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## **News & Updates - May 2019**

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### **Board of Education to Hold Public Hearing on 2019-2020 Annual Budget**

A public hearing was held regarding the 2019-2020 budget. The meeting was held on April 30th at 7:30 p.m. at the Montville Township Municipal Building. The Montville Township Board of Education adopted the final budget during the meeting. The budget includes funding for three new elementary teachers and one special education teacher at Robert R. Lazar Middle School. Funding is also included to enhance cyber security. The district will continue to fund its share of the costs for the School Resource Office and Class III officers along with district efforts to reduce student anxiety and stress. The tax increase in the budget is 1.26% over the 2018-2019 budget and represents an annual tax increase of \$104 for the average home assessed at \$528,752.



### **Publication of Book Featuring Student Writing**

**Book Signing with Student Authors to Be  
Held Tuesday, May 28 at MTHS**

In April, a book entitled "**A Road Map for Respect, Kindness, Gratitude, Grit, Courage and Resilience**" was published. This publication is the culmination of a collaborative writing process within the Montville Township Public Schools and features the work of more than 125 student authors. As part of the district's Character Education and Mindfulness Initiatives, students and Superintendent of Schools Dr. Rene Rovtar share their perspectives on a variety of topics which reinforce the importance of

respect, kindness, gratitude, grit, courage and resilience in our daily lives. Students from the elementary through high school levels contributed their wisdom and thoughts on these important topics.

The book is available through [Amazon for \\$5.00](#). Proceeds go to the Montville Township Public Schools.

An official "Book Signing" with an opportunity to meet and greet the authors will be held on Tuesday, May 28, 2019 from 3:30 to 5:00 p.m. in the Montville Township High School Media Center. A limited number of copies of the book will be available for purchase at the book signing.



## School Resource Office Scott McGowan Received MCCEA Friend of Education Award

In April, Officer Scott McGowan, the district's School Resource Officer, was honored with the MCCEA (Morris County Council of Education Associations) Friend of Education Award. Kaitlyn Tierney, teacher at William Mason School, nominated Officer McGowan for this award. In her nomination letter, Ms. Tierney wrote, "Officer McGowan extends himself beyond all job

requirements and is an exemplary professional. Society should have a positive image of law enforcement. This begins with our youngest citizens. Office McGowan establishes trust between our students and the police. They learn, through their experiences with him, that they can depend on law enforcement. He accomplishes this through a friendly demeanor and willingness to listen. He is an excellent representative of our peace officers." District staff have also said that Officer McGowan has a level of genuine concern and care for students that is contagious. He has an enthusiasm and passion that inspires our school. He is a huge asset and he cares so much for all the students in our district. We are very proud to call Officer McGowan a member of the Montville Township Public Schools family and congratulate him on this honor.

## OneMontville to Celebrate 4th Annual Green In Day Friday, May 17

Wear Green May 17. Help make the 4th Annual Green In Day the biggest celebration of Acceptance, Respect and Kindness to date.

The mission of OneMontville is to create and promote a climate of acceptance, inclusion and kindness which teaches and



celebrates respect for one another by embracing and being enriched by the diversity that comprises the Montville Township Community. The mission can only be fully accomplished through the involvement and commitment of community leaders, religious leaders, business leaders, and residents of all ages, races, religions, ethnicities, abilities, gender identity or sexual orientation.

*Show your support for the OneMontville mission of supporting acceptance, respect and kindness*

## BY WEARING GREEN

on May 17, 2019

*Please help OneMontville create a very visible representation of the fact that we are all ONEMONTVILLE no matter who we are. Residents of all ages, business owners and their employees, EVERYONE!*

## Celebrate Green In Day with other OneMontville Events

**TATTERED PIECES - A Lazar Living Lesson's Presentation**

open to the community at large on

Thur, May 16 at 7PM at Pine Brook Jewish Center

tkts \$5 – FREE to all students middle school age and older

& Green In Day Luminaries for Changebridge Road or your home or office - \$5 each for Fri, May 17

**ONEMONTVILLE UNITES** Presents: **TATTERED PIECES**  
A discussion on **LOSS FAITH FORGIVENESS**

**Rev. Sharon Risher**  
of the Mother Emanuel African Methodist Episcopal Church of Charleston, SC, shares her experiences with gun violence, racism, and hate in America, as well as the path to forgiveness and hope for a brighter future.

TICKET AND EVENT INFORMATION AVAILABLE AT:  
[WWW.ONEMONTVILLE.ORG](http://WWW.ONEMONTVILLE.ORG)

**\$7 AT THE DOOR** **\$5 ONLINE**  
FREE for all students middle school age and older

**Thursday, May 16**  
7:00 PM at the Pine Brook Jewish Center  
Coffee & dessert to follow!

SPONSORED BY:

- Pine Brook Jewish Center
- Lutheran Church of the Holy Spirit
- Good Shepherd Episcopal Church
- ST. PIUS X CATHOLIC CHURCH
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**OneMontville LUMINARIES**

Light up Montville Township with Acceptance – Respect – Kindness  
OneMontville Green In Day: May 17  
2 Ways to Luminate: Donate to:  
Light-up Changebridge Road OR Light Your Home or Office

**Only \$5** Per Luminary

Order luminaries at:  
[OneMontville.org](http://OneMontville.org)

**NOTE:** Luminaries will be available for pick-up on Monday, May 13, from 3-7PM, at the Pine Brook Jewish Center parking lot, 174 Changebridge RD, Montville.

**Acceptance – Respect – Kindness**  
Help Light CHANGEBRIDGE ROAD in GREEN OR  
Line your porch, front walk & windows with Green In Day LUMINARIES  
Buy Luminaries for your Family & Business  
AND Wear Green May 17

[See OneMontville.org for more info](http://See OneMontville.org for more info)

### Bits and Pieces....

Congratulations to the 83 MTHS students that were

inducted into the World Language Honor Societies (French, Italian, Mandarin and Spanish) on April 3, 2019.

The following elementary students were selected as winners of the 2019 Montville Township Arbor Day Poster Contest:

First Place: Juli Ghumwala - Woodmont and Maanvi Gupta - Woodmont. Second Place: Alessandra Ciullo - William Mason and Audriana Giudice - Cedar Hill. Third Place: Elizabeth Dickson - Cedar Hill and Jaiden Patel - Hilldale.

The participation of Valley View students in the annual Mathathon generated over \$5,000 for the St. Jude Research Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee.

Maddie Bustamente, Rachelle Philip, Anna Rehberg, and Jeffrey Gallup were all selected for the 2019 All State Mixed Chorus. Over 1,000 students auditioned, so we are very proud of our MTHS students. The group will perform at the NJEA convention and at NJPAC in November.

Dr. Marisa Castronova-Wos was the invited speaker for the Main Center for Research in STEM Education (RiSE Center) at the University of Maine. Dr. Castronova-Wos presented on the topic of "Examining the Impact of Professional Training on Science Teachers' Learning" at the conference in April.

Woodmont students raised nearly \$1,500 for the Pennies of Patients program as well as over \$300 towards the purchase of a new weather station. The PTA donated the remaining funds to allow Woodmont's aspiring meteorologists to have access to accurate weather data.

Congratulations to Christine Sun on her inclusion the 2019 the Governor's Annual Awards in Arts Education as the New Jersey Speech and Debate League Champion in Informative Speaking.

For the 4th year in a row, Montville Township Public Schools has received the Best Communities for Music Education Award from the NAMM Foundation! The award recognizes the commitment of teachers, students, school administrators, BOE members, and parents who believe in the value of music education and are working to ensure that it is part of a complete education for all children.



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