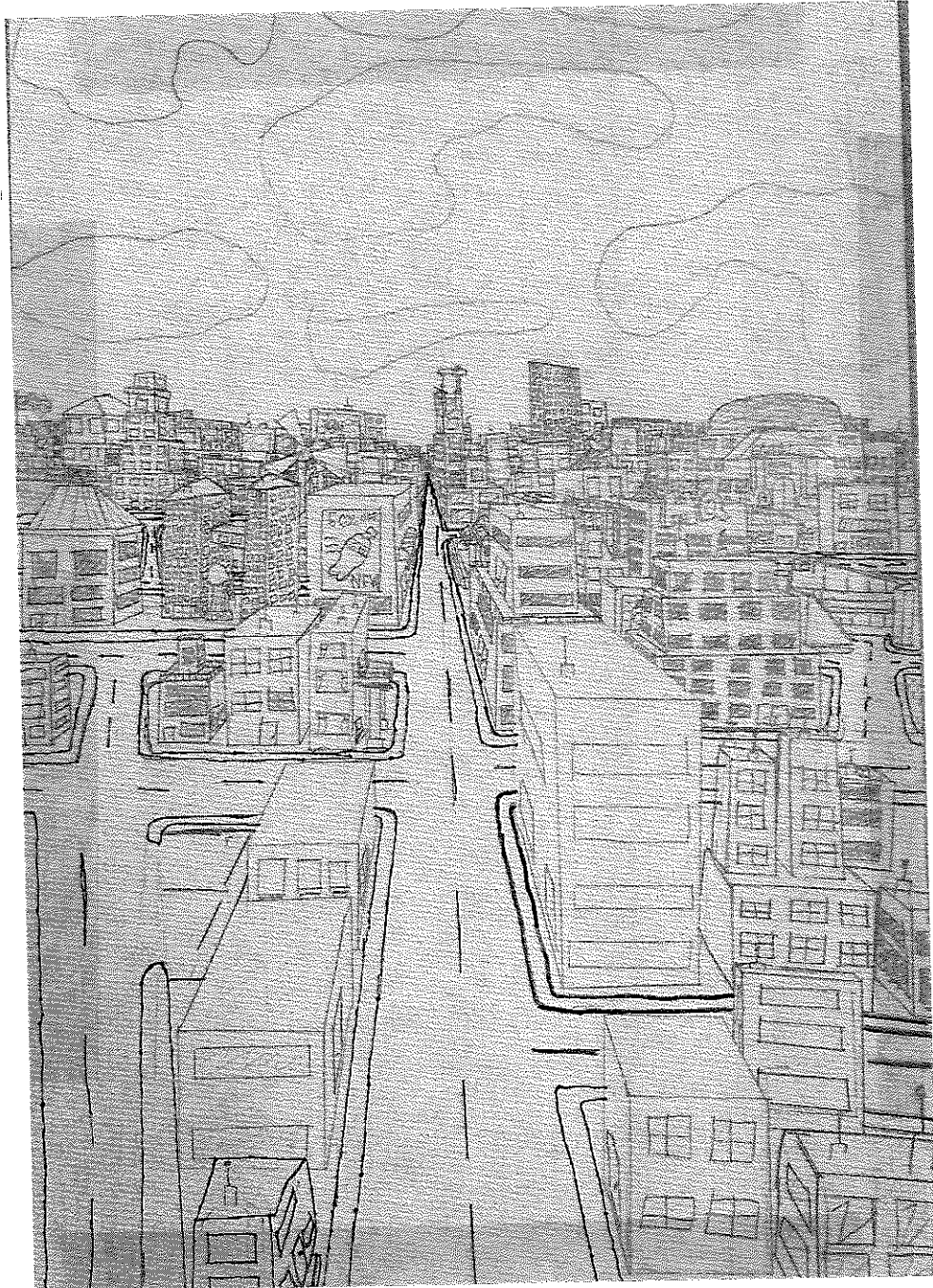
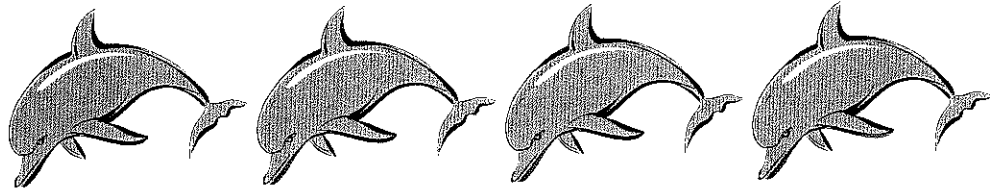


MBS NEWSLETTER
MONMOUTH BEACH SCHOOL, 7 HASTINGS PLACE
MONMOUTH BEACH, NJ 07750

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Cover Designed by Tyler Husar

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Greetings to everyone in the Monmouth Beach School community! It seems like just yesterday that our staff welcomed all of the PK-8 students back on the first day of the new school year, and now here we are moving into the month of October. During those opening days and weeks, the staff and students began to develop important working relationships that will help them reach their goals throughout the year. As the initial settling in process was concluding, the teachers and students moved into their routines and schedules with remarkable ease. So as sad as it is for summer to come to an end, it is truly impressive to see how quickly the staff and students get into full swing with their academic programs.

