

# A BITE OF BAY HEAD

BHS News, Articles, Events & More!



## Events in September to October

*By Megan Brown*

On 9/15, students of Bay Head School finally returned to class for a brand new school year. After a very long summer, it's always exciting to catch up with classmates and teachers. Activities started fast, because on 9/21, the students and staff partook in a 9-mile bike ride into Mantoloking. Bay Head and Lavallette both biked to raise awareness for the International Day of Peace. Parents came to meet teachers on 9/28 for Back to School Night, where they learn what new trips and things that students are being taught for the year. Ms. Hammell and Mr. Kennedy took the 7th graders on a Clean Ocean Action trip on 10/8 to Island Beach State Park. The students observed how keeping the waters and beaches clean will save marine life. 10/14 was the Antrim Olympics for anyone who tried out. Congratulations, participants! Everyone is invited to wear pink on 10/21 in honor of Breast Cancer awareness month. And on 10/30, students from grades 5-8 will be going to the Lavallette school to partake in the Halloween Dance. Happy Halloween!



## Peace Between the Two Schools, with Dr. Morris

*By Chloe Brenna*

***Are you excited for the new dynamic of the relationship between Bay Head and Lavallette?***

“Without question I’m extremely excited for the relationship that’s come together between Bay Head and Lavallette. Being two very like schools, K-8, that all send to Point Pleasant Beach High school, it gives us a great opportunity to work together both in the classroom, and out of the classroom. It gives us a chance to share services in all types of areas. Financially, we can save money with class trips together, and events together. And yet, we can still be our own separate schools, small neighborhood schools, so the values of our small K-8 schools still exist. We get to share these experiences together.”

***Do you think the first Peace Day Bike Ride was a success?***

“Yeah it’s the perfect example of what makes this new relationship so wonderful. As the superintendent of both schools, I like to think of myself as a K-8 specialist. I love the model of the school. We’re able to bring both schools together. I mean we put that together in about two-and-a-half weeks. Mr. Kennedy and the entire staff of Bay Head along with the staff of Lavallette and Mr. Camardo did a great job. The children were able to learn something wonderful. It’s a great experience for all. It’s a healthy experience and its just the perfect example how we can share so many resources together as two small schools. There was a health piece, there was a learning piece, and there was a social piece. We had young children at Bay Head, Bay Head children at Lavallette learning together, creating movies, using technology. All for the noble cause of peace.

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## Letter from the Editors

By Gabriella Raffetto & Chloe Brenna

The Eighth Grade Class is so proud to bring the School Newspaper back to Bay Head School. Throughout the year, we will be posting editions of our newspaper sharing what's going on in school, sports updates, and upcoming events. The school newspaper will be available on the school website and there will be a few hard copies in each class. Please read the school news to see what's going on in Bay Head School. There's plenty more to come!



### 10 Questions with BHS' Boys Soccer Coach Lewis

By David Lewis

**1. How is the boy's soccer year so far?**

*A. It's been very good. We've been competitive all of our games, and we're a much-improved team.*

**2. Any other sports you coach or coached?**

*I coached football, baseball, and I coach the girl's softball team.*

**3. What sports did you play growing up?**

*Football and baseball*

**4. Any player(s) that stands out?**

*The 8th graders have stepped up and have played an important role this season.*

**5. How is it like coaching and teaching?**

*It's nice to see how students I had in 3rd grade mature and grow through the years.*

**6. How many years have you been coaching here at Bay Head School? 15 years**

**7. What is your favorite sport?**

*Baseball*

**8. Toughest team that the boy's soccer team has faced this season?**

*Bradley Beach*

**9. What's the biggest struggle for the boy's soccer team this year?**

*We play much bigger schools than us and most of the teams we play against are 7th and 8th grade teams, where we have 5th-8th graders.*

**10. What's the biggest success so far this season?**

*Winning 2 games, and being in position to win other games.*



## Camardo's Corner

*A word from our principal*

As I pondered what to write about for my first entry in the BHS newspaper, I thought, how about a little information about your school principal? I grew up in Delran, NJ, and always knew I wanted to be a teacher. After graduating from Pfeiffer University in North Carolina, I taught fourth and fifth grades in Charlotte, NC before moving back to New Jersey. My next teaching position was in Marlton, New Jersey at DeMasi Middle School as a language arts teacher, and finally a reading specialist. After graduating from the University of Pennsylvania with a School Administrator's certificate, I soon became an assistant principal at Riverside Elementary School. Riverside was a large elementary school, which is very different than the Bay Head Elementary School. I am so lucky that I have landed in Bay Head and get to work with such great teachers and students each day. In my opinion, students are the reason we are all here each day.

