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#District



Introduction, Integration, and Innovation Fuel

District’s “iSTEM” Curriculum

The Morris School District was the first district in Morris County to provide 1:1 computer access for all students in grades 6-12. Its innovative “iSTEM” (Integrated STEM) program is yet another reason why the District remains at the forefront of technology and STEM education in New Jersey.

“We believe integrated STEM education and skill sets are essential to a child's learning and development,” said Superintendent Mackey Pendergrast. “We are committed to introducing these skill sets to students at the elementary level, integrating them into our middle school programs, and ensuring they are effectively delivered at the high school level by providing the highest-caliber teachers and facilities so that our students can effectively use these skills to succeed in college and beyond.” [more on page 2>](#)



Morris Educational Foundation Marks Twenty-Five

Years Serving Morris School District Students and

Schools With Founder Reception

The 2017-18 school year marks the twenty-fifth anniversary of the Morris Educational Foundation. During this time, \$3 million in grants, scholarships, programs and more have been given back to the students, teachers and schools in the Morris School District. The MEF invested almost \$300,000 in our schools just last year. The MEF will celebrate its 25 years of service in the Morris School District throughout the year. [more on page 6>](#)



Hearts and Minds at the Heart of Normandy Park’s

Schoolwide Initiative

Each year the Normandy Park School staff collaborates to identify a year-long schoolwide theme to unify concepts across curricula and promote school spirit, morale, and camaraderie among students and staff.

This year’s common theme for Normandy’s 380 K-5 students is “Healthy Bodies, Healthy Minds.” Through cross-curricular units of study, class discussions, and activities students will learn about the interrelationship between physical health and mental wellbeing. [more on page 3>](#)



Morris Educational Foundation and Morristown

Festival of Books Partner to Fund Bilingual Libraries

Pre-K through second-grade students in the Morris School District will now have access to more bilingual books thanks to a partnership between the Morris Educational Foundation and the Morristown Festival of Books. Each organization contributed \$5,000 toward enhancing classroom libraries with additional bilingual books. The books, selected by the schools, will help teachers serve all students by creating robust classroom libraries. Representatives from both organizations presented the \$10,000 donation to the Morris School District Board of Education on Monday, October 16.

The Morris Educational Foundation was thrilled to partner for literacy. “It is truly an honor for us to come together with Morristown Festival of Books to do something special for our community’s young readers.” [more on page 6>](#)



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# 116 MHS Students Honored for AP performance

One hundred-sixteen Morristown High School students were honored by The College Board for outstanding performance in the 2018 AP testing program. Included among these are 50 AP Scholars, 44 AP Scholars with Distinction, 22 AP Scholars with Honor, and 10 National AP Scholars.

AP Scholars must earn scores of 3 or higher on 3 or more exams. AP Scholars with Honor must earn an average score of at least 3.25 on all AP exams taken, and scores of 3 or higher on four or more of these exams. The Scholars with Distinction honor is granted to students who receive an average score of at least 3.5 on all AP exams taken and scores of 3 or higher on 5 or more of these exams. National AP Scholar Honors are awarded to students who receive an average score of at least 4 (out of 5) on all AP exams taken, and scores of 4 or higher on 8 or more exams. Morristown High School's 10 National AP Scholars earned a score of 5 on 61 out of 72 tests taken and a score of 4 of 7 of the tests taken. These National AP Scholars are: Isabele Augensen, Kaitlyn Chiu, Derek He, Eric Ma, Kathleen Merritt, Karandep Randhawa, Alyssa Richtarek, Benjamin Schwartz, Max Sporer, and Carolyn Wong.

# CAMP Out Event Brings Students and Alumni Together in the Workplace

Last June, twenty-five Morristown High School students enrolled in AP Biology and the Health Professions club joined their teachers Janyce Trampler and Christina Doyle for the first CAMP Out event at Morristown Medical Center. CAMP, which stands for Colonials Alumni Mentoring Program, connects current Morristown High School students with MHS graduates successfully working in professional fields. For this outing, the MEF collaborated with Morristown Medical Center to connect students with three MHS alum working in different medicine related fields. Gerard Begley, DMD, '81: Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery; Susan Erickson Wood, BSN, RN-BC, '82: Craniofacial Center & Goryeb Neuro-Oncology; and Taryn Ferrara, '06: Primary Care Sports Medicine Fellowship & Sports Health Coordinator shared their experience and expertise with students.



