

MJS Update

October 17, 2022

Dear MJS Community,

This is a reminder that school is closed Monday for students as teachers have an Inservice Professional Day.

Halloween at MJS, Monday, October 31

We are looking forward to celebrating this day in school with our students. Please be mindful of our school costume guidelines:

- Students are permitted to wear minimal face paint so long as their identity is visible.
- Inflatable costumes or masks are not permitted, both for safety purposes.
- No blood or gore may be worn.
- All costumes must adhere to the district dress code.

MJS Sports

Registration for the 2022-2023 MJS Winter I Athletic season is now open - registration is available for Boys and Girls Basketball. Any student interested in playing a winter sport must register, including those that played in the fall.

The deadline to register and ensure that our school physician clears students is Monday, November 7. Please [click this link](#) for more information and to register.

Madison Public School Hiring Event for Teacher Assistants and District Substitutes

Madison Public Schools will host a hiring event for those interested in becoming a Teacher Assistant or Substitute Teacher within the district on Thursday, October 20, from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm in the MHS auditorium. [Click here for a memo](#) with more information on the event and how to RSVP.

PTO Griggstown Pies & Spirit Wear

Be sure to get your order for Griggstown Pies - they have savory and sweet options!

<https://madison-junior-school-pto.square.site/>.

Spiritwear is also available for order - [click here for the spirit wear order page](#).

Morris County Vo-Tech presentation for 8th grade

On Monday, October 24, MCVT will come to MJS to present to our 8th grade class during period one. For more information, click here to visit the MCVT programs page - <https://www.mcvts.org/domain/70>.

Brooke Phillips

Principal, Madison Junior School

Important Upcoming Dates

Monday, 10/17 - No School; Staff In-Service

Thursday, 10/20 - Student Volleyball Tournament (Spike for the Cure) 6:30 pm

Monday, 10/24 - Morris County Vo-Tech presentation for 8th grade students, Period 1

Thursday, 10/27 - Picture Day Makeups - MJS Main Lobby 9:30am-1:30pm

Friday, 10/28 - Fire Prevention Assemblies, Auditorium, All Grades

- Grade 8 - Period 1, 8:06-8:57 am
- Grade 7 - Period 4, 10:48-11:39 am
- Grade 6 - Period 6, 12:10-1:01 pm

Friday, 10/28 - 7th Grade Halloween Social 4:00-6:00pm

Thursday 11/3 & Friday 11/4 - Prevention is Key "Escape the Vape" - 8th grade PE classes

Wednesday, 11/9 - End of First Marking Period

Thursday-Friday, 11/10-11/11 - No School; NJEA Convention

Friday, 11/18 - Report cards available in Genesis Parent Portal

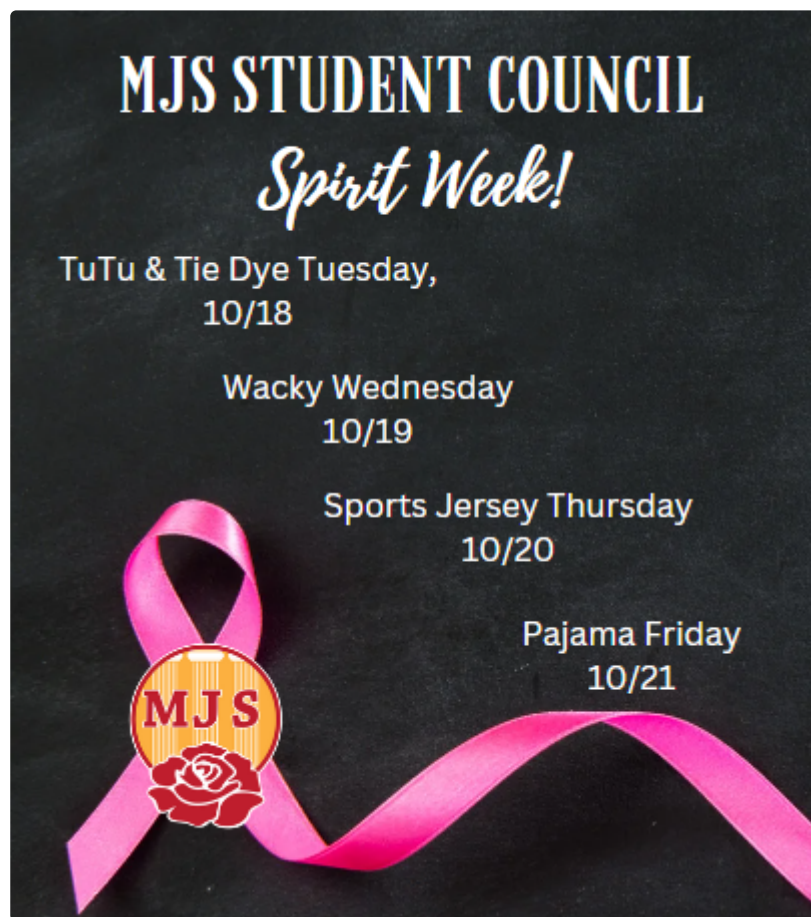
Monday, 11/21 - Single Session - 12:25 pm dismissal for Parent Teacher Conferences

Tuesday, 11/22 - Single Session - 12:25 pm dismissal for Parent Teacher Conferences

Wednesday, 11/23 - Single Session 12:25 pm dismissal - Thanksgiving Recess

Wednesday, 11/23 - MJS Teambuilding Day for all grade levels - details forthcoming!

