

WALKING SHOES...On "Walk to School Day" earlier this month, Phillip Dwyer, right, was thrilled to win the drawing for a chance to walk to school with a Westfield firefighter. Phillip is a first grader at Westfield's Wilson Elementary School. Pictured with Phillip are his sister Julie Dwyer and Firefighter Mike Lanza.

SPFHS Announces Third Marking Period Honor Roll

SCOTCH PLAINS—Scotch Plains-Fanwood Principal Dr. David Heisey announced the names of students earning placement on the school's third marking period honor roll, which is divided into high and regular honors.

Freshmen- Class of

2009 High Honors

Jennie Altman
Laura Degnan
Kerilyn Bartley
Kristyn Berger
Christina Camarda
Caitlin Campbell
Elizabeth Chen
Kelly Cianciotta
Michelle Conway
Julie Deusch
Diana Ferrante
Michael Ferrara
Erin Finan
David Gigiel
Stephanie Glover
Naomi Goldstein
Marcus Green
Kelly Henderson
Emily Katz
Jeremy Kaufman
Kapri Kreps
Karthik Kumar
Raychel Kruper

Michael Scannell
Joseph Schiavo IV
Adam Silverman
Barbara Slaugh
Anne Smith
Alex Soloway
Katlyn Soriano
Gailmarie Sprague
Jeffrey Stuart
Harrison Stuppler
Nicole Tavares
Alexis Turner
Samuel Ungar
Cassandra Valdes
Allison Vogel
Christina Woods
Molly Yergalonis
Gregory Zabel

Juniors- Class of

2007 High Honors

Kimberlee Appezato
Peter Bistis
Lisa Blooom
Amanda Bobyack
Colin Campbell
Alex Cvetovich
Karina De Mair
Morgan Finkel
Brittany Fusillo
Jennifer Gardella
Helen Han Heather
Alison Hoyes-O'Connor
Magda Isack
Steven Jacobus
Catherine Kaiserman
Shirley Kim
David Kopylov
Colleen La Forge
Hoyoung Lee
Ryan Lemence
Jaclyn Lopez

Juniors- Class of

2008 Regular Honors

Lauryn Adams
Arley Aguilari
Alison Baier
Brittany Barnett
Kristen Barry
Victoria Bauman
Samantha Bendik
Courtney Berger
Gabrielle Berman
Shyam Bhojani
Alyssa Biron
Sarah Boruch
Gregory Brand
Alexander Bromley
Samantha Butacas
Meghan Cadigan
Natalie Capoccia
Samantha Carow
Ana Castillo
Andrew Cohen
Grant Darwin
Christina Defeo
Laurel Devlin
Ariel Digiorgio
Marianna Dworak
Cheryllyn Elmer
Jessica Estriplett
Kelly Frazee
Kirstan Fuller
Jennifer Gaglioti
Samantha Gates
Jason Gramboi
Matthew Gigiel
Michael Gofland
Raquel Gonzalez
Mitchell Gorbunoff
Kyle Grizzard
John Gutierrez
Elizabeth Halpin
Dana Hankin
Nardina Howerton
Matthew Huether
Ashley Jacobi
Abigail Jenkins
Jennifer Zimmermann

Seniors- Class of

2006 High Honors

Claudia Ahiahor
Jennifer Bauer
Faye Bi
Michael Bonacum
William Bowman
Robert Burke Jr
Julianne Carman
Cleio Chou
Danielle Crawford
Carolyn Di Prospero
Jonathan DiFiore
Kelly Douger
Joseph Fallon
Andrew Goldberg
Katerina Wong

Seniors- Class of

2006 Regular Honors

Christine Albanese-Dema
James Alfano
Safaldeen Alzooabae
Jasmine Barte
Marisa Bianco
Sarah Boffa
Elizabeth Bourchein
Shantell Brooks
Justine Brown
Courtney Burke
Michelle Calvo
Derrick Chen
Yvonne Chen
Erin Crawford
Robert Dawson
Kathryn Devlin
Christine Di Troilo
Aaron Doliber
Megan Domenick
Michelle Dsurney
James Dukelow
Kristin Dyson
Danielle Egan
Gabrielle Falco
Briana Falco
Michael Fragna
Andrew Gibson
David Ginsberg
Shannon Gomes
Viktoria Gorbach
Jeremy Grau
Keila Guzman
Jessica Halloran
Carly Heinz
Gary Herzberg
Julie Hyman
Daniel Ingram
Elizabeth Jacobs
Catherine Jahn
Kristen Kersey
Bo Hee Kim
Alexa Knox
Danielle Koch
Christopher Kolb
Alyssa Markovits
Brittany McDonald
Jessica McGarry
Ian McNally
David Mecca
Christopher Nilsen
Jeffrey Muller
Elaine Piniat
Danielle Porter
Thomas Ruggieri
Samantha Savino
Katherine Schreiber
Katherine Van Haastren
Katerina Wong