# “iSTEM” Curriculum Cont’d

The goals of the District's iSTEM program are to:

- implement an iSTEM program that connects students through a fluid PreK-12 curriculum;
- integrate educational STEM skill sets that can be applied to design, innovation, and career aspirations;
- build co-curricular STEM programs that serve as extensions of student learning and passions;
- connect MSD students to post-secondary STEM programs and career opportunities;
- produce student learners who will be grounded in experiences that prepare them for the future of an integrated STEM environment.

The District's iSTEM program begins in preschool where the very youngest students are encouraged to become active, inquisitive learners. In grades K-5, STEM instruction is provided by elementary science specialists and makerspaces offer the opportunity for students to design, create, and collaborate. Frelinghuysen Middle School's extensive STEM curriculum includes coding, 3D printing, robotics, and biomedical technologies, and the school's new STEM room has quickly become a hub of inquiry and activity. At Morristown High School the new \$13 million technology center and cutting-edge STEM Academy offer unparalleled opportunities for STEM education.

# New Bleachers Are A Welcome Addition at Memorial Field



After 94 years of service, time and tide (specifically, that of the stream that runs alongside Memorial Field) finally took their toll on the massive gray cement bleachers that welcomed generations of fans to Morristown High School's Memorial Field. Now row upon row of sparkling new handicap-accessible aluminum stadium seating flank both sides of the multi-sport turf field and track. Sitting atop the home-side stands is a brand new press box equipped with a high-tech sound system.

While upgrades to the Memorial Field complex are the most visible signs of the extensive work that took place at MHS over the summer, several major projects also were underway inside the building. The first-floor atrium restrooms and art and ceramics rooms were fully-renovated and the former staff cafeteria now offers additional student seating to ease the lunch crunch. High-top tables, a device charging bar, and a video wall have been added in the media center, offering students and staff a place to reconnect and recharge.

# Spring 2017 Sports Roundup



**GOLF**

Morristown's **Will O'Neill** continued to make his mark in NJ high school golf. The junior captured the Group 4 State Title and the Group 4 Sectional Championships. Along the way he won the highly-competitive Blue Devil and High Bridge Invitational Tournaments and captured 1st place in the NJAC Conference Tournament.



**GIRLS LACROSSE**

Led by standouts and 1st Team All-County selections **Annika Begley**, **Callie Sundin**, and **Linnea Begley**, the Girls 2017 LAX team closed out its best season in history ranked # 9 in the state. Two-year co-captain Linnea Begley was named Morris County Scholar Athlete of the Year and MHS's Most Outstanding Female Athlete. She and Annika were tapped for 1st Teams All-Conference, All-County, and All Area. Annika and Callie were US Lacrosse All-American selections.

**BOYS LACROSSE**

**Harrison Brown**, **Joe Doherty** and **Kendall Rogers** were 1st Team Waterman Division and 1st Team All NJAC picks.

**BOYS TRACK**

Morristown's **Eric Clay** ran away with the Morris County 3200 Championship, the NJAC Conference Championship and the North 1 Group IV 1600 & 3200 Championships. Clay was a 1st Team All-County and 1st Team All-Conference selection. NJAC Conference Intermediate Hurdles Champion **Graydon Rogers** was a 1st Team All-Conference pick. 1st Team All-Conference Shot-putter **Matt Napoleon** captured the NJAC Conference and Group 4 State Sectional Championship titles.

**SOFTBALL**

**Ada Patterson** & **Jillian Chang** were 1st Team All-Conference selections.

**BASEBALL**

FMS won county Middle School Baseball Championship for the fourth consecutive year!

# Morristown ONSTAGE is Coming Soon!



Save the Date! It's almost time for Morristown Onstage! Morristown's premier talent show is on Wednesday, **February 28, 2018**, at the Mayo Performing Arts Center.

Morristown Onstage is the top fundraising event for the Morris Educational Foundation. Last year's sold out show raised over \$126,000 for Morris School District schools. Tickets go on sale early 2018, through The Mayo Performing Arts Center in Morristown. Visit [morristownonstage.com](http://morristownonstage.com) for more information.



# 2018 National Merit Commended Students

Morristown High School is proud to announce that 8 members of the class of 2018 have been selected as National Merit Scholarship Commended Students. Pictured at right, these students are (l-r): David Albin, Emma Vail, Mark O'Malley, Erin Fleck, Carly Cannavina, Sarah Nilson, and Mairan Flanagan. Not pictured, Alex Chu.



National Merit Commended students represent the top 3% of more than 1,600,000 students who participated in the 2018 National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Program.

