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COLLABORATION WITH LOCAL YMCA BRINGS SAFETY AROUND WATER PROGRAM FOR 2ND GRADERS



South Amboy Public Schools has partnered with the South Amboy YMCA to secure a grant that will facilitate a safety and swim program for all 2nd grade students this year.

Superintendent Jorge E. Diaz met with newly appointed YMCA Director of Operations, Karen Robson, to brainstorm ideas for programming between the two entities and to work on securing grant funding for this and future programs. The YMCA received confirmation of grant funding available to provide the *Safety Around Water* program for the district's 2nd grade students over a four-week period.



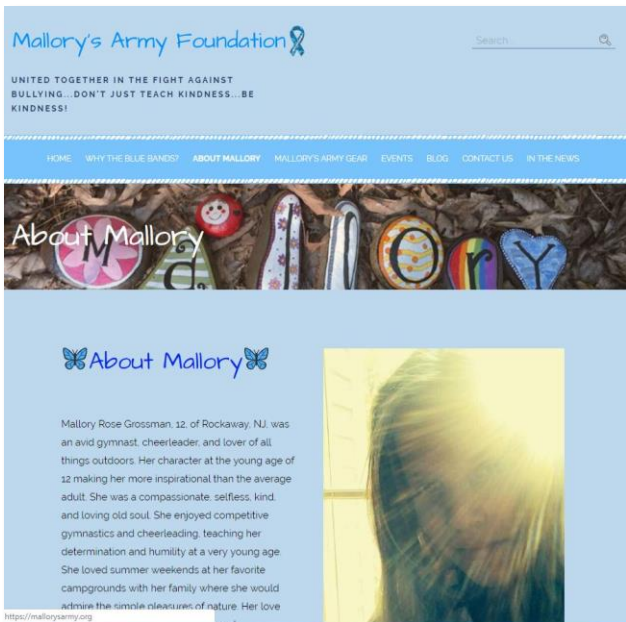
Students from the Elementary School will be bussed to the YMCA twice per week over the next four weeks. "The Y believes teaching children how to be safe around water is not a luxury; it is a necessity. The *Safety Around Water* program can help children, families and adults make sure they learn essential water safety skills, which can open up a world of possibilities for them to satisfy their curiosity safely," says Karen M. Robson, YMCA Director of Operations. The South Amboy YMCA welcomes all to participate in swim safety programs, as financial assistance is always available.

Superintendent Jorge E. Diaz says, "The YMCA continues to serve as a vital partner that dedicates itself to community outreach and support. We welcome any opportunity and program that enriches the lives of our students. Water safety is a life skill, and it is especially important for our students who live near the Raritan Bay."

Through learning how to perform a sequenced set of skills over eight lessons of 40 minutes each, the risk of drowning is reduced, giving your child confidence in and around water.

A typical session includes:

- Exercises to help kids adjust to being in water
- Instruction in "Jump, Push, Turn, Grab" and "Swim, Float, Swim," two skill sets kids can use if they unexpectedly find themselves in the water
- Specific safety topics, like what to do if you see someone in the water who needs help
- Fun activities that reinforce skills
- The program includes certified lifeguards and instructors



The Middle High School is hosting MALLORY'S ARMY
The powerful Anti-Bullying presentation will be provided for students during the school day, along with a special parent presentation at 6:30 p.m. on May 30th at the MHS Auditorium. DON'T MISS THIS SPECIAL EVENT!



FIRST LEGO League Jr.

See what all the buzz is about--join a girl-led LEGO Robotics team! Experience engineering and robotics through space-themed activities featuring LEGO! Girls will learn about space exploration, and engineer a solution to load a rocket with LEGO. In July, we'll hold an Expo where girls will showcase their engineering accomplishments!

Date: Fridays, May 10, 17, 24, 31, June 7, June 14 (Expo date TBA)

Time: 6:00-8:30pm

Cost: \$20 for Girl Scouts, \$60 for friends (includes Girl Scout membership through September 2019!) No fee for adult coaches.

