



ANOTHER PUTOUT AT FIRST...St. Nicholas first baseman Pete Chemidlin gets the putout on St. Jude base runner Coady Brown in the third inning at Brookside Park in Scotch Plains on August 20.

## St. Nick Knocks off St. Jude, 9-2

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very next play. Right after Voorhees initiated a second-to-first double play in the fifth, shortstop Mavrakas handled a high hopper and tagged second for the third out.

After three scoreless innings, St. Jude drew first blood with two runs in the top of the fourth. Lo looped a single to left and Mavrakas mangled a sizzler down the right field line, resulting in his two-run homer.

"We got to get some hits. Score some runs. It's never too late," Zerafa said as the Nicks came in to bat.

After Hastrup and Labin chopped nearly identical singles to right, Chemidlin commented, "Big inning! I can smell it."

San Juan then jolted his two-run triple to right. Deitch drilled an RBI

single to left then Chemidlin laced an RBI single to left to make the score, 4-2.

From that point onward, Deitch allowed only a single in the sixth inning and another in the seventh. In the meantime, St. Nick added five more runs on six hits in the sixth, beginning with Hastrup's and Labin's singles to left. San Juan followed with his two-run double to right but scored when the ball eluded the outfielder. Deitch then wiggled a single past short and Chemidlin brought him home with a single to left.

Mavrakas got the final St. Jude single in the seventh.

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## WF Students Capture Award In Smithsonian Challenge

WESTFIELD — Westfield's Franklin Elementary School fifth-graders Alex Keri and Owen Mason won the top spot worldwide in the 2014 Spark!Lab Invent It! Challenge hosted by ePals and the Smithsonian's Lemelson Center for the Study of Invention and Innovation. They bested all others in the 8-10 age group for team invention. Hundreds of students from around the globe submitted entries.

Their invention features varied random number generators that help teachers randomly pick teams, call on students, assign tasks, or create a fully randomized seating chart. Alex and Owen call their invention The Teacher's Toolkit, created through an application programmed in Scratch — a free educational programming language that was developed by the Lifelong Kindergarten Group at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT).

Alex, Owen, and a number of other students led Scratch workshops for students in the fourth and fifth grades during lunch and recess.

In describing the invention, Owen said, "When you decide to pick someone randomly, your brain actually thinks about who the best person to pick would be. So, if you're a teacher, you probably have trouble picking random teams or calling on a random student — even if you think you don't." "Right now it (the invention) is only in beta form, but we will be updating it and improving it, including more functions," he added.

"One program is an automatic seating chart," stated Alex. "It's much better than the hours teachers spend with cardboard and post-its. Teachers often call on one gender more than another by accident, but not with the Teacher's Toolkit. The Teacher's Toolkit has a program that can call on a boy then a girl. This is good because it shows no obvious favoritism. The great thing about Teacher's Toolkit is that it can work for any size class, even if you have a 90-student class."

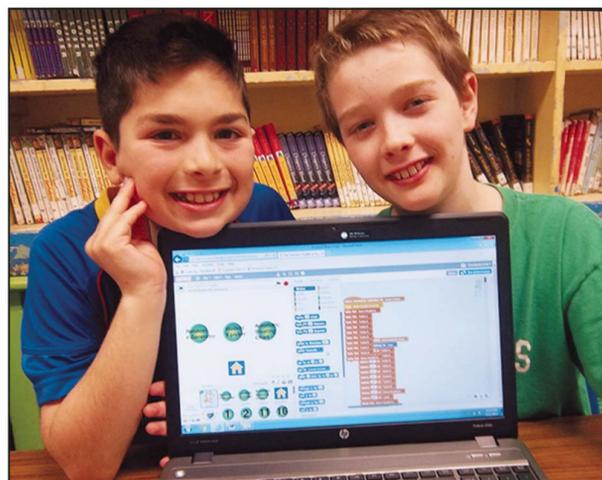
This was the second year in a row that fifth grade students from Franklin Elementary School earned top honors for their age group in this global invention challenge. Their teacher, Betsy Freeman, challenged students to find a problem

that they care about and to invent a solution to solve it. They use research and observation to better understand the problem and to see how others may have tried to solve it. Next they use the steps of the Engineering Design process to design a solution, diagram it, create a prototype, test it, collect feedback, and then improve it. They are also responsible for documenting their process, creating an advertisement, and developing their "elevator speeches" to persuade others to invest in their ideas and invention.