"We are extremely proud of these exceptional young men and women," said MHS Principal Mark Manning. "In addition to being excellent students, each of them has contributed greatly to Morristown High School through participation in athletics, student service, the arts, and leadership."

# Forty-Two New Staff Members Join MSD



Forty-two new teachers and counselors were selected from among hundreds of highly-qualified applicants to join the Morris School District in September.

"Morris School District is recognized among the best school districts in New Jersey," said Scott Pepper, Manager of Human Resources. "We receive several dozen – and often a hundred or more - applications for every professional position advertised. As a result, we are able to select the very best teachers, counselors, and social workers to serve our students."

Following a rigorous interview process candidates for a teaching position within the Morris School District are often required to present a lesson to demonstrate their knowledge of pedagogy and subject matter. Once approved by the Board new staff members attend a 2-day orientation program which provides the opportunity to network with existing staff and learn about the District's curriculum, programs, services, and procedures.

A unique aspect of the MSD's new teacher orientation is a bus tour of the community conducted by the Board president and superintendent. The purpose of the tour is to familiarize new staff with the diversity of the community and unique history of the District. Throughout their first few years, novice teachers meet regularly with a veteran mentor teacher and attend professional development sessions designed to enhance instructional skills and practices. This extensive "onboarding" of new teachers is just the first phase of a continuous and robust staff development program

As is often the case, several MHS graduates were among the 42 newly-hired staff members. "I had truly wonderful teachers throughout my years as a student in the District," said new MHS history teacher, Casey Flynn (MHS'08). "They inspired me to become a teacher and I am honored to have the opportunity to try to follow in their footsteps."

# Normandy Park's Schoolwide Initiative cont'd

Atlantic Health System, Grow it Green, and Morristown Rotary Club have partnered with Normandy to support this important initiative. Students will have in-classroom and on-farm instruction at Grow it Green's expansive Urban Farm at Lafayette where they will learn about local food systems, plant science, and environmental stewardship. Morristown Rotary continues to provide financial support for classroom supplies and programs for all grades.

Teachers will help students learn to maintain a healthy mind by developing growth mindset strategies such as setting goals, persevering when faced with a challenge, and understanding "the power of yet."

All students will participate in residencies that support fitness through movement. In October intermediate students learned about the importance of balance in all things and explored movement through a combination of yoga and circus acts. Later in the year primary and senior units will participate in Morris Arts dance residencies.



Atlantic Health System's Dr. Chris Kirk was on hand in October to dedicate the Project Fit America fitness center to NP's Healthy Bodies, Healthy Minds initiative.

"Our schoolwide themes provide a great opportunity for students to share learning experiences across grade levels and content areas throughout the year," said Normandy Park Principal Lora Clark. "We are grateful to community partners, our Home and School Association, and the Morris Educational Foundation for their support of this special initiative."

# MEF 2016-2017 Scholarship Recipients



The MEF is proud to introduce the exceptional Morris Educational Foundation scholarship award winners from the Morristown High School's class of 2017. We wish all scholarship recipients success in college and career.

**Juan S. Victoria Robles** won **The George and Michele Becker Scholarship**. This four-year scholarship is for an MHS student pursuing a STEM field in college studies with a preference to students underrepresented in STEM careers. Juan is studying Electronics Engineering Technology at County College of Morris.

**Darren Pak-Chung Gong, The John T. Cunningham Scholarship award recipient**, is attending Drexel University as a film and video major. This scholarship is awarded to an MHS graduating senior pursuing a major in the broad field of communications.

**Xavian Mitchell** was the recipient of the first **Spring Brook Foundation Scholarship**, awarded to a Morristown High School student with financial need and dedication to serving the community. Xavian is pursuing a career in nursing as a student at Bloomfield College.

**Ninoska Lopez Medina** received the life-changing **Carl George and Shirley L. Eklund Scholarship** for a student with financial need and an eagerness to pursue a career in education. She will receive financial support for four years as she starts her studies at County College of Morris as an education major.

**Anastasia Elisabeth Bergeron** is attending the University of Michigan and studying business as **The Stephen B. Wiley Scholarship** winner. It is awarded to a student with a record of leadership, integrity, and kindness, and proven involvement as a community-minded individual.

**Elias Misael Castillo Montoya** received **The Javier Avelar Scholarship**, awarded to a first generation immigrant student in memory of Javier Avelar and sponsored by the Golden Bagel Runners. Elias is pursuing his higher education at County College of Morris.