The beginning of a new school year always comes with great excitement and anticipation about all that lies ahead, and this year is no different. Among the reasons for our excitement this year is the new math program that has been adopted in the entire region for grades K-5. After a thorough selection process that involved teachers from all three sending districts, the Shore region made the decision to implement the *enVision Math* Program at the elementary level this year. It is our belief that the new program will prove to be an upgrade in this subject area due in large part to the increased emphasis on critical thinking and problem solving found at the heart of the *enVision* Program. Additionally, there is an online component that the teachers are using to help enhance the quality of their daily lessons and also to communicate information about topics and concepts to families.

As most of you know, Monmouth Beach School has moved further into the world of social media this year in an effort to showcase the efforts of our staff and students. With the help of Greg Zweemer, our Technology Coordinator, the MBS Facebook and Twitter accounts are active and linked. In order to find us on Facebook, simply type "Monmouth Beach" in the search bar and then click on the school logo when you are given a list of MB groups to choose from. I also encourage you to follow me

on Twitter @MBS_Ettore to see those snapshot moments from the various events and activities that occur during the year. The intent in both cases is to share information and photos of classroom events and extracurricular activities with the public at large. Hopefully this use of social media will help MBS families feel more connected with our school and allow the entire community to get a feel for all that MBS has to offer in terms of an exceptional educational experience for all students.

Looking ahead, the month of October will be a bit fragmented due to the holidays on the calendar. Then before we know it, it will be time for all of the Halloween festivities that help us to formally usher in the fall season. In the meantime, I hope everyone has established open lines of communication with the teachers that can be used throughout the year. In order for students to be successful and overcome the obstacles that await them, the adults in their lives need to work together to provide appropriate support while also maintaining consistent expectations. In short, as long as we work together, I am confident that we will achieve the goals we have for the students.

Respectfully,

Michael E. Ettore
Principal/Superintendent

DATES TO REMEMBER

- Oct. 3 - School Closed
- Oct. 10 - School Closed
- Oct. 12 – School Closed
- Oct. 20 - Board of Education Meeting –
MBS Library - 7:30 p.m.
- Oct. 23 - 8th Grade Pancake Breakfast –
8 a.m. –Parish Center
- Oct. 25 - PTO meeting – 8:45 a.m.
- Oct. 28 – PTO Family Fun -2:45 – 4:30
- Oct. 30 - Halloween Dance for Grades 6-8
6 - 9:00 p.m.
- Oct. 31 – Halloween - Dismissal at
12:00 p.m. followed by Halloween
Parade starting at 1:30 p.m.

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 on 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 for valuable school information, events, and dolphin news!

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. Joshua DeSantis at 732-222-6139 ext. 251.

ON THE COVER

This month's artwork display is a beautiful rendering created by the very talented Seventh Grader Tyler Husar. Tyler was given the assignment to draw a one point perspective of a building, but as you can see, he went so much further than that. A truly creative artist! All of the students designed wonderful original buildings. This year we move on to two point perspective. I am excited to see how they do! Way to go Tyler!

EIGHTH GRADE NEWS

The Class of 2017 would like to formally invite you to the Pancake Breakfast on October 23, 2016. The breakfast will begin at 8 a.m. at the Parish Center. There will also be baked goods to purchase and baskets to bid on. All proceeds will be donated to the Eighth Grade class. We hope to see you there, and we hope you come hungry!

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

Homeroom representatives have been chosen for the 2016-2017 school year. Our first Student Council meeting was held on Thursday, September 22, 2016. Student Council elections will take place in early October. Clean Ocean Action's Annual Fall Beach Sweep will take place on Saturday, October 22 from 9 – 12:30 p.m. at our local beach. Come out and help to keep your beach clean. The Monmouth County Food Bank Holiday Hunger Challenge begins in October and runs through early November so students and families are encouraged to donate food items for families in need during the Thanksgiving holiday.

TECH NEWS

First and Second Grade are learning about input and output devices and reviewing the four main parts of a desktop computer: tower, monitor, keyboard, and mouse. While Grade 3 is learning about friendly letters, proper capitalization, punctuation, and spacing.

A site they will frequently use in class is www.abcya.com. They can practice tech skills including keyboard and mouse use, math, letters, and more, including Internet Safety which is also a part of our curriculum.

Fifth through Eighth Grade are currently focusing on Internet Safety and acceptable use of technology. They are creating projects using various Google apps to turnkey what they have learned.

Students in Grades 3-8 will be using Google apps throughout the school year both in their classrooms and in the tech lab. I encourage you to ask them to show you their work. That is the beauty of Google, users can access their files anytime they have access to a computer and the Internet.

