



# The Daily Whale

New Monmouth School



## Principal's Message

By Mrs. Chadwick

The month of April brings showers that nurture new growth. We look forward to seeing beautiful flowers, green grass, and leafy trees. April is also the month when we renew our commitment to helping keep our earth **green** and healthy for years to come. Doing just a little every day can help! Conserve our precious water resources. Turn off lights and electrical appliances when not in use. Be creative, and I'm sure you'll find many ways to

reduce, re-use and re-cycle.

Growing a healthy body is also important. Be part of our "Got Milk? Challenge". Pledge to drink at least two glasses of milk per day, or add dairy foods such as cheese or yogurt to your diet. Strong bones will help you to make the most of your favorite sports and outdoor activities.

Happy spring!!

## PTA News

Yes it's that time of year to do spring cleaning...clean out those closets and your bookshelves! New Monmouth PTA will be sponsoring a used book sale on May 15th. Please gather children and adult books that are in good condition and set them aside to donate. Anyone wishing to help sort books or help on the day of the sale please contact Barbara DePalo at [percyrub@verizon.net](mailto:percyrub@verizon.net) or call me at 706-0852. Thank you in advance for your help.

### Coming Up...

- Book Fair - 4/21-4/24

For more information on these and other events, please visit our website at: [www.middletonk12.org/newmonmouth](http://www.middletonk12.org/newmonmouth)

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## A Day at the Circus

A few weeks ago, I went to the Ringling Brothers Circus called Zing Zang Zoom! My mom got me tickets to go. She works for Prudential and won them in a raffle at her job. We went to the Prudential Center/Devils Stadium to see it.

When we got there, we sat in the box seats and I think they usually cost a lot of money! It is called the Prudential Box. You can get free food in there and because we went to the early show, they had breakfast foods like bagels and

muffins. If you wanted cotton candy or popcorn, you went to the stands to buy it. Speaking of cotton candy, I bought some and it came with a cool wizard hat!

The elephants were great and very funny. They hold onto each other's tails with their trunks. The white tiger was really cool, too. I also saw dogs who did tricks, ponies, and zebras. There were funny clowns, people who got shot out of cannons, and also lots of acrobats.

I got a white tiger and

elephant plush animals for souvenirs. That was the best day ever and I wanted to go back the next day! My mom said maybe next year.

Everyone should go to the circus!

## Artist's Alley



## The Penny War

Were you ever wondering about the Penny War? I interviewed Principal Chadwick about the Penny War in our school.

The Penny War is to raise money for the Cancer Society. The money goes to research, education, and to help people with cancer. Just so you know, the prize for winning the Penny War is the feeling of doing good.

The Penny War is only

pennies because pennies are small change. Did you know this is only the second New Monmouth Penny War? These pennies will be counted by the TD Bank Penny Arcade.

There is a Penny War because it is a fun way to raise money. They need the money to make a world without cancer.

I really would like to thanks Mrs. Finn for creating the Penny War. It is a fun way to help.

# Video Game Review: Pokemon Platinum for Nintendo DS

Nintendo just released a new game for the DS system. It is called Pokemon Platinum. To play Platinum, you choose a starter Pokemon. That Pokemon is Chimchar, Piplup, or Turtwig. Your rival picks a Pokemon, too. You go around collecting 8 badges. After that, you must battle 5 elite trainers.

In the first gym, you only go against rock-types. Rock-types are bad versus Piplup or Turtwig. The gym leader has a Onix, a Geodude, and a Cranidos.

If you liked Pokemon Diamond and Pearl, you will like Pokemon Platinum.

The games have similar game play, but there are differences. Platinum has no new Pokemon and some of the gyms are different. Platinum also has about 60 more Pokemon in the Sinnoh Pokedex. Some of these Pokemon are Rotom, Giratina, and Houndour. Another difference is Platinum is more challenging. Some of the gym leaders are more difficult to get to. Also, the gym leaders' Pokemon know better moves.

The game also has a great Wi-Fi feature. There is a Wi-Fi Plaza

where you interact with people around the world! You can also battle and trade Pokemon wirelessly or over Wi-Fi.

On a scale of 1 to 5, I give this game a 4.5. Overall this is a short, but good game.

## What a Beautiful Life

Crafts at school. Holiday fun.  
A beautiful tree in the Fall.  
A snowman in Winter.  
Flowers in Spring.  
A beautiful pool for the summer.

What a beautiful life  
With yummy foods. Pasta. Carrots.  
Don't forget bread.  
Especially Strawberries, Blueberries and Grapes.

What a beautiful life  
With vacations. Beaches,  
Disney World, Canada,  
The Atlantic Ocean.

What a beautiful life  
With pretty clothes.  
Dresses, Gymnastics Stuff  
And Bathing Suits.

What a beautiful life  
With sports. Baseball,  
Soccer, Basketball  
and Football.

What a beautiful life  
With beds. Bunkbeds, Sports,  
Princesses and more.

What a beautiful life with holidays.  
Just can't stop the fun!

## Spring

Grass is greening, flowers are blooming

The sun is a little brighter, the weather is warming.

Time in school is getting shorter.

Spring is right around the corner!

The birds are chirping

All that was dormant is waking.

There's no need to be fearful,

Everyone will be cheerful!

## Assembly Review: Joe Holiday

Submitted by Ms. McClaren

On March 18<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m., we went to see a show in the auditorium. The show was about reading and magic. Joe Holiday showed us tricks and books in the multi-purpose room.

The P.T.A. put this together because it teaches kids to read better. Thanks to the P.T.A. for picking a cool show for us.

## Interview: Ms. McCall

**Q: Do you have fun with your job?**

**A:** Yes, I have a lot of fun because I get to work with children and be active all day.

**Q: Were you always planning to become a PE teacher?**

**A:** Not until halfway through my sophomore year in college, but I always wanted to teach.

**Q: Why did you decide you wanted to teach PE?**

**A:** I always loved gym and sports.

**Q: Would you like to teach higher grades?**

**A:** Right now, I'm very happy here.

**Q: What do you do in your free time?**

**A:** I run, hang out with my friends, go to the beach, and coach field hockey.

**Q: Is your job difficult?**

**A:** Yes. I face new challenges every day.

**Q: Why did you choose to teach in New Monmouth?**

**A:** There was an opening when Mr. Abbott retired. I grew up in Middletown, and I heard New Monmouth was a great place to work.

**Q: Do you think you will continue teaching PE in the next couple of years?**

**A:** Yes! I love my job!

## Jokes

**Where does the Easter bunny get his breakfast?**

IHOP

**Why should bowling alleys be quiet?**

So you can hear a pin drop.

**Why did the golfer wear two pairs of pants?**

In case he got a hole-in-one.

**What goes "ha ha ha...clunk"?**

People laughing their heads off.

**What is as big as you are but weighs nothing?**

Your shadow.

**A cowboy rode into town on Friday, stayed three days, and rode out again on Friday. How did he do that?**

His horse's name was Friday.