The Morris Educational Foundation is a proud scholarship provider for the post-high school education of Morristown High School graduates. Each year a number of scholarships are awarded to deserving students. Applications for current seniors will be available in early 2018. Please visit our website or the MHS guidance department to learn more.



# A WORLD OF



72 MHS Global navigators earned scholarships to learn and serve around the globe through partnership with CIEE. Students have traveled to Europe and China for language and culture immersions; Ireland for Entrepreneurial Studies; Botswana and Costa Rica for Environmental Studies; and Ghana and South Africa to work with local communities to enhance children's rights and education.



Along with delivering a rock-solid academic foundation, the MSD provides innovative learning experiences across the curriculum. MEF-funded K-5 "LitLabs" offer coding and engineering experiences tied to literature themes, bringing together the best of reading, writing, and making (designing).



Extracurricular programs area in integral part of student life at FMS and MHS. Here, the MHS Girls field hockey team celebrates its recent 2nd consecutive NJSIAA Sectional Championship. Each season, approximately 400 students participate in one of 27 varsity sports at MHS.



FMS students regularly are honored at CCM Teen Arts Festival. In 2017 the Falcon Big Band took 1st Place overall and was named "Hardest Groovin' Band." Individual top honors also went to FMS students for vocal and instrumental performances and visual arts.



The Play's the thing! The arts are nurtured in all MSD schools. Here, TJ students tell the tale of How the West was Really Won!

MHS Class of 2017 Attending Distinguished Colleges and Universities, including		
Cornell University (4)	Harvard University (2)	Princeton University (2)
U. of Pennsylvania (5)	Yale University	US Air Force Academy
Bentley University (3)	Boston College (3)	Bowdoin College
Bucknell University	Carnegie Mellon U.	Clemson University (4)
Colgate University	Connecticut College	Drew University
Drexel University	Elon University	Fordham University
Georgia Tech (2)	Gettysburg College (2)	Haverford College
Ithaca College (7)	James Madison U. (8)	Johns Hopkins University
Lafayette College	Lehigh University (3)	Loyola University Md. (4)
NJIT (2)	Northeastern U. (6)	New York University (2)
Penn State U. (9)	Providence College	Purdue University
Rensselaer Inst. (4)	Rutgers University (12)	Stevens Institute Tech (4)
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Villanova University (3)	Virginia Tech	Wake Forest University
Williams College	WPI	University of Wisconsin



# OPPORTUNITY



Dedicated teachers and counselors, small class sizes, and comprehensive academic and extracurricular programs ensure that Morristown High School graduates are equipped to lead principled, prosperous and productive lives in which they see their connections and responsibilities to local and global communities.

- 28 AP classes
- 36 Honors level classes
- 5 world languages
- STEM Academy
- Humanities Academy
- 27 varsity sports
- 40+ extracurricular programs



Morristown High School videographers took home top honors in the 2017 NJ High School Film Challenge. Their film, *One Chance*, topped 70 other high-quality submissions to take Best Overall Film honors, the “Oscar” for NJ High School productions.



In just its very first year, the FMS Tech Student Association sent 3 teams to the national TSA finals in Orlando, FL. There, 6 out of 7 students qualified for the semifinals, and the Inventions and Innovations team was # 10 in the nation.



More than 200 MHS student musicians perform in one or more instrumental or vocal ensembles each year. MHS musicians were represented in 27 Regional or State Honors ensembles in 2017. Five students were selected 1st Chair in 9 ensembles, including Region and/or North Jersey Band, Wind Ensemble, Orchestra, and All-State Orchestra.



11 Members of the MHS Class of '18 are headed to study and play D1 sports at Stanford, Georgetown, Bucknell, Vanderbilt, Rutgers, Seton Hall (2), Univ. of West Virginia, Davidson, St. Joseph's Univ., and Univ. of Minnesota.



The MHS Colonial Rocketry team beat out more than 700 other teams from across the country to qualify for 100 spots in the finals of the 2017 Team America Rocketry Challenge.



# Alumni Spotlight: Scott Blumstein

## World Series of Poker Champion



Scott, on the left, with the 2nd place winner at the World Series of Poker Main Event. On the right, Scott was voted “Get Away with the Least” in his 2010 Morristown High School Yearbook.

