

**There's lots going on this month!  
Please scroll down for all the news & opportunities!  
Happy Valentine's Day!**



**Montville Township  
Public Schools™**  
*EDUCATE. INSPIRE. EMPOWER.*

## **News & Updates - February 2020**

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[www.montville.net](http://www.montville.net)**

**♥ Welcome to  
Kindergarten**

**Kindergarten  
Registration  
Closes February  
14, 2020**

If your child will be five years old by October 1, 2020, Kindergarten registration for the 2020-2021 school year is open through Friday, February 14, 2020.

Parents of eligible students are encouraged to register their students for Kindergarten to enable the district to have accurate registration counts for budgetary and staffing purposes for the 2020-2021 school year.

[Click here](#) to access the registration portal.

Both On-Line & In-Person Registration must be completed **BEFORE** Kindergarten Screenings begin.

Kindergarten Screening Dates:

Hilldale: April 20-24

Cedar Hill: May 18-22

Valley View: May 11-15

William Mason: May 18-22

Woodmont: May 18-22

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**Hilldale and Valley View**

## **Elementary Schools Named 2020 New Jersey Schools of Character**



Character.org, a national advocate and leader for character in schools, families, sports teams, and the workplace today designated **Hilldale** and **Valley View** Elementary Schools as New Jersey State Schools of Character, joining 81 schools and 7 districts receiving this recognition in 2020. Since its inception, Character.org's Schools of Character program has positively impacted nearly 3 million students, staff, parents, and other community members. Each year, Character.org certifies schools and districts at the state level that demonstrate a dedicated focus on character development which has a positive effect on academic achievement, student behavior, and school climate. Schools and districts receiving the State School of Character award will be considered for Character.org's highest distinction - National School of Character.

Criteria for selection are based on Character.org's 11 Principles of Character which include providing students with opportunities for moral action, fostering shared leadership, and engaging families and communities as partners in the character-building effort.

The 2020 National Schools of Character will be announced in May 2020. Character.org will honor these schools and districts at the 2020 National Forum to be held Oct 1-3, 2020 in Washington, DC.

**An Important Presentation  
Please Attend February 11 at 7:00PM**

# SEE TIMOTHY SHOEMAKER LIVE!

AUTHOR, MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER & PREVENTION EXPERT – [WWW.TIMOTHYSHOEMAKER.COM](http://WWW.TIMOTHYSHOEMAKER.COM)



**ONE NIGHT ONLY!**  
Don't miss this unique opportunity...

Date: **Tuesday – February 11, 2020**

Time: **7:00 PM – 8:30 PM**

Location: **Montville High School  
100 Horseneck Road  
Montville, NJ 07045**

*Meet us in the Auditorium!*



## The Montville Township Drug Awareness Council-Municipal Alliance

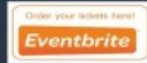
Admission is free thanks to the generous support of our sponsors.

### Explore & Go Hands-On with the Incredible TRAVELLING VAPE MUSEUM!



Free Tickets!

[www.MontvilleHighSchool.eventbrite.com](http://www.MontvilleHighSchool.eventbrite.com)



**Register Now!**

*Registration is requested, but not required. Walk-ins welcome!*

Both the CDC and U.S. Surgeon General have desperately labeled teen vaping an **EPIDEMIC**. If your child is approaching the 5<sup>th</sup> grade or higher, you can no longer afford to ignore this potentially devastating threat to your family's future.

Hidden behind a thin veil of harm-reduction and commercial propaganda, Teen Vaping has subtly grown to become our nation's number one drug threat for teens. Many parents express uncertainty and confusion on this critical topic. It's time we broke through that.

*This presentation is formatted for adults. For information about Tim's other Assemblies, visit [www.TimothyShoemaker.com](http://www.TimothyShoemaker.com)*

Your child is worth it. We're fighting for them.

**Join us! Register Now!**

## Bits and Pieces....

Congratulations to Ann Cao, 6th grade student at Lazar Middle School, on her selection to the NJ Region 1 Orchestra. Over 400 students auditioned and 100 were selected.

Kudos to Sophia Velocci for taking first place in the Montville VFW Voice of Democracy essay contest. Second place was awarded to Sean Healy and Scott Kolaritsch took third place at the high school level. Congratulations to Olivia Adasczik who took first place and Gennaro Polise who won second place at the middle school level.