Location: South Amboy Senior Center, 108 South Stevens Avenue, South Amboy NJ

Grades: K-5

Register today at gscsnj.org/events

Questions? Contact Customer Care at customer care@gscsnj.org or call 856-795-1560.



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 141 N Broadway, South Amboy, New Jersey 08879

OPTICAL ACADEMY



**ON-SITE EYE EXAM AND EYE WEAR
 South Amboy Elementary School
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Community Events: (click on flyer to enlarge) *Disclaimer:* The following files are submitted to the South Amboy School District for publication and distribution as most of them benefit our community's children and parents. HOWEVER, the South Amboy School District does not endorse any of the external activities related to the files. Prior to signing your child up for any of these activities, clubs, or events, it is the parent/guardian's responsibility to determine the appropriateness of the event. We send this message as nothing more than a public service. Links to our Partner websites can be found on the District website under About Us – [Our Partners](#)

MISSION MOON
GIRL SCOUTS Robotics

FIRST LEGO League Jr.

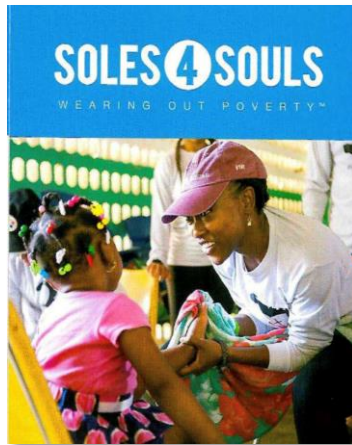
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Girl Scouts – Lego League



Soles 4 Souls

SUMMER @ DOWDELL LIBRARY
"Summertime and the life is easy..."

Highlights...
ADULT TEA PARTY
Monday, June 24 6-7:30 pm
Adult Summer Club @ Dowdell Library

Tea-licious Tea
Sophisticated Waters
Scrumptious Desserts
Groove on Vinyl Records
Zen Coloring

Door Prize by Jacqueline's Florist

Adult Tea Party @ Dowdell Library

JOIN THE TEEN ART CLUB!
FRIDAY, MAY 17 3PM-4:30PM
NEED A LITTLE PAPER INSPIRATION? MEET US!
IN-PERSON | COMMENTS@DOWDELL.LIBRARY | 732-725-6060

Adjacent to South Amboy Middle/High School

Teen Art Club



BUY ONE GET ONE FREE!
For a limited time only!

Scholastic Book Fairs Warehouse
14 APPLEPIE DR STE A
ROSELAND, NJ 08061
908-938-0084

June 12 - 22
Weekday Hours: 11:00 am - 7:00 pm
Saturday Hours: 10:00 am - 4:00 pm
Closed Sundays

SCHOLASTIC

Scholastic Book Fairs Warehouse

City of South Amboy 2019 Calendar of Recreation Events

May
Memorial Day Parade/Ceremony - TBD

June
City Wide Yard Sale: June 29th & June 30th
Summer Recreation (Arts and Crafts) Registration: June 2nd - June 28th

July
4th of July Firework Celebration - TBD
Recreation: Arts & Crafts Program - July 1st - August 2nd

August
National Night Out: August 6th

October
Fall City Wide Yard Sale: October 5th & October 6th
Trunk-or-Treat: October 26th (Rain date: Oct. 27th)

December
Annual Tree Lighting: December 6th (Rain date: Dec. 7th)
Trolley Ride: December 23th