**This summer, Morristown High School Alum Scott Blumstein, Class of 2010, dominated and won the World Series of Poker Main Event in Las Vegas, NV, winning over \$8 million. We were able to catch up with Scott to learn more about his experience.**

**MEF:** Tell us a little bit about your journey since high school?  
**SB:** After I graduated from Morristown High School, I attended Temple University in Philadelphia for four years. I had a good college experience and majored in accounting. Once I graduated, I basically decided that I didn't want to get a job immediately and that I wanted to try to pursue another path. I also enjoyed playing poker and decided to give it a shot to become a professional poker player. For the first few years, I didn't have much success but I stayed with it. I finally got my first big break at the Borgota where I won a poker tournament of 2400 entries winning \$200,000. This validated what I was doing and allowed me the opportunity to chase my goal of becoming a successful poker player. One year later I went to Las Vegas for the World Series of Poker Main Event and the rest is history.

**MEF:** Sounds like you were persistent in following a passion?  
**SB:** I definitely think persistence is important, but I really did not want to become an accountant. I was close to giving up on following my passion, when I won at the Borgota. This gave me the chance I needed at a perfect time.

**MEF:** How did your interest in poker come to be?  
**SB:** When I was younger, around the age of thirteen, I remember watching the World Series of Poker Main Event coverage on ESPN. I enjoyed watching the interesting characters and the game appealed to me. We would play poker in middle school with our fathers. There was a poker boom and a lot of people were playing it. I started played more seriously in high school. When I was a sophomore, I would play with the seniors and they would invite me in. At college, I started playing online poker. In April of that year, the government shut down online poker and it became more difficult to play so I became more of a fan. When I was 21 years old, I started to go to casinos and that is when it became a passion of mine.

**MEF:** What a huge summer for you... .tell us all about that experience?  
**SB:** It was wild. I went to Las Vegas to play in a warm-up tournament and then the Main Event. There were 56 tournaments throughout a two-month span of the summer. Lots of poker is played at the World Series. I went out for the end of the tournament. It was always a dream of mine to play the Main Event and be successful. Anyone can play, you just need the money to enter.

**MEF:** We were all home watching you. What was that like for you?  
**SB:** It was amazing. Once it started to look like I had a chance to make a run, when it hit under 100 people, I got a little buzz. Everyone started to watch back home. I can't put it into words how incredible it felt to have all of the support from the town of Morristown. Everywhere I go in Morristown, everyone says they watched every second of it. I thank them so much.

**MEF:** What about the experience would people not know that you'd be willing to share?  
**SB:** Not too much. It is truly the best poker tournament in the world. It's 7 days of 12 hours each day of poker. It truly requires mental stamina to see how long you can continue on. I had to be really focused and it was important that I display patience. It was hard to appreciate when I was there. Also, my mom, who hasn't been on an airplane in 20 years because she hates flying, came out. That was cool. With about 16 people left, I was the chip leader and I almost blew it. I made a play we had discussed about not doing. I went all in with not a good hand. I took a hit there and things could have gone differently. I got really lucky a couple of hands later



and after that it was smooth sailing. It was a really cool experience. I even had a couple of celebrities reach out to me. The whole thing is surreal! The craziest part for me is that I'm just a normal kid from Morristown who had something change my life so drastically and it can happen in a blink of eye. In the span of one week, unexpectedly everything just got so completely different.

**MEF:** What did you think you wanted to do when you were back in high school?  
**SB:** So that's the irony, I really didn't know. High school is weird in that regard. I chose to study accounting in college because I like math and numbers. Looking back at it now, I regret choosing accounting. There are much more interesting fields that inspire me like psychology and teaching. I feel like it's hard, at that age, to know what you want to do. If you really got a taste of opportunities that are out there before you went to college, you maybe would go on a different path.

**MEF:** What was your favorite memory of Morristown High School?  
**SB:** I'm a big sports guy and being on the football team was a cool experience I enjoyed being part of a team with group of guys working toward a common goal. Throughout high school everyone's goal is to feel a sense of belonging and to fit in somewhere. I found that in sports.

**MEF:** What of your success would you attribute to your experiences at the high school?  
**SB:** I think that all of your life there are chances to learn and grow. For my four years at MHS, I did a lot of that. It was a funny time in my life when I was a little lost in the sense that I did not have a real direction in high school. Once I got to college, I did more growing. High school can be a tough environment. Even though they were not the best years of my life, it was part of the process. There were people that influenced me along the way. The teachers at MHS were great and pretty influential. Teachers have influence on students and can make the classroom a creative, strategic and fun environment.