Lexi Harley, MTHS Class of 2011, was recently selected as one of only 16 teachers from across the United States for participation in the second annual *Sacrifice for Freedom: World War II in the Pacific Student and Teacher Institute*. The program is coordinated through National History Day. Lexi is currently teaching at the Lehman Alternative Community School in Ithaca, NY. Lexi will join other students and teachers in traveling to Hawaii in the summer of 2020 to explore historic sites relating to the Pacific Theater of Operations during World War II. [Click here to learn more about this extraordinary opportunity and National HistoryDay.](#)



## School News

Staff and students are participating in the Trex Film Recycling Challenge! They are collecting clean plastic film, resealable bags, bubble wrap, packaging bags, etc. They are not only reducing plastic waste, but they also have a chance to win a Trex bench for their school! The challenge ends on April 15th.

Science teacher, Marisa Castronova, recently had her empirical research accepted and published in the Journal of Science Teacher Education. Her research focuses on uncovering how teachers reflect upon the Next Generation Science Standards, the current educational science reform. [Click here to read her article.](#)

Science teacher, Karen Wardell, was awarded a \$5,000 STEM education grant from BASF (in October) after writing a proposal to utilize grant funds in building and designing artificial reefs off the coast of New Jersey. Mrs. Wardell is in the process of collaborating with multiple scientific experts in the field to develop a hands-on unit on ecosystems that will fit into the life science curriculum.

Valley View will be conducting its annual St. Jude Math-a-thon fundraiser. This will be the school's 21 st year of raising money for the incredible work that goes on at St. Jude's Hospital.



## MTHS Implements "Share the Keys" Driver Safety Program

Montville Township High School has announced the implementation of a Parent/Teen safe driving course titled "Share The Keys." This course is sponsored by NJM Insurance Company and is in partnership with the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission (MVC). The research-based course is specifically designed to educate teens and their parents/guardians about New Jersey's Graduated Driver (GDL) laws. "Share The Keys" emphasizes the importance of parental involvement as teens learn to drive. Students and parents in all grades are encouraged to attend this course. For current grade 11 and 12 students, and their parents/guardians, attendance is optional, but strongly encouraged.

**Beginning with grade 10 students (Class of 2022), it is mandatory that students, and their parents/guardians, attend one "Share The Keys" course, prior to the student's senior year, in order to be eligible for on-campus parking during the student's senior year.**

To accommodate this requirement, and present families with multiple opportunities to attend, MTHS "Share The Keys" courses will be held on Monday, March 30 and Tuesday, June 2. More specific information about course offerings will be released in a future correspondence.

Below is a more detailed explanation in order to clarify participation in this new program:

- Current freshman and sophomore students, along with a parents/guardians, must attend a "Share The Keys" course, (prior to the student's senior year) in order to be eligible for on-campus parking during senior year.
- Current junior and senior students, and a parents/guardians, are encouraged to attend one of these courses. Failure to attend will not impact eligibility for on-campus parking during senior year.
- If a family has more than one child in the school, one parent/guardian may attend a course with multiple high school age children to satisfy the requirement.

## U.S. Census Occurs in 2020

The United States conducts a census every 10 years. In the spring of 2020, the government will again begin to compile statistics on our country's residents. For school districts, an accurate count is very important as responses to the census will drive decisions on the allocation of more than \$675 billion in federal funding for school programs and services. In addition to funding for schools, distribution of federal funding for health care facilities, roads, transportation and social services are also determined using census data. Responses to the census are safe and secure. The law requires the U.S. Census Bureau to keep all information confidential. This census will allow responses to be made online, by





Did you make any FITNESS resolutions...

**THE MONTVILLE TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS**



26.2 miles - NOT ALL AT ONCE

**MARATHON**

**FITNESS CHALLENGE**

Please join us for this community fitness challenge!  
Run or walk 1 mile each day beginning April 21st then  
join us to complete the final 1.2 miles at the MTHS  
track on Sat. May 16, 2019  
If you would like to receive a Montville Marathon  
medal, register online - \$7.00 fee  
Only registered participants will receive a medal.


**SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2019**  
**RUN/WALK STARTS AT 9AM**  
**REGISTER BY APRIL 20TH**  
**\$7.00 reg. fee for medal**

**RUN/WALK THE FINAL 1.2 MILES 9AM AT MTHS**

<https://runsignup.com/Race/NJ/Montville/>

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