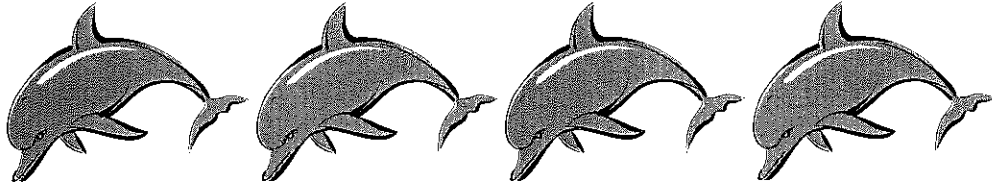


# ***MBS NEWSLETTER***

**MONMOUTH BEACH SCHOOL, 7 HASTINGS PLACE  
MONMOUTH BEACH, NJ 07750**

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## JUNE 2016

Greetings to all in the Monmouth Beach School community! At the risk of sounding like my parents, it seems like the end of the school year arrives faster every year. Having a student in college, high school, and middle school keeps the Ettore family on a hectic schedule, so that probably contributes to the speed at which time seems to pass. In any event, the end of the 2015-2016 school year is in plain sight.

As we approach the end of our academic calendar, I certainly want to take this opportunity to express my appreciation to the various groups of people who helped make this such a successful year at school, starting with the MBS staff. The level of dedication and commitment shown by our staff each day not only impresses me, but it also serves as a source of inspiration for me to “up my game” and strive for greatness. In my role as the Superintendent, I have the pleasure of working with a group of individuals on the Board of Education that provide me with the type of support and guidance that enables me to lead the district in a positive and progressive direction. One of the greatest strengths of our school community is the level of parental involvement that is demonstrated throughout the year. This is clearly evident in the vast efforts of the MBS PTO that have resulted in so many wonderful events and programs during the year. So, to the parents and extended family members, I thank you for being our partners during the year and for trusting us with your children’s education. Speaking of, I would be remiss if I didn’t thank the students for their hard work, creativity and enthusiasm each day. Whether it’s listening to a young student begin to read independently, or watching students work together on an assignment, or engaging middle school students in a debatable topic, I feel fortunate to be reminded each day about why we do what we do.

As we head into the summer season, I have no doubt that there will be plenty of vacations planned and days spent at the beach. I certainly intend to hit the sand as much as possible! However, I urge you to keep your children’s minds actively engaged as well. This can be easily accomplished by simply having them continue to read during the summer.

Additionally, as you travel to exciting locations and visit the local beaches, ask your children about money being spent on various items and demand that they keep track of the time for organizational purposes. These practical skills will serve them well and will also help them to transition back into school in September.

Before I sign off for the year, I would also like to bid farewell to two of our staff members that are leaving MBS. First, I would like to wish Mr. Bruccoleri all the best in his new position as the Vice Principal at Shore Regional High School. It has been a pleasure to work alongside such a capable colleague, and I have no doubt that he will continue to be successful. Finally, it is with mixed emotions that all of us say good-bye to Mrs. Sandler. After serving MBS for the past twenty-six years, it is safe to say that we have come to the end of an era. Mrs. Sandler has left a lasting impression on countless numbers of students over the years, and I have no doubt that the lesson they learned in her class have served them well and have helped them to achieve their life's goals. So, on behalf of everyone in the MBS community, I wish Mrs. Sandler a long, happy, and healthy retirement!

Respectfully,

*Michael E. Ettore*  
Principal/Superintendent

## **DATES TO REMEMBER**

June 8-10 - Grade 8 Trip to Boston  
June 13 – Sports Award Dinner  
June 14 - Grade 8 Dinner Dance  
June 16 - Board of Education Meeting 7:30 p.m.  
June 17 - PTO Summer Social  
June 21 – Awards Ceremony 9 a.m.  
Grade 8 Graduation 7 p.m.  
12:30 dismissal (last day for staff  
and students)

## **PARENT CORNER**

### **HIB (Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying)**

As you know, the school has been taking major steps to ensure that bullying does not occur and your child feels safe. The NJ State Law mandates

the school to investigate all instances where bullying may be present. This includes emails from parents, students saying that they are getting bullied, or teachers suspecting that bullying is going on. The necessary steps need to be taken and are as follows:

1. Written report from the person reporting the bullying.
2. Thorough investigation done by the HIB coordinator or specialist.
3. HIB team meeting to look at all the results to determine if the incident(s) are considered HIB.
4. Report to the Board of Education about the incident and the findings.

We strive to have our students feel safe and comfortable in the school setting. Please visit the school website for more information.

### **Attention Child Find**

Each year the school district of Monmouth Beach seeks to identify and evaluate children ages 3 to 14 who may be experiencing physical, sensory, communication, cognitive or social difficulties. This search includes migrant and homeless students, two year-olds reaching the age of three within 120 days, preschoolers between three and five, and school aged children who are not currently receiving school services.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact Peter Bruccoleri at 732-222-6139 ext. 251.

### **EIGHTH GRADE NEWS**

The Monmouth Beach Eighth Grade Class of 2016 is anxiously preparing for our departure on June 8, 2016, to Boston, Massachusetts. We honestly and successfully defeated the Monmouth Beach PBA for the very first time on Thursday, May 5, winning 81-77. We want to thank the Monmouth Beach PBA, Mr. Ruoff for keeping score, and our referees Mr. Riepl and Mr. Ettore. A fun time was had by both the students and our officers.

We have had a long, enjoyable year learning from our teachers, working to raise money, bonding with our classmates, and preparing for our futures. Thank you to all who supported our fundraising efforts throughout the year.

## **STUDENT NEWS**

Mrs. Vaccarelli's 5.2 Language Arts class would like to thank everyone who contributed to their donation drive for the Monmouth County SPCA! The collection was a big success with just about 200 items donated to our local SPCA by the students and staff here at Monmouth Beach School. The four lucky raffle winners are Kristen Koniares, Matt Katzenberger, Isabel Farano, and Brianna Rafferty. Congratulations to the raffle winners and thank you to everyone who donated!

Preschool "End of the Year Celebration" is on Tuesday, June 14, at 1:30 p.m.

## **ON THE COVER**

This month's newsletter cover was designed by one of our talented 5<sup>th</sup> graders, Cole Tellechea. As you can see one-half of the picture is a magazine photo while the second half is drawn and colored by Cole. All of the students chose their own picture to copy from, so no two are alike. Great work Cole and the 5<sup>th</sup> grade art classes!

Wishing all the families of Monmouth Beach a fun and safe summer...enjoy! Mrs. Hall