**MEF:** What advice would you give a MHS student?  
**SB:** The most important is that your time at MHS doesn't define you. It's so hard to know that in the moment because why would you think ahead? If you can find it to understand that everything you do in high school just prepares you for the next allows you to start gaining knowledge which prepares you for life after high school. A lot of kids don't have the high school experience that they want to have. I hope kids can learn from me that anything is possible.

**MEF:** If you had known then what you know now, would you have done anything differently in high school? If so, what?  
**SB:** I would have tried to have been more of myself and not be something I thought I needed to be. The truth is once you get into the real world it doesn't matter what happened in high school.

**MEF:** What are your plans now?  
**SB:** That's a good question. Honestly I don't know. That's the cool part about having something like this happen to you. It's pretty clear that I don't confine to any normal rules. For right now, this is all new and still sinking in. Giving myself to beginning of next year to enjoy and live out fantasy of what happened. I will probably go back and play next year. Poker will always be a part of my life. The cool thing is now it can be less of a part of my life. I can try out some other things.

## Notable Gifts to MEF

**BASF** – provided cutting-edge chemistry equipment for students through a \$5,000 grant.  
**Michelle and Steven Douenias** – donated \$10,000 to establish the FMS Model UN program through a personal gift and a matching gift from the Henry Luce Foundation.

**Daniel Flores and Family** – funded the Lafayette Learning Center's Reading Readiness program for the 5th year with \$10,000 in personal and Amgen matching gift funding.

**Patty and Greg Haralampoudis** – donated airfares totaling \$9,400 for MHS scholarship students enrolled in the CIEE Travel Abroad program for the past two summers.

**McGuinn Family Foundation** – funded \$4,075 to bring Paralympian Rohan Murphy to MHS and FMS as part of the ALL IN (Allies in Living and Learning Inclusive Network) program. This year the McGuinn Family Foundation has granted an additional \$5,500 to fund a visit by Eric LeGrand.

**Morris Township/Morristown Joint Municipal Alliance** – continued support for MEF parent education events, character education programs for students, and the ALL IN program at MHS and FMS through grants totaling over \$8,500.

**Novartis Pharmaceuticals Corporation** – provided cutting-edge chemistry equipment for students through a \$5,000 grant.

**The Provident Bank Foundation** – awarded the MEF a grant of \$22,000 to fund the establishment of academic support centers for nearly 200 students in all Morris School District elementary schools.

**Ann and Warren Rhines** – donated \$30,000 for the purchase of a professional grade laser engraver to enhance STEM education at Morristown High School.

Thank you, **George and Michele Becker, Angelo Fiataruolo, Hector Mislavsky and Judy Martinez and the Golden Bagel Runners, and the Spring Brook Country Club Foundation** for sponsoring Morristown High School graduates with new and recently added MEF scholarships.

## Twenty-Five Years Serving Morris School Cont'd

On September 19, 2017, current MEF board members invited founders and early supporters to the Morristown Club to kick off the festivities. The vision and dedication of the MEF's original donors kick-started a tradition of investment in the Morris School District through countless grants, scholarships, and programs. This tradition continues today through the mission of the MEF - to enhance educational opportunities and enrich and inspire the academic pursuits of our over 5,200 students in all ten schools of the Morris School District.

## Morristown Festival of Books Cont'd

It is not only an honor, but it also is fun, meaningful, makes sense, and is important for two organizations that are committed to literacy, education, reading and learning to come together to support our area's children," said Debbie Sontupe, Executive Director of the Morris Educational Foundation.

The Morristown Festival of Books, started in 2014, is the premiere literary festival in NJ. Each year, organizers select a charitable partner. Linda Hellstrom, the Festival founder, shared "We are so excited about the partnership this year with the Morris Educational Foundation and our opportunity to support our youngest readers in literacy and their love of books. The Festival is committed to providing opportunities for our community to connect through reading."



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Dedicated members of the MHS Beautification committee donated lots of TLC as they dug, weeded, and planted throughout the summer and fall to make MHS shine!

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Volunteer tutors and FMS students celebrated the end of the 2016-17 school year with breakfast at FMS.

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Marc Gold, FMS administrator; Carrigan and Patrick McGuinn, student and donor respectively; and George Becker, MEF Board Co-Vice Chair, connected at the annual MEF donor reception last June.

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Hillcrest Principal Greg Sumski and students were All IN on Crazy Socks Day during Hillcrest's September spirit week.

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ALL IN students at FMS shared a pizza lunch with Orly Wahba during her visit in September.

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FMS students and their robots went head-to-head in competition in Mr. Scheerer's Robotics class.

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