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News & Updates - May 2020

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Board of Education to Hold Virtual Meetings in May

In accordance with the Executive Order issued by Governor Phil Murphy, the Board of Education is prohibited from holding an in-person meeting, as it would involve a gathering of people in excess of the social distancing restrictions. In order to keep the business of the school district moving forward, the Montville Board of Education will be holding virtual meetings until the limitations on public gatherings are lifted. The Board of Education meetings in May are scheduled for May 12th and the 26th. The public can view the meetings at www.montville.net/boemeetinglive.



Join OneMontville in Celebrating Green In Day on Friday, May 15th This Year We Honor First Responders



OneMontville is dedicating the 5th Annual Green In Day to Montville Township's First Responders.

Wear Green to help OneMontville #ShareKindness and let First Responders know how much we appreciate their hard work and dedication on behalf of the entire Montville Township community.

Help make OneMontville #GreenInDay2020 a meaningful tribute to First Responders!

Please:

- Wear Green May 15 & participate in the VIRTUAL SPIRIT DAY by posting your pics with #GreenInDay2020
- Share pics of wearing green for a OneMontville video.*

- Thank First Responders for their tireless efforts
- Donate food to the Montville Township Kiwanis Club Food Pantry on Thursdays from 4:00-6:00 PM or Saturdays from 10:00 AM to NOON.

*NOTE: Each photo submitted to the OneMontville video will also be eligible for a OneMontville give-away prize. Please send your GREEN IN DAY pictures (adults, kids and animals alike!) to susan.marinello@montville.net. Your picture will appear on social media. Photos must be received by 11:00 PM on Friday, May 15! Give-away prizes are sponsored by OneMontville and Enid Davis-The Davis Group. All give-away prizes will help support local businesses.

Acceptance ~ Respect ~ Kindness

Emmy® Winning Producers Feature Cedar Hill Teacher Kimberly Kao in Distance Learning Video for NJEA

As Distance Learning launched in Montville Township Public Schools, and across the nation, Kimberly Kao and her students, were chosen by the New Jersey Education Association (NJEA), to be featured in a new educational program called: "Still Learning."



"Still Learning," is a new on-line educational series sponsored by NJEA that highlights innovative approaches to education that are implemented by New Jersey teachers.

Kao, a kindergarten teacher at Cedar Hill Elementary School in Montville Township, New Jersey, was filmed teaching in mid-March, during the early weeks of Distance Learning implementation.

Kao's episode, entitled: "Still Learning - Kindergarten Online," is a two minute and eighteen second educational feature that was released by NJEA on Thursday, April 30, 2020.

"I want them (students) to feel that sense of comfort in doing what they have been doing in the classroom," Kao said of her approach to distance learning. She explained that so much of kindergarten education is interaction. With distance learning she is exploring innovative ways to provide a sense of community, despite the social distance of a virtual classroom.

"Still Learning - Kindergarten Online," was produced by the Emmy® Award-Winning team of Ronan & Ronan Productions. Both Deborah Ronan and Kevin Ronan have a long history of producing educational programs for NJEA. The team are each Emmy®-winners for NJEA's former television program, "Classroom Close-up, NJ". Debbie Ronan is also an MTHS, Lazar and Woodmont alum.

"[Still Learning - Kindergarten Online](#)" can be viewed at Montville.net

Bits and Pieces....

For the fifth straight year Montville Township has been included on the list of the [Best Communities for Music Education](#) by the National Association of Music Merchants.

Lazar eighth grade student, Kevin Chen, qualified for the State Geography Bee.

Lazar seventh grade student Jason Mao qualified to compete in the American Invitational Mathematics Competition with a score of 105 on the 12th grade exam, surpassing the qualifying score of 87.

The William Mason student council and faculty helped raise \$370 for Special Olympics through the Polar Bear Challenge.

Hilldale School received the Safe Route to School's "First Step" award for holding student safety programs and promoting walking and riding bikes to school.



School News

Congratulations to the following students whose projects have qualified for the New Jersey History Day Virtual State Finals through William Paterson University on May 2, 2020. Congratulations and thanks to the following MTHS faculty members for their support of these students: Christopher Trzepinska, Stefani San Filippo, Scott Riotto and Katherine Vander May.

Papers- (11th) - Justin Zurawlow - "The Man Who Changed America: Henry Ford"
Elliot Jo - "The Fire that Ignited Reform: Triangle Shirtwaist"

Group Documentary - [11th - Jared Hollfelder & Nhean Baynes - "Grace Hopper"]
[9th - Aleena Gill & Anjali Patel - "Barriers Broken by the Protestant Reformation"]
[9th - Sarah Gorman, Laura Justnes, Nataly Pop - "Queen Elizabeth I: A Zealous Monarch"]

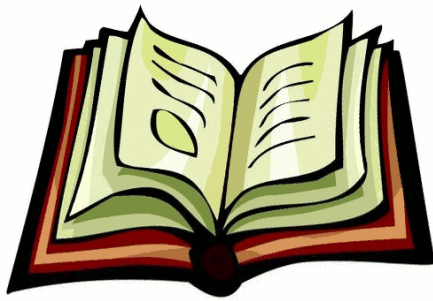
Group Website - [9th - Eshani Patel, Sarina Dang, Sophia Cannilla - "Nightingale: The Nursing Icon"]

Individual Exhibits - [9th - Brendan Glennon - "Charles Darwin: The Theories of Evolution and Natural Selection"]
[9th - Jake Shenkman - "Filippo Brunelleschi and His Impact on the Renaissance"]

Group Exhibits - [9th - Lakshmi Pantula, Hari Singampalli - "Marie Curie: The Influential Woman of Science"]
[9th - Shriya Minocha & Ashley Xiang - "Leading the Enlightenment: Voltaire"]
[11th - Isabella Kruger, Hannah Mikelis, Hayley Kirk, Charlotte Weinstein, & Megan Kirk - "Radium Girls: The Glowing Women Who Reformed the Workplace"]

Individual Performance - 10th - Elizabeth Bazhenov - "Anne Frank's Life After Death"

Group Performance - 10th - Isabelle Duddie, Jacquelyn Dal Bon, & Isabella Catto - "C0DE OR D1E: Alan Turing's Enigma"



Students Asked to Contribute to Book "What's Good in the World and Everyday Heroes"

As the district navigates the new experience of distance learning, Dr. Rene Rovtar, District Superintendent, is again serving as the editor of a book that will be written collaboratively with district students in grades kindergarten through twelve. The book will contain the students' perspective and advice on the positive things we can find in

our world. The title of the book will be "What's Good in the World and Stories of Everyday Heroes." Students are asked to write on either of these topics: what are some positive examples of good things that are happening in the world, what can people do to make a difference in their communities (not restricted to COVID-19 actions), what are the things that make us smile and help us to feel better about ourselves. Students may also choose to write about the people in their lives that they view as heroes and why they have earned "hero" status in their eyes.


All students are welcome to contribute. The final work will be self-published and made available for purchase with proceeds going to the Montville Township Public Schools.

Students wishing to contribute to the book should email their writing to: Rene.Rovtar@montville.net
DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS IS MAY 31, 2020.

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