"The goal of this project is to inspire and empower students to use the academic skills they are building to innovate, to improve something that is meaningful to them, and to create a real-world solution," stated Freeman. "Working on a project borne from their own interests and motivation drives their need to know, need to learn, need to create, need to invent, need to share, and need to improve. Kids learn best and enjoy work most when it is personally meaningful, just as adults do," she added.

"We're continually amazed by and extremely proud of our students at Franklin," commented Principal Eileen Cambria. "During our Hour of Code this past school year, we introduced coding, or computer programming, to all of our students, first graders through fifth graders. We did so not because we expect them to become professional programmers, but so that they learn to reason systematically, applying mathematical and computational concepts, and they learn to persist. Equally as important, they collaborate, they think creatively, and they find new ways to express their ideas," noted Dr. Cambria.

The 2014 Spark!Lab Invent It! Challenge is the third annual global invention challenge hosted by ePals and the Smithsonian's Lemelson Center for the Study of Invention and Innovation. Students ages 5-18 from around the world are challenged to think about a real world problem and invent a solution. Students are asked to follow a series of key steps in the invention process to design and market their invention. Winners were selected by a panel of judges from the Smithsonian and Cricket Media.



TOP SPOT...Westfield's Franklin Elementary students Alex Keri, left, and Owen Mason won the top spot worldwide in the 2014 Spark!Lab Invent It! Challenge hosted by ePals and the Smithsonian's Lemelson Center for the Study of Invention and Innovation. With hundreds of students from around the globe submitting entries, Alex's and Owen's invention, Teacher's Toolkit, bested all others in the 8-10 age group for team invention.

## WF Parent Teacher Council Invites All to Become Involved

WESTFIELD — The first general meeting of the Parent Teacher Council (PTC) will be held Thursday, September 18, at 9:15 a.m. in the Westfield Board of Education Board room located at 302 Elm Street, Westfield. All interested persons are welcome to attend.

The PTC is the umbrella organization for all 10 of the Westfield public school Parent Teacher Organizations (PTO). General meetings are held once a month and although representatives from each school are expected to attend, these are public meetings that any resident may attend. Additionally, the PTO

presidents meet with the PTC board, superintendent and board of education (BOE) representative once a month.

The purpose of these meetings is to maintain open lines of communication between the BOE, administration, the PTOs and community; To provide a forum for coordinated efforts and sharing amongst the PTOs; To address community concerns as they arise and to work together to promote the best advantages for Westfield students

Questions may be directed to the PTC President Ruth Maloney at [rewn3@aol.com](mailto:rewn3@aol.com).



SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS...The Westfield Foundation announced that Tristen Abaya and Austin Hatch were this year's recipients of the Westfield Foundation Clarence H. and Florence Horn Van Dellen Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship awards \$5,000 a year for four years totaling \$20,000.

## WF Foundation Announces 2014 Scholarship Winners

WESTFIELD — The Westfield Foundation offers a scholarship to graduating high school seniors who are residents of Westfield, through the Westfield Foundation Clarence H. and Florence Horn Van Dellen Memorial Scholarship. The Scholarship is \$5,000 a year for four years totaling \$20,000. The selection criteria for the scholarship are: Community Service, Academic Achievement (top 25 percent of class), Character, Financial Need and Leadership. This year's scholarship winners are Tristen Abaya and Austin Hatch.

Tristen is enrolled in Northeastern University in Boston, Mass. and plans to study mathematics. At Westfield High School (WHS), Tristen was a member of the National Honor Society, a WHS Transition leader and vice-president of the Community Service Club.

Tristen achieved her Girl Scouts Bronze and Silver Awards. She was also an active peer minister through St. Helen's Church in Westfield. During the summers in high school, Tristen studied graphic design and advertising at the Fashion Institute in New York.

Austin will be attending Colgate University in Hamilton, N.Y. and plans to major in environmental economics with a minor in political science. Austin intends to enter law school after graduation. In high school, Austin was a member of the National Honor Society and a WHS Transition leader.

Austin earned a varsity letter in cross country and was a member of the lacrosse team. Austin also attended the Georgetown University Law Summer Institute.

The following is a complete list of the 2014 Scholarship winners. Scholarship funds distributed to these students are held in and managed by the Westfield Foundation. Westfield Foundation Trustees are stewards of these funds, managing and investing them to ensure their ongoing viability. The individual scholarship winners are chosen by a variety of groups, including the WHS guidance department, WHS administration, various department committees, and family members, depending on the criteria set up in the Fund. Westfield Foundation Trustees do not participate in the decision-making on those scholarships listed below.

