



**MEET THE NETS...** Washington Elementary School in Westfield students Alex Grom (third grade) and Christian Grom (first grade), and Harris Grom (age 2) had the opportunity to attend a basketball clinic with Nets Player Jason Collins and head coach Lawrence Frank. The clinic was sponsored by Continental Airlines and took place on February on February 20.

**WHS-TV36 Announces March Broadcasts**

WESTFIELD - From now until March 15, Westfield High School Blue Devils Television, TV-36, will air the following special broadcasts on Tuesdays and Thursdays:

11 a.m. - Project '79 students and guests re-enactment of a United States Supreme Court case (*Gonzales v. Oregon* /Oregon's Death with Dignity Act).

1:15 p.m. - Blue Devils News, Show 9 (a special one-hour edition)

2:15 p.m. - *It's a Wonderful Life*, the fall drama performed by Edison Intermediate School.

**WF's Moskowitz Earns Colgate Dean's Award**

WESTFIELD - Jessica Moskowitz, daughter of Tracy and Kenneth Moskowitz of Westfield, is a recipient of the dean's award for academic excellence during the fall 2006 semester at Colgate University, where she is a member of the Class of 2010.

To be eligible for the dean's award, a Colgate student must achieve a 3.30 or higher average while carrying a full course load of four courses per semester.

A 2006 graduate of Westfield High School, she is concentrating in Psychology/English at Colgate.

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**News 12 NJ Features WHS's Hi's Eye in Segment**

WESTFIELD - Westfield High School's (WHS) *Hi's Eye* newspaper staff was filmed in action by *News 12 New Jersey* in February. The 90-second segment was aired on the news program as one of the Just for the Kids (JFTK) high performing New Jersey schools. The 90-second spot was also taped and a schedule will be published for its appearance on WHS-TV36.

The National Center for Educational Accountability (NCEA) identified WHS as one of the benchmark schools of New Jersey.

According to just4kids.org, the schools identified by NCEA are high-performing schools nationwide that demonstrate strong performance in all areas and grade levels compared to other schools with similar demographics. The schools selected by NCEA have outstanding performances in math, science and language arts.

According to George Koodray, vice president of Communications for the New Jersey Chamber of Commerce Business Coalition for Educational Excellence, Westfield High School was selected because of its "high performance, including Advanced Placement levels and its distinction as a benchmark school."

When contacted by Mr. Koodray, WHS Interim Principal Dennis Fyffe recommended the *Hi's Eye* journalism class to the TV producers for filming. A reporter and cameraman from *News 12 New Jersey* filmed the journalism class in action, as *Hi's Eye* weekly co-editors brainstormed story ideas for their next issue.

*Hi's Eye* is one of the few high school newspapers in the country that produces a weekly-uncensored issue and the only one in New Jersey. *Hi's Eye* consistently wins national awards for its contents and writing.



**STIRRING THINGS UP...** Third grader Cecily D'Amore of Westfield whips up a batch of yummy and educational "Biography Stew."

**Rensselaer Honors Four SP-F Residents**

SCOTCH PLAINS-FANWOOD - Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute has announced that four Scotch Plains and Fanwood residents made the institute's dean's list for the fall 2006 semester:

Jason Livingston, a sophomore from Scotch Plains, majors in mechanical engineering, science and technology and society; Vaidehi Patel, a senior from Scotch Plains, majors in biology; Eric Pratt, a senior from Fanwood, majors in computer science and economics, and Angela Stanford, a senior from Fanwood, majors in interdisciplinary science.

The dean's list recognizes full-time students who maintain grade-point averages of a minimum of 3.0 and have no grades below "C."

**SP's Doremus Serves As Greek Officer**

SCOTCH PLAINS - Christopher Doremus of Scotch Plains was recently chosen to serve as treasurer of Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity at Susquehanna University. He is a sophomore business administration major.

Tau Kappa Epsilon members work to raise money for Alzheimer's research, the fraternity's national philanthropy. In addition, the chapter regularly volunteers at "Mostly Mutts," a no-kill animal shelter in Sunbury, Pa.

Christopher, a 2005 graduate of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, is the son of Bruce and Donna Doremus.

**Scotch Plains Resident Graduates Boston U.**

SCOTCH PLAINS - Boston University awarded a degree to Scotch Plains' Andrea Petruzzell, who received a Master of Science degree in Occupational Therapy (two-year program) in January.

**Third Graders Cook Up Recipe for 'Stew'**

AREA - After reading the Caldecott Medal book, "Snowflake Bentley" by Jacqueline Briggs Martin, third graders at The Wardlaw-Hartridge School in Edison worked in the school's library this week to create pots of savory "Biography Stew" with Lower School Librarian, Christine Mozlin.

A good biography tells the story of someone's life in an interesting way. "Biography Stew" helps students remember to include all of the important parts of a person's life.

Using facts they gleaned from "Snowflake Bentley," the students stirred the following ingredients into a giant steel bowl, which signified specific parts of a biography, such as Goldfish crackers to represent childhood/school life "because fish gather in schools, just like children;" pretzels to represent anecdotes "because all lives have interesting stories, with twists and turns and ups and downs, just like a pretzel," and chocolate chips to represent the individual's career because "when someone makes a lot of money or has good fortune, we say he is "in the chips."

At the end of the activity, the students enjoyed eating cups full of their delectable stew.

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**LET'S GO TO THE HOP...** Evergreen Elementary held its annual Family Fun Night, which was a 1950s-themed "Sock Hop." Many students and parents came dressed in poodle skirts and leather jackets. Pictured is the Snow Family, who really made it a fun family night out.

**Virginia Tech Names Agresta to Dean's List**

WESTFIELD - Anthony Agresta of Westfield, enrolled at Virginia Tech, was named to the dean's list for the fall 2006 semester.

To qualify for the dean's list, students must attempt at least 12 credit hours graded on the A-F option and earn a 3.4 grade point average (on a 4.0 scale) during the semester.

Anthony is a senior majoring in electrical engineering in the College of Engineering.

**Philhower Nominations Deadline Is March 16**

WESTFIELD - March 16 is the deadline for nominations for the 15th annual Charles Philhower Fellowship award designated for a fulltime elementary teacher in the Westfield Public Schools.

Letters of nomination are invited from interested citizens and Westfield public school staff members and should be addressed to: Charles Philhower Fellowship Committee of the Westfield Rotary Club, c/o Office of the Superintendent of Schools, 302 Elm Street, Westfield, NJ 07090. Letters may also be e-mailed to philhower@westfieldnj12.org.

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