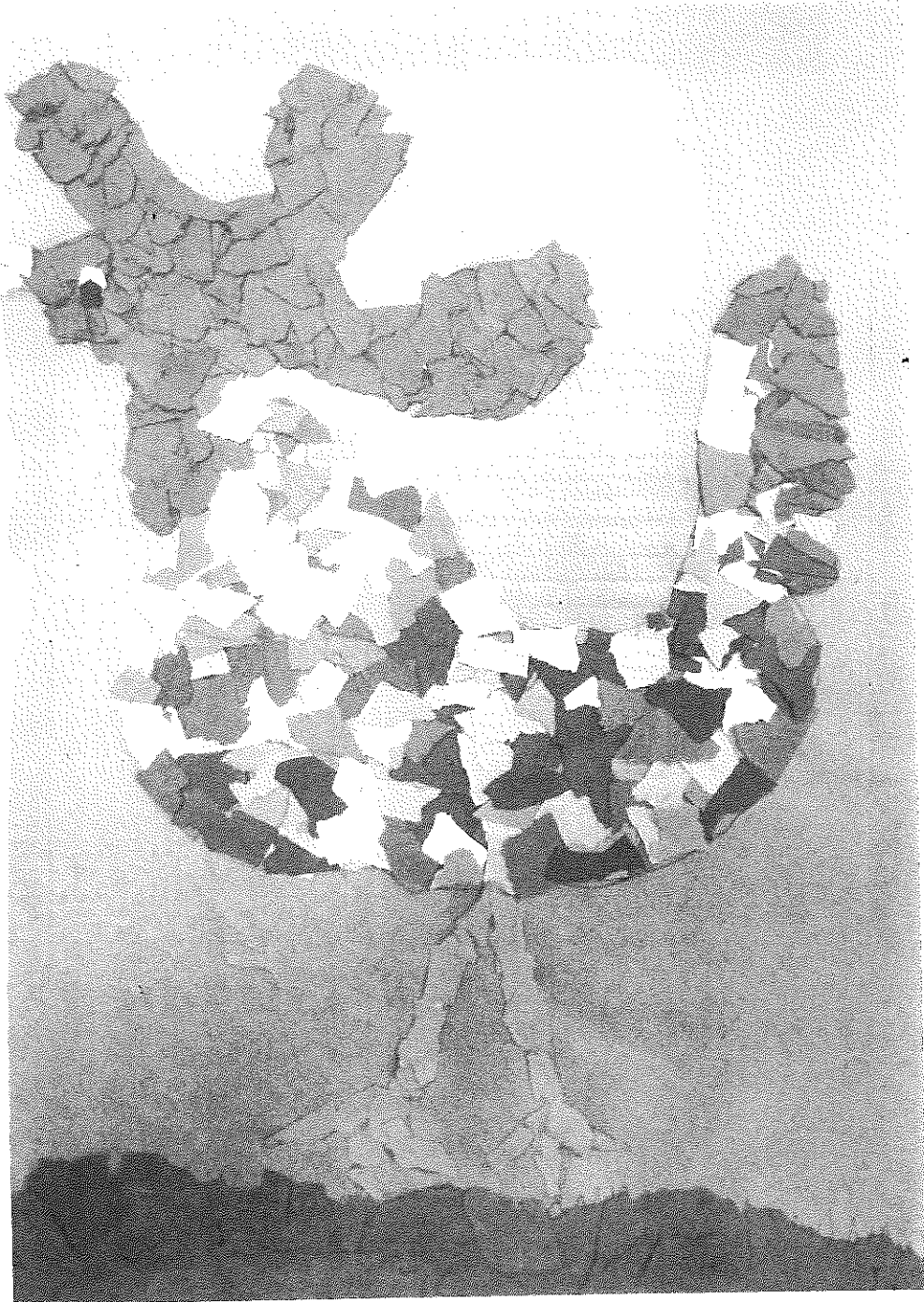
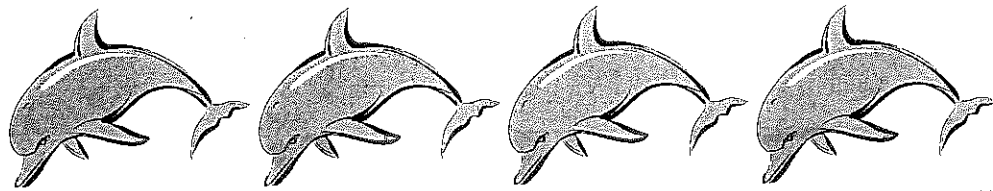


MBS NEWSLETTER

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

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Greetings to all MBS families! Now that we have been back in school for about a month, I am happy to report that the staff and students have settled in nicely and that learning is in full swing! During the opening weeks of the school year, the teachers have made a concerted effort to get to know their students as “children” and learn about their strengths and interests. This type of knowledge is not found in any book, but it should prove to be valuable in helping the students stay motivated and inspired to do their best work throughout the year.

Administratively, Mr. Bruccoleri and I have also been busy meeting with teachers and parents to ensure that the year started smoothly and on a positive note. Among the many responsibilities that I share with Mr. Bruccoleri is to maintain a safe and secure environment at school. This includes conducting various emergency drills each month and coordinating these efforts with the MBPD. We are very fortunate to have such a close working relationship with the local law enforcement officials who generously share their expertise about safety and security with us so we can improve our practices. Along these lines, our staff and students have already successfully completed the first fire drill and lockdown drill of the year. During the month of October, we will likely conduct a full-scale evacuation drill, much like we did last year, to ensure that our protocols are in place should we ever need to relocate the entire MBS population to a secondary location.

