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MUSICAL PRODUCTION CONTINUES TO HIGHLIGHT OUR STUDENT TALENT!

Our Spring musical, Alice in Wonderland, Jr., directed by Nicole Navarria and Lorraine Cotter, was showcased this past weekend on April 5th and 6th. With nearly sold-out shows, the cast of 72 students ranging from Kindergarten through 12th grade put on a performance to remember!



For decades, the high school theater program has been a staple in the South Amboy community bringing many to witness the talent produced each year by our small student population. With the long-time director retiring after last year's performance, the future of the program was in question. However, two staff members, determined to ensure the continuity of this coveted program, provided students of all ages an opportunity to take the stage once again. "I would like to thank all of the students and families for taking this journey down the rabbit hole for my first production with the South Amboy Players. We learned and grew together in this project. To quote the Cheshire Cat, 'Every Adventure requires a first step.' Alice was my first step with the district's theater program, and I am already excited for the 2020 spring musical," said Co-Director Nicole Navarria.



Thank you to Co-Directors Nicole Navarria (Drama) and Lorraine Cotter (Music), Choreographer Skylar Honimar, and Set Director Daniel Seitz. Special Thanks to Annamae O'Connor, Michelle Buchanan, Danny Buchanan, Paula Taggart, Lourdes Sambucci, and Amy McLaughlin for their support and assistance throughout the process.

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](#)



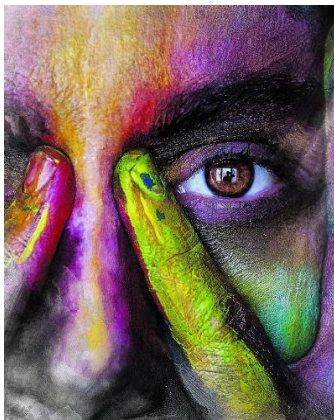
SAYO Dance



Volunteers Needed – April 13th



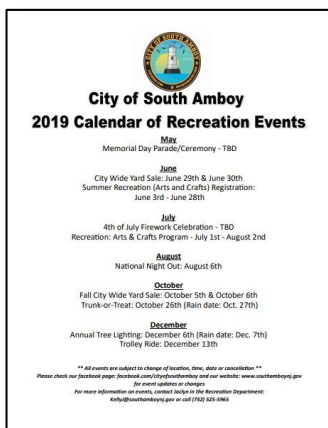
Yoga @ Dowdell Library



Art Exhibition – April 13th



PTO Founder's Day Tricky Tray



City Calendar of Recreation Events

April 2019						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
Back Along... 10:00 am to 4:00 pm	Chop In... 10:00 am to 1:00 pm	Chop In... 10:00 am to 1:00 pm	Back Along... 10:00 am to 4:00 pm	Back Along... 10:00 am to 4:00 pm	Back Along... 10:00 am to 4:00 pm	Chop In... 10:00 am to 1:00 pm
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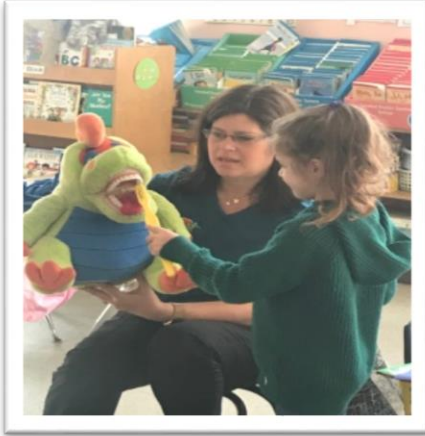
Dowdell Library Calendar



ELEMENTARY SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

By Sean Dunphy, Principal

- KidzDent came to visit our Kindergarten classes to teach about Oral Hygiene. This is a free program arranged by our Nurse, Mrs. Laino, each year. The kids really enjoyed the program and learned the proper techniques and importance of brushing teeth and flossing, all while participating actively in the program.

