



District Updates

District Schools Hit Top State Rankings

- Based on the recent NJDOE ratings, two district schools made the top 50 list for elementary and middle schools. TJS was ranked number 18 and MJS was ranked number 47. Congrats!

Madison STEAM Academy Update

- Over 120 registrations have been completed online for the program, which runs 7/9 to 8/3 with classes including Lego Robotics; STEAM Challenges; Technology, Engineering, Design; and Graphic Design.

Madison Young Playwrights

- During the week of April 2nd, the Madison Young Playwrights presented a plays created by MPS students during their after school program sessions. (*The CAS event is in early May.*) Plays performed included:

Death? by Vanya Dhamija (MJS, 8th)

Can We Come Out? by Rebecca Elsner (MJS, 6th)

Saturday Night Live w/Jerry by Macey Arnold (KRS, 5th)

Space Issues by Madeline Scheiner (KRS, 4th)

The Adventure in Dreamland by Jaya Pally (KRS, 5th)

The Special Boy by Luke Sherman (TJS, 5th)

Polly Want a Cracker by Evan Breckman (TJS, 5th)

Suing Books by Luna Ortega-Huizenga (TJS, 4th)

Moving Tornado by Katarina Bogojevic (TJS, 4th)

Teacher Evaluation Vision Committee (TEVC)

- The second meeting of the TEVC will take place on April 30th and will help provide a roadmap for the district's new evaluation system. The TEVC comprises 25 staff members (15 teachers, 10 administrators) and is tasked with articulating the district's vision for high quality teaching and learning.

Drew University Partnership

- The district will be providing placement and support for student teachers from the Drew Masters of Arts in Teaching (MAT) program in exchange for a number of professional development benefits and training.

EF Tours Trips for 2018-2019

- The district is in discussion with EF Tours to provide opportunities for students at MJS and MHS to travel abroad on trips that are aligned to our values of service and citizenship.

Wax Museums

- All 4th grade students researched a famous historical figure and presented information about that person in the annual Wax museum event. Students did an amazing job and many parents attended the event!

Madison Environmental Commission Green Vision Forum

- Event will be held at 7 pm on April 19th at Drew. The schools will present on two questions: (1) What actions can Madison take to be a greener town? (2) How can your school contribute to this change?
- KRS 4th grade students created a video based on a song with lyrics by Joe D'Agostino (MPS Technology Specialist). CAS 4th and 5th grade students will present on the Klean Kanteen Project they are completing. TJS is presenting a student video developed by Michelle D'Amico (TJS Technology and STEAM). MJS and MHS are also participating in the event through their delegations.

REACH Parent Meetings

- Dan Ross will be holding two REACH parent meetings to gather feedback about the program, which was redesigned in January. The sessions will be held at the TJS library on 4/24 at 10 am and 4/25 at 4:30 pm.

School Updates

Central Avenue School

- International Day will be at CAS on May 11th, with over 20 different countries represented. It will be an authentic event because the people representing are parents from these countries.
- Dan Gutman visited CAS on April 6th as part of the rescheduled Read Across America event

Kings Road School

- The KRS Book Fair will be held on April 23rd and 24th
- At the Harlem Wizards fundraising event on April 5th, KRS had the highest number of staff members (teachers and principal) participate from any school in the district. Congratulations!

Torey J. Sabatini

- The annual TJS Curriculum Night is being held on April 19th at 7 pm

Madison Junior School

- 6th grade hosted a Comic-Con based on their studies about a hero's journey. Students created their own fictional heroes, board games, and computer games, and hosted a panel discussion session.
- The 7th grade hosted a presenter to help students with creating a synopsis for their memoirs. The presenter discussed how to create a memoir in six words and worked with students on creating their own.
- The Book Fair is being held during the week of April 23rd

