

# Franklin Township School

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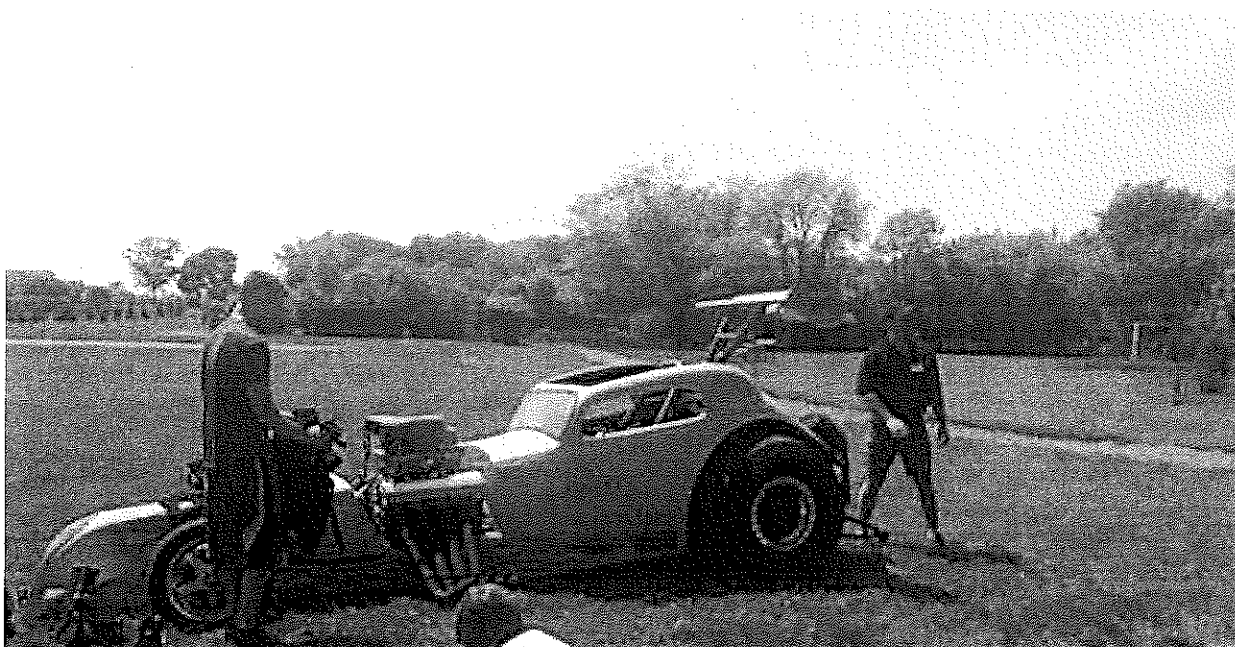
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## Collaborative Engineering Project

Every year fifth grade students at Franklin Township School participate in a cross curricular activity between the STEM and Art classes. During this cross-curricular lesson, students learn what a dragster is, the engineering principles behind the dragster, and industrial design. Working in partner groups, students complete the engineering design process to create a CO2 car.

During the building process, students are able to see a dragster up close and personal. Mr. Joe Morrison from Right2Breathe comes to Franklin Township School and conducts an interview. Students ask Mr. Morrison questions about his car, aerodynamics, and the nonprofit organization Right2Breathe. Students learn about BMW art cars and paint their cars, using a budget, by applying the concepts learned. After the interview and the construction of the cars are complete, parents and community members come to support our students on race day!

Students race their cars to see which homeroom built the fastest cars. Students are excited to meet Mr. Morrison on May 11, 2017. This is an event that is truly enjoyed by all, and the teachers and administration are proud to recognize the truly collaborative nature of the project.



## **The FTS Theater Program continues to Entertain**

On April 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> students in first through eighth grade at Franklin Township School starred in The Little Mermaid Jr., which was directed by FTS teacher, Ms. Lindsay Gooditis. Students worked diligently from October to April, 2017, to put on a spectacular performance.

With money raised from Theater Club fundraising, items for the school have been purchased to enhance the performance. New curtains for backdrops, canvas scenery boards, and microphones were added. The production was a huge success and the Theater Club could not have done it without the support from The Board of Education, administration, faculty, parents, and community members.

The Theater Club was fortunate to have the support of The Clinton ShopRite, Stryker's Paint, and Show Kids International Theatre. Due to the dedication and support of all concerned, The Little Mermaid Jr production was a huge hit!

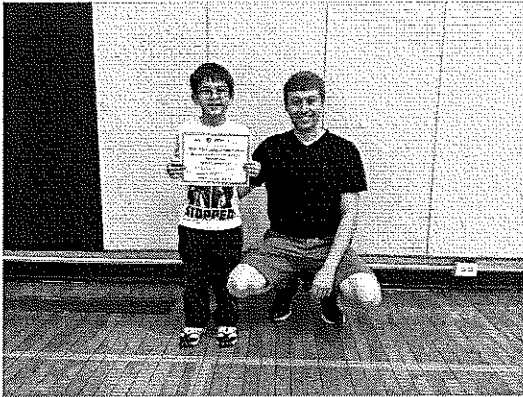


## Franklin Township Newsletter Items

### **Hoops for Heart**

This year, Franklin Township School held its first "Hoops for Heart" event, which was regarded as a tremendous success. Students raised over \$1,000.00 for the American Heart Association.

