

*Torey J. Sabatini School*

## JUNE NEWS

*Principal Neana Sing*

Friday, June 11, 2021

# Torey J. students at the Battle of the Books!



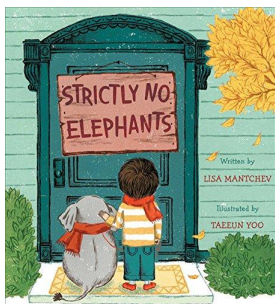
### Important Dates...

- ❑ June 15th: Fifth-Grade Outdoor Recognition Ceremony at 9:30 AM
- ❑ June 16th: Fifth-Grade Outdoor Recognition Ceremony RAIN DATE at 9:30 AM
- ❑ June 18th: Last Day of School Single Session / Report Cards Posted in Genesis

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## News from Mrs. Crescas in the Nurse's Office...

Please take some time to review [this week's health newsletter](#) from Nurse Crescas.



## News from the Library Media Center...

This week the Madison Education Association (MEA) and Ms. Thomas held a special kindergarten evening storytime with guest reader, Mayor Bob Conley! Every kindergartener in the district received their own copy of the book *Strictly No Elephants*, by Lisa Mantchev and illustrated by Tae Eun Yoo, and was encouraged to read along. Thank you Ms. Thomas for organizing such a fun evening!

The Museum of Early Trades and Crafts (METC), recognizing their unique position to be able to archive first-hand accounts of our lives during the COVID-19 Pandemic, launched, “Share Our Stories,” in April 2020. As the METC writes on their website, “This is an important moment in history, and this is why METC wants to help document it for future generations, sharing the story of how the people of New Jersey were resilient, kind, creative, and generous.” The museum specifically reached out to schools to capture the stories of young people.

TJS students were introduced to the project in Ms. Thomas’s library class over the past few weeks. We began by reading *Outside, Inside*, written and illustrated by LeUyen Pham. The book, published in January, begins with the line, “Something strange happened on an unremarkable day just before the season changed,” and very sensitively captures the way our lives changed so drastically and suddenly in March 2020. We had a discussion that acknowledged that though there were many things we missed out on, there were other things that we had the opportunity to do that we might not have been able to in non-quarantine times.



The following week we read, *My Favorite Book in the Whole Wide World*, by former professional football player, Malcolm Mitchell. The message of the book is that each of our stories matters. Students were asked to reflect on their lives the past year; from missing out on milestone events like birthdays to not being able to see relatives to baking bread and pandemic pet adoptions. Students were encouraged to express their personal narrative in whatever way was most meaningful to them in words and or pictures. If students are willing, and parents sign off on the Museum’s release form, their stories will be sent to the Museum and archived for access by future generations. Ms. Thomas will notify parents once the project is complete. METC also has plans to exhibit select stories in the Fall.

Everyone, not just Madisonians, and not just students, is welcome to share a story. You can find more information here: <https://metc.org/share-your-story/>

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## Important Message for Fifth-Grade Families...

As we approach the end of the year all 5th grade students need to return their Chromebooks that they have been using at home this year. On **Tuesday June 15th**, please make sure your child brings both their Chromebook and charger to school to be collected. Mrs. D'Amico will be visiting each classroom to collect these items. If your child is remote, their Chromebook and charger will need to be returned to the main office of the school by **3:15 on June 15th**. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. D'Amico at [damicom@madisonnjps.org](mailto:damicom@madisonnjps.org).

## Missing Anything? Check out the TJS Lost & Found on 6/16 & 6/17...

We have several items in the TJS Lost & Found that may belong to your child! We will be putting out all items on a table by the main entrance on 6/16 and 6/17. Please stop by the table to see if any of the items belong to your child. Any items not collected will be donated.



