

HAZLET TOWNSHIP PUBLIC SCHOOLS



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Spring has sprung, and the District has been busy--

- Teams at all eight schools are completing their Future Ready assignments and preparing to submit for both bronze and silver certification by June.
- The annual Poetry Jam will be held at the high school on April 3rd.
- Cove Road School will host an Autism fundraiser walk on April 8th. Money is donated to POAC (Parents of Autistic Children).
- Middle Road School will present "Ellis Island Day" on April 11th. "Steamships" will be arriving throughout the day with third and fourth grade immigrants on board.
- On April 12th, Middle Road School will participate in the Monmouth County Board of Chosen Freeholders Arbor Day Celebration.
- On April 17th, Hazlet Middle School will also host an Arbor Day celebration. Freeholder Sue Kiley and select students will plant a tree in front of the school; songs and poetry will be performed by the band and chorus.
- Spring sports are in full swing with girls' softball ranked in the Shore Conference Top 10.
- Spring concerts by Cove Road School, Beers Street School, Hazlet Middle School and Raritan High School will be held this month.
- Last month, no less than 21 Hazlet teams participated in the STEAM tank Regional finals at Camp Evans in Wall. Finalists (to be determined) will present in Atlantic City in October.
- The Middle Road School "OMER to the Rescue" team qualified to compete at the World *Odyssey of the Mind* Finals at Michigan State University.
- HVAC work at Lillian Drive School and Beers Street School continues on schedule; the existing boilers will be removed in both schools over spring break.
- Construction on the STEAM space at Beers Street School is well underway.
- New casework for renovations to the Art Room at Hazlet Middle School was recently ordered.
- Energy efficient (LED) replacement lighting was ordered for Beers Street School and Lillian Drive School.
- Soon the District will be ordering the new lighting for four of our gymnasiums to update them with LED lights.
- Our recent boiler replacements and lighting upgrades have resulted in over \$80,000 in natural gas savings with no increase in electric, even with air conditioning added to five of our schools.
- Final site design meetings are taking place for improvements to be completed at Lillian Drive School (playground and parking lot), Hazlet Middle School (parking lot and lighting) and Middle Road School (parking lot).
- Dr. Lester Richens, Executive County Superintendent, has approved the 2019-20 budget for the Hazlet Township Public Schools. The budget, which maintains a *slight tax decrease*, will now be published in the newspaper. The Central Office Administration will present an overview at the May 6, 2019 Public Hearing.

Sincerely,

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"Educating our students...to achieve their maximum potential."