



Mendham Township Schools District Newsletter

Every Student Every Day! Summer 2013

A Message from the Superintendent



It is with great pride that I welcome everyone to the new 2013-2014 school year in Mendham Township. It is truly an honor and a privilege for me to begin my second year as your Superintendent. I am looking forward to continuing to work with the students, staff, parents, and community in all capacities. Partnering together, we will continue to build strong educational programs that our students can thrive in and our community can be proud of.

In this partnership, parents play a vital role. Your encouragement and support of your student's educational journey is paramount. It is important that you communicate often with your child's school and teacher(s) as to their educational progress. Ensuring regular attendance is also a crucial component. Parents may also find it beneficial to visit our new website in order to view your school's handbook, academic calendar, the parent portal, and other needed information. We feel these resources will provide guidelines that will help you and your student thrive in our academic environment as well as enjoy the many co-curricular activities within the school district.

Our faculty and staff are another set of partners that are paramount to our success as a school system. I am extremely proud that we have a professional, knowledgeable, and caring staff on board in Mendham Township. They are committed to our students and want to lead them to their highest educational potential. They are to be commended for their expertise and dedication to our most precious resource, our students.

Our third partner is our community. Mendham Township is extremely important in the operation of our school system in numerous ways; serving as a resource, providing support and opportunities for special events and countless other activities. We hold our community in high regard and appreciate the partnership with our school district.

Again, we welcome you to a new and exciting year with the Mendham Township School District! It is indeed a privilege to share this wonderful experience with all of you as we continue our commitment toward building a bright, promising future for our students.

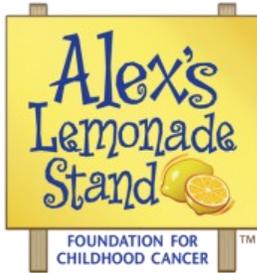
Mr. Elgarten, Mr. Jendryka and Mr. Kontely Join Board of Education

Ken Elgarten Ken and his wife Tricia have lived in Mendham for the past 10 years. They moved here just as their oldest child was about to start kindergarten. The strong school system was one of the major reasons behind their decision to choose Mendham. Their four boys are now in 5th, 7th, 9th and 10th grade and all have had a very positive learning experience in this district. Ken is excited about serving on the Board of Education so that he can do his part to continue to foster a highly supportive environment for our children. He received his MBA from Columbia University and have worked in Investment Banking for 20+ years, helping to manage financial risk as well as teams of individuals. Ken feels this background will be an asset as he serve on the Financial, and Policy & Planning committees.

Brian Jendryka Brian Jendryka and his wife, Jill Kendrick, have two children, Molly (entering 5th grade) and Tommy (entering 1st grade). Brian works for Pfizer in Madison, where he is a Marketing Director for their consumer healthcare business. Previously, he worked for the City of New York in the Giuliani Administration, as well as the Manhattan Institute's Center for Educational Innovation and the Beginning with Children Foundation, two public school advocacy organizations located in New York City. He and his family moved to Mendham Township in 2004. Brian has served as a volunteer softball and t-ball coach in Mendham for three years. He has an MBA from the University of Michigan and an M.A. in Teaching & Curriculum from Columbia University's Teachers College. Brian enjoys running and has run three marathons to raise money for pediatric cancer research. He is a lifelong Detroit Tigers and University of Michigan football fan.

Frank Kontely Frank and his wife, Kathleen, have lived in Mendham Township since 2005. Their five children are current students at MTES. Frank received his undergraduate education at Princeton University and attended law school at the University of Florida College of Law. He is a partner and civil litigator in the law firm of Hoagland, Longo, Moran, Dunst & Doukas in New Brunswick, New Jersey. Frank is actively involved in coaching youth sports through Twin Boro Bears football, Mendham Patriots basketball and Mendham Little League baseball and softball. He also serves the Princeton University Alumni Schools Committee by interviewing candidates for admission to his alma mater.

Elementary School News



Lemon Ball Raises \$3,024.00

On Friday, June 7th the Elementary School held its Annual Lemon Ball for 2nd, 3rd and 4th grade students. Ticket proceeds were donated to Alex's Lemonade Stand Foundation. This year \$3,024.00 was collected to donate to this worthy cause!

Farewell, Miss Hornyak

Mendham Township school district is losing one of its finest with the retirement of Miss Anne Marie Hornyak.

In 1973 Miss Hornyak first arrived as a student teacher with Mr. Gerald Dunn in 5th grade. In September of that year, she was hired to teach 5th grade, which at that time was held in the elementary school facility. During her 39-year career teaching in the Mendham Township school district, Anne Marie has taught just about everything from math and science at the middle school, and kindergarten through fourth grade at the elementary school.

Math has always been an area of special interest for Miss Hornyak. Her creation of the Math Magic program delighted and educated many students as Miss Hornyak conveyed the magic of relationships in numbers while wearing a black magician's cape and sorcerer's hat. Her achievements in math education were recognized with

awards of both the New Jersey Governor's Award for Teaching, as well as the New Jersey Award for Excellence in Math and Science. She also had the opportunity to represent the State of New Jersey for the Presidential Teaching Award for Math and Science.