For more information go to: <https://goo.gl/F4TRXZ>
Sincerely,

Mrs. LoPiccolo
Technology Teacher

Homework Help on the Web:

Fact Monster: Homework Center

This kid-friendly site from Information Please, a Pearson Education Company, sorts information by subjects, homework skills, reference sources, and tools. Find information on how to write a research paper and how to cite sources. Browse the almanac and find an interactive periodic table or click on the atlas to find country, state, and city profiles.

Kid Info

This website, created by an elementary school teacher, has compiled a list of homework help, reference resources, and search engines for kids.

You can do a search or click through the topics to find information about subjects, such as insects or the history of toys.

Education World: Study Skills and Homework Help

This site for teachers lists several homework resources. Check out the Research Toolbox in the study skills section to find references from maps and converters to museums and libraries. Read reviews of homework-help websites and articles about homework help.

HomeworkSpot.com

This site is a free homework information portal that provides access to K-12 homework-related sites. It's organized by topic and grade level for ease of use.

MEDIA CENTER

I am so excited to be back at Monmouth Beach working as your school library media specialist. During the month of September, we have been spending time getting the students used to new routines and learning about some fun warm-up activities, like the "Question of the Week".

I am looking forward to sharing stories, learning library skills, and digging deep into research projects with the children. Please remember to encourage your students to read, ask questions, and visit libraries! Return your library books too!

"Reading should not be presented to children as a chore, a duty. It should be offered as a gift".

Kate DiCamillo, National Ambassador for Young
People's Literature
2014-2015

HEALTH INFORMATION

Immunization and Physicals

Reminder: Please provide a copy of your child's immunization record and latest physical annually to keep your child's health record current.

Immunization requirements for school attendance in New Jersey N.J.A.C. 8:57-4

Pre-K students are required to have one dose of influenza between September and December of each year.

A kindergarten student has required immunization for admittance into school.

Grade 6 required immunizations are meningococcal and Tdap.

Physical forms are on the website. Please bring the forms to your physician to fill out when getting your child's annual physical. If the student is trying out for any sport at Monmouth Beach, have the physician fill out the sports physical form.

All forms must be stamped and signed by the physician.

Attendance

Please call or email me with your child being absent or late for school. My telephone number is 732-222-6139 x 256 and email is gillick@mbschool.org. Please let me know if there are any health concerns.

Lice

When a child is found to have head lice, all of the students in his/her class are checked for possible head lice and a letter is sent home to parents (in the class). Other students may also be screened, at the nurse's discretion. Please note that all possible precautions are always taken in the school building when a case of head lice has been detected. If you suspect that your child has head lice, please notify the health office. All matters concerning student health are kept confidential; therefore, information

will not be shared regarding the child and or class where a case of head lice has occurred.

Please see the information below regarding head lice prevention and control from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Additional information can be found on the CDC website at <http://www.cdc.gov/parasites/lice/head>.

Please provide the necessary documentation from the doctor for any injury a student may have that would require restrictions from gym and/ or school. Crutches are only allowed to be used in school by a student, if the doctor provides a note requiring the student to use them in school.

Hand washing prevents infection

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.

As a reminder, all students must have their applications into the office at Monmouth Beach School **NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY,**

DECEMBER 14. 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. DeSantis 732-222-6139 (Ext. 251).

WEEK OF RESPECT

The Anti Bullying Bill of Rights Act (2011) has designated the week of October 3 as the “Week of Respect” in New Jersey. The 8th grade has been working on presentations and decorations throughout the school to help students learn about empathy, respect, acceptance, and personal responsibility. Students created Red Ribbons for display throughout the school. The following are theme days planned for the Week of Respect:

Week of Respect October 4-7.

Tuesday, 10/4	Wednesday, 10/5	Thursday, 10/6	Friday, 10/7
<p><u>Wear Gold Day</u></p> <p>Wear Gold to celebrate the “Golden Rule” Treat others the way one would treat oneself!</p>	<p><u>Wear Green Day</u></p> <p>Wear Green to show respect for the environment, school, community, and nature.</p>	<p><u>Team up for Respect</u></p> <p>Wear your favorite sports jersey to show that we are teaming up to show respect in school.</p>	<p><u>School Spirit Day</u></p> <p>Show your school spirit and that we are a respectful school community.</p>

Red Ribbon Week



Red Ribbon Week is celebrated annually October 23-31. By wearing red ribbons and participating in community anti-drug events, young people pledge to live a drug-free lifestyle and pay tribute to DEA Special Agent Enrique “Kiki” Camarena who dedicated his life to prevent using drugs and alcohol.

This year our theme is #YOLO: Be Drug Free (You Only Live Once)

October 24-28

Monday 10/24	Tuesday 10/25	Wednesday 10/26	Thursday, 10/27	Friday 10/28
<u>RED Day</u> “Red-y” to live a Drug Free Life	<u>Hawaiian Day</u> “Surf the Wave to Healthy Choices”	<u>Hat Day</u> “Hat’s Off to Being Drug Free”	<u>College Shirt Day</u> “My Future is Bright - Be	<u>Monmouth Beach School Day</u> Wear Blue and White to show that together we will remain Drug Free