City Calendar of Recreation Events

May 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Book & Board Game @ your library	2 Ladies Recreates 10:30-12:00	3 Ladies Recreates 10:30-12:00	4 Ladies Recreates 10:30-12:00	5 Ladies Recreates 10:30-12:00	6 Ladies Recreates 10:30-12:00	7 Ladies Recreates 10:30-12:00
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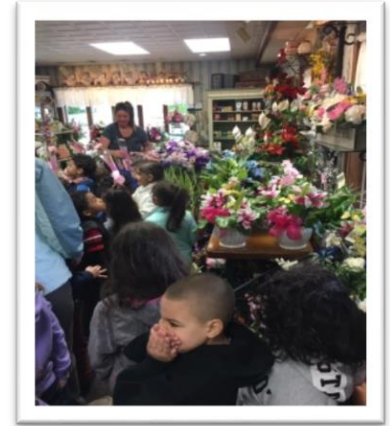
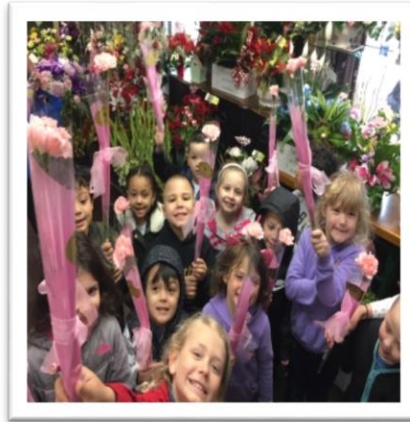
Dowdell Library Calendar



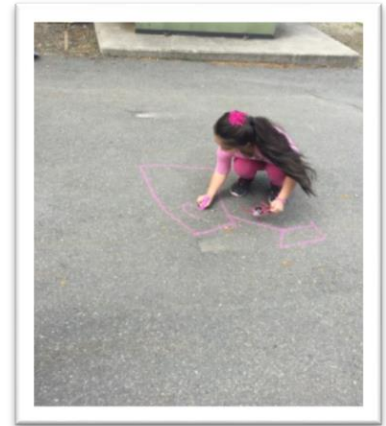
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

By Sean Dunphy, Principal

PK visits Jacqueline's Florist for Mother's Day

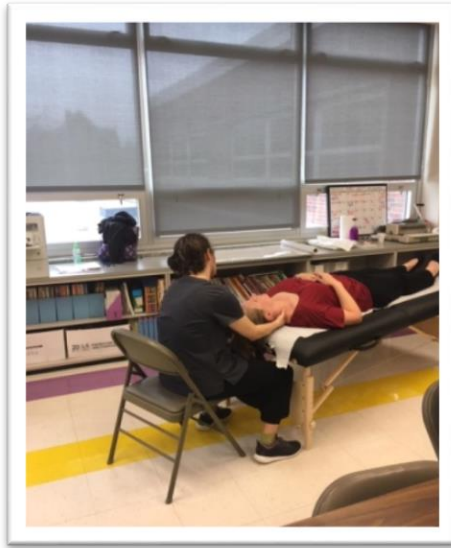
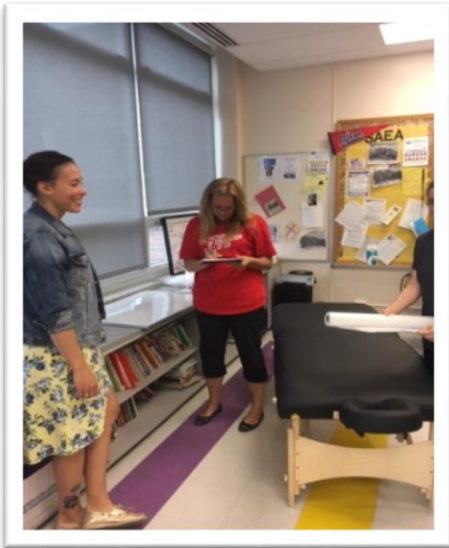


First grade enjoying learning outside



Teacher Appreciation Week:








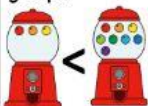


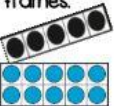







Kindergarten Orientation:

Kindergarten Orientation was attended by 35 parents of incoming registered kindergarten students. Ms. Breder and Ms. Cannon presented the information below to the parents:

- [Kindergarten Orientation information folder](#)