Charles Addams Memorial Art Scholarship Fund — \$500 to Bridgid Barber; Bob and Marge Brewster Scholarship Fund — \$1,500 to Dylan Elliott; Madeleine Wild Bristol Fund — \$1,500 to Fraser Weist and \$1,500 to Abigail Cook; Robert L. and Marilyn P. Bunting Scholarship Fund — \$1,000 to Julia Diamantopoulos; Matthew C. Cahill Memorial Fund — \$1,500 to Dan Meyers; Class of 1957 Fund — \$500 to James Hart and \$500 (Distinguished Teacher Award) to Robert Brewster; J. Isabella Dodds Fund — \$5,000 to Gabrielle Stravach; Edmund

K. Faltermayer Scholarship Fund — \$1,000 to Geneva Gleason; Robert L. and Linda J. Foose Memorial Fund — \$250 to James Hart; Charles H. Frankenbach Memorial Scholarship Fund — \$600 to Joseph Vricella-Stokes; William E. and Chester S. Gerdes Memorial Scholarship Fund — \$2,500 to Michael Ionta; David M. Hart Science Scholarship Fund — \$750 to Tyler Debbie; Waldron W. Holck Memorial Scholarship Fund — \$600 to Olivia Masciandro; Westfield Lacrosse Club Fund — \$1,500 to Mary Randazzo; Joel B. Langholtz Memorial Fund — \$500 to Shannon O'Brien; Steven L. Lapidus Scholarship Fund — \$1,500 to Samantha Gruskin; Peggy H. and Jeremiah A. Lott Scholarship Fund — \$1,500 to George Egberts; Jean M. McDermott Fine Arts Scholarship Fund — \$500 to Alexa Derman; Helen Bell and John S. McMartin Memorial Scholarship Fund — \$5,000 to Lorena Souza and \$5,000 to Gabrielle Buckman; Lisa K. Monteleone Scholarship Fund — \$750 to Stephanie Milan; Douglas J. Odenkirk Memorial Scholarship Fund — \$500 to Christopher DeMasi; Robert M. and Winifred M. Read Scholarship Fund — \$5,000 to James Schiano and \$5,000 to Austin Hatch; Linda Read Memorial Fund — \$5,000 to Michael Magierski, \$3,000 to Kaitlin Abrams and \$2,000 to Elena Scarano; Mandeville Rentrop Memorial Scholarship Fund — \$1,500 to Brittany McCarthy; Joseph E. Rood Memorial Scholarship Fund — \$500 to David Gruskin; Greta Schoenemann Memorial Scholarship Fund — \$1,500 to Karli Sottung; Rachel Mather Sullivan Memorial Scholarship Fund — \$1,000 to Jared Ellner; Noel A. and Thelma C. Taylor Memorial Scholarship Fund — \$1,000 to Sophia Shiffman; Justina V. Taylor Memorial Scholarship Fund — \$1,500 to Brianna DiDario; Liesja Tortorello Memorial Scholarship Fund — \$500 to Kelly Mazzucco in memoriam; Gail W. Trimble Memorial Scholarship Fund — \$500 to Elena Arida; W. Earl and Helen W. Wyman Scholarship Fund — \$1,500 to Agatha Magierski; Westfield Foundation Matching McCoy Award — \$5,000 to Elizabeth Neylan



### URI Announces Dean's List

KINGSTON, R.I. — The University of Rhode Island announced that Jordan Walker of Westfield was named to the Dean's List for the spring 2014 semester.

To be included on the Dean's List, students must have completed 12 or more credits during a semester for letter grades with at least a 3.30 quality point average.



GOODBYE SUMMER...Throughout the summer in the 10 Westfield Public Schools, more than 902,000 square feet of classrooms, hallways and stairwells and 75 acres of playground areas and fields have been readied by the district's custodial and maintenance crews. At Jefferson Elementary School, custodians Rolando Rivera, left, and George Kaler move a shelving unit into place in one of 23 classrooms in the school. Maintenance projects in the district moved beyond the classrooms with gym floors resurfaced, new boilers installed, ceiling tiles and lockers replaced, and sidewalks repaired preparing for the opening of school on Wednesday, September 3.

## Westfield Soccer Association Announces Scholarship Recipients

WESTFIELD — Jeremie Dede and Will Bennett of Westfield are the two 2014 Westfield Soccer Association College Scholarship program winners.

