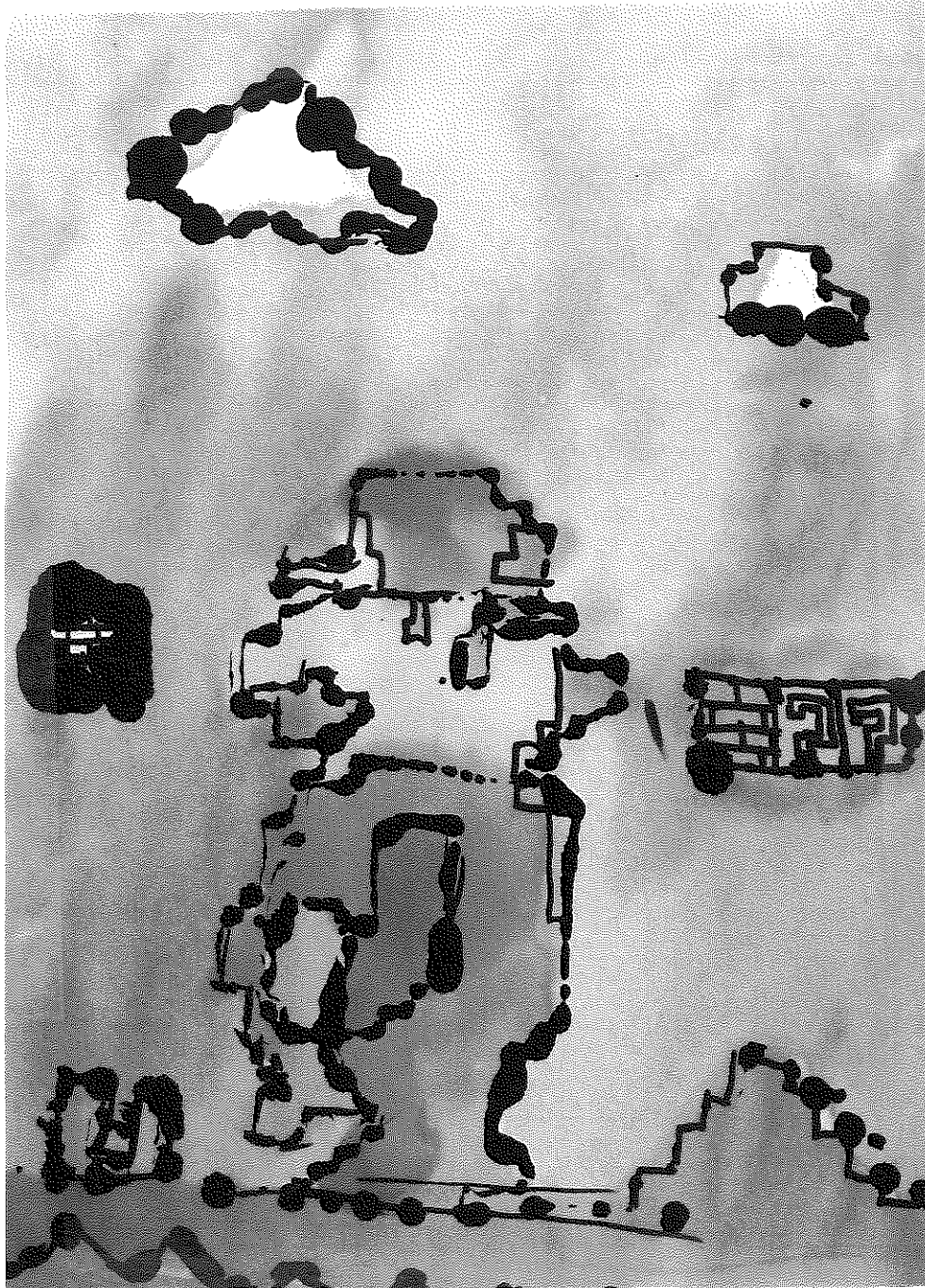
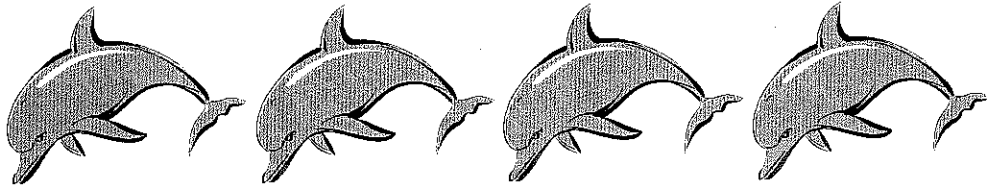