Madison High School

- **Counseling:** Devon Cinque, 11th grade, was selected to participate in The Governor's School of Engineering at Rutgers University this summer. The GSoET is highly selective and its primary focus is to offer students an opportunity to work in small groups on original research and design projects. Students are mentored by a professor or professional engineer and they present their work at a research symposium and through submission of conference-style paper. We are so proud of Devon for his accomplishment.
- **Technology:** Miles Bird, Drew Johnson, and Ben Xu placed second out of 24 teams after the first round and 8th overall in the Tech Bowl at the NJ Technology Students Association (NJTSA) conference this weekend! Shorin Kohli and Drew Johnson received honorable mention for their participation in Biotechnology Design.
- **Business:** Students recently participated in the NJ Business Idea Competition hosted by the Rothman Institute of Innovation and Entrepreneurship. Out of over 500 submissions, Sam Kirby's "EZ Guard," which is designed to enhance school safety, was chosen as one of the top 24 Business Ideas. Sam is a senior at MHS and will attend an awards ceremony at FDU on April 20th to find out if he will take home one of the top prizes.
- Be on the lookout for the next edition of the *MHS Times*, which comes out on Monday, April 23rd
- The following students were nominated for Student of the Third Marking Period by their teachers

<i>Yahaira Giraldo - 9th Grade</i>	<i>Beatriz Medeiros Costa Pereira - 11th Grade</i>
<i>Adam Sher - 9th Grade</i>	<i>Kyle Pruzick - 11th Grade</i>
<i>Laura Munoz - 10th Grade</i>	<i>Samuel Deelsnyder - 12th Grade</i>
<i>Samantha Grobert - 11th Grade</i>	<i>Daniel Hickman - 12th Grade</i>
<i>Alexander Jacqmin - 11th Grade</i>	<i>Mikayla Jernigan - 12th Grade</i>
<i>Jessie Kessler - 11th Grade</i>	<i>Suzette Olesen - 12th Grade</i>
- The following were nominated for Teacher of the Third Marking Period by students and peers

<i>Penelope Scheer - French</i>	<i>Luis Largo - Physics</i>	<i>Gina O'Brien - Mathematics</i>
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Academic Department Updates

Art

- 50 pieces of art from MHS students are being featured in the prestigious Blackwell Art Competition at the Morristown Courthouse. Of these, 35 are in the categories of sculpture/photography/ceramics (including a second place prize and an honorable mention) and 15 are in drawing and painting, with a number receiving awards (two first place, three second place, one third place, and two honorable mention)!

Humanities

- K-5 ELA curriculum continues to be updated and enhanced through Literacy PD, grade group and articulation meetings.
- The MHS Poetry Festival took place on April 4th. Celebrated poets visited to share their craft and support students as they wrote and performed poetry. There was an assembly and classroom workshop sessions.

Mathematics

- On April 3rd, Novartis Pharmaceutical Company hosted 85 MHS Statistics and AP Statistics students and teachers at their East Hanover campus. The day began with students brainstorming what they thought it took to develop a new drug and then had the actual process and costs explained to them by one of the lead medical directors involved with a pediatric asthma medication. Students then teamed up to analyze simulated research data with the help and guidance of members of the Novartis biostatistics team. The morning concluded with each team presenting their findings.

Student Emilee Griggs wrote in her feedback, "I thought the assignment was very interactive and allowed us to get a deeper understanding of the world of statistics. Additionally, it pushed us to think harder and apply everything we had learned so far into a real life data situation." According to Dr. Meng of Novartis, "Madison High School is the only high school that I have heard of in which students work side by side with statisticians to manipulate and analyze data."

This was the fourth year of the partnership and Mrs. Prill, Mr. Monaco, Mr. Fisher and the Novartis team are already planning and looking forward to next year's trip.

Music

- The Arts Matter concert was held April 4th and over \$3000 was raised for district music and art programs.
- The MJS music festival is being held April 18th. Students will be adjudicated and following their performances will attend a performance of "SpongeBob Squarepants" on Broadway.
- The MHS music trip to Williamsburg is coming soon from April 20-22. Band, Chorus and Orchestra will be adjudicated at the Music in the Parks Festival.

Science

- MHS Science students will be competing in the 4th and final round for the New Jersey Science League on April 19th. Results of how MHS students performed in the state will be available in May.
- 7th grade science students researched environmental issues, created infographs, and presented their findings and possible solutions to their peers.

Technology

- Jeff Coviello (MHS Technology) has made significant progress toward being able to livestream school videos. He and Jon Cagnassola (MPS Technology Specialist) executed a test live stream on March 26th. They are confident that it will work to stream events in district and the hope is to be able to use livestreaming for MHS announcements and district events like the MJS promotion ceremony.

World Language

- MHS students participated in the national Spanish and French examinations at the end of March. Results will be coming soon!