



**NEW TEACHERS GET HIGH TECH...** Training on various aspects of technology use in the Westfield Public Schools was conducted in the New Teacher Institute, a program designed for recently hired teachers in the district. Scott Lipson, a fifth-grade teacher at Wilson School, helped the new teachers become familiar with effective websites for students and staff, creation of webpages, district procedures and communication.

## FestiFall 2008 Set for September 28 in Westfield

WESTFIELD — The 19th Annual FestiFall will be held from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Sunday, September 28, rain or shine. Streets in downtown Westfield will be open to pedestrian traffic only as vendors line the streets to offer their specialty products. Handmade crafts, homemade goodies and retail products

### Class of 1982 Holds 25th Reunion Weekend

WESTFIELD — The 25th Westfield High School reunion for the Class of 1982-1983 will occur over Thanksgiving Weekend.

During this weekend of reconnecting with old friends, alumni can watch the Westfield varsity football team play host to Plainfield on Thursday, November 27. On Friday, the Jolly Trolley will host happy hour at 6 p.m.

On Saturday, November 29, a reunion party will be held from 7 p.m. to midnight at the Springfield Holiday Inn on Route 22 West.

A fee of \$50 per person will entitle people to dinner, cash bar and D.J.

To register, visit [lmatino.com/reunion.html](http://lmatino.com/reunion.html).

For questions, contact [westfield82@gmail.com](mailto:westfield82@gmail.com).

### Local Residents Accepted Into American University

AREA — Students from local high schools have accepted offers of admission to be first-year students at American University (AU). The fall semester began Monday, August 25.

They include: Travis Fox, Westfield, Westfield High School, a recipient of the AU Leadership Scholarship; Claire Harris, Westfield, Westfield High School; Ryan Cassidy, Scotch Plains, Saint Josephs High School; Kristin Cassidy, Scotch Plains, Union Catholic Reg High School; Michael Mineo, Berkeley Heights, Governor Livingston High School; David Gordon, Scotch Plains, Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School, and Alec Jacobs, Scotch Plains, Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School.

and services are just a few of the items available. There will be games and activities for the kids too. Entertainment includes Tom Vella, Beale Street Love and Billy Hector. Bring the whole family. There's something for everyone.

Vendor applications and information can be found at [westfielddareachamber.com](http://westfielddareachamber.com) or by calling (908) 233-3021.

### WF Schools Announce Back-to-School Nights

WESTFIELD — Parents and guardians of public school students in Westfield are invited to the following back-to-school nights scheduled in September:

- Elementary Schools**  
 Franklin — September 17 grades 1 – 2 at 7 p.m.; and September 18 grades 3 – 5 at 7 p.m.  
 Jefferson — September 18 grades 1 and 2 at 7:30-8:30 p.m.; grades 3 – 5 at 8:15 – 8:45 p.m.  
 McKinley — September 18 at 7 p.m.  
 Tamaques — September 18 at 7 p.m.  
 Washington — September 18 grades 1 – 2 at 8-8:45 p.m.; and grades 3 – 5 at 7 p.m.  
 Wilson — September 17 grade 1 at 7:30 p.m.; grade 2 at 8 p.m.  
 September 18 grade 3 at 8 p.m.; grade 4 at 7:30 p.m.;  
 September 22 grade 5 at 7:30 p.m.  
**Intermediate Schools**  
 Lincoln — September 24 a.m. kindergarten at 7 p.m.; p.m. kindergarten at 8 p.m.

**High School**  
 Westfield High School — September 25 at 7:30 p.m.

Please check individual school newsletters or [westfieldnj12.org](http://westfieldnj12.org) for any changes.

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## District Welcomes New Teachers to Westfield

WESTFIELD — A total of 43 new teachers and three new administrators were welcomed to the Westfield Public Schools by Superintendent Margaret Dolan at a breakfast for the new teachers, following their three-day participation in the New Teacher Institute, the orientation and training program for educators new to the district.

Superintendent Dolan noted, "We expect a good deal from our educators in Westfield." In addressing the new hires, she said, "We have chosen you because you are knowledgeable professionals who will serve as positive role models for our students."

In addition to wishing them a successful school year, Mrs. Dolan reminded the teachers, "Each of us believes that we can make a difference in the life of a child."

Board President Ginny Leiz welcomed the new hires and said many factors contribute to the success of the Westfield public schools, with the quality of the staff heading the top of the list.

She announced that the new staff members were selected from more than 1,500 résumés. Sixty percent of the new hires have advanced degrees and none of the new teachers are from out-of-state, with the farthest being Minnesota.

Kim Schumacher, first vice-president of the Westfield Education Association, greeted the teachers and assured them that they were entering a community in which education has a tradition of high standards.

Westfield Parent-Teacher Council President Joann Spera, representing the parent community, told the new teachers that parents are very helpful resources for them.

The new teachers completed their three-day orientation program within Westfield's New Teacher Institute, focusing on classroom management, technology, district philosophy and curriculum.

