



District Updates

Educators of the Year for 2021-22

- The MPS community has selected its Teacher of the Year and Educational Support Professional of the Year for each school. The selection process involved nominations and stakeholder input. We are extremely proud of the following recipients and all of our educators who were nominated for 2022!!

School	Teacher	Educational Support Professional
CAS	Mr. Anthony Cyrana, 5 th Grade	Ms. Wendy DeCaro, Teacher Assistant
KRS	Ms. Jessica Yurecko, 1 st Grade	Ms. Joanne Sims, Reading Specialist
MHS	Mr. Douglas Oswin, English	Mr. Michael Moore, Athletic Trainer
MJS	Mr. Richard Newbery, Social Studies	Mr. Richard Hagens, Teacher Assistant
TJS	Ms. Colleen Kennedy, 4 th Grade	Ms. Tina Smith, Instructional Coach

District Art Show

- The MPS District Art Show will be held on May 24th at Saint Elizabeth University. The event opens at 6 pm and will feature over 600 pieces of art work from students in grades K-12. The District Art Show was held on May 25th at St. Elizabeth University. Thank you to the many staff members from throughout the district who helped prepared in setting up the event and special thanks to **Ms. Snider**, K-8 Instructional Coach, for spearheading the planning!

Math Olympiad Recognition

- On May 10th, the Madison Board of Education recognized a number of 5th and 6th grade students who excelled in the Math Olympiad competitions during the 2021-22 school year. The presentation was kicked off by **Ms. Smith**, Instructional Coach, and students were presented with a prize for their impressive results. **Oliver Brown** (KRS) earned a perfect score on all of the 5 assessments, which placed him in the top 1% of scorers nationally!
- The full list of recognitions is below:
 - MJS: **Noah Hsu** and **Kellen Reddy** (Co-Top Scorers), **Oliver Boghian**, **Julie Fu**, **William Wu**, **Jimmy Kilman**, **Mathias Osorio**, **Juliana Ozol**, and **Emma Rickli**.
 - CAS: **Noah Shaughnessy** (Top Scorer), **Lily Polke**, **Mokun Shi**, **Mason Porter**, **Aarav Malhotra**, **Alexandrea Currie**, and **Derek Knoll**.
 - KRS: **Oliver Brown** (Top and Perfect Scorer), **Nathaniel Chen**, **Clarissa Kong**, **Ryan Lee**, **Zoe Parnter**, **Shonith Rajput**, **Trevor Rodin**, and **Chase Witz**.
 - TJS: **CJ Weller** (Top Scorer), **Atharva Aiyer**, **August Doehner**, **Finley Frieder**, **Alexa Haviland**, **Daniel Torell**, **Matthew Tabish**, and **Johnathan Wang**.

School Updates

Madison High School

- On May 12th, **Skylar Walters** (12th grade) received a letter from the US Secretary of Education, Dr. Miguel Cardona, naming her a 2022 US Presidential Scholar. This is one of the highest awards that is bestowed on a graduating high school senior across the nation. Skylar was one of 161 students from across the country, and 3 from New Jersey, to earn this prestigious recognition. She was selected based on her scholastic achievement, artistic excellence, career preparation, demonstrated leadership ability, community service, strong character, and commitment to high ideals. She will be honored during a National Recognition Program in June and will receive the Presidential Scholars Medallion

- MHS earned high National and metro-area rankings in 2022 Best High Schools listing from U.S. News and World Report. The school's updated U.S. News profile page, with details about its rankings, can be [found here](#). By earning a national ranking in the top 40%, MHS achieved status as a *U.S. News Best High School* for 2022. [Detailed information](#) can be viewed for more information on the list and rankings metrics used.
- The Paper Mill Playhouse Rising Star Awards for Excellence in High School Musical Theatre for 2022 have been announced and MHS is proud to have a number of award winners. Director Blake Spence will be recognized with the Outstanding Educator Award and the district will also receive the Rising Star Theatre for Everyone Inclusion and Access Award. The 2022 Paper Mill Playhouse Rising Star Awards ceremony will take place at Paper Mill Playhouse on June 6th at 7:30 pm and will be livestreamed on Paper Mill's Facebook page and YouTube channel.
- MHS Athletics
 - Congratulations to **Rachel Bear** (12th grade) and **Michael McGuire** (12th grade) who are this year's recipients of the Morris County Scholar-Athlete Award.
 - On May 19th, the MHS Athletic Department hosted a Spring National Signing Day for 12th graders who intend to play a sport at the collegiate level. Congratulations to the following students:
 - **Lily Barisonek** - Women's Swimming - Bates College
 - **Pierce Bateson** - Men's Soccer - University of Connecticut
 - **Victoria Brosie** - Field Hockey - Colgate University
 - **Luke Denison** - Football - Gettysburg College
 - **Michael Lekas** - Baseball - Dominican College
 - **Daniel Oyediran** - Men's Basketball - Hartwick College
 - **Juan Pineda** - Men's Soccer - Fairleigh Dickinson University
 - **Savannah Rinaldi** - Field Hockey - Southern Connecticut State University
 - The MHS Boys Golf Team of **Devan Patel** (11th grade), **Alex Patel** (9th grade), **Nathan Tallinder** (10th grade), **Jackson Koehler** (11th grade), and **Eric Selquist** (11th grade) won the North II Group II State Section Title. Devan Patel was also crowned the individual champion, shooting a 2-over 74.
 - **Adam Angelone** (12th grade) won the 1600-meter (4 minutes and 23 seconds) and 3200-meter (9 minutes and 41 seconds) races and **Ella Tucker** (10th grade) won the 100-meter dash (12.60 seconds) at the NJAC Small School Championships on May 10th and 11th.



