



# Monhagen Times

## Principal Letter

Dear Parents,

Please remember to schedule a conference with your student's teachers for the afternoon and evening of March 23rd. This is a great opportunity to meet with individual teachers or all of your student's teachers. Our guidance office (326-1765) is making appointments up until March 19th. Parents who miss our deadline are welcome to schedule a regular conference at any time. This open communication is fundamental to academic success. Another great tool for communication is our homework hotline. The hotline is updated each day and the phone number is 326-

1769 and press your student's cluster number. The completion of homework is another cornerstone for success.

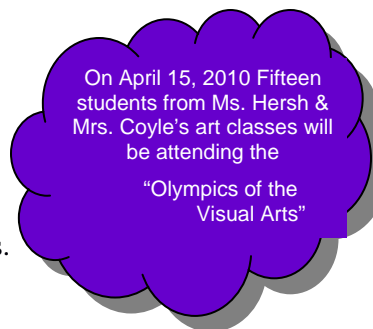
Other important events include our Washington DC trip on March 17-19. The final luggage check will take place from 2:30PM until 6:00PM in the music wing.

We have two arts in education performances scheduled for March. These are focusing on history and peer relationships. Our arts in education program is enriching to our students.

Please feel free to contact our main office with any questions regarding our March activities.

Sincerely,

Tracey Sorrentino  
Principal



On April 15, 2010 Fifteen students from Ms. Hersh & Mrs. Coyle's art classes will be attending the "Olympics of the Visual Arts"

## Orange County All-County

This last February, students from Middletown auditioned for the Orange County All-County Junior High Ensembles. Two students were selected for the Bands; Tim Haines, Trumpet and Dylan Hill,

Bass Clarinet. Christina Polichetti was selected to participate in the chorus.

**Great Job!!!!**

-Ryan Carlozzi

## Builders Club

Builders club will be collecting used towels, blankets and quilts from mid March through April.

All items will be donated to the local animal shelters.

- Pam House

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### SPECIAL POINTS OF INTEREST

- Emergency Fax Line (845) 326-1701
- Monhagen Information / Emergency Line (845) 326-1829
- Spring Recess - March 29th thru April 5th
- Mid City Bus Company (845) 343-4702
- Parent Teacher Conference 1/2 day of school on 3/23
- Supt. Conf. Day 3/26 (NO STUDENTS)
- Board of Education Mtg. 3/18
- Parents Club 7:00PM 3/24

## The Great Middie Gumball Challenge!!

Students “chews” good books to read between February 1—April 15. If 5000 books are read in each building a bubble-blowing contest between Mrs. Sorrentino and Mr. Dean will take place Friday, April 16th (the day of Monhagen’s Great American Read Aloud). Students will witness the completion both live and via videoconferencing in their respective buildings. Literacy staff in each building will track and tally books read. Students will receive a bubble gum scented bookmark and gumball at the close of the Big Event. A Gumball Machine Trophy will be awarded to the school of the winning principal.



## 7th Grade Philadelphia Trip

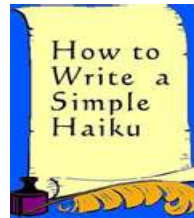
The seventh grade students are getting ready for their trip to Philadelphia! The trip takes place on May 7, 2010 for Cluster 3 and May 21, 2010 for Cluster 4. The students will have the opportunity to explore the historical city, visit the Liberty Bell and travel down to the Maritime Museum. They also will go to the Franklin Institute, and interactive museum and of course stop for lunch and dinner on the way. If your child is a 7th grader and still interested in the trip, we still have a few more spots available. The cost of the trip is \$87.00.

## Mayor’s Youth Council

The City of Middletown has an active group of young people involved in the Mayor’s Youth Council and they were invited by the Orange County Youth Bureau to represent the Middletown area at a Legislative Breakfast in Albany at the Empire State Plaza. After breakfast they met with Senator Larkin and Assemblywoman Gunther to discuss youth programming they are involved with and how the funding benefits them and

“Way To Go Dylan Hill”

our Community. The student who was represented by Monhagen Middle School was Dylan Hill.



## 8th Grade ELA

As part of Mrs. Poveromo’s poetry unit, 8th Grade English students are blending together two Japanese ancient art forms; haiku poetry and origami paper folding. Students are folding special origami paper to create a flying crane. In order for students to create this crane they will listen to and follow a 19 step demonstration of paper folding. After the origami crane is completed students are then writing a haiku poem based on their crane that has been a symbol of peace in Japan and throughout the world.

## Dates To Remember

March 18	Board of Ed. Mtg.	April 8	Board of Ed. Mtg.
March 23	1/2 School PTC	April 8	Social St. Quarterly
March 24	Parents Club 7PM	April 9	Math Quarterly
March 26	Supt. Conf. Day (No Students)	April 12	ELA Quarterly
		April 13	Science Quarterly

**SPRING RECESS—March 29, 2010 thru April 5, 2010**

**NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK—April 12, 2010 thru April 16, 2010**