class of 2021) in Improvisational Acting, Victoria Wei (Class of 2021) in Original Oratory, Ashley Xiang (Class of 2023) in Informative Speaking, and Ram Pantula (Class of 2023) in Junior Varsity Lincoln Douglas Debate.



In addition to the State Champions, Thomas Chen (Class of 2022) was a finalist in Congressional Debate, Ashley Xiang also was a semi-finalist in Declamation, Hannah Musilli (Class of 2024) was a semi-finalist in Declamation, Samantha Ko (Class of 2023) placed 4th in Humorous Interpretation and was a semi-finalist in Improvisational Acting, Sophia Kuznetsova (Class of 2022) placed 6th in Original Oratory and was a semi-finalist in Impromptu Speaking, Victoria Wei also placed 6th in Impromptu Speaking, Amelia Moon (Class of 2022) placed 5th in Impromptu Speaking, Maria Papera also placed 4th in Program Oral Interpretation, Grace Lo and Haley Tam (Class of 2022) were semi-finalists in Parliamentary Debate, Tanay Vysysaraju (Class of 2023) was a quarter-finalist in Junior Varsity Lincoln Douglas Debate, Khush Parikh (Class of 2023) was a semi-finalist in Junior Varsity Lincoln Douglas Debate, Angeline Agnel (Class of 2024) was a quarter-finalist in Novice Lincoln Douglas Debate, and the team of Apurva Parasher (Class of 2024) and Kevin Chen (Class of 2024) were quarter-finalists in Novice Public Forum Debate.

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**Green In Day is Coming -
Friday, May 21st**



Wear Green May 21

OneMontville will be sponsoring the 6th annual Green In Day on Friday, May 21, 2021. All students, residents, and anyone who works in, or grew up in, or visits, or has any connection to Montville Township, NJ, is asked to wear green on May 21st.

The purpose of Green In Day is to show support for the OneMontville mission and to promote the importance of #AcceptanceRespectKindness throughout the community every day -- We are all

ONEMONTVILLE!

This year, Green In Day will pay special tribute to our **local businesses** that have been there, continuing to serve and support our community, through the pandemic.

When You Reach Out to Businesses on May 21, Mention that OneMontville Sent You

This year, more than ever, we hope to **see a sea of green** throughout Montville as a vibrantly visible sign of our sense of unity as a community and a recognition of the treasured beauty that the diversity of Montville brings to our Township.

Send Videos & Pics

Share your Green In Day pics and/or your 45 second videos on the importance of Acceptance, Respect, Kindness and OneMontville Green In Day to

OneMontvilleCommunications@gmail.com

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Bits and Pieces...

Congratulations to the MTHS students who competed in the New Jersey History Day Regional Contest the weekend of March 6th. The following students have qualified for the State Competition on May 1st:

Papers - 11th - Elizabeth Bazhenov - "From Adversaries to Allies: The Role of Communication in Ending the Cold War"

11th - Julia Berberian - "Communication of the Counterculture Movement"

Group Website - 11th - Priyanjali Solanky & Aastha Desai - "Political Cartoons: The Key to Communication During the American Women's Suffrage Movement"

Individual Website - 9th - Ryan Sun - "Nazi Children's Books: Communicating Anti-Semitism to Germany's Youth"

Individual Exhibit - 9th - Kalia Cheung - "The Gutenberg Printing Press: Printing The Way For Our Future"

Group Performance - 11th - Isabelle Duddie, Jacquelyn Dal Bon, Sophia Kuznetsova, & Isabella Catto - "SOMEONE IS WATCHING: Edward Snowden and the NSA's Hidden Data Consumption"

Interfaith Food Pantry Network Offers Free Groceries to Morris County Residents

While most Montville Township Residents are familiar with the Montville Kiwanis Food Pantry as a resource for those experiencing food



insecurity, the Interfaith Food Pantry Network is also a resource available to residents of Morris County who are in need. The Interfaith Food Pantry Network provides assistance in a number of areas including food, education, and resources to inspire confidence and provide hope to Morris County families in need. For additional information, visit their website at [Interfaith Food Pantry and Resource Network](#)