Madison Junior School

- MJS hosted a 5th to 6th grade parent/guardian orientation on May 3rd. Thank you to Team Leaders **Ms. Brennan** and **Ms. DeRosa**, Counselors **Ms. Marotta** and **Ms. Siso**, School Nurse **Ms. Bliss**, Child Study Team member **Mr. Lopez**, and MJSAO Coordinator **Mr. Rossi** for providing families with an overview of all that MJS has to offer. **Dr. Santora** and **Dr. Seminerio** also joined a panel to share information about the special services department. Principal **Ms. Phillips** and Assistant Principal **Mr. Perrone** hosted tours for families to cap off this annual event for incoming families.
- MJS hosted its annual cycles and electives assembly with current 6th and 7th grade students on April 27th. Students learned about the different electives and cycle programs they can pick from for the 2022-23 school year. The following week, MJS hosted a scheduling webinar for families on May 2nd that introduced the community to these new cycle choices and the improved process for course registration. Families participated in a walkthrough of Genesis led by Assistant Principal **Mr. Perrone** and signups for next year's courses is going well!
- On May 4th, MJS was excited to host MHS music staff members **Mr. Batsch**, **Ms. Jordan**, and **Mr. Silvestri** to adjudicate performances from the MJS music programs. MJS 8th grade band, jazz band, orchestra, and chorus ensembles performed beautifully and received great feedback from their future directors at the high school. MJS music classes then got to celebrate their hard work

with a field trip to Six Flags Great Adventure on May 6th. Even though it was a rainy day, a good time was had by all!

- A big thank you to the MJS PTO, which hosted a delicious Teacher Appreciation week from May 2-6. Daily acts of appreciation included a Candy Bar, Bagel Breakfast, Milkshake Raffles, Cookie Trolley, and a delicious buffet luncheon.

Central Avenue School

- The CAS musical *Willy Wonka* was presented to students and families on May 13th in 3 separate performances. Under the direction of **Ms. Chiarino** and **Ms. Jackson**, the student performers and crew members were fabulous!
- The CAS band, orchestra, and chorus musicians will be performing 2 concerts on May 25th. Both performances (1 concert for students and 1 concert for families) will be directed by **Ms. Quinlan** (orchestra), **Ms. Chiarino** (chorus), and **Ms. Adkins** (band)! Thank you to MJS for allowing CAS to hold the evening concert for families in the MJS auditorium.
- CAS Family Reading Night will be held on June 2nd. This is an evening to celebrate reading and the teachers have the opportunity to share some of their favorite children's literature.
- The CAS STEAM fair was held on April 27th. Students presented their research and projects about STEAM topics of their choice. Thank you to **Mr. Cyrana**, **Ms. Jackson**, and **Mr. Erdreich** for serving as the resident science experts and rewarding each team with a medal! The CAS STEAM students did a fantastic job!
- The CAS Field Day will be held June 3rd. Thank you to Physical Education teachers **Mr. Izsa** and **Mr. Yendrick** for planning and facilitating a series of courses and activities that engage K-5 students in physical fitness!
- During the weeks of May 2nd and May 9th, students in grades 3-5 completed the NJSLA English Language Arts and Mathematics testing. Students in 5th grade will complete the NJSLA Science testing from May 25th to May 27th.
- CAS 5th grade students will present their More Than Madison projects to families and the 4th grade students on June 2nd.
- The three elementary schools (CAS 2nd Grade Poets, KRS Chorus, and TJS Band) were featured at the Madison Arbor Day ceremony on May 15th at the Madison Train Station.
- Nurse's Day was celebrated on May 6th for the fabulous CAS nurse **Ms. Young**!
- Kindergarten orientation for 2022-23 will be held for new kindergarten parents at CAS on May 26th. We are excited to welcome the new families to the CAS community!
- The CAS 4th Grade Wax Museum took place on May 5th. This project was the culmination of students' research on biography. Parents and staff were able to listen and watch the students present their biographies!
- Students in 3rd grade took a field trip to Waterloo Village on May 3rd and 4th as part of a curriculum-based trip to learn about New Jersey's rich history.
- The CAS Funfest took place on May 20th, with CAS families brought in to engage in games, bouncy houses, and various other activities that brought the community together!
- Students in Pre-School, kindergarten and 1st grade had an assembly on May 18th titled Penguin Pointers. The assembly, presented by Jenkinson's, taught students about aquariums.

