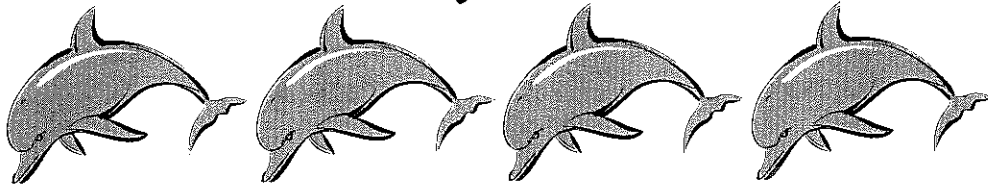


MBS NEWSLETTER

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

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Covered Designed by 4th Grade Student Jacqueline Gifford

MAY 2016

Greetings to everyone in the MBS community! As we move into the month of May, it is safe to say that we are “in the home stretch” of the school year. However, despite the limited amount of time left on the calendar, there are plenty of exciting events still to come, not to mention important learning that still needs to occur in the classrooms.

By the time you read this article, we will be finished with year two of PARCC testing in grades 3-8. As you recall, PARCC is the State test that took the place of NJ-ASK, which was the test administered to students to assess their progress in English Language Arts and Mathematics. Students in grades 4 & 8 still take the science portion of NJ-ASK, so that part of the original test remains in place. In terms of PARCC, I am happy to report that our staff and students navigated their way through the assessment with little or no technical difficulties. This is important because PARCC is taken on line using our chromebook computers. Except for a few minor bumps along the way that Mr. Zweemer was able to quickly resolve, the testing experience was less stressful than last year when it was a new experience. Speaking of experience, I would like to thank the parent community for recognizing that PARCC testing not only provides the school and families with an opportunity to learn about the levels of student progress in ELA and math, it also serves as a critical experience for students who will likely be taking tests in this fashion for years to come as they move into high school, college, and beyond. Knowing that the amount of PARCC testing was reduced from two separate windows to just one this year, we hope to have student data by the end of the summer. Assuming that is the case, then families should receive the results much earlier than this past year.

On a completely different note, I wanted to take this opportunity to recognize and congratulate the entire cast and crew of *Aladdin, Jr.* under the direction of Mrs. Vaccarelli and Ms. Steeber, the students' performances were simply amazing! From the sets, to the costumes, to the photos in the hallway, the production was impressive and most importantly, plenty of fun for everyone. While the school play

may not seem as important as some of the other experiences students have at school, I believe it is among the more valuable opportunities we provide at school. An event such as the school play demands that the students take responsibility for learning their lines and songs; it requires time management, and it promotes a true sense of community and teamwork among the cast and crew. Finally, students that perform in the play demonstrate great courage and gain a greater sense of confidence from being on stage that I believe will stay with them for years to come. It is for all of the reasons and more that I support the play as an extracurricular activity and hope that the PTO will continue to sponsor this endeavor in the years to come.

Respectfully,

Michael E. Ettore
Principal/Superintendent

DATES TO REMEMBER

- May 2 - 6 - Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 4 – School Nurses’ Day
- May 5 – MB PBA vs. 8th Grade Basketball Game – 7 p.m.
- May 7 - PTO Dolphin Run (9:00 a.m.)
 - PTO 1st Annual Spring Fest (11 a.m. -3 p.m.)
- May 12 – Kindergarten Get Acquainted (1:30 p.m.)
8th Grade Parent Boston meeting (7:30 p.m.)
- May 18 – Spring Concert & Art Show (7 p.m.)
- May 19 - BOE meeting (7:30 p.m.)
- May 20 – Field Day
- May 24 - PTO meeting (8:45 a.m.)
- May 25 – NJ ASK – Science Grades 4 & 8
- 3rd Grade Band Night (7 to 8 p.m.)
- May 25 to 27 – 6th Gr Trip to Camp Bernie
- May 30 - School Closed for Memorial Day

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.

MUSIC NEWS

Concert Announcement

On Wednesday, May 18, Monmouth Beach School presents the Spring Concert and Art Show.

Band Night Announcement

Attention all 3rd Grade Students & parents, you are invited to the 3rd Grade Band Night! Students will have the opportunity to try different band instruments, learn more about the band program, meet with a representative from Russo Music, and talk to current students who play instruments. It will be held on Wednesday, May 25 from 7 to 8 p.m. in the gym.

Mrs. Vaccarelli's 5.2 Language Arts class would like to ask the families of Monmouth Beach School for their help with a donation drive for unwanted pets at the local SPCA. They read various articles about unwanted pets, and they feel very strongly about doing something to make a difference for these animals. Students from 5.2 will be collecting the items listed below, along with other items from the Wish Lists posted around the school, from Wednesday, April 28, until Friday, May 13. Any MB student who donates to the drive will be entered into a drawing to win one of the four gift cards donated by 5th grade families. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Vaccarelli via email (vaccarelli@mbschool.org).

Items Needed (from SPCA Wish List):

- Pedigree/Mighty Dog canned dog food, dog toys, raw hides, dog treats
- Friskies ground cat food, Fancy Feast, scoopable cat litter, cat toys
- Wild bird food
- Paper towels, laundry detergent, Clorox disinfectant wipes, liquid hand soap, lavender scented dryer sheets, 30+ gallon garbage bags

EIGHTH GRADE NEWS

The Eighth Grade is getting ready for all the end of the year activities that enhance the students' memories of Monmouth Beach School. Our fundraising is continuing with Wednesday pizza lunches and Thursday Jersey Mike's Subs. The students are working hard after PARCC testing and

are looking forward to our trip to Brookdale for a Tolerance Colloquium on Wednesday, May 11, 2016.

On Thursday, May 12, 2016, we are holding our annual meeting for Eighth Grade with important information for families and students heading to high school. In addition, Boston Trip information will be disseminated and all questions will be answered. Students and a parent must attend to receive the Trip Packet.

We are looking forward to seeing all Eighth Grade parents and students at this meeting.

ON THE COVER

The cover of May's Newsletter was designed by the very talented and skilled 4th grade artist Jacqueline Gifford. In this drawing, showing great detail, Jaqueline created a beautiful rendering of a lion in its habitat. The project was to draw an animal using texture. All of the students in Jacqueline's class created wonderful pieces, each unique as each student! Way to go Jacqueline and 4th Grade!

Art Journal Contest Winners - Students from Monmouth Beach School were to create an advertisement from a list of several businesses in Monmouth County. This contest is to help raise money for the Monmouth Day Care Center in Red Bank. The following will have their ad and picture published in the *Two River Times* "Art Journal".

Rose Dienna – 3rd Grade
(Marie Knapp Ad)
Bay Parker – 4th Grade
(Caryl and Charles Sills Ad)
Nolan O'Keefe – 3rd Grade
(Two River Community Bank)
William Bottcher-Nardone - 5th Grade
(Epstein and Cohen LLC)
Ben Levy – 5th Grade
(Advanced Dental Arts)

Eight Grade winners for the PTO Run T-shirt design contest are:

1st Place – Charlie Gordinier
2nd Place – Pari Walter
3rd Place – Hannah Levy

Congratulations everyone.