



Mendham Township Schools

Every Student Every Day!

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Board of Education Appoints New Business Administrator



Thomas Kryger
**Business Administrator/
Board Secretary**

Thomas Kryger has joined the Mendham Township Board of Education staff as the Business Administrator/Board Secretary as of October 1, 2012. Mr. Kryger comes to Mendham after serving as the Assistant Business Administrator in the Clifton school district for one and a half years. Prior to serving in Clifton, Mr. Kryger worked in the business office of the Boonton school district for one school year.

Mr. Kryger entered the field of school district business management after a twenty eight year career in private industry. He worked for Pfizer, Incorporated for six years as a member of their distribution center management team in Clifton, New Jersey. Prior to that, he managed his own company in New York City which provided document management services to law firms and government agencies for twenty two years.

Mr. Kryger earned a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration and an MBA from Pennsylvania State University. He and his family have resided in Randolph for twenty seven years.

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MTMS Boys Soccer Win Back-to-Back Morris County Championships

The Mendham Township Boys Soccer team finished their season with a 4-1 victory over Morris Plains on November 14, 2012 to capture the Morris County Championship for the second straight year.

Coach Haggerty stressed passing, teamwork and stamina throughout the season. The team ran strenuously during practices to prepare for games. The outstanding footwork of the entire squad helped maneuver the ball to the outsides of the field using short passes. This was the key to their success, as every player could make good passes and receive the ball while keeping it close to their feet. Their selfless play often put the team in a big winning position during many

games that they were able to play possession soccer for the second half.

The team had 8 returning players from the 2011 roster, which gave them experience. The players were very versatile and that allowed Coach Haggerty to switch positions often during the games. The team used their throw-ins like a cross or corner kick and the outside midfielders were quick and skilled. The goalies used excellent ball distribution, which started beautiful passing sequences on the field.

The team finished their season with 97 goals scored and only 13 goals scored against them. They had 15 wins and 1 loss, with an impressive 10 shutouts. The returning soccer skill and strength to next year's team is sure to continue Coach Haggerty's winning ways.



*Coach Haggerty with the
Morris County Champs!*

New Preschool Program Up and Running



Our new Pre-K program is up and running! We have 27 students enrolled in our 2 classrooms. The students have all settled into their new routine and enjoy being part of the MTES family.



This summer a brand new playground was installed especially for these younger students. They love climbing and sliding on the equipment, and have even painted road signs to go along the track around the outside.

The students are learning their colors, shapes, letters and numbers with a multisensory approach. Cooperation, sharing, and patience are all key objectives continually being developed. Snack and lunch are included in our program and both provide opportunities for trying new foods, as well as the chance to work on table manners. Special projects, such as building a life-sized scarecrow, creating play dough, and making ap-

plesauce, are also incorporated into the program.

The classes went on their first field trip in October to Alstede's Farm in Chester. The children were treated to a hayride, picking pumpkins, enjoying apple cider, seeing animals, and finding their way through the hay maze. There are other trips planned to an ice cream shop, the fire station, and the post office. We love having the students here!

MTMS Welcomes Michele Ippolito, School Psychologist



“My hope for any child is that I am able to impart the essential skills they will need to make adequate progress in school, develop effective social-emotional skills, and acquire meaningful relationships with their peers.”

I am delighted to join the Department of Special Services. While I am new to the position of School Psychologist, the environment is very familiar. I had the wonderful opportunity to complete my internship here, in Mendham Township, a little over two years ago. The commitment of staff, parents, and students toward academic achievement continues to stand out and was one of the driving forces in my decision to pursue this appointment.

I recently earned my Ed.S. in School Psychology at Seton Hall University. I also hold graduate degrees from Seton Hall University and Teacher's College, Columbia University in School and Community Psychology and Developmental Psychology respectively. I received my undergraduate degree, with a dual major in Psychology and Spanish, from Lycoming College.

Prior to pursuing a degree in School Psychology, I held the

position of Behavior Intervention Specialist in an urban district for five years. During that time, I worked collaboratively with the Director of Pupil Personnel Services and varied school personnel to devise a strategic plan to transition middle and high school students from out of district placements back into their home school community. Additionally, I conducted Functional Behavior Assessments and devised/monitored Behavior Intervention Plans for elementary, middle, and high school students.

My interest in identifying and understanding the function of behavior evolved while I was employed as a Clinical Program Supervisor at a residential facility for children, adolescents, and adults with dually diagnosed profiles. My role entailed managing the behavioral, clinical, educational/vocational, and residential needs of individuals

receiving educational, adult training, and/or residential services at the facility.

The combination of experiences I obtained from my previous positions has prepared me well for making a positive contribution to the Mendham Township Child Study Team. My role as School Psychologist will lend itself to finding effective interventions to address learning and behavior problems among elementary or middle school students. I especially look forward to working with the children to assist in enhancing their academic and instructional needs. My hope for any child is that I am able to impart the essential skills they will need to make adequate progress in school, develop effective social-emotional skills, and acquire meaningful relationships with their peers. I believe these three goals are fundamental in wholesome cognitive and emotional functioning.

Author and Illustrator, Ashley Bryan Visits MTES

On Monday, November 12, 2012, the Kindergarten, First and Second Grade students at Mendham Twp. Elementary School were treated to a visit from the well known author and illustrator, Ashley Bryan. Mr. Bryan wrote and illustrated many African and multicultural folktales, fables and poems. He is the creator of

more than thirty five books for children and the winner of multiple Coretta Scott King and ALA Notable Children's Book Awards. Mr. Bryan drew the students into the stories he told and enabled them to experience the joy and wonder that can be found between the pages of a book!

We very much appreciate

Ashley Bryan's visit, made possible through his own generosity and that of one of our own Mendham Twp. families. He came to us by lobster boat and airplane, from Little Cranberry Island, Maine, where he lives!

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Overlook Farms Bottle Cap Challenge

Beginning on Monday November 19, all of the middle school grades will enter into a yearlong competition to collect the most bottle caps!



Some of the students who attended Overlook Farm will be promoting the Aveda Bottle Cap Recycling Program to reduce the amount of waste that goes into our landfills, by collecting twist off plastic bottle caps. The caps will be collected and counted weekly and the tallies given to the MTMS student council, where each grade will receive credit to-

ward their class competition which culminates on Field Day. Twist off bottle caps of all sizes and colors should be turned in to homeroom teachers to receive credit.

Special thanks to Mrs. Dour, whose commitment to "making the world bigger" for our MTMS students is greatly appreciated! She is surely a credit to our school community!

"Thanks to the Overlook Farm students who could be spending their enrichment time getting homework done in a quiet study, but instead, choose to add work to their already busy lives by brainstorming ways to make other people's (or animal's) lives better!"

MTES Second Graders Become Engineers

As they explored the properties of solids in science, second graders became engineers – using the properties of a particular set of solids in order to make towers. What solids work best as the base? Rigid solids or flexible ones? Students considered these properties and many more in the creation of their towers through our hands-on science program.



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MTES Second Graders Enjoy Writings and Picnics



Mr. & Mrs. McKechnie with daughter Jessica

To celebrate their busy year of growing as writers, in June all the second graders invited their parents to come for a very special afternoon. Parents arrived with blankets and snacks. The students and their families then found a comfortable place outside and the parents were treated to hearing their child's writing from the year. The writing included personal narratives, realistic fiction, fairy tales, persuasive writing, and poetry. The children were so proud sharing their hard work with their families!



Mrs. Vanderbeek with twins Trey and James

