

THE BEAR'S PAW



Madison Receives Superintendent's Award



Madison Rush is this year's recipient of the Sussex County Superintendent's Round Table Award for Montague School. This award is based on overall academic performance, participation in school activities and citizenship qualities.

While attending Montague School, Madison has earned many honors and awards. She has received excellence in attendance and excellence in citizenship awards for the past five years.

Madison has been recognized as Student of the Month numerous times, is a Peer Leader, and a member of Honor Roll and High Honor Roll and

she participated in the school Spelling Bee in 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grade and won the School Spelling Bee in 2016.

She was a member of Chorus and Bell Choir in 6th and 7th grade and was elected as a 7th grade & 8th grade Student Council representative.

Madison is interested in community service projects, happy to volunteer and donates her time and efforts to various causes such as Toys for Tots and Animal Shelters. Every year she has participated in Read Across America and the Math-a-thon supporting St. Jude. She also supports and attends annual fundraisers for Congenital Heart Defect awareness.

Madison likes to spend time with her family, compete in Spartan races and she is excited about attending High Point Regional High School.



Montague Student Leader in School Edison Invention Challenge

Nathan Jenks, 5th grader, competed in the Edison Invention Challenge through his LEAP class for gifted and talented students sponsored by the Edison Innovation Foundation and Pico

Turbine. Invention projects from ninety-one competing schools from sixteen states and three countries were involved in this year's challenge.

Nathan completed the four main components. He researched and made a video of Edison, his life, and his work. He documented the Design Process using an inventor's notebook. He built a working prototype and then made a video presenting and marketing his invention. The project also required the use of recyclable and or repurposed parts. The theme of the challenge was to invent a product that would be used for assisted living. Nathan had to use green energy parts.

Nathan's project a Solar Key Light took first place in the elementary/middle school division. Nate created a solar powered key light that mounts on a door to allow people to find their keys and unlock the door in the dark. All parts were completed in the Montague LEAP class and after-school with the exception of some editing and door handle mounting done at home.

As a first place winner, Nathan won a 3D printer for Montague School. In his project, Nathan stated that he was especially inspired by Thomas Edison when he learned of the extensive journal writing that Edison did as he recorded his experiments, ideas, and plans.

Montague School Change in Board Leadership

In April 2017 Tacia Johnson resigned as Montague Board President and Glen Plotsky was unanimously appointed as the new Montague School Board President.

Superintendent/Principal Selected for Montague

After several months of interviewing 15 candidates the Montague Board is pleased to announce the selection of Timothy C. Capone as Montague's new Superintendent/Principal. Mr. Capone has eight years of administrator experience in New Jersey and Delaware and served in the position of Executive Director of Regional Achievement for the NJ Department of Education in addition to being a former History teacher. Interim Superintendent/Principal, Robert G. Walker, highly praised the decision of the Montague Board to hire Mr. Capone who is expected to join Montague School no later than July 1, 2017.

PARCC Testing For the Bears Went Smoothly

PARCC testing at Montague Township School began April 26th. Grades 6-8 tested for 6 days followed by grades 3-5 on May 4th. These students participated in 7 days of testing. Testing ran as scheduled thanks to the incredible cooperation of all staff and students. Mrs. Higbie coordinated the PARCC testing which was conducted smoothly.



Fourth and 8th grade students will participate in the NJ ASK Science Test on May 31st.



Montague Teacher of the Year Jody Taylor Directs Spring Concert Performers

Mrs. Taylor's Spring Concert was conducted May 19 with more than 200 family and friends in attendance. The Band, Chorus, Bells presentations were outstanding. The singing, solos and instrumental duets were exceptional.

Special thanks to the Montague PTA



Last week the Montague PTA put out an extra ordinary Breakfast and Luncheon for the Faculty & Staff. Three or more servers worked the entire day from 7 AM until late in the afternoon. Montague parents earned A+++++ on their report card for making this marvelous occasion so stupendous and scrumptious.

New Business Administrator/ Board Secretary

Tina Palecek began serving as Montague School Business Administrator/Board Secretary in late December 2016. As a result of her keen expertise numerous problems such as the heating crisis were promptly addressed. Business Administrator Palecek has already demonstrated an indelible understanding of accounting principles, leadership, endurance and integrity.