Following those sessions, they received orientation at the school level from their principals and mentors and also were escorted on a bus tour of Westfield. The majority of the new educators are replacing those who have retired or are on leave.

The new teaching staff for the Westfield Public Schools includes:

- Alexis Anderson-Urriola — Westfield High School, English
- Mallory Applebaum — Edison Intermediate School, Math
- Sean Atchison — Jefferson, third grade
- Andrew Bausch — Roosevelt Intermediate School, Science
- Jillian Bruno — Westfield High School, Special Education
- Andrew Buckner — Westfield High School, Counselor
- Tara Bussey — Jefferson, first grade
- Tracey Cannon — Lincoln School, Special Education
- Julie Cennamo — Franklin, third grade
- Candace Chien — Franklin, Music
- Christine Culver — Wilson, third grade
- Ryan Daly — Westfield High School, Social Studies
- Christine DeSousa — Roosevelt Intermediate

- School, Nurse/Health Educator
- Katherine Dibble — Franklin, second grade
- Lori DiSaro — Westfield High School, Special Education
- Kristen D'Onofrio — Wilson, second grade
- Sharon Dorry — Roosevelt Intermediate School, Nurse/Health Educator
- Julianne Doto — Franklin, fifth grade
- Danielle Fletcher — Westfield High School, English
- Elizabeth Green — Edison and Westfield High School, Spanish
- Samuel Haimann — Westfield High School, Special Education
- Valerie Hamilton — Westfield High School, Special Education/English
- Erica Karakis — Roosevelt Intermediate School, Math
- Corinne Kelly — Edison Intermediate School, Physical Education/Health
- Alex Lasker — Edison Intermediate School, Special Education
- Daisy Lemos — Edison and McKinley, Spanish
- Kimberly Lorenzini — Edison Intermediate School, Social Studies
- Charles May — Roosevelt Intermediate School, Music
- William McMeekan, Jr. — Westfield High School, TV Production
- Candice Ney — Westfield High School, Social Studies
- Laura Paiva — Edison and Roosevelt, Technology
- Matthew Pask — Franklin, fifth grade
- Dana Philipps — Westfield High School, Science
- Jennifer Principato — Westfield High School, Special Education
- Kelly Reynolds — Edison Intermediate School, Physical Education
- Miri Rosen — Jefferson, second grade
- Joan Rykus — Westfield High School, Math
- Kate Santino — Jefferson and Wilson, Physical Education
- Brook Stites — Westfield High School, Spanish
- Kate Sudia — Edison Intermediate School, Art
- Dawn Sysak — Westfield High School, Math/Biology
- Matthew Varhley — Edison Intermediate School, Social Studies
- Elizabeth Walsh — Westfield High School, Social Studies

Westfield welcomes three new administrators at Westfield High School for 2008-2008, including Peter Renwick, principal of Westfield High School; Lottie Whitaker-Thornton, supervisor of special services grades, and Scott White, director of counseling services.

### CF Resident Named Air Force 2nd Lt.

CRANFORD — William Singer has been commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force after completing the Air Force ROTC (Reserve Officer Training Corps) program and graduating with a bachelor's degree from Kean University.

ROTC is an educational program designed to provide college students an opportunity to be Air Force officers after completing military study courses and bachelor's degree requirements at a host college or university.

Mr. Singer, a pilot trainee, will be assigned to the 325th Air Control Squadron, Tyndall Air Force Base, Panama City, Fla. He is the son of William A. and Maria Singer of Cranford. The lieutenant graduated in 2004 from Cranford Senior High School.



**YOUNG SCIENTISTS...** Union County Freeholder Rayland Van Blake, top left, Schering-Plough Executive Director of Public Affairs Joseph Starkey, center, and Jim Nicznadowicz of the Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County present the children of the King's Daughter's Day School Summer Camp in Plainfield with a certificate of appreciation for participating in the Union County 4-H 2008 Summer Science Program. Schering-Plough has sponsored the Summer Science program for 16 years.

## Volunteers Help School Get Ready for Recess

SCOTCH PLAINS — On Labor Day, when most American families were trying not to labor, volunteers from the Park Middle School PTA came out to support the school.

Once again, Park Middle School PTA volunteers and their families pitched in to prepare the playground and indoor equipment for the start of school.

This year the Coupe, Miller and Lorusso families helped redesign and repaint the black top area. More four squares boards and a basketball key were added.

Parent volunteers Rose Hubbard and Sherry Woodside took inventory of the indoor and outdoor equipment, and will make recommendations for more purchases.

The Park PTA has purchased kick-

balls, a waffle-ball bat and balls, hula-hoops, Frisbees and sidewalk chalk.

For the past five years, the PTA has worked with the school administration, volunteering time and purchasing equipment to ensure the children had activities to engage them during recess.

"The amount of time volunteered and the level of enthusiasm of our parents shows what a great community Park Middle School is," said Maggie Savoca, current PTA president.

The school year began on September 4.

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 908-789-0808  
[www.thewestwood.com](http://www.thewestwood.com)

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