My KINDERGARTEN Goals

<p>I can write my name.</p>  <p>Name _____</p>	<p>I can identify and sequence numbers 1-20.</p>  <p>1 2 3 4 5</p>	<p>I can count to tell the number of objects.</p>  <p>1 2 3</p>	<p>I can compare groups.</p> 
<p>I can write my letters and numbers.</p> <p>Aa Bb Cc 1 2 3 4 5</p>	<p>I can count by 1's, 2's, 5's and 10's to</p> <p>100</p>	<p>I can identify 2-dimensional shapes.</p> 	<p>I can identify 3-dimensional shapes.</p> 
<p>I can add and subtract.</p> <p>2+3=5 4-1=3</p>	<p>I can use 5 and 10 frames.</p> 	<p>I can decompose.</p>  <p>3 = 2 + 1</p>	<p>I can identify and produce rhyming words.</p> <p>frog dog</p> 
<p>I can identify uppercase and lowercase letters.</p> <p>Aa Bb Cc</p>	<p>I can identify the sounds each letter makes.</p> <p>Aa = </p>	<p>I can identify the sounds of each digraph.</p> <p>ch sh th</p>	<p>I can clap and count how many syllables are in a word.</p> 
<p>I can blend sounds to read CVC and CCVC words.</p> <p>cat</p> 	<p>I can write a sentence.</p> <p>I see a bug.</p> 	<p>I can read color and number words.</p> <p>one two three</p> 	<p>I can read many sight words.</p> <p>like see was of once</p>

MIDDLE HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

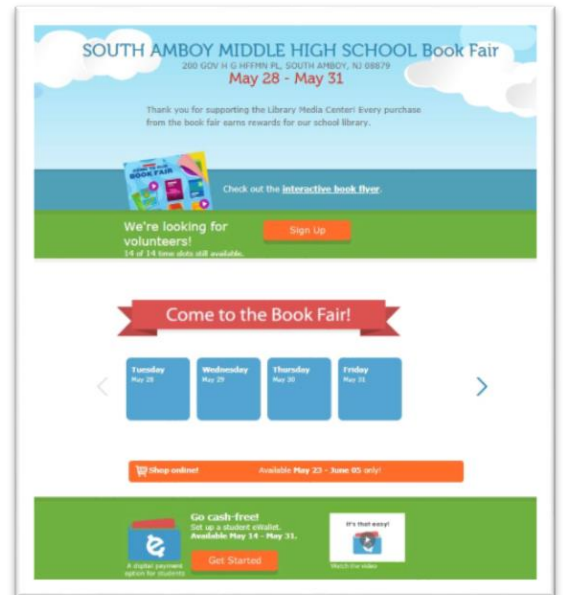
By Dr. Patrick McCabe, Principal

MHS BOOK FAIR:

On May 28th through the 31st, the MHS Library Media Center will host a Book Fair. All middle school students will visit the Book Fair with their Language Arts class section. High school students are welcome to visit the Book Fair with a pass from a classroom teacher or during their lunch period. Interested in using the Book Fair eWallet? Give your child a secure, cash-free way to shop the fair. Simply create a free account with a pre-authorized spending limit, and have funds immediately available. Go to <https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bookfairs/parent-how-it-works.html> to learn more.

All South Amboy families may shop at the online Book Fair at <http://www.scholastic.com/bf/southamboymiddlehighschool1>

The Library Media Center is seeking volunteers for our upcoming Book Fair. Please use the sign up at <https://volunteer.scholastic.com/#/signup/TW9GD07Qr> If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Quinn at bquinn@sapublicschools.com



MHS Junior P. Joks - Candidate for National Merit Scholarship (pictured below)

Student P. Joks took the 2018-2019 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test and met the requirements to enter the 2020 National Merit Scholarship Program. From approximately 1.6 million program entrants, he scored among the 50,000 highest scoring participants and will be recognized this fall. Great work!

The Senior Option Internship/Co-Op Program

The MHS had developed a working relationship with the City of South Amboy to serve our students. Each year, seniors can now opt for some real-life work experience with the City of South Amboy. The program consists of students leaving school early to work with one of the town offices two to three days a week and then having instruction in school the other days about the experience, work related matters and career readiness. The MHS is expanding the options for next year to include working with our Elementary School. Students interested in the field of education can get some hands-on experience with our Elementary Teachers.





Council President Michael “Mickey” Gross addressed our juniors about options with our City.