## All About Ms. Hammell

By Lily Wolpert

Ms. Hammell is from Monterey Beach, just outside of Lavallette, NJ. Her favorite type of music is Pop and dance music. She has been interested in science ever since high school. Her favorite TV show is Law and Order SVU. Lily reported that Ms. Hammell always wanted to be a teacher as she played school with her siblings when she was a little kid. Ms. Hammell tells us her favorite part of science is the fact that it has hands-on activities and experiments, and she knew she wanted to study science because of the interaction in it and that it goes hand in hand with her love for math. Ms. Hammell knew about the opening for a teaching position from a friend and because she lives around the area. Ms. Hammell concludes, "My favorite thing is the positivity and friendliness of everyone, teachers, administrators, and students".



*Dr. Morris - Continued from page 1****What events do you have planned for the two schools to participate in together?***

“We have a number of events. We started this summer with professional development with regards to this teaching staff. We had a workshop in Atlantic City where teachers from Bay Head and Lavallette worked together. We’re also working on other professional development things between both staffs, with regard to teaching and all the different changes in the things that are being done in education with PARCC testing. There’s a lot of shared things that were doing with regard to children. We’re very excited. Academically, the things that we’re doing together, utilizing both classrooms and teachers, reaching out together, the things that we’ll do on our social aspect, whether it be dances or events. But like I said, our idea is to keep our K-8, small, neighborhood school model, but yet allow ourselves to work together to give kids a little more opportunity, a little more diversity, having opportunities to see different teachers, work with other children. And of course the beauty of all that is; all of these children will be going to Point Pleasant Beach High school together. As time goes and our relationship grows and grows, who knows, it could go from academics, to athletics, to plays, to fundraising, to student council. But we’re certainly excited to be working together.”

***What is your favorite part of bringing the schools together?***

“You know, I’m so excited. I’m very proud of the people that we have in Lavallette, the staff. I’m extremely proud of the people and the staff here in Bay Head. I look at these professionals, one grade at each level. Sometimes it can be difficult for teachers dealing with their pedagogy and how they teach and what they do. Now, they have partners that they can talk to, that they can relate to, see what’s working, and see what’s not working. I’m excited about the fact that we have two K-8 schools, very like communities, shore communities. We both send to Point Pleasant Beach so that we can keep our autonomy and be separate, small little schools. But yet we can come together and we can work together where we can educate children better. Create better social experiences, create better athletic experiences, create better social capitool experiences, save money, finances. These are all things that we can share. Its an endless possibility of the relationship, the positiveness of the relationship of our two schools, and being the superintendent in both. I’m extremely fortunate, I thank the people at Bay Head for the opportunity and I look forward to doing a good job and enjoying watching and leading the growth for both communities and our children.

**Girls Soccer***By Gabriella Raffetto*

This season, the girls’ soccer team has been a huge success, with 5 wins so far. Coach Speelman has been the girls’ coach for almost four seasons, and has been an assistant coach five seasons prior. “I love coaching soccer! It is a lot of fun for me! I enjoy being out on the field and working with the players!” says Coach Speelman. He told us that there are seventeen girls on the soccer team and they’re currently in 2nd place for their division. According to Mr. Speelman, the girls have been working hard and have all improved, especially when defending and when they are trying to win back the ball. Everyone agrees with Mr. Speelman when he says that the girls have been playing great soccer and had a lot of potential to be a great team from the start. Currently, the Girls’ Soccer Team has 1 tie, 2 losses, and 6 wins. They also made it into a tournament because of their great record this season. “... The girls all work hard and have shown commitment to our team,” Mr. Speelman tells us, “I am very proud of them.” Remember to congratulate our girls on a great season!

**Super Sharks- Take A Bite!** 10/6/2015- Ms. Hammell

10/26/2015- Audrey Akersten

10/26/2015- Riley Hajeski

10/8/2015- Owen Marcoux

10/16/2015- Nathan Clayton