During the past couple of Board of Education meetings, there was much discussion about how our school handles potential cases of harassment, intimidation and bullying (HIB). As many of you know, the new HIB laws have been in place since 2010 and these legal mandates provide schools with specific protocols that must be followed when responding to an alleged case of HIB behavior. Part of these mandates require all public school districts to appoint an HIB Coordinator for the District (Mr. Bruccoleri) and each school must have an Anti-Bullying Specialist (Mrs. Sullivan) as well as a

School Safety Team comprised of multiple faculty members who have the responsibility of making determinations about the outcomes of alleged HIB incidents. Knowing that no school is completely immune to these serious behaviors, our job as a staff is to provide the students with skills, knowledge and strategies that will enable them to respond to potentially difficult social situations. These lessons take place in the regular classroom and by way of the efforts of our guidance counselor, Mrs. Sullivan, throughout the year at all grade levels. Although I believe our students are relatively well educated about these issues, it has become clear that there is a need to provide parents with more information and education about HIB issues and incidents. In order to accomplish this goal, Mr. Bruccoleri, Mrs. Sullivan, and I will be facilitating a parent meeting at 3 p.m. on October 8, 2015, during which time we will provide information related to the legal definitions of these behaviors; explanations about the specific roles we each play in the HIB process and the potential outcomes of HIB investigations. I encourage all parents to attend what I hope will prove to be a valuable experience for everyone. Anyone who is unable to attend the event will be able to access the information that is shared on the school's website under the HIB tab. I am confident that our school community will continue to effectively address all forms of unwanted behaviors in a caring and appropriate manner provided that we work together in educating our students about how to make good decisions and be respectful people.

One of the many important lessons I have learned over the past two years in my position is that when the fall season begins, it's time to start thinking about Halloween! Since the big day is on a Saturday this year, that means MBS will schedule all of the traditional festivities on Friday, October 30. There will be a parent notice sent out to all MBS families in the coming weeks with details about all of the events for October 30, so stay tuned!

Respectfully,

Michael E. Ettore
Principal/Superintendent

DATES TO REMEMBER

Oct. 5 - Week of Respect
Oct. 12 - School Closed
Oct. 15 - Board of Education Meeting -
MBS Library - 7:30 p.m.
Oct. 19 - School Violence Awareness Week
Oct. 20 - PTO meeting - 7:00 p.m.
Oct. 21 – School Picture Day
Oct. 25 - 8th Grade Pancake Breakfast
Oct. 30 - Halloween Parade -Dismissal at
12:00 p.m. followed by Halloween Parade
starting at 1:30 p.m.
PTO Family Fun for Grades PK-5 – 3 - 4:30
p.m.
Halloween Dance for Grades 6-8 – 6 - 9:00
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. Peter Bruccoleri at 732-222-6139 ext. 251.

ON THE COVER

This month’s newsletter was designed by the very talented Ashley Inacio. Ashley drew a beautiful rooster and then completed it using torn colored construction paper. All the students in her third grade class completed these at the end of last year. Way to go Ashley

EIGHTH GRADE NEWS

The Eighth Grade Class of 2016 is gearing up for its Annual Pancake Breakfast to be held Sunday, October 25, 2015, at the Parish Center. A delicious breakfast will be served beginning at 7:00 a.m. through Noon. Please come out and support our Eighth Grade function to raise funds for our Class

of 2016 Trip to Boston, Massachusetts, in June. We are excited and are looking forward to seeing you

STUDENT COUNCIL NEWS

Homeroom representatives have been chosen for the 2014-2015 school year. Our first Student Council meeting was held on Friday, September 25, 2015. Student Council elections will take place in early October.

Clean Ocean Action's Annual Fall Beach Sweep will take place on Saturday, October 24, from 9 a.m. to 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. Students and families are encouraged to donate food items for families in need during the Thanksgiving holiday.

HEALTH NEWS

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 x256 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 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).

WEEK OF RESPECT


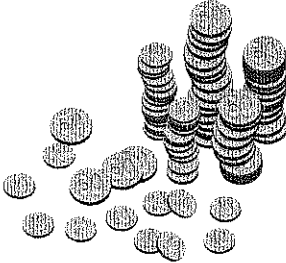

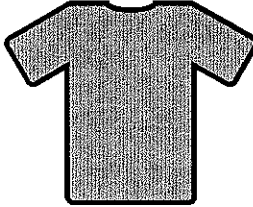
The first Monday in October is traditionally the kick off day for the Week of Respect.

This week is dedicated to celebrating healthy ways to overcome harassment, intimidation, or bullying. Here is a calendar of events that we will be holding that week.

Week of Respect



Monmouth Beach School is celebrating the
Week of Respect October 5-9.

Monday October 5	Tuesday October 6	Wednesday October 7	Thursday October 8	Friday October 9
<p><u>Blue Shirt Day</u></p> <p>Wear blue shirts to kick off the Week of Respect Celebration!</p> <p><i>"It's a time when we ask everyone to wear a BLUE SHIRT and join us in solidarity to stop bullying and cyberbullying on the first Monday of each October." –</i></p> <p>StompOutBullying.org</p> 	<p><u>Wear Gold Day</u></p> <p>Wear gold to celebrate the golden rule: "One should treat others as one would like others to treat oneself"</p> 	<p><u>Team Up For Respect</u></p> <p>Wear a jersey or t-shirt from your favorite sports team.</p> 	<p><u>Wear Green Day</u></p> <p>Wear green to show respect for the environment, school, community, and nature.</p> 	<p><u>School Spirit Day</u></p> <p>Show your school spirit and that we are a respectful school community!</p> 