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MIDTOWN COMMUNITY
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Here's what has happened in the last month and what's to come!

MIDTOWN COMMUNITY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HOSTS INSPIRING ANNUAL SPELLING BEE

January brought excitement to Midtown Community Elementary School as it celebrated its annual Spelling Bee, showcasing the remarkable talents of its young contestants. This year's event featured an impressive lineup of students, including seven winners from the 3rd grade, eight from the 4th grade, and six from the 5th grade, all competing for the coveted title.

Under the skilled direction of the school's librarian, Ms. Zazzara, who served as the coordinator and proctor, the event was a testament to hard work and perseverance. She was supported by a dedicated panel of judges: Ms. Henderson, Ms. Kouridakis, and Ms. Maley, who ensured a fair and spirited competition.

Throughout the bee, students exhibited remarkable courage and determination, tackling a range of challenging words that tested their spelling abilities. After an exhilarating competition, the title of Spelling Bee champion was awarded to the talented Janae LaVoile!

This event not only highlights the students' spelling proficiency but also celebrates their bravery in stepping into the spotlight. We commend all participants for their dedication and skill, inspiring a love of learning and a passion for words in our school community.



Dr. Alfone



NJSLA Testing Coming This Spring

This Spring, all Neptune Township schools will be administering the New Jersey Student Learning Assessment (NJSLA) in grades 3-9. Students in all grades will be testing in Mathematics and English Language Arts while 5th and 8th graders will also be taking the Science Assessment. Testing will take place between April 28th and May 30th with building specific testing dates released this March. Families can find information about the test, including parent guides, information on how to read score reports, and links to practice tests at <https://nj.mypearsonsupport.com/ForParent/>.

Teachers are working hard every day to make sure students are prepared to take the NJSLA. To help your children achieve their best score on the test:

1. Encourage your children to read every night.
2. Have your children talk to you about what they've read.
3. Talk to your children's teachers about what math skills they can practice at home.

Working together we can continue to move our students along the path to success.

Neptune Township School District Preschool Program Registration

The Neptune Township School District (NTSD) offers a free, 10-month, 6-hour daily preschool program for children who are 3 or 4 years old. To be eligible, children must have turned 3 or 4 years old on or before October 1st of the upcoming school year. This program is available exclusively to Neptune Township residents, and preschool placement is determined by the child's attendance zone (home school) and space availability. The preschool program is built around the Tools of the Mind curriculum, which addresses all aspects of early childhood learning and aligns with the New Jersey Preschool Teaching and Learning Standards. In NTSD preschool classes, children learn through play, and self-regulation development is both intentional and continuous.

Preschool registration for the 2025-2026 school year opens on March 17, 2025. For more information about the registration process and the high-quality preschool program, families are encouraged to attend an informational session on March 5, 2025, at 5:30 p.m. at Green Grove Elementary School. Following the session, there will be a "Learning Through Play" event from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the same location.

Additionally, **Preschool and Kindergarten Classroom Tours**, as well as program information sessions, will take place the week of March 10-14, 2025, from 9:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at the following locations:

- 3/10/2025 – Shark River Hills Elementary School
- 3/11/2025 – Gables Elementary School
- 3/12/2025 – Summerfield Elementary School
- 3/13/2025 – Green Grove Elementary School
- 3/14/2025 – Midtown Community Elementary School

Program and registration information will be available at all events, and translators will be present for all school tours.

For more information, individuals may contact Meghan Plevier, Supervisor of Early Childhood Education, at (732) 776-2200, extension 7820, or via email at mplevier@neptune.k12.nj.us



Midtown Community Elementary School Celebrates Black History Month

BHM Committee Chairperson: Cecelia Harrington

BHM Co-Chair Committee Members: Dr. Alfone, Ebone Thrower, Belinda Mohan, Samantha Rivera, Talisha Smith, Ivy Jegou, Luke Tirrell

National Theme: "African Americans and Labor"

The 2025 Black History Month theme, "African Americans and Labor," is a powerful reflection on the pivotal role that the hard work of African Americans has played in shaping our country's history. It also focuses on the role of organized labor in fighting economic and social injustices.

Weekly Activities:

- Week #1: Get students excited about BHM by informing them about its origin.
- Week #2: Highlight black leaders who had strong visions for the future of the labor movement, uniting broad coalitions for racial justice, worker rights, and the welfare of all.
- BHM Student Essay Contest
- Read-Alouds
- Sweetheart Dance: Feb. 13th, 6:00-7:30 pm
- Week #3: Highlight Pioneers of African American Arts in Music, Dance, Visual Arts & Literature
- Black History Museum
- Neptune Township BHM Celebration (Neptune High School PAC): Feb. 22nd, at 1:00 pm
- Week #4: Highlight African Americans, past and present, who have impacted our country with major contributions in Black History.
- MCES Has "Soul" Potluck Dinner: Feb. 27th, 6:00-7:30 pm
- BHM Program: Feb. 28th, 9:00-10:00 am (will be streamed via Zoom or Google link)

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