Sophomores- Class of

2008 High Honors

Dana Abramson
Kathryn Albanese-Dema
Deborah Albert
Andrea Apuzzo
Casandra Berwick
Brittany Biondi
A.Michael Bover
Samantha Bremer
Julianne Brennan
Ryan Bridge
Trevor Cannon
Julia Capodaccia
Katelyn Cavanagh
Nicole Colineri
Bridget Cormwell
Janine Defeo
Silvano Dimonte
Patrick Doliber
Ian Feller
Samantha Grecco
Andrea Guzman
Christina Halma
Catherine Harley
Wendy Harris
Lindsay Hauptman
Melissa Helock
Adam Horowitz
Alyssa Karis

Samantha Krierim
Jaclyn Lazarus
Randy Lemence
Marc L'heureux
Alexa Lindenberg
Andrew Livingston
John Loomis
Ming Lu
Victoria Menally
Elizabeth Minski
Emily Nering
Chibuzor Onwananagbala
Margaret Reilly
Rheanna Rien
Maura Robinson
Molly Rodino
Marc Rosenberg
Erin Rossi
Rebecca E Salman
Alexandra Segal
Camillia Shanks
Michele Silverstein
Kunal Sodhi
Alyssa Straniero
Kristen Thompson
Lindsay Traiman
Fung Hane Wan
Vivian Wong

Sophomores- Class of

2008 Regular Honors

Courtney Adameczyk
Maureen Asante-Nkansu
Courtney Baines
Gregory Benciveno
Alana Benciveno
Amie Berlant
Izabela Blach
Avery Boettcher
Daniel Buckley
Lisa Campbell
Bailey Cardinal
Christopher Casserly
Anna Chapman
Jia Chen
Andrew Clark
Kristen Conlan
Amanda Curcie
Nadiyah Dabney
John De Maio
Tyler Delmauro
Colleen Driscoll
Kaitlyn Fischer
Nicholas Fung

Casey Marks
Elizabeth Memillion
Kyle Mihansky
Nicholas Murray
Kevin O'Connell
Christina Olsson
Sarah Pace
Minal Patel
Brian Pesin
Brian Piccola
Stacia Piesch
Matthew Plagge
Brandon Reddington
Briana Redmont
Maria Pia Rivout
Hillary Roberts
Theodore Rosenblatt
Christine Roser
Aundre Ruffin
Dennis Ruiz
Scott Salmon
Andrea Santos
Jacqueline Saunier

THE STUDENT VIEW

The weekly column written by local high school students

Beverage Limits Won't Halt Innutritious Lunches

By ELENA TINFOW
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

They crowd into the cafeteria with hopeful stares. What will the special be today? Pizza and fries or mystery meat surprise?

The students reach into their pockets and pull out their money for lunch. Hopefully there will be a healthier option for their meal. However, this usually is an unrealistic expectation.

In most schools, the lunch consists of prepared frozen meals, bags of processed snacks and cans or bottles of sugary drinks. Recently some schools have made an effort to give their students more nourishing meals, but more needs to be done. The quality and nutrition of school lunches needs to be improved to help today's students become healthier.

About a month ago, former president Bill Clinton made a deal with the American Beverage Association, the organization that represents most of the companies that sell drinks to schools. This agreement allows the bottlers to sell only water, unsweetened juice, and low-fat milk to elementary- and middle-school students and allows high-school students to be sold diet drinks, unsweetened teas, flavored water and low-calorie sports drinks.

This arrangement is a step in the right direction; however it has its flaws. For example, it is not a federal law that all drink companies follow this, although many big names such as Cadbury Schweppes, Coca-Cola, Kraft, Minute Maid, Pepsi-Cola and

Snapple are in the American Beverage Association. It will help though, by eliminating almost all the soda sales from schools.

Putting restrictions on only beverages will not completely halt the problem of innutritious lunches. Other obstacles are the fatty and sugary snack foods abundantly available. These include candy and chips, which are often eaten without any accompanying healthier option. If schools insist on passing out French fries with every meal, they cannot expect their students to be very healthy.