Kings Road School

- The KRS musical *Frozen* was presented to students and families on May 5th in 3 separate performances. Under the direction of **Ms. McEachern** and **Mr. Thompson**, the student performers and crew members were fabulous!
- Congratulations to the KRS band, orchestra, and chorus for performing in two excellent concerts under the direction of **Ms. Quinlan** (orchestra), **Ms. McEachern** (chorus), and **Mr. Rossi** (band)! Thank you to MJS for allowing us to hold the evening concert for families in the MJS auditorium.
- The KRS Reading Night was held on May 19th and was a great success! Highlights were teachers, Mayor Conley, and Captain Nunn reading some of their favorite books to KRS families.

- The KRS STEAM fair was held on May 23rd. Students presented their research and projects about self-selected STEAM topics. Congratulations to our KRS scientists! Thank you to STEAM teacher **Ms. Berger** and parent Mrs. Madugula for planning and facilitating the STEAM event for the participating KRS students!
- The KRS Field Days were May 18th for students in grades K-2 and May 19th for students in grades 3-5. Thank you to Physical Education teacher **Mr. Abbondandolo** for planning and facilitating two fun days for the students.
- During the weeks of May 2nd and May 9th, students in grades 3-5 completed the NJSLA English Language Arts and Mathematics testing. Students in 5th grade will complete the NJSLA Science testing from May 25th to May 27th.
- Students in 5th grade will present their More Than Madison projects to families and the 4th grade students on June 1st.
- The three elementary schools (CAS 2nd Grade Poets, KRS Chorus, and TJS Band) were featured at the Madison Arbor Day ceremony on May 15th at the Madison Train Station.
- Nurse's Day was celebrated on May 6th for the fabulous KRS nurse **Ms. Moran!**
- Kindergarten orientation for 2022-23 was held at KRS on May 13th. KRS was excited to welcome the incoming kindergarten families and some new 1st grade families to the event, which was full of information and fun!
- 3rd grade students took a field trip to Waterloo Village on May 12th to learn about topics aligned to their social studies curriculum and New Jersey's rich history.

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- Congratulations to the TJS band, orchestra, and chorus musicians for performing in two spring concerts. Both performances (one concert for students and one concert for families) were directed by **Ms. Quinlan** (orchestra), **Ms. McEachern** (chorus), and **Ms. Adkins** (band) and we were excellent! Thank you to MJS for allowing us to hold the nighttime concert for families in the MJS auditorium.
- Students are busy creating their projects for the PTO sponsored Science Fair and will convene together on May 18th to share their research and experiments with peers and families.
- On May 20th, students engaged in a fun day of activities and events to celebrate and recognize the school's amazing accomplishment of being named a 2021 National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence by the NJ Department of Education.
- The first TJS family reading night will be held on May 26th. We look forward to a fun reading night in jammies with TJS families!
- During the weeks of May 2nd and May 9th, students in grades 3-5 completed the NJSLA English Language Arts and Mathematics testing. Students in 5th grade will complete the NJSLA Science testing from May 25th to May 27th.
- The TJS fifth grade students will present their More Than Madison projects to their families on June 3rd.
- The three elementary schools (CAS 2nd Grade Poets, KRS Chorus, and TJS Band) were featured at the Madison Arbor Day ceremony on May 15th at the Madison Train Station.
- Nurse's Day was celebrated on May 6th for TJS nurse Ms. Crescas!
- Kindergarten orientation for new 2022-23 students will be held on May 25th. We are excited to welcome the incoming kindergarten families and some new first grade families to the event full of information and fun!
- This month TJS is participating in a two-week-long gratitude campaign from May 16th to May 27th called the *Look for the Good Project*. This is the second year TJS is participating in this valuable and fun school-wide campaign. There are numerous benefits to demonstrating gratitude!