Proceeds from this event will help fund research and educational programs to increase awareness and prevention of heart disease and stroke.



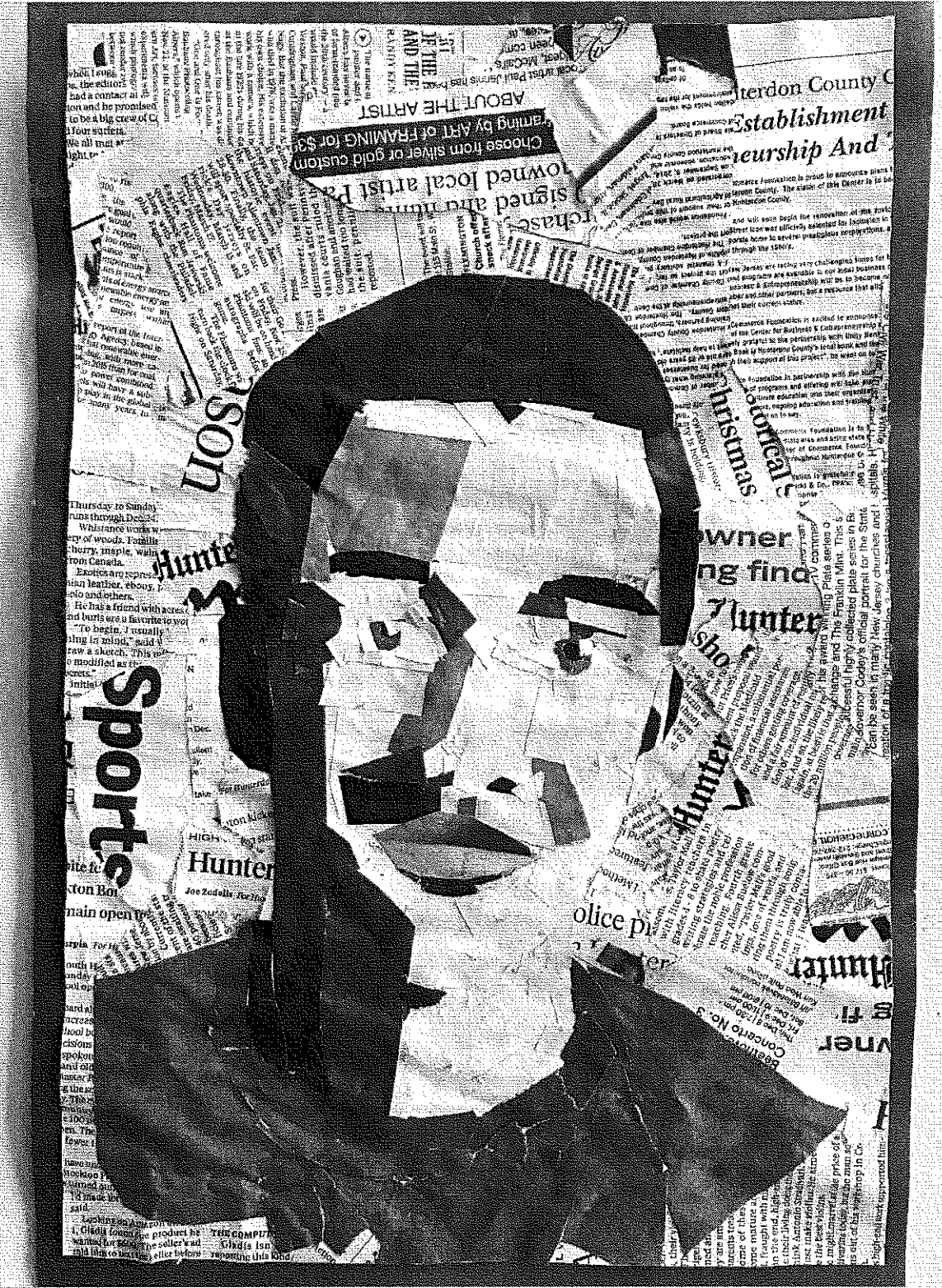
Mr. Timko, the health and physical education teacher at FTS, strongly believes in supporting organizations such as the American Heart Association, as it provides the opportunity for students to advocate for a cause that affects the lives of many.

The administration is ecstatic about the success of this year's event and would like to thank all of the students at FTS for their dedication toward their fundraising efforts. FTS students look forward to raising even more money for the American Heart Association in the future.

### **HCEA's Friends of Education Gala**

Artwork from two 8th grade students (Ryann Lambert and Hunter Iannozzi) artwork was selected to be displayed at the Hunterdon County Education Association's "Friends of Education Gala" event on May 5th. Students whose art is chosen are invited along with their parents to a special reception before the gala event. This is a very exciting honor and I am very proud of the students and their accomplishments. Their artistic talent is to be commended.

Mr. Smith, Art Teacher  
Franklin Township School



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