The presence of greasy or fried foods, including French fries, pizza and fried chicken is a problem in many schools. For many students, there is no alternate to greasy, fattening foods when buying lunch in the cafeteria. And when the student does not want the greasy food, he will often take an even less healthy route and choose to only eat chips or cookies, which are equally greasy and fattening, and some sort of sports drink, which contains unnecessary amounts of sugar.

Overall, schools do not give students the choice to eat as healthy as they might like to. Maybe the presence of a salad bar or sandwich station in a cafeteria might be good. Or perhaps schools could simply eliminate the unhealthy choices for students. Either way, children and teenagers would be well on their way to a healthier lifestyle.

Elena, a Westfield resident, attends the Union County Magnet School.



SIMON SAYS...Author Seymour Simon, center, holds one of the more than 200 books he has written for the enjoyment and education of children. Surrounding him, from left to right, are: Caroline Barry, Alistair Kapadia, Samantha Fritz, Connor Swingle, Emma Haley and Eliza Bryen.

Terrill to Host Young Playwrights' Festival

SCOTCH PLAINS – Rehearsals and preparations are underway for Terrill Middle School's first Young Playwrights' Festival, conceived and produced by Gwyn English Nielsen, teacher of Language Arts, and the Language Arts Department of Scotch Plains-Fanwood.

A performance is scheduled for Monday evening at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria of Terrill Middle School, Terrill Road in Scotch Plains.

Of the 100 one-act plays submitted by students in grades five, six, seven, and eight from Terrill Middle School, five were selected. Four of the five winning playwrights are: Peter Surace, grade 7, for *Where Have You Been?*; Imogen Rosenbluth, grade 5, for *The Flight of the Mourning Dove*; Lawrence Rothweiler III, grade 7, for *Stubborn Jak*; Greg Favreau, grade 7, for *Bruce the Chicken*; and Sam More, grade 7, for *The Quest for the Narrator*.

Actors involved in the production are Emily Horowitz, Rachel Clark, Jillian Gonzales, Warren Rose, Will Kemper, Nick Poulos, Lynn Babich, Julia Ingram, Julie Durett, Kimmy Minititi, Peter Surace, Lawrence Rothweiler III, James Sweeney, Katie Smith, Kyle Birnbaum and Emily Becker.

There will be three performances, two assemblies and one p.m. show for the public. The evening performance, which will also include a piece written and directed by Ms. Nielsen, who is also a published author of

children's books and plays, as well as poetry, is scheduled for Monday, June 5 in the cafeteria of Terrill. It will feature a café theatre setting: the audience will be seated at tables and will have the option of purchasing baked goods and soft drinks before the show and during intermission. Actors will perform in the center of the space in close proximity to the audience in order to create a unique theatrical experience that Terrill has never before seen.

If the production is successful, Ms. Nielsen is hoping to make it an annual event. Although the evening performance is technically free of charge, donations will be accepted at the door. Anyone seeking further information may contact Gwyn English Nielsen at Terrill Middle School.

Acclaimed Author

Visits Wilson School

WESTFIELD – Award-winning author Seymour Simon recently entertained the pupils of Wilson Elementary School in Westfield.

Mr. Simon is the author of more than 200 highly acclaimed science books (over half of which have been named Outstanding Science Trade Books for Children by the National Science Teachers Association).

A former science teacher in New York City, Mr. Simon applies a scientist's mind and a poet's heart to entice children to learn more about themselves and the universe around them. Each book is based on a solid core of carefully researched information that's set within the context of lush illustrations that captivate children, even reluctant readers.

His books have introduced children to such subjects as the human body, animals and animal behavior, climate and weather, earthquakes, volcanoes, mirrors, optical illusions, rocks and minerals, stargazing, and space and oceanography.

Mr. Simon still enjoys teaching while visiting schools like Wilson Elementary and meeting the enthusiastic students. "I haven't really given up teaching," he said, "and I suppose I never will, not as long as I keep writing."

Mr. Simon has 20 new books already planned for the future.

Wilson Celebrates

Walk to School Day

WESTFIELD – On Wednesday, May 4, hundreds of students and parents at Wilson Elementary School walked to school for "National Walk Our Children to School Day."

This nationwide event is celebrated as an opportunity to rediscover walking to school as a fun and healthy way for parents to spend quality time with their children. It can be the beginning of a fit lifestyle.

Firefighter Michael Lanza arrived at the door of raffle winner Philip Dwyer to walk him to school. Principal Dr. Perry escorted first-grade winner Lila Hutchins.

All walkers were greeted at the campus by the Wilson School band and band teacher Mr. Stouffer.