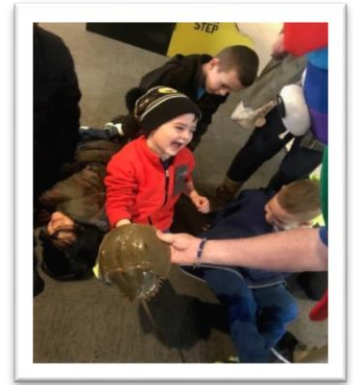


- Our Final Rutgers Reader of the Week, 5th grader C. Gonzalez. He completed 10 more see reader lessons this week from last week:

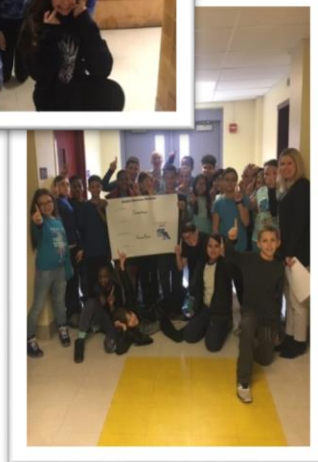


ES highlights continued...

Our PK went on a trip to
Jenkinson's Aquarium:



- Grade Level (1-5) winners of i-Ready Math Governor March Madness. The final 5 are competing head to head this week to see who comes out on top for the entire school:



MIDDLE HIGH SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

By Dr. Patrick McCabe, Principal

Our Juniors Enjoy the College Fair!



- On Wednesday, April 3, 2019, our juniors made their way to the National College Fair.
Why did they go?
 1. To explore their options. Each fair draws representatives from 175 to 400 colleges. The schools are located throughout the US and from around the globe.
 2. Ask questions. What's college life like? What majors are popular on campus? Chatting with representatives from a variety of colleges can help you cement your own preferences.
 3. To gather information. Pick up brochures and other materials about their schools of interest.
 4. To ask admission reps to scan your barcode—an easy way to help colleges follow up with you after the fair.

Cotton Eyed Joe Comes to the MHS!!!

- The sixth grade gets down to Cotton Eyed Joe, the Cha Cha Slide, and La Macarena. As part of our Physical Education curriculum, we now include dance, and the students and staff are having a great time!

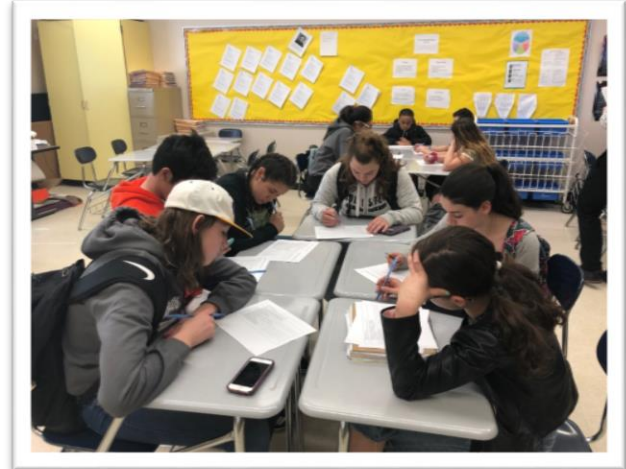


Our Kids Win with Reading

- Mrs. Smocovich's and Ms. Torretta's Language Arts students competed in a reading challenge for the month of March. The students were asked to read at least 15 minutes a day for the whole month. Students were to turn in reading logs each week. There were weekly winners and overall winners. Weekly winners consisted of: H. Sanford, A. Andersen, O. Abbriano, J. Pedraza, and O. Wierzbicki. Overall winners were: H. Sanford, A. Andersen, and O. Wierzbicki. Each participant will receive a certificate for Rita's and the overall winners received a \$25 Barnes and Noble gift certificate.