Mrs. Kim Gundrum talks about the experience our juniors can have working with our younger students.

The Seventh Grade Visited the Rutgers Geology and Zimmerli Art Museums

Our seventh grade had a great time visiting the Rutgers and Zimmerli Museums on Thursday, 5/9/19. The trip was educational and enjoyable. A big thank you to all of our chaperones: Mr. Wohlt, Mrs. Sherman and Ms. Vancil, as well as our volunteer parent-chaperones who made the trip possible.



Our parent volunteers



BOYS SUMMIT

Making Healthy Choices for Healthy Living
a program for 6th, 7th and 8th grade boys

MONDAY, MAY 20th 2019

South Amboy Middle School Auditorium



Now is the time to learn how to:

- build healthy relationships
- make good decisions
- avoid alcohol and drugs
- and explore career options

so that you can be the best that you can be!

For more information | **732-316-7669**
please visit or call the main office

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SOUTH AMBOY ARTS

presents

South Amboy MS/HS Student Artists

By Joan Conway, BOE Member

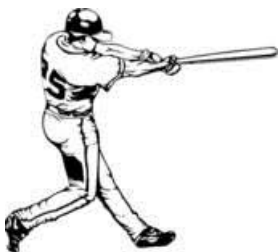
South Amboy Arts Gallery will be showcasing the work of our MS/HS Student Artists. Students are presently preparing their choice pieces to hang in the gallery at 141 N Broadway with an opening show on Wednesday, May 29th at 6 p.m. The student artwork includes 2 and 3-dimensional pieces. That evening there will also be students reading their creative writing pieces with a musical performance to follow.

The City of South Amboy officially reinstated the South Amboy Gallery this year. The first show's opening was "The Central Jersey Collective," on April 13th. The three artists, Victor Wayne Turback, Darek Szurlej and Bryan Wasilewicz, showed their work until May 12th. 'Why artists create' and 'how artist create' was significant to this show. The different reasons why artists create was seen in their creations of 3-D found object sculptures and abstract-conceptual, along with mystical-storytelling oil paintings.

The City of South Amboy and the South Amboy Public Schools welcome you to come and celebrate our student artwork on their opening night. Enjoy the gallery, as it will be bringing you opportunities to enjoy more arts-related activities in the near future.

Come and Join the Celebrations!

ATHLETICS:

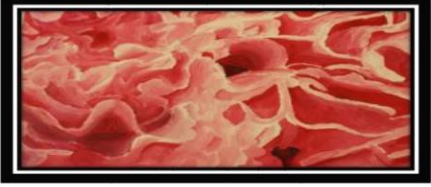


For athletics schedules, please visit:


<https://www.greatermiddlesexconference.org/public/genie/343/school/27/>

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PTO

The purpose of the South Amboy PTO is to strengthen the relationship between home and school, so that parents and teachers may work together for the success in the education of children at our schools. Our group helps the staff and students of our district by raising funds to provide technology and supplies needed, and has events to promote family unity.



If you're interested in helping with various activities such as a Fun Day committee, box top counters, and monthly birthday ice cream coverage. Please email a letter of interest to sapto08879@gmail.com.

For upcoming Events, please visit our [website](#).

For more information on our PTO, please email us at SAPTO08879@gmail.com

District Events/Activities

Date	Time	Description
5/20	6:00 p.m.	BOE Meeting
5/21	6:30 p.m.	National Honor Society Induction Ceremony @ MHS
5/24		Schools Closed
5/27		Schools Closed – Memorial Day
5/30	4:00 p.m.	Student Council Car Wash @ the Board Office (Rain Date: June 3 rd)
5/30	6:30 p.m.	Mallory's Army (Powerful Anti-bullying Presentation for Parents and Community Members) @ the MHS Auditorium
6/6	6:00 p.m.	Senior Sports Banquet @ MHS Cafeteria

MHS = Middle High School

ES = Elementary School

*Occasionally, some activity dates may change or get cancelled. For the most up to date calendar information, please check the school's website and/or the Principal's Page for updates.