Thursday-Friday, 11/24-11/25 - No school - Happy Thanksgiving



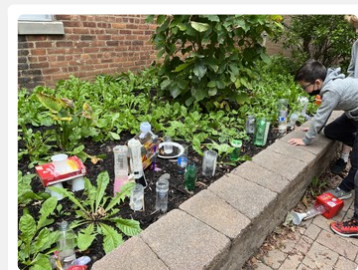
6th Grade Science



6th-grade scientists worked on building weather instruments to understand how the weather is measured.



Students explored the essential question, "How can weather data and patterns be used to predict future weather events to mitigate their impacts?"

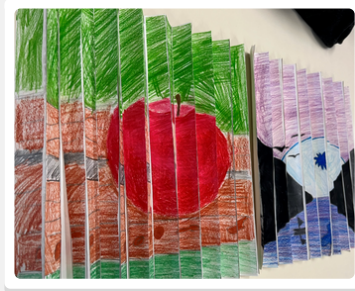


Classes then placed their instruments in the school courtyard and used data from local weather to help answer questions and see their models work in real-time.

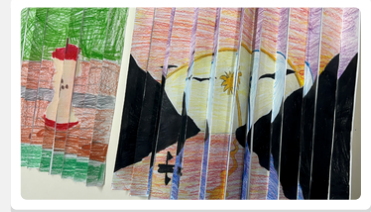
Art



Artists explored optical art during this marking period - a form of abstract art that gives the illusion of movement by using precise patterns and color.



Students drew inspiration for this unit from famous artist Yaacov Agam, known for pioneering kinetic optical illusion art.



Students created Agamographs, choosing a theme or picture to draw that changed when viewed from different angles.

7th Grade Science



Thank you to the MEF for supporting Mrs. Zabel's grant for a visit by the Digital Astronomy Dome. This week seventh graders learned all about the universe via the micro dome. This real-time portable planetarium brought students through a simulation of a journey through the solar system and stars.

Innovation & Design Catapult Project



In I&D students continued developing their skills abilities in the engineering design process "Castle Crushing Catapults" design challenge!



After the design and build, a team of engineers completed the testing and evaluation stages of the design process to determine the effectiveness and success of their prototype solutions.

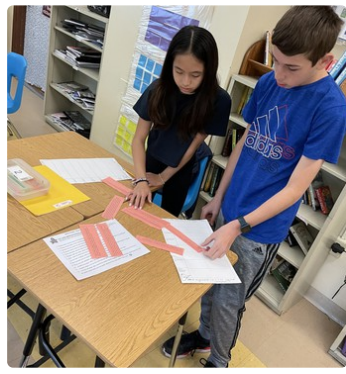


Towards the end of the project, students completed a redesign and reflection in order to determine points of success, as well as areas that could be improved based on the data collected and knowledge gained.

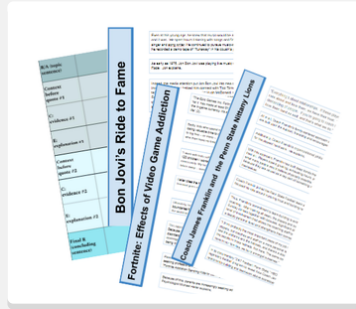
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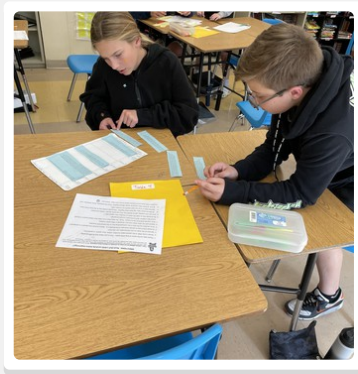
7th Grade English



Readers and writers worked collaboratively to analyze how the elements of RACER work together to form a logical, organized, well-supported paragraph.



Students got to pick to work from texts about musicians, video games, and sports themes.



By understanding paragraphs as readers, students subconsciously strengthen their writing skills.

Care Plus Wellness Corner

Navigating technology and social media use among tweens and teens can be tricky. [Click here](#) to learn more about age appropriate use and how to support your child in using devices and social media responsibly.



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Dr. Frank Santora
*Assistant Superintendent of
 pupil Personnel Services*

Dr. Christine Semerino
Director of Special Services

**Hiring Event for
Teacher Assistants and District Substitutes**

When: Thursday, October 20, 2022
9am to 12pm

Where: Madison High School Auditorium
170 Ridgedale Avenue

*All interested individuals should click [here](#) for
information regarding the documentation they should
bring to the event.*

[RSVP Here](#)

MJS PTO PRESS

SPIRITWEAR

We're excited to share our PTO spirit wear link. There are also holiday ornaments available for purchase! All orders must be in by 10/31, for holiday delivery.

