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February is *Heart Healthy Month*, take care of your heart.

Villapiano Scholarship

The Jean Villapiano Scholarship is an annual scholarship given to the child of a member of the MCEA / MTEA. In order to qualify for the scholarship, the application form must be completely filled out with the necessary information such as, SAT scores, extra-curricular activities, awards, and an essay.



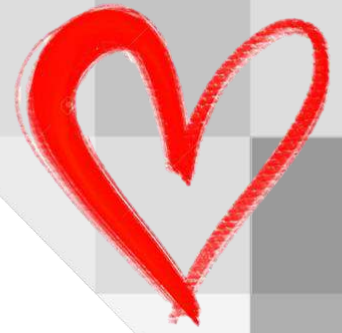
The form was sent to all members. The scholarship is open to any MTEA member who has a child in high school or in college. Please be sure to complete the entire application form. It is due to the MCEA office by March 27, 2020. Please contact the MTEA office if you need another form.

At Large Representatives

The terms for the two At-Large positions on the Executive Committee are up for election. The terms for each position is two years. Nominations for both of these positions will be received from the floor at the Representative Council meeting on February 6, 2020. The Representative Council meeting will be held at the Media Center at Middletown High School North at 4 pm. According to the By-Laws of the Middletown Township Education Association Constitution, additional names may be placed in nomination for the two At-Large positions upon presentation at the March Representative Council meeting signed by 10% of the active members of the Association.

Mary Margaret Kurta and Michelle Czapinski were nominated by members of the floor at Rep Council on February 6, 2020.





Health and Safety

Have your senses been heightened lately with new sights and scents? In the next few months, the district will be initiating district-wide cleaning procedures in an attempt to keep all safe and healthy. A local company has been contracted to assist the district with repairing and maintaining the heating/ac units. Proactive planning is occurring when units and issues can't be immediately resolved. Remember, putting in work orders is the only way issues can be reviewed, prioritized and resolved. Without a work order heating/ac units and other issues will not be known to the appropriate departments.



Personal Days

Please be advised that each member is given three personal days. In order to use the personal days, be sure to follow the following guidelines. The day must be taken with a 48 hour window at least two days- prior to taking the day. Taking personal days before or after a holiday will be denied. You are permitted to take your three personal days consecutively provided they are put in Aesop 48 hours before taking them.



Computer Usage

Please be advised that the use of the computers in school belong to the District. Please be absolutely sure that you sign out of your account each day.



Graduate Credits

Please adhere to the procedures in place in our contract when taking graduate courses. No more than 18 credits can be taken will be approved in the school year. The maximum limit is 9 credits per semester or 6 credits per trimester. The summer sessions are not considered part of the 18-credit limitation. If you have any questions regarding when you can begin a summer course, please contact the Personnel before registering or paying for any course.



Do's and Donuts

On January 30, 2020, the Association held an event at the Red Tank in Red Bank. Certain articles of our contract were discussed. The Executive Team was on hand to answer any questions, as well as Lorraine Tesauro, our NJEA Rep. Additionally, Bonnie Harper was also present from California Casualty and discussed member benefits.

I would like to specifically thank Nina D'Urso and Steven Koumoulis for setting up this event. Job well done!

Optical Academy

The Monmouth County Education Association will be hosting an Optical Academy on Saturday, February 22, 2020 from 9 am to 4 pm at the Ocean Place Spa and Resort in Long Branch. If you, your family, or friends need glasses or an eye exam, head down to the event!

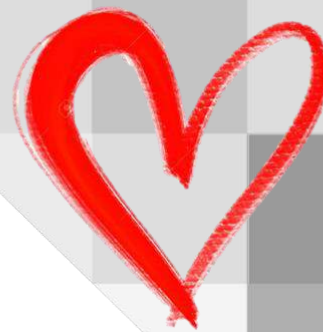


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Pride Updates



Our Pride program shares the success of our public schools within our community. The Association has sponsored the following events in the Middletown Community.

September - December 2019:

**Parking for Pete's Sake
Middletown Day
Happy Trails- NS North
Softball Cornhole-HS South
Halloween Hullabaloo-HS South
Halloween Hullabaloo- Township
Fall into Fun
Little Library- Port Monmouth School
MHIO- Thanksgiving
Senior Citizen Luncheon -HS North
and South
MHIO Christmas**

Events to be held January-April 2020:

**Parent Library Night- Port Monmouth
School
Family Math Night
Middletown Unity Movie Night
Middletown Eggstravaganza
Spring Senior Citizen Luncheon- HS North
and South
Food Truck Festival
Police Unity Tour Sponsorship
Summer Reading Extravaganza
Summer Concert Series- MAC**

BE PROUD.



Police Unity Tour



The Association is proud to be a sponsor of the Police Unity Tour. Retired Corporal Keith Macdonald, of the Middletown PD and graduate of Middletown HS North, will be riding from New Jersey to Washington, DC to honor his fallen brethren and heroes. The ride will take place on May 9 through May 12th. We wish Corporal Macdonald and his sons Brian and Sean good luck!



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