Another greatly loved area of interest for Miss Hornyak has been music and theatre. Her enthusiasm and love for the arts led to many productions, under her direction, of shows such as The Velveteen Rabbit, You're a Good Man Charlie Brown, and many others.

Anne Marie is most proud of her programs which have enabled students to participate in community outreach and humanitarian programs, such as penny collections for the library, the mitten tree toy and gift collection for children's hospital, and the St. Jude's Mathathon.

Even in retirement, Miss Hornyak will continue to teach math at St. Elizabeth's College, serve on the Board of Education for Mendham Borough, and present math workshops for NJEA and NCTM.

We thank Miss Hornyak for her many years of dedication and devotion to teaching the students of



Mendham Township. We bid a fond farewell, and wish her much success in her new phase of life. Happy Retirement, Miss Hornyak!!

Congratulations 2nd Grade Students

In April all students in second, third, and fourth grades participated in a social studies contest sponsored by the National Social Studies League of-



ferred to schools nationwide. The top scorers from each grade level formed a "team" which was scored among the other participating schools across the United States. Nancy Fuller, school coordinator, is pleased to report that the 2nd grade team at Mendham Township Elementary School won third place nationally. Congratulations to all!

3rd Grade Wins Green In Action Award



The Green Education Foundation (GEF) announced its Green In Action Award Winners. The GEF is a nation-wide non-profit organization committed to creating a sustainable future through education.

Congratulations to Mendham Township Elementary School's 3rd Grade Green Team for being selected as the Green in Action winner this year!

As the winner, the Mendham Township Elementary School's 3rd Grade Green Team will receive \$250.00 for their class and the teacher will be enrolled in GEF Institute's Sustainability Fellow Certificate.



Middle School News

Students Compete in Regional Inventions and Innovations Competition

Mendham Township Students Compete in Regional Inventions and Innovations Competition. MTMS student brings back a Silver Medal!

This year, our sixth-grade Quest students participated in a program called Student Inventions Through Education (S.I.T.E.). The program challenges students to invent solutions to self-identified problems. The program stresses the development of a wide variety of problem solving skills and encourages students to apply these skills to life situations.



The students developed their innovations or inventions and participated in a competition in school in which the 2 winning inventions were selected by a panel of judges. The first and second place inventions or innovations were invited to present the projects at a regional competition at Montclair State University, where winning first and second place inventions from all over New Jersey were exhibited.

Out of many amazing and innovative projects presented here at MTMS, our first finalists were Stephanie Do and Caroline Abel with their "Music Stand 2013", a music stand with an innovative foot-controlled adjustment system that also included an array of accessories for the modern musician. Stephanie and Caroline received many accolades from the judges for their innovative product as well as for their extremely well-prepared presentation.

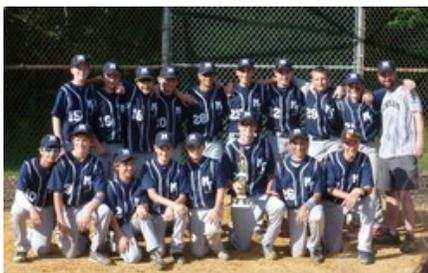
Our second finalist was Gavin Purdy with his "Wildman Game Caller", a portable electronic device that he programmed with a wide variety of recorded animal calls. This invention can be used by hunters and photographers to attract various animals in the wild. Gavin even went to the zoo to test his game caller. The video evidence compiled not only proved that this was a great idea, but also that it really works! Gavin won second place overall in his division and was presented with a silver medal.

Congratulations to Gavin, Caroline, Stephanie, and everyone else who participated and helped to make the S.I.T.E. program a big success!

Boys Volleyball and Boys Baseball Teams - Win County Championships!



Coach Clausen and the members of the Boys Volleyball team. The team had a spectacular 9-0 undefeated season and captured the Morris County Championship!



The MTMS baseball team beat East Hanover to capture the County Championship! Congratulations to Mr. Clausen and the entire team for their fantastic season!

Bands and Orchestra Perform at Dorney Park



Congratulations to Mrs. Schaberg, Mr. Pokryska, Mr. Branch, and all of our student musicians for a spectacular year of music. All performances earned **"SUPERIOR RATINGS"**!

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Board Meeting Dates

Elementary School
Media Center
7:30 p.m.

August 20 & 27
September 17 & 24
October 15 & 29
November 19 & 26
December 10 & 17
January 21 & 28
February 11 & 25
March 18 & 25
April 8 & 29

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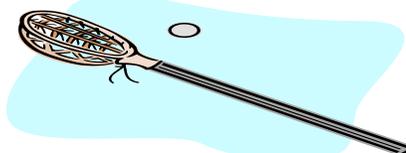


Boys Lacrosse & Girls Softball - Win County Championships!



Coach Lou and the Boys' Lax team completed a spectacular undefeated season by winning the Morris County Lacrosse Championship in overtime!

This is the first Boys' Lax Championship in our team's history!



Coach Rossi, Coach Leicht and the MTMS softball players win the Morris County Championship !

The softball win constitutes the 6th County Championship earned by an MTMS athletic team during the 2012-2013 school year. The most County titles won in one season was in the 2011-2012 school year with 5. The girls' win marks a new single season title record of 6.