MHS Student Council meets with Superintendent Diaz to work on the Vision & Mission Statement Development as part of the Strategic Planning Process



ATHLETICS:

● TRACK

The track team is off to a fast start this season, and over the last week and a half has competed in two dual meets and one invitational. In the 400 meter hurdles, Bryan Pena, in his first ever attempt at the event, unofficially smashed the school record with a race winning performance of 1:04 against Dunellen. Bryan's time is a full 5 seconds under the previous unofficial record and an amazing 10 seconds under the official school record. Jessica Henry has lowered her season PR in the 400 hurdles by three seconds over the two meets and dropped her 800 meter season PR by 7 seconds. In the 100 and 200 meters, Nathan Vastey has turned in fast performances consistently with PRs of 13.4 and 27.5, respectively. In the girls 100 and 200 meters, Kamal Davis, Gabriella Grande, Michelle Ayilowura and Ciara Smocovich have performed well establishing several PRs and winning several races. Senior Nadia Barcheski has proven to be a versatile new member of the team and is among the top three performers on the team in the 100 meters, 200 meters and 400 meters. Nashari Payano is having a very good season thus far with fast times in the 100 meters and the 400 meters including a race winning performance against Dunellen. In the 1600 meters (mile), Spencer Kennedy and Charlie Smith have each dropped at least 6 seconds off their season PRs between the two meets and freshman Gwen Kennedy continues to impress with two very fast performances including a season PR of 6:34. On Saturday, April 6th, Senior captain Jack Lukie, Abe Calderon, Bryan Pena and freshman Rafael Albarran teamed up to run the 4x1600 meter relay at the Rebel Relays held at Howell High School. The team ran a combined time of 20:18 establishing a new school record along the way and taking home third place medals for the small school division. Congratulations to the team for a great start to the season.



● SOFTBALL

The South Amboy Varsity softball team earned their first victory against Piscataway Vo-Tech on April 1st with a score of 27-8. Nala Gawroriski pitched us to victory. We had three upsetting losses East Brunswick Vo-Tech with a final score of 24-15 on April 3rd, Woodbridge Academy with a final score of 17-7 on April 8th, and Holmdel on April 9th.

However, the team keeps moving forward, improving every day against tough competition.

Varsity Softball		
Date	Wins	Loses
Record as of 4/11	1	3

During the week of April 8th, the softball team has gone two and one, defeating Keyport and Dunellen with a scores of 13-3 and 15-0, and

losing to Joyce Kilmer Middle School by a score of 13-3. In the victories over Keyport and Dunellen, all athletes were able to

contribute at the plate. Powerhouses Gianna Gawroriski, Jillian Juhass, and Evalise Perez had big hits in both games and tons of RBIs to help put South Amboy ahead. Brianna Sweatt got her first win on the mound with a shutout over Dunellen. In the tough loss to Milltown, we loaded the bases early in the game, but were not able to capitalize and only scored three runs in the game.



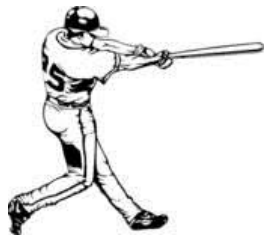
MS Softball		
Date	Wins	Loses
Record as of 4/11	3	1

- **BASEBALL**

We're off to a 4-1 start, with 4 division wins. The entire team has contributed in some way. Citadel bound senior Stephen McLaughlin shut down the South River attack in relief on Tuesday and kept us in it with his pitching 5 perfect innings and collecting 2 hits at the plate.

Varsity Baseball		
Date	Wins	Loses
Record as of 4-11-19	4	1

This week, the Junior Varsity Baseball Team won their first game of the season by defeating Perth Amboy Tech, with a score of 17-1. The



Defense gave it their all, Henrique Martinez pitched a gem with 30 pitches in 3 innings of work. Anthony Vella had a bases loaded triple to get the scoring attack started. Andrew Juhass flashed the leather in the field. This week's *player of the game* belongs to right fielder, Justin Rodriguez. Next, the JV Governors travel on the road @ EB Tech on 4/17/19. Go Governors!

JV Baseball		
Date	Wins	Loses
Record as of 4-11-19	1	0

For athletics schedules, please visit:

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

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
4/19 – 4/28		Schools Closed – Spring Break
4/29	6:00 p.m.	BOE Meeting
5/1	6:45 p.m.	PTO Meeting @ the MHS Cafeteria
5/6 – 5/10		Teacher Appreciation Week
5/9	6:30	Lip Sync Contest @ MHS Auditorium
5/30	6:30 p.m.	Mallory's Army (Powerful Anti-bullying Presentation for Parents and Community Members) @ the MHS Auditorium

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.