## THE POWER OF BREAKFAST



Check out our latest video  
"The Power of Breakfast"



## News from Pomptonian...

Pomptonian is happy to announce another edition of the Nutrition News with award-winning pediatrician, author and keynote speaker, Dr. Jill Garripoli Pedalino. Dr. Jill and Pomptonian's Corporate Dietitian, Toni Bowman, will be discussing **"The Power of Breakfast."**

Here is a link to the video:

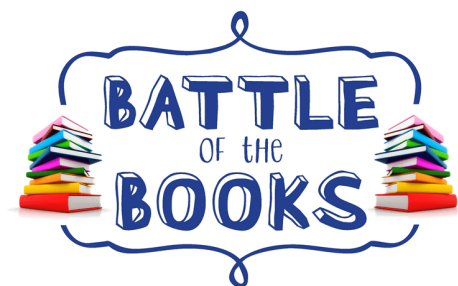
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## **Madison/Harding Battle of the Books UPDATE...**

A great job to our many third, fourth, and fifth grade students who participated in the district Battle of the Books! On June 10th, one team from each grade level visited Harding to compete in the final Battle of the Books competition! Congratulations to the following students who represented TJS on our district-wide teams... third graders, Ben DeGarcia and Luke Roffelsen, on the “Flame Red Really Good Readers” team, fourth graders, Henry Moyad and Lavinia Everett, on the “Goldfinches” team, and fifth-grader, Julia Roffelsen, on the “Fighting Five”. A big congratulations to all involved and a thank you to Ms. Shelly Emann, district instructional coach of the humanities, for helping to coordinate this amazing district-wide event!



## **Congratulations Mrs. Stockdale...recipient of the MPS Board of Education Innovation in Teaching Award!**

Mrs. Stockdale is going to be recognized at the next BOE meeting as one of the recipients of the BOE Innovation in Teaching Award. This year has been like no other and we are so proud of the innovative things that our teachers were able to accomplish in such a unique school year. Mrs. Stockdale successfully spearheaded the development and publication of bilingual books written by our ESL students in grades K-5. The books, written both in English and the student's first language, have been published and are on display in our TJS library. The student authors were also invited to an evening event with their families where they celebrated and shared information about their spectacular books! Congrats, Mrs. Stockdale!



## **CONGRATS to the U11 Girls Soccer Team in the State Championship!**

Congratulations to several of our fourth and fifth grade girls on the U11 soccer team for winning the state cup championship!

Torey J was well represented on the team!

CONGRATS to the following students...

Gianna Dianis, Lily Aromando, Devin Regan, Cece Mariani, Caroline Wilson, and Bryn deLuca!

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## News From the PTO...



### **Fifth Grade Challenge Course**

It was an exciting and challenging day at Torey J today for our 5th graders who completed the Challenge Course! Way to go 5th graders!! There are more fun things planned for our 5th graders the last week of school.



**Thank you for supporting the TJS PTO!**

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## News from the MEF...

The Madison Education Foundation (MEF) is thrilled to launch the **2021 “Honor an Educator” Campaign** to celebrate our faculty and staff in Madison Public Schools.

**Make a donation to MEF this month in honor of our educators who have made a positive difference during this unprecedented school year.** A contribution made in an educator's name---a classroom teacher, principal, coach, guidance counselor, media specialist, etc.--- is a gift with great meaning and long-term impact. All faculty and staff named in donations in June will receive a personalized acknowledgment. Learn more and donate [HERE](#).

**Our amazing educators are dreaming big!** From the “You Are a Gardener” author visit at CAS to the aquaponics ecosystem in the MJS STEAM Lab to the state-of-the-art 3D clay printer at MHS, MEF grants are helping our teachers inspire and challenge the academic and creative lives of every student in our district.

Follow our [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages during the final weeks of school where we’ll highlight exceptional MEF “grants in action.” We hope these inspirational stories encourage you to invest in MEF, because your tax-deductible contribution now will ensure a bright future for our teachers, schools, and students.

Together, we can move education forward.  
#MEFHonoranEducator



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Before and After School Child Care  
**BASCC**

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**The Thursday Morning Club's Before and After School Child Care (BASCC) program will be operating with full hours for the 2021-2022 school year!**

We are happy to let our families know that the BASCC program will be operating in all 3 elementary schools starting Monday, August 30, 2021. We will be offering before care from 7:00-8:30am and after care from 3:15 – 5:15/6:15PM.

The BASCC program will continue to follow all Covid 19 safety guidelines from the Madison Public Schools. In addition, we are a separately licensed program through the state of New Jersey and will continue to adhere to all state guidelines and procedures. We are committed to providing the safest childcare option for our Madison families.

Please contact the office at 973-377-3105 to register or for more information.

Thank you,

Dorothy O'Connor  
Director, BASCC