Jeremie completed his 13-year soccer career in Westfield this past Spring playing for FC Premier Milan. He also served as a captain of the Westfield High School Varsity team this past fall. Jeremie is now enrolled in Rutgers University.

Will completed his soccer this past Spring playing for the Westfield Atlas Travel team. Will also played inter-county over 10 years and served as a referee in the younger recreation pro-

gram. Will is now enrolled at Worcester Polytechnic Institute in Massachusetts.

The Westfield Soccer Association offers scholarship awards to graduating high school seniors who have contributed to the success of the club. Scholarships are awarded in increments of \$500 or \$1,000 and the scholarship program is open to any Westfield Soccer Association member in good standing entering a post secondary institution.

Scholarship applications for 2015 graduating seniors will be available on April 1, 2015.



Jeremie Dede



Will Bennett

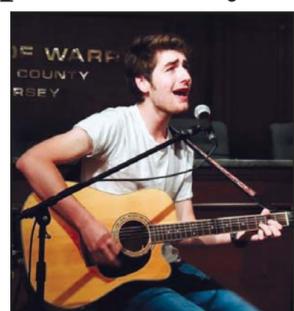
## MS Teen Selected for AllStars Band To Support Charity

MOUNTAINSIDE — Teddy Cole, a 16 year-old guitarist from Mountain-side, was chosen to represent School of Rock Chatham as a member of the School of Rock AllStars Band, which has just completed a mini-tour of the East Coast in support of Love Hope Strength, an international music-centric cancer charity.

"Teddy has become an amazing guitar player who can execute any song, regardless of its genre or style," says Art Lima, Music Director at School of Rock Chatham. "He's been a member of my house band for over three years and this is his second outing with the AllStars."

The AllStars' tour included performances at The Stone Pony in Asbury Park; The Knitting Factory in Brooklyn; and three shows at the Gathering of the Vibes festival in Bridgeport, Conn. The concerts sought to create awareness for the Love Hope Strength's efforts to build and support cancer centers around the world, boost awareness of global cancer needs, and expand international bone marrow databases.

"We have roughly 200 bone marrow drives scheduled this summer and are stretched thin with volunteers and resources," says Shannon Foley, executive director of Love Hope Strength. "Teaming up with the School of Rock AllStars gave us the opportunity to be at more concerts and festivals than we



Teddy Cole

ever could attend without them. Amazingly, in the three years that we've been working with the AllStars, we've found 12 bone marrow matches among School of Rock families and supporters — which could mean the difference between life and death for a patient with blood cancer."

Teddy auditioned for the AllStars in January and was notified in April that he was selected to be part of the band.

"I would say that it was by far the most tight-knit and understanding family of School of Rock students I've had the pleasure of performing with," Teddy said. "The group's dedication and the way we wore our hearts on our sleeves was unparalleled."

## Trailside Hay Ride Tickets Go On Sale September 2

MOUNTAINSIDE — Tickets go on sale beginning Tuesday, September 2, for autumn hay rides and fun around the campfire at Trailside Nature and Science Center. Sponsored by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the Department of Parks and Recreation, these fun-filled activities include hay rides, folk songs around the campfire, hot chocolate and marshmallows toasted over the fire.

Hay rides are scheduled for Fridays beginning September 26, and including October 3, 10 and 17, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m., and Sunday, October 5, from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.

Hay ride tickets are available at three locations: every day from noon to 5 p.m. at Trailside Nature and Science Center, 452 New Providence Road, Mountainside; weekdays from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Union County Administration Building, Department of Parks and Recreation, second floor, 10 Elizabethtown Plaza at Rahway Avenue in Elizabeth; or at the Colleen Fraser Building, 300 North Avenue East, Westfield, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and

Friday, and noon to 7 p.m. on Thursday.

No tickets will be sold at the hay rides. Tickets for these popular outings must be purchased in advance. Seating for the hay rides is limited, and group sales are limited to 15 tickets. The cost is \$6 for Union County residents and \$12 for out-of-county participants.

For further information, call Trailside Nature and Science Center at (908) 789-3670 or the Union County Department of Parks and Recreation at (908) 527-4900; or visit the Union County website, [ucnj.org](http://ucnj.org).

### Correction

An article that appeared in August 14 edition of *The Westfield Leader* on page 16 entitled "STEM Camp in Westfield Schools Rocked" inadvertently forgot to mention that Alistair Kapadia was a STEM Camp volunteer who spent more than 80 hours working during the camp and was one of three volunteers that helped with planning the camp.