

PIC MEETING  
OCTOBER 5, 2021

- Dr. John Kerrigan: District Director of Evaluation & Assessment Practices
  - [kerriganJ@middletownK12.org](mailto:kerriganJ@middletownK12.org)
  - District Assessment Hub can be found on the middletownk12.org website
    - Under Curriculum and Instruction Tab
  - Start Strong will replace the state assessment missed this past school year for grades 4 & 5 (elementary)
    - SS covers Math & ELA from the year prior
    - Teachers will receive immediate feedback & know where to infuse support
  - Linkit!- form of benchmarking on grade, school, district levels
    - Website: <https://mtps.linkit.com/Parent>
    - There is one Link-it account per family, not one per student. All students in the same family will be under the same Link-it account.
    - An email with a family registration code was sent on 11.12.20; Students entering District after that date received a registration code 10.4.21
    - User name is generally your email. Password can be reset by clicking on the "Lost Password" button
    - If you need your registration code or have any issues with logging in, please email Dr. Kerrigan at [kerriganj@middletownk12.org](mailto:kerriganj@middletownk12.org)
    - Test is given 3 times per year with approximately 3 questions per standard
    - Linkit! covers current year standards; in some cases the material is not introduced yet
    - Goal of the test is to show growth over the year - how much did the student learn from the 1st test in the Fall when topics were not yet introduced to the 3rd test in the Spring after topics were taught.

\*\*Discussions: concerns of inclusion- modifications & accommodations ; communication with parents regarding the topics not yet introduced vs topics taught during the year when looking at results.

- Dr. Meg Young, School Psychologist
  - Restorative Practices- support and heal student behaviors
    - District has started a training program to teach staff a new way to respond to student behavior, different from the standard Code of Conduct response.
    - Training program established by the Juvenile Justice Commission & Mental Health Association of Monmouth County
    - Supports the Responsive Classroom, a social emotional program already in place in the District.
    - Who: Training taken by the building principals & SBSS of North, South, Thorne, Bayshore, Thompson, RP, OA and Bayview; knowledge will be dispersed District wide.
    - What: A focus on community to restore and repair relationships.

- How: Affective statements/questions, impromptu conversation, circles, formal conferences ; a slow build to individual growth. Student centered supportive practices in social emotional learning and mental health services. A focus on feelings, relationship building, trauma and healing, identifying a skill deficit (need to be taught the appropriate skill e.g. self awareness, self regulation, etc.) vs. a performance deficit (knowing the right thing to do, but not doing it).
- Why: Opportunities to modify codes of conduct- change mindsets & narratives ; create an inclusive community and offer a feeling of belonging.

\*\*Discussions: Mental Health/Social Emotional workshops throughout the year for parents to be included in the methods.

- Middletown Friends of Diverse Learners: <https://www.facebook.com/mtfodl/>
  - District is desperate for paraprofessionals! Please apply at: <https://www.applitrack.com/middletownK12/onlineapp/default.aspx>
  - Middletown Friends of Diverse Learners (MFoDL) meets at Middletown Library on 2nd thursday of every month with a zoom option for those who cannot attend in person. Next meetings are on 10/14/21 and 11/11/21.
    - Grant for inclusion at Bayview- this building holds 3 systemic grants (we are the only District in NJ with more than one systemic grant)
    - The work done at Bayview benefits the entire District
    - Person centered transitions taught in HS; focus on strengths, not deficits
    - Parent based requests include: social emotional learning, concerns of regression.

### **Upper Level Education & District Topics**

- Middletown Public Library Partnership for SAT prep and practice tests.
- Bridgette Burt, District Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Student Programs
  - Civil Air Patrol- [gocivilairpatrol.com](http://gocivilairpatrol.com)
    - When: (anticipated start date) 10.13.21 ; Wednesday evenings from 6-10 pm ; rolling admission.
    - Who: Ages 12-18 with regional participation.
    - Where: High School South- will take over the old athletic director office & storage.
    - Why: CAP approached the district- was displaced after CBA removed their location. The program fills the void for non-traditional extracurriculars. It will further supplement highly enrolled district programs due to their supplies & programs that Middletown would not have access to otherwise.
    - Cost: Approximately \$100 for uniform costs
    - Bonus: Program participation often means priority selection in military universities, internships, areas of study.
  - Career Tech Education- learning & comprehensive paths of study
    - NJDOE Perkins grant program

- Program is currently in effect in other Districts - Long Branch (engineering, biomed and tv/studio) and Freehold (culinary arts)
  - What: 16 career and tech ed. programs; 79 pathways of study
  - Why: Create an individualized plan of study based on student's passion & interests.
  - How: Students would be surveyed to their 3 highest rated pathways ; 3 or 4 elective areas in grades 10-12.
  - District would partner with local businesses. The student would leave high school with "industry credentials" (work based learning experiences).
  - Students could earn college credits for specific majors
  - Needed: Teachers would need specialized certifications ; district would need partnerships with post secondary schools ; Perkins Grant Application for funding.
  - When: CTE goal for application is June 2021 & start of fall 2023
  - Interest: Middle schoolers will be surveyed October 6/7 in SS/world history
- Peter Smith, Principal, Leonardo School
    - AIR Dogs: Attitudes in Reverse- therapy dogs in Middletown district schools
      - How: Partnership with AIR.NGO: liability insurance
      - What: Emotional support dogs in 8 district schools ; 38 week training program, dogs are currently on week 8.
      - When: Dogs are in the building on Tuesdays & must be crated when not working. After testing is complete- they max out at 3 days per week. All training is after hours
      - Who: 100% volunteer based & must be a dog of a staff member
      - Where: HSS, HSN, Thorne, RP, Village, Harmony, Leonardo, Bayview.
- Patrick Rinella, Assistant Superintendent
    - Unified Sports- people with/without disabilities working together
      - What: Special Olympics Grant for basketball & track
      - When: Physical Education elective for participants ; same season as HS sports
      - Who: anyone interested in competitive play & player development/mentoring ; Team is HSS & HSN on one team