[Click here for the spirit wear order page.](#)

PTO DUES

Back to school has been better than ever with all of our parent community support and donations. Thank you! So far, only 30% of our community has had a chance to donate. We are on our way to our PTO dues goal, please take a minute to donate below if you have not done so yet.

[Click here for the PTO Square Pay Site](#)

[Click here for the PTO Venmo Link](#)

MJS PTO Co-Presidents

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be baked in your oven.



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These delicious pot pies are made with all-natural
Griggstown chicken, vegetables, topped with
our all-butter puff pastry, and home-made gravy.

All orders need to be placed
by Wednesday, November 9
via MJS PTO square site.

If you have any issues with
square, reach out to
Kerry Mariani
via sistergrim4@gmail.com

To order pies, please use the
link below.

[https://madison-junior-school-
pto.square.site/](https://madison-junior-school-pto.square.site/)

Pie pick-up is at MJS on

Tuesday, November 15

If you cannot make it on that day,
please make arrangements to
have your pies picked up.

NEW! DONATE a PIE to the TEACHER'S RAFFLE. Just click and donate.

*These are perishable items and will be donated if they are not picked up

Questions: Kerry Mariani, sistergrim4@gmail.com, 973-809-0768

Griggstown Farm offers a variety of fresh produce, homemade pies, baked goods, and specialty items. We also feature all natural, free range poultry raised here at the farm. Visit our website to see our fresh turkeys, soups, gravies, and side dishes to make your holiday special.

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SPIRIT WEAR SALE

Proceeds Benefit the MJS PTO



Click on this photo to be taken to the order page.

Special Education Parent Advisory Group (SEPAG)

October is Dyslexia Awareness Month. Join the Madison SEPAG on Thursday, October 27 at 7:30 pm as [Guest Speaker Susan E. Miller](#), Director of the Robinowitz Education Center presents Dyslexia Identification in NJ 9.0. This presentation will go into the details of the current landscape in NJ and current research in the field of Dyslexia. This meeting will be held virtually with meeting links sent in advance. To register and submit any questions please do so via our website – www.madisonsepag.com/dyslexia.

MMA News

Madison Music & Arts will be holding a general information meeting on Tuesday, October 18 @7pm in MHS "A" Hall Conference Room. We will be discussing art, music, and theatre programs in Madison, our recent grants, upcoming events, and volunteer opportunities. All are invited to attend! In addition, please be sure to become a patron of the arts at donate.madisonmusicarts.org.



BE OUR GUEST AS THE MADISON HIGH SCHOOL
MUSIC DEPARTMENT PROUDLY PRESENTS:

Disney Under the Stars



Bring your own lawn chairs or blankets
and enjoy a night out with your family
and friends filled with Disney classics!

Where: Madison High School Courtyard
When: Thursday, October 27th @ 6:30 p.m.

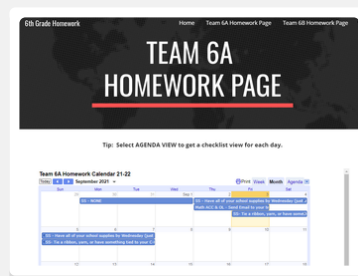
Come support the MHS Music Department as they get ready to
perform at Festival Disney! This is a free community event,
however, cash or check donations are graciously accepted to help
raise funds for our trip!



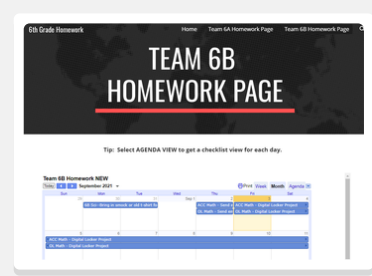
MEF News

Visit the MEF booth at the rescheduled Bottle Hill Day on Saturday,
October 15th. Enter our 50/50, spin the "grant" wheel and see some
of our grants in action.

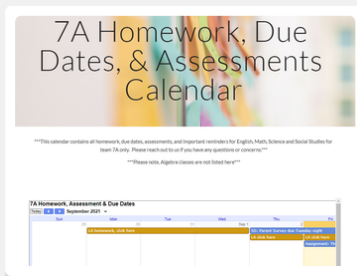
Homework Calendars



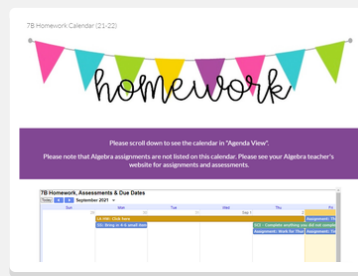
[Team 6A Homework Calendar](#)



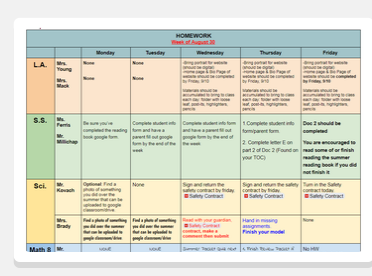
[Team 6B Homework Calendar](#)



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MJS Schedules



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I'd like to know about...

Please feel free to use this [Feedback Link](#) to ask Ms. Phillips to include certain information in a future update. It's helpful to know what you would like to learn more about!



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