# ***MBS NEWSLETTER***

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

**November 2015**



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## NOVEMBER 2015

Greetings to everyone in the MBS community! It's hard to believe that the first two months of the year are behind us, but as the leaves continue to change colors and the temperatures continue to drop, we are reminded that summer is also further behind than we would like. On the other hand, this time of the year always comes with plenty of excitement. I often tell people that once Halloween arrives, things don't calm down at school until we return from Winter Break in January. However, the holiday season can also be a time for students to become distracted and lose focus on their schoolwork. For this reason, it is important for parents to maintain as much consistency as possible at home when it comes to expectations surrounding homework, reading and the completion of assignments.

One of the many special events that is scheduled during the month of November are parent-teacher conferences. These meetings should provide teachers and parents with an opportunity to discuss students' academic progress as well as their social and emotional growth to date. I am confident that the teachers will be prepared with meaningful work samples to share and use to support their observations from the first two months of the school year. As parents, we can also come with valuable information to share from our perspective based on what we see at home. Additionally, I believe parents and teachers should also be willing to ask each other questions in an effort to learn more about each child's needs. Ultimately, the goal for the participants at these conferences is to strengthen the partnerships between parents and teachers that were initiated back in September.

By the time you read this article, it is possible that public school districts across the State will have student test data from the first administration of the PARCC tests that were given last spring. At this point, the data may only consist of raw scores, which would mean that we will not know exactly how the students performed until we receive more detailed reports from the State that will include cutoff scores to determine proficiency levels. Once I receive the complete set of data later in the year, I will send home some type of notice to families that will help to summarize the results. For now, please

know that our teachers continue to design and deliver lessons each day that align with the Common Core Standards in order to help our students meet with success and become better prepared for the challenges that lie ahead.

One of the other special events that occurs each November is the Thanksgiving holiday. This happens to be my personal favorite holiday simply because the emphasis is on spending time with family. Of course, being able to eat plenty of delicious food and watch football games also helps make Thanksgiving a great experience! So whether you will be traveling this Thanksgiving or hosting the big event, I sincerely hope that everyone in the MBS community is able to enjoy the time with your family and friends.

Respectfully,  
*Michael E. Ettore*  
Principal/Superintendent

#### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

November 5 & 6 - School Closed for NJEA Convention  
November 12 & 13 - American Education Week parent visits  
November 12 - Board of Education Meeting (7:30 p.m.)  
November 16 - End of the First Marking Period  
November 17 - PTO Meeting (8:45 a.m.)  
November 19 – Kindergarten Conferences  
November 20 – PK Conferences  
November 23 – First Marking Period Report Cards Issued  
November 23 & 24 - Parent-Teacher Conferences  
November 23 to 25 – 12:30 Dismissal Days  
November 26 & 27 - School Closed for Thanksgiving Holiday  
December 2 - School Picture Retakes

## SCHOOL REMINDERS

- Please remember to update your phone information in the Honeywell System, which is on the school website, so you receive emergency alerts regarding school closings.
- Remember to refer to the calendar found in your Parent/Student Guide for the dates of our school activities and events.
- Homework assignments may be found on line each individual teacher's page or calendar created in Real Time.
- School Safety remains a number one priority and we ask that everyone continue to use the front door to request admittance to the school – before, during, and after school. Please do not knock on any other door and ask a student, or a staff member, to grant you access. They have been told NOT to let anyone in the building. Everyone is asked to use the main entrance – even at 2:45 p.m. to gain entry into the school. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.
- To keep arrival safe and working effectively, please drop off and continue to move through the drop off zone. Students should always get out of the vehicle on the curb side.
- The “anti-bully” campaign is ongoing throughout the school year. The policy regarding Harassment, Intimidation, and Bullying (H.I.B.) is located on the front page of the website. Included is a “Hot Line” to anonymously report behavior that may be considered bullying. The Hot Line number is 723-222-6139 ext. 500.
- Be sure to visit our school website, [www.mbschool.org](http://www.mbschool.org) for valuable school information, events, and dolphin news!
- **Be sure to activate your log-in on RealTime!**

