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> Berkeley Township School District Ocean Education Technology Expo Week of Respect National Bus Safety Week

October was a busy month in our district! Berkeley Township School District, in conjunction with Manchester Township School District, held the 2015 Ocean Education Technology Expo on October 12, 2015. Approximately 150 administrators and educators attended this professional development day where our focus this year was how to best use technology to make the learning environment more efficient. The keynote speaker, Meredith Martin from Mantua Township School District, is a Google Certified Teacher and a Google Apps Qualified Teacher. Meredith provided a wealth of information and experience to our tech expo.

Berkeley Township School District observed the Week of Respect from October 5, 2015 through October 9, 2015. Our district recognizes the importance of character education and provided age-appropriate lessons to children that focused on preventing harassment, intimidation and bullying. Students were taught the importance of respecting diversity and having respect for others.

One safety concern that is of the utmost importance in Berkeley Township School District is student transportation. Every day our students travel to and from our schools without incident. In large part this occurs due to the importance we place on student and staff training in school bus safety education. During National Bus Safety Week, which took place October 19, 2015 through October 23, 2015, we encouraged parents to reinforce bus safety rules with their children. Students were also trained at school on proper bus behavior and it was reinforced that seat belts must be worn in accordance with N.J.S.A.39:3B-11.