

Public Invited to Westfield School Spring Concerts

WESTFIELD – The Fine Arts Department of the Westfield Public Schools invites the public to attend any of the 33 musical events scheduled for this spring. Approximately 2,500 students in grades kindergarten through high school will be performing district-wide. All concerts are free and begin at 7 p.m. unless otherwise noted. School addresses are posted on the district website at www.westfieldnj12.org. The dates and locations for the spring concerts are:

Monday, April 25, Franklin Elementary School Advanced Band; Wednesday, April 27, Westfield High School Chamber Music Night at First United Methodist Church – 7:30 p.m.; Wednesday, April 27, Tamaques Elementary School 4th grade Band – 6:45 p.m.; Wednesday, April 27, Tamaques Elementary School 5th grade Band and Chorus – 7:30 p.m.; Tuesday, May 3, Wilson Elementary School Band; Thursday, May 5, Franklin Elementary School - Intermediate Band; Wednesday, May 11, Franklin Elementary School Chorus; Wednesday, May 11, Jefferson Elementary School Band and Chorus; Saturday, May 14, *Westfield High School (WHS)/Edison and Roosevelt Intermediate Schools Jazz Night at WHS Courtyard - 5:30 p.m.; Monday, May 16, McKinley Elementary School Advanced Band and Chorus; Wednesday, May 18, McKinley Elementary School Intermediate Band; Thursday, May 19, Washington Elementary School Chorus; Thursday, May 19, Wilson Elementary School Chorus; Saturday, May 21, *Westfield High School May-Hem; Monday, May 23, all Elementary Intermediate

Strings at EIS; Tuesday, May 24, all Elementary Beginner Strings at EIS; Wednesday, May 25, Westfield High School Chorus – 7:30 p.m.; Wednesday, June 1, all City Festival at WHS Auditorium – 7:30 p.m.; Friday, June 3, Westfield High School Orchestra – 7:30 p.m.; Tuesday, June 7, Westfield High School Jazz/Percussion at WHS Auditorium – 7:30 p.m.; Wednesday, June 8, Edison Intermediate School Concert – 7th Gr. Chorus and 6th and 8th Gr. Orchestra - 7:30 p.m.; Wednesday, June 8, Roosevelt Intermediate School Concert – 6th, 7th and 8th Gr. Concert Bands; Thursday, June 9, Edison Intermediate School Concert – 6th and 7th Gr. Bands - 7:30 p.m.; Thursday, June 9, Roosevelt Intermediate School Concert – all Jazz Ensembles; Monday, June 13, Westfield High School Band – 7:30 p.m.; Tuesday, June 14, Edison Intermediate School Concert – 6th Gr. Chorus, 7th Gr. Orchestra and Chamber - 7:30 p.m.; Tuesday, June 14, Roosevelt Intermediate School Concert – 6th and 8th Gr. Chorus; Tuesday, June 14, Roosevelt Intermediate School Concert – 6th and 8th Gr. Orchestra – 8:00 p.m.; Wednesday, June 15, Edison Intermediate School Concert – 8th Gr. Band and Chorus, Broadway Singers and Jazz Band - 7:30 p.m.; Wednesday, June 15, Roosevelt Intermediate School Concert – 7th Gr. Chorus, Sharps and Flats; Wednesday, June 15, Roosevelt Intermediate School Concert – 7th Gr. Orchestra and Early Morning Orchestra – 8:00 p.m.

*admission fee required for this performance with the exception of Golden Pass card holders

According to Linda King, Supervisor of Visual and Performing Arts, "Studies have shown that young people who participate in the arts for at least three hours, three days a week for a year are four times more likely to be recognized for academic achievement, three times more likely to be elected to class office within their schools, and four times more likely to participate in a math and science fair."

"In Westfield we give children every opportunity to succeed in the Arts and I thank the community for its continued support. We make sure they are getting their fair share of arts education, which can also lead to children becoming more well-rounded individuals. We invite you to enjoy a concert and take pride in the accomplishments of Westfield's children under the guidance of our wonderful teachers/directors," added Dr. King.



MUSICAL KIDS...A cast of over 150 third, fourth and fifth-graders at McKinley Elementary School in Westfield recently took the stage in the school's annual Kapers musical production. This year's show, *The Big Switch*, told the story of a day at McKinley where children and adults find themselves in the others' shoes. The experience leads both groups to realize that the grass is not always greener on the other side and that they should slow down and enjoy the journey. The students, along with approximately 45 parents, teachers and staff, performed in front of an audience of 800 across three nights. The production was written, choreographed and directed by McKinley parents Jenny Tananbaum and Jackie Weiner. Pictured, fifth-grade boys perform the musical number "Time Busters".

Park Middle School PTA To Hold Clothing Drive

SCOTCH PLAINS – Park Middle School Parent Teacher Association (PTA) in Scotch Plains is offering the opportunity to clean out closets. In collaboration with A&E Clothing Corp., the school PTA has organized Clothing Drive to be held on Saturday, May 14, from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. in front of Park Middle School at 580 Park Avenue, Scotch Plains. Park Middle School PTA receives a donation for the total poundage we can collect and that donation goes back to activities for the Park Middle Students.

The following items will be accepted in well tied plastic garbage bags: wearable, usable clothing all

types, all seasons; shoes, belts, pocketbooks, backpacks, briefcases, household items made of fabric (comforters, sheets, blankets, bedspreads, curtains, towels, small rugs, tablecloths), soft toys (stuffed animals, dolls, beanie babies), and hard toys (cars, trucks, action figures, dolls). No oversized hard toys (24"x24"x21" or larger) will be accepted. No books, VCR Tapes, CD's, household appliances, items made of glass/porcelain, or furniture will be accepted.

