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State of New Jersey
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New Jersey State Board of Education Announces Plans for State System of Assessments

At their meeting on October 21st, the New Jersey State Board of Education authorized the publication of new regulations and initiated the 60 day comment period on proposed changes to the State Assessments. The proposed changes **would take effect in the 2021-2022 school year**. The proposed new code will still require that all students in grades 3 through 9 take annual assessments in grades 3 through 9. Students will take the New Jersey Student Learning Assessments in ELA and Mathematics in the spring of the 2019-2020 and 2020-2021 school years. A new State Assessment is expected to be in place for the 2021-2022 school year. Beginning in 2021 with the Class of 2023 (current 9th graders) students will have to pass a State Graduation Proficiency Test in ELA and Math to be administered in 11th grade or satisfy the test requirement through achieving a required score level on an alternate assessment, such as the ACT, PSAT or SAT.

School Year	9th Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade
2019-2020	NJSLA ELA 9 NJSLA End of Course Mathematics (Class of 2023 - current 9th graders)	NJSLA ELA 10 NJSLA End of Course Mathematics (Class of 2022 - current 10th graders)	No statewide assessment requirement (Class of 2021, current 11th graders)
2020-2021	NJSLA ELA 9 NJSLA End of Course Mathematics (Class of 2024 - current 8th graders)	No statewide assessment requirement (Class of 2023, current 9th graders)	No statewide assessment requirement (Class of 2022, current 10th graders)
2021-2025	Next Generation Assessment ELA 9 New Generation End of Course Math (Class of 2025 - current 7th graders)	No statewide assessment requirement (Class of 2024, current 8th graders)	State Graduation Proficiency Test in ELA and Math (Class of 2023, current 9th graders)



Reminder - Don't Idle Your Car in the Carpool Line It's the Law

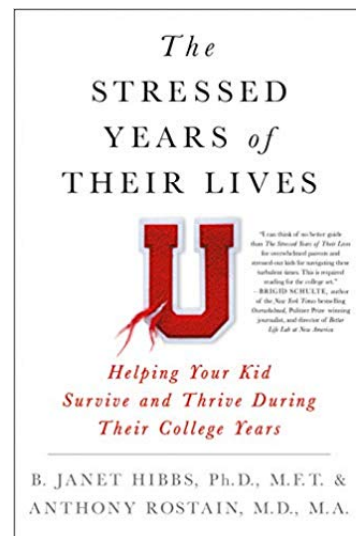
The Montville Township Board of Education, affirms their support for New Jersey Anti-Idling Law. As part of the Montville Township Public School's commitment to the Sustainable Jersey for Schools Program, The Montville Township Board of Education supports activities and initiatives which enhance a healthy school environment. One of the components of the Sustainable Jersey for Schools certification is to take steps to raise awareness of Outdoor Air Quality and the means to improve it. Since 1986, New Jersey has an Anti-Idling Law which limits engine idling for both diesel and gasoline vehicles to three minutes with limited exceptions. An exception to the three minute limits is made in temperatures below 25 degrees Fahrenheit, but there is no exception for high heat. As the cold weather approaches, parents, guardians and community residents are reminded of the Anti-Idling Law as a means to improve air quality at our schools.

Parent Book Club to Feature *The Stressed Years of Their Lives: Helping Your Kid Survive and Thrive During Their College Years*

On Tuesday, November 12, 2019, Montville Township Public Schools Superintendent Rene Rovtar will host a book discussion of *The Stressed Years of Their Lives: Helping Your Kid Survive and Thrive During Their College Years* by B. Janet Hibbs, Ph.D, M.F.T, and Anthony Rostain, M.D., M.A.

"This wonderful book defines and explores the many varied minefields of the college years with candor and compassion, and provides parents with practical advice and support about what to look for, what to ask and say, and when and how to intervene...I am grateful that there is now this long-overdue and extraordinary guide. It should be required reading for all parents." - Judith Rodin, former provost of Yale University and president emerita of the University of Pennsylvania.

"I can think of no better guide than 'The Stressed Years of Their Lives' for overwhelmed parents and stressed-out kids for navigating these turbulent times. This is required reading for the college set." - Bridgid Schulte, author of the New York Times bestselling "Overwhelmed," Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist, and Director of Better Lfee Lab at New America.



The discussion will take place in the Montville Township High School Media Center from 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. Please email Dr. Rovtar at Rene.Rovtar@montville.net to register.

Bits and Pieces....

Congratulations to Karin Wardell, Science Teacher at Lazar Middle School. Karin has been awarded a \$5,000 grant from the BASF Foundation for her proposal on "Engineering Artificial Reefs on the New Jersey Coastlines."

Hilldale School participated in Socktober. Every night in the United States, an estimated 600,000 people live on the streets and need simple things, like socks, to help them get through the night. The number one needed clothing item for those in need is new socks, but people rarely ever donate new socks to the homeless. Socktober is an event in which new socks in all sizes, varieties, colors, and patterns are collected and donated to local homeless shelters.

Hilldale School is taking social media by storm!
Don't forget to follow them on twitter @Hilldaleschool and Instagram Hilldalehuskies.



School News

On September 26th, the Valley View 5th graders participated in the national EXERCISE US event at 8am. Thousands of schools in the US exercised for 10 continuous hours. Valley View kicked off the event at 8am where we exercised from 8am to 8:15 am. Our school completed our segment of the event at 8:15, but new schools across the country began their 15-minute exercise segment until 8:30am. Every 15 minutes, new schools continued this exercise wave across the country. This was the 11th year Valley View has participated in the Exercise US event. The program was organized at Valley View by Mr. Saunders, Valley View's PE teacher and Dr. Kennedy, Valley View Principal.

William Mason School received a generous grant from MEF for its calming corners and other equipment to assist students with self- regulation and Mindfulness. The equipment is in several classes around the school, from Kindergarten to 5th grade. Students are loving it and using equipment daily.

Congratulations to Cedar Hill School, William Mason School, and Montville Township High School on receiving their Bronze Level plaques through Sustainable Jersey for Schools at the recent New Jersey School Boards Association Fall Workshop in Atlantic City. All seven schools have achieved Bronze Level Status in this program.


William Mason School was officially honored as a National School of Character at the National Forum on Character Education in Washington, D.C. on October 26th.


Congratulations to Mr. Scott Riotto, MTHS Teacher, and members of the International Concerns Club for their participation in the annual Morristown Community Soup Kitchen Stop Hunger Walk in October.

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