Obiajulu Graduates

Georgia Southern

WESTFIELD – Westfield's Lucy Chinedu Obiajulu will participate in spring commencement at Georgia Southern University, earning a dual degree. Lucy completed a Bachelor of Business Administration degree in Accounting and a Bachelor of Arts degree in French.

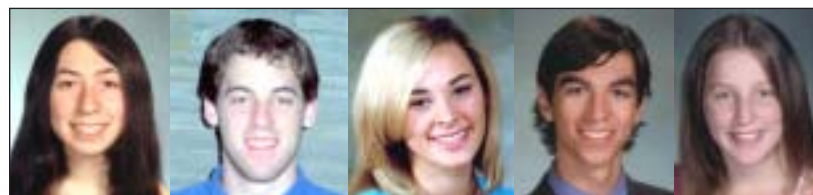
GW Resident Achieves

Spanish Honors at FDU

AREA – Fairleigh Dickinson University's College at Florham Campus honored students who achieved outstanding success in their chosen majors.

Garwood's Amanda DiBattista accomplished outstanding achievement in Spanish at the Becton College of Arts and Sciences.

The awards were presented at the annual Senior Academic Achievement and Leadership Program, held in Madison on Sunday, May 7. A candle lighting service for the entire campus followed in the campus' historic mansion and gardens.



SP-F SCHOLARSHIPS...At the May 16 meeting of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Alumni Association, scholarships of \$1,000 each were awarded to, from left to right, Jessica Levine, Matthew Canfield, Marisa Bianco, Brian Glassett and Chelsea Holloway, from a fund provided by the Class of 1955 in celebration of their 50th Reunion.

Scholarships Awarded By SPFHS Class of 1955

SCOTCH PLAINS – At the May 16 meeting of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School Alumni Association, scholarships of \$1,000 each were awarded to five recipients from a fund provided by the Class of 1955 in celebration of their 50th Reunion.

Recipients must be descendants of alumni. Other qualifications include financial need, academic record, and character.

This year's recipients are: Marisa Bianco, Matt Canfield, Brian Glassett, Chelsea Holloway and Jessica Levine.

Marisa will be attending Marist College where she will major in international marketing and Advertising. She is the daughter of Denise Pospeck Bianco, Class of 1979. Matt, son of Lynne Montagna Canfield, also Class of 1979, will enter Elizabeth College in Elizabethtown, Pa.

in the fall to study international business.

Brian will attend Drexel University and major in music industry. He is the son of Terri Monroe, Class of 1975. Chelsea is headed for the University of South Carolina to study either public relations, or sports and entertainment management. Her father, William Holloway, graduated from SPFHS in 1984. Jessica will enter Fairleigh Dickinson University to study hotel management. She is the daughter of Andrew Levine, Class of 1978 and Karen Burns, Class of 1977.

Scholarship recipients and their parents were introduced at the meeting. Each recipient shared his/her plans for the summer, as well as meaningful experiences in the past year.

For more information on the SPFHS Alumni Association, call Laura Swidersky at (908) 889-2084.

Special Meeting to Address Superintendent Search

SCOTCH PLAINS –The Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education will hold a special public forum on Monday, June 5 at 7 p.m., where all members of the community are invited to give input regarding the district's ongoing search for a new superintendent. The current superintendent, Dr. Carol Choye, will retire at the end of August after 13 years in Scotch Plains-Fanwood.

This community meeting, which will be held at the Board of Education Administrative Offices, located on Evergreen Avenue and Cedar Street in Scotch Plains, will be facilitated by Carole Larsen, a New Jersey School Boards Association field service representative.

Ms. Larsen will ask those who attend to identify the special strengths of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood schools and the communities they serve; to identify the critical issues they think the district will face in the next three to four years; to outline the training, background, and experience they de-

sire in a new superintendent; and to describe the personal leadership style that is important to them in a new superintendent.

This conversation with the community will conclude a daylong process in which Ms. Larsen will conduct similar sessions with the district's administrators, principals and supervisors; the general staff and the SP-F Education Association leadership; district PTA leaders; and officers of the SP-F Education Enrichment Foundation.

Patla Completes Junior Year at Duke Univ.

WESTFIELD – Tyler Patla completed his junior year at Duke University in Durham, N.C., with a 4.0 cumulative average, maintaining his status on the "Dean's List with Distinction." A physics and economics major, Tyler is a 2003 graduate of Westfield High School and the son of Cathy and Ray Patla.



WALK ON...Kerrianna Beatty walks to school with her four children and a neighborhood friend. From left to right, are: Rose Beatty, Kerrianna Beatty, Nell Beatty, Elise Lloyd and Joseph and William Beatty in the stroller.