

News & Updates - February 2021

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Cedar Hill Elementary School and Woodmont Elementary School Named 2021 New Jersey State Schools of Character



On January 25, 2021, Character.org, a national advocate and leader for character, designated 76 schools as State Schools of Character. Cedar Hill Elementary and Woodmont Elementary School were among the 20 New Jersey schools earning this distinction for 2021.

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. Both Cedar Hill and Woodmont schools will now be considered for Character.org's highest distinction - National School of Character. Both were also named National Schools of Character in 2016.

"We are pleased to announce the 2021 State Schools and Districts of Character," said Dr. Arthur Schwartz, Character.org's President. "We congratulate these schools on achieving State School of Character designation in a year filled with so many challenges. The educators and parents at these schools work together to ensure that every child understands, cares about, and consistently practice the core values that form the heart of each family and school. We are honored to recognize their efforts and share their inspiring work with schools and school districts throughout the United States and internationally."

It was noted that this recognition actually reflects a recertification for both schools as they were both deemed State Schools and National Schools of Character in 2016. Congratulations to the students and faculty of Cedar Hill and Woodmont for achieving this recognition! For more info [CLICK HERE](#).

Holocaust Survivor Toby Levy To Tell Her Story of Survival During WWII and Perspectives on COVID-19 -[FREE ZOOM](#)

**OneMontville* has arranged for this
[ZOOM webinar](#)
OPEN to all Lazar & MTHS Students
as well as all Faculty, Staff & Adults in the Community**

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2021 at 7:00PM



**AN EVENING WITH HOLOCAUST
SURVIVOR TOBY LEVY:**

REFLECTIONS ON SURVIVING BOTH THE HOLOCAUST & THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Tuesday February 23 at 7pm

Event link: bit.ly/tobylevy

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Toby Levy was born in 1933 in a Polish town. She survived the Holocaust by hiding for two years in a 4'x5' room with nine people. Viewing her survival as a miracle, she recently wrote a NY Times article about what it means to survive both the Holocaust and the COVID-19 pandemic.



Pine Brook Jewish Center
Shema Yisroel Adonai - Elyah Pine Brook
1887/1888, c. 1900



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**Applications Now
Being Accepted for
Integrated Preschool
Program
2021 - 2022**

Children with and without special needs are educated together in an innovative, child-centered program

designed to promote the academic, social, emotional and language development of every child. The program will consist of 3 half day sessions per week for 3 year-olds and 5 half day sessions per week for 4 year-olds.

Key program components include:

Research based curriculum, which is aligned with the NJ Department of Education's guidelines for high-quality early childhood education and designed to ensure students are prepared to successfully transition into kindergarten.

- Class lessons facilitated by a certified Speech and Language Specialist to enhance language development.
- Class lessons facilitated by an Occupational and Physical Therapist to enhance fine and gross motor development.
- Weekly instruction in art, music, and media taught by certificated faculty members.
- Ongoing involvement in school-wide events including school assemblies, special programs, theme days, and field trips.

Enrollment

Enrollment is open to a limited number of preschool children who will be selected via a lottery process. A - preschool readiness screening will be administered to all applicants. In order to be eligible, children must be at least 3 years of age, but less than 5 years of age, on or before October 1, 2021.

Pre-K tuition is \$400.00 per month (3 days)/ \$500.00 per month (5 days) for ten months. Limited transportation is available at a rate of \$250.00 per year (one way) and \$500.00 per year (round trip).

FOR MORE INFO - montville.net/News/integrated-pre-school-program

Applications submitted after March 26, 2021 will be placed on a waiting list.

Parents will be notified of preschool screening date/time via e-mail.

Written notification of program acceptance will be mailed.



ESL - FREE - ONLINE - Adult Classes ENGLISH AS A SECOND LANGUAGE

Adults in Montville, Pine Brook and Towaco, who would like to learn more about written and spoken English, are encouraged to attend the FREE English as a Second Language Classes being offered by Montville Township Public Schools.

There is no registration requirement. Adult English language learners are welcomed to attend some or all of the classes being offered in one or both sessions.

ESL classes will be held **ONLINE** on Mondays and Wednesdays from 5:30 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.

Session 1 is scheduled for Monday, January 25 - Wednesday, March 10, 2021.

Session 2 will be held Monday, March 22 - Wednesday, May 5, 2021.

More Information:

[CLICK HERE FOR SCHEDULE](#)

[CLICK HERE TO ASK QUESTIONS](#)

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[TO ONLINE CLASSES](#)

[Next class Weds., Feb. 3 at 5:30 p.m.](#)

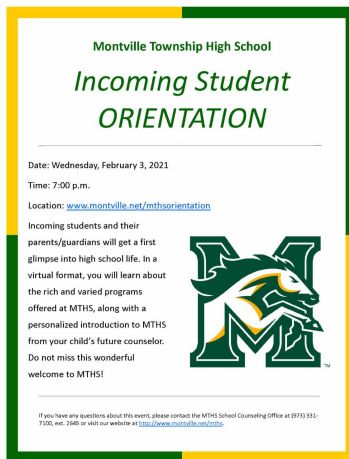
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Bits and Pieces...

Congratulations to three MTHS students who participated in the Congressional App Challenge and were invited to present their apps, as well as the Computer Science programming they used to create the apps, to Congresswoman Mikie Sherrill. Senior Jared Hollfelder created DigiPlanner, a task management tool for parents and students that is especially helpful during remote and hybrid learning. Junior Elizabeth Bazhenov made The State Game, a game-based learning app about the 50 states. Sophia Kuznetsova, also a junior, created Browser Bake Off, an informative game app about understanding website cookies. In addition to presenting their work on their apps to the Congresswoman, each student also received a Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition. [INFO & PICS](#)

Kindergarten Registration CLOSSES Friday, February 12, 2021. [Click Here for more INFO.](#)



Wednesday, February 3 at 7PM Incoming Student Orientation for Students Entering MTHS

ZOOM - www.montville.net/mthsorientation

Incoming students and their parents/guardians will receive a first glimpse into high school life. In a virtual format, new students and their families will learn about the rich and varied programs offered at MTHS, along with a personalized introduction to MTHS from each student's future counselor.

Do not miss this wonderful welcome to MTHS! If you have any questions about this event, please contact the MTHS School Counseling Office at (973) 331- 7100, ext. 2645 or visit our website at <http://www.montville.net/mths>.