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Clarification on School Schedule Change in November

Governor Murphy has determined that no in-person instruction may take place in school buildings on election day, Tuesday, November 3rd. The school has shifted "Virtual Wednesday" to Tuesday, November 3rd for that week. Since schools are closed that week on Thursday and Friday (November 5th and 6th) for the NJEA virtual convention, Cohort B will attend in person on Wednesday, November 4th. This will provide one in-person day for both Cohort A and Cohort B during that week.



Cedar Hill Cuts Ribbon on Innovative Book Box

On Friday, September 25th, Cedar Hill School held a ribbon cutting ceremony for their new Book Box. This device resembles a normal vending machine, but is stocked with BOOKS! The Book Box was acquired through a generous grant provided by the Montville Educational Foundation (MEF). MEF President Daria Senaldi was also present for the launch of this program. Building Principal, Dr. Michael Raj, explained that students may earn tokens for the Book Box through actions of exceptional kindness and caring. The device is stocked with a selection of books for students from Kindergarten through fifth grade. Congratulations to Cedar Hill School and thank you to the MEF for an innovative program that supports both character education and a love of reading. Learn more about the Book Box Vending Machine, and see pictures from the exciting dedication ceremony by going to Montville.net. There is also a [YouTube video](#) of the event.



Bits and Pieces....

Congratulations to Theo Mohideen, Safi Patel, Victoria Wei and Andrew Xu on being among the 16,000 [National Merit Scholarship Finalists nationwide](#). These students now have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 7,600 National Merit Scholarships worth more than \$30 million in scholarships that will be awarded during the spring of 2021.

Congratulations to Nikhil Ganesh, Dilan Luhana, Veeank Maniar, and Maria Papera. The four MTHS seniors have earned the [National Speech & Debate Association's Academic All American Award](#). This coveted award recognizes academic rigor, competitive speech and debate success, and personal excellence.

Annually, less than 1% of the 141,000 student members of the National Speech and Debate Association earn the Academic All American award. This tremendous accomplishment places these four MTHS students among the top one-percent of all student members across the country.

The distinguished award recognizes students who have completed at least 5 semesters of high school, earned the degree of Superior Distinction in our Honor Society (a total of 750 or more merit points); achieved rigorous criteria for GPA and / or test score requirements; and demonstrated outstanding character and leadership.

Remember that election of School Board members also takes place during the November General Election.



School News



Daily Health Screening Submissions

Just a reminder - Daily Health Screenings are now submitted for students through Genesis Parent Access.

[Link to Genesis Parent Access](#)

Parents are reminded to submit the screening information daily prior to your child leaving for school. No screening submission is needed on any day when the student is attending virtually for the day.

Please remember that students who are sick (fever, vomiting, diarrhea) should not attend school in person.

If you have had close contact with a COVID-19 positive person, New Jersey Department of Health protocols require that you quarantine for a period of 14 days following the close contact. Positive cases should always be reported to the local Department of Health.

We recognize that families may be traveling over school breaks or holidays. Please consult the current listing provided by the State of New Jersey to determine if you need to quarantine based on the listing provided:

[New Jersey COVID-19 Travel Advisory Listing](#)

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