## PARENT CORNER

### 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 Mr. Peter Bruccoleri at 732-222-6139 ext. 251.

### **RED RIBBON WEEK 2015**

The week of October 23 - October 31 we celebrate Red Ribbon Week in honor of Enrique Camarena, a DEA officer who was killed in the line of duty. His commitment of creating a drug free community inspired many to wear red ribbons. The National Family Partnership led by Nancy Reagan kicked off the first official Red Ribbon Week nearly 30 years ago. Today, communities across the nation celebrate this wonderful week by participating in fun and positive theme days. Our school kicked off the week by wearing Red, wore crazy socks to "Sock it to Drugs", adorned crazy hats to declare we are "Hats off to being Drug Free" and wore college and professional attire because "Our Future is Bright: Drug Free".

Thank you to all who participated! It was a wonderful week!

### **CLASSROOM NEWS**

Preschool will be busy in November preparing for our Thanksgiving Feast on Wednesday, November 25. The students will make their special "friendship soup" and homemade butter for their families to enjoy.

### **EIGHTH GRADE NEWS**

The fundraising for the Monmouth Beach Class of 2015 is well under way. We had a very successful Pancake Breakfast on Sunday, October 25, 2015. We want to thank our school community for supporting us. A special thanks to Mrs. Tricia Ford for spearheading the activity on behalf of the students. We raised over \$3,000 towards our Boston, Massachusetts, trip in June. We also want to thank the Church of the Precious Blood, Mr. and Mrs. Ruoff and the Turning Point Restaurants along with the Holobinkos, Fleischers, Georges,

Hennings, Rempels, Sabatellis and Trimbles, and Kristen Pierson Jones, the Gannon Holsey Group and Monmouth Beach Plantation Shutters for their donations.

We are looking forward to our next big fundraiser: The Annual Pasta Dinner.

We are continuing to offer pizza for lunch on Wednesdays and Jersey Mikes Subs on Thursdays. Please support our fundraising efforts.

## **STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS**

Students participated in Clean Ocean Actions Annual Fall Beach Sweep on October 24, 2015.

Monmouth Beach Student Council helped decorate the gymnasium for the annual Halloween Dance on October 30, 2015, and continues to collect food for the Holiday Hunger Challenge sponsored by the Monmouth and Ocean County Food Bank. Please continue your generosity by bringing in nonperishable food for those in need during the holiday season.

## **ON THE COVER**

This month's newsletter was designed by the very talented 7th grade student Liam Umbs. The subject matter was a look into Andy Warhol's life and the variety of techniques he used to make our world a better and more interesting place to live. The students were given choices to pick from of the once famous commercial artist's different methods of creativity. Liam chose the Ink Blot Method which Mr. Warhol used early on in his career. Liam created a very interesting contemporary detailed piece depicting true inspiration of the wonderful Andy Warhol. Way to go Liam. Your artwork is now an inspiration to others to make our world a better place as well! I can't wait to see what is next from you! Mrs. Hall

## MCVSD CAREER ACADEMIES

Another year has begun and yes we are already talking about next year for eighth grade students.

As an eighth grader going to high school, there are several career academies that are offered to your student. They are all located in Monmouth County and specialize in specific areas of concentration. The five academy high schools are M.A.S.T, High Tech, Allied Health, Communications, and Bio-Tech. The students were given a short presentation about how they can apply, attend open houses, or just simply inquire about these programs.

The student must attend an information session to the school they are applying for. Students may attend as many information sessions as they like to help them decide which school is right for them. Students can only apply to one academy. All information for the application process will be given out at the information session you attend. Additional information can also be found on the MCVSD website at [www.mcvsd.org](http://www.mcvsd.org).

As a reminder, all students must have their applications into the office at Monmouth Beach School **NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, DECEMBER 4**. This allows for plenty of time to process all applications.

If you are interested in any private or parochial high schools in the area, you should contact them as soon as possible to find out about their Open House dates, (some are scheduled as early as the first week of October) and there are deadlines for applications and admission testing. If you have any questions regarding high school options, please contact Mr. Bruccoleri 732-222-6139 (Ext. 251).