

News & Updates - January 2021

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Virtual Awards Ceremony Announced for 3 Montville Teachers Advancing to State Competition as VFW Nominates Them for National Citizenship Education Awards



Three Montville Township Public Schools teachers have been nominated by Montville VFW Post 5481 to the Smart/Maher VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher Awards. All three have passed the scrutiny of the VFW Post (town) and VFW District (county) levels and have advanced to the State competition. **An AWARDS Ceremony** honoring their achievements in earning the VFW District Awards will be held on **Sunday, January 10 at 2:00 p.m. ALL are invited** to attend the **VIRTUAL ZOOM CEREMONY**.

Trudy Coppola of Cedar Hill Elementary School is competing at the K-5 level, Rick Crescente of Robert R. Lazar Middle School is competing for the 6-8 award, and, from Montville Township High School James McManus is competing at the grades 9-12 level. Having won in all three categories for the VFW District level, all three will now compete at the State level.

Each year the Veterans of Foreign Wars selects elementary, middle, and high school teachers to participate in the Smart/Maher VFW National Citizenship Education Teacher program. The national award is named after former VFW National Commander John Smart and retired VFW Quartermaster General Larry Maher. The VFW Teacher of the Year award contest recognizes three exceptional teachers for their outstanding commitment to teaching Americanism and patriotism to their students. Prime candidates for this award are teachers who promote America's history, civic responsibility, flag etiquette and patriotism.

"The Montville Township Public Schools District employs great examples of outstanding faculty who qualify as candidates for this award," a Montville VFW Post 5481 press release recently stated. "Knowing this, this year Montville Post 5481 decided that it would sponsor three candidates."

National Winners receive \$1000 for professional expenses and \$1000 is awarded to each teacher's school. In addition, winners are offered an all-expense-paid trip to the VFW National Convention and an invitation to the Summer Seminar at Freedoms Foundation in Pennsylvania.

This Sunday, the public is invited to attend the upcoming Virtual VFW District Awards Ceremony. More information regarding the achievements of these dedicated Montville Township Public Schools faculty, as well as complete information for attending the Awards Ceremony on Sunday, January 10 at 2 p.m., can be found under News at montville.net.

**Parent Program to be Presented Virtually on
January 21st - Screen Time and Tech Addiction
What all Parents Need to Know**

The Montville Township Public Schools Counseling Department invites all parents and guardians to attend a program on Thursday, January 21, 2021, at 7:00 p.m. The program is intended to provide straight talk to parents and guardians **only**. It is not a program designed for students.

The program will be presented by Lauren Muriello, MA, LPC, founder of Well Being Therapy Center with locations in Montville and Short Hills, NJ.

Participants in this program, to be provided via ZOOM, will get practical tips and essential guidance on how to use screens and technology to promote creativity and connection while avoiding screen-addiction and low moods. During the pandemic and beyond, all parents continue to face the big question: "How much screen time is too much?" This program will share key research on this topic and highlight the most important take-aways from the ongoing screen-time debate.



For more INFO see News at montville.net.

[Click here](#) for the program ZOOM link.



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:

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[First class meets Mon, Jan. 25 at 5:30 p.m.](#)

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Bits and Pieces...



Congratulations to the following students from Robert R. Lazar Middle School who had the opportunity to participate in the Mathematical Association of America's AMC 8. Eighth-grader Jason Mao scored 25/25 earning him the Gold certificate. He also earned the Honor Roll of Distinction certificate for scoring in the **top 1% Nationally**. Eighth-grader Joshua Estrin earned the Silver certificate for his score of 17/25 and eighth-grader Sai Anupama Suresh earned the Bronze certificate for her score of 16/25. The other participants were: eighth-graders Palak Maheshwari, Jiya Patel, Scipio Han, seventh-graders Tatva Kabat, Sarah Kang, and sixth graders Emily Chen and Vivian Wei. Congratulations to all of these students!

Kudos to Elizabeth Bazhenov, MTHS Class of 2022, for creating an app to assist people in learning the U.S. state capitals, postal codes, nicknames, birds, and flowers. Elizabeth created the app through her participation in the Congressional App Challenge. She recently had the opportunity to demonstrate the app to Congresswoman Mike Sherrill and received a Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition.

MTHS made the front cover of the Montville Township Town Planner Calendar! The MTHS Girls Field Hockey is also featured for the month of August 2021. #MustangPride!

District-Wide 5th Grade Rock 'n' Drop Car Parade and Food Drop brightened the holidays for many. More than 175 bags of food were donated to the Kiwanis Food Pantry. **VIDEO** of district-wide 5th grade event captures the fun of helping others while safely celebrating the holidays. See Pics, Video & Story under News at montville.net.