Receipts will be available upon request. This is a self-drop off event. For more information contact Gina Ricketts at gfr7834@gmail.com.

Westfield BOE to Hold Public Hearing on Budget

WESTFIELD – On Tuesday, April 26, at 7:30 p.m. the Board will hold a public hearing on the 2016-2017 school district budget. The public is welcome to attend. A complete agenda of the meeting will be available on the Board of Education website and in the Board Secretary's Office at 302 Elm Street on Friday, April 22. Information on the proposed budget, which was tentatively approved by the Board of Education on March 15, also is available on the school district's website. Questions or comments can be addressed to the Westfield Board of Education at wboe@westfieldnj12.org.

All general Board meetings are taped and televised on Blue Devils TV36 on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Saturdays at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m.; and Sundays at 10 a.m. Videos of meetings also can be

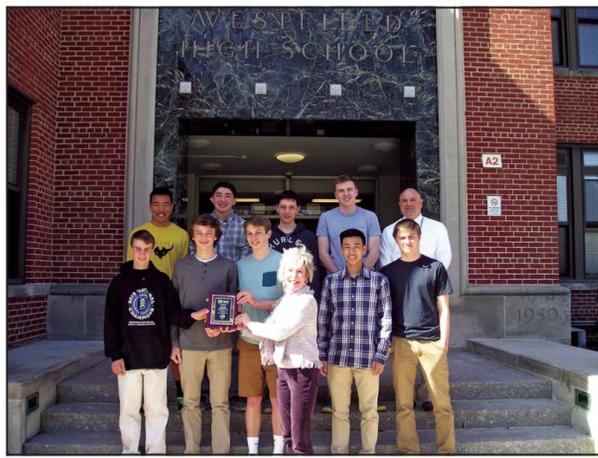
viewed on the Board of Education video page of the district's website.

Phillips Exeter Acad. Announces Honor Roll

EXETER, NH – Phillips Exeter Academy announced that Eero J. Korpela, grade 10, of Westfield has achieved academic honors during the winter 2016 term.

To qualify for the honor roll, students must maintain an overall average of (B), or a grade between 8.0-8.9 on an 11-point scale. High Honors are given for grades 9.0-9.9 (B-). Highest Honors are given for grades 10.0-11 (A).

Eero earned Highest Honors for the winter 2016 term. Phillips Exeter Academy is a co-educational, independent school founded in 1781, located in Exeter, New Hampshire.



ICING ON THE CAKE...For the third consecutive year, a team of student volunteers from Westfield High School (WHS) was presented with the Students Change Hunger award for collecting and donating food to the Community Food Bank of New Jersey. A total of 2,918 pounds of food was collected, making Westfield High School the Division Six winner of the campaign, with more donations than Rutgers, Seton Hall, Kean University and other large educational institutions. In addition, Westfield was named Second Runner-Up Heavy Weight – bringing in the third most of all 65 schools participating. Presenting the award on behalf of the Community Food Bank of New Jersey is Kathy Rosenthal, Food Sourcing Coordinator, to Westfield High School 11th graders (first row from left) Mark Kostyack, Cole Feltnan, Jack Lieblich, Chris Ng, and Matt Stravach; (second row) Kevin Tsui, Ben Halevy, Jacob Davis, and Aidan Paul, with Assistant Principal James DeSarno, who was on hand to congratulate the students and accept the plaque for display within Westfield High School. Upon accepting the award, Cole Feltnan, one of three original food campaign volunteers at WHS, stated, "I am very proud of our group, and I speak for all of us when I say: We love helping those in need."

Foundation Will Honor Four Retiring Teachers

GARWOOD – The Education Foundation of Garwood has chosen four retiring teachers as people who made a difference in the borough and will honor them at its 12th annual Appreciation Dinner, to be held at 6 p.m. on Thursday, April 21, at the Westwood, 438 North Ave.

The soon-to-be retirees are Therese Cipoletto, who began teaching kindergarten in 1999 and has taught third grade since 2008; Janine Koch, who has been a Garwood teacher since 2001 and has taught first grade for five years; Kathy O'Connor, who took up teaching in 1993 and has taught second grade since 1999, and Diane Ristau, a graduate of the Lincoln School who began teaching in 1979 and has taught third grade since 2004.

Among them, they have more than 100 years of teaching experience, and each of them has won the foundation's Educator of the Year award.

The Appreciation Dinner, which will also honor the 2016 Educator of the Year, will include a "tricky tray" auction offering a chance to win a liquor basket, a lottery-ticket basket and gift certificates from The Station Bar & Grill, The Juice House, the

Nicole Michelle Hair Spa and other local businesses.

Also available for bidding will be a 24" by 31" framed photograph of firefighters raising the flag at Ground Zero on Sept. 11, 2001, and "Crimson Chorus," an original watercolor painting.

Dinner tickets cost \$40 in advance and \$50 at the door. They are available at the Garwood Public Library, 411 Third Ave.; the Lincoln School, 400 Second Ave.; Advanced Printing, 116 South Ave., or through the foundation president, Sara Todisco (saramtodisco@gmail.com or 908-377-7890). Tickets will cover a buffet dinner, beer and wine. Mixed drinks will be available at a cash bar.

More than 100 people attended last year's Appreciation Dinner, which raised more than \$5,000 for the foundation, a nonprofit, tax-exempt 501(c)3 organization. It was founded in 2004 to work with the Garwood School District "in pursuit of educational excellence." It provides scholarships to graduating eighth-grade and high school students and grants to Garwood teachers in support of enrichment projects.

Westfield Sisters Attain Gettysburg Dean's List

GETTYSBURG, Penn. – Sisters, Kelly Kalis, Class of 2016, and Carly Kalis, class of 2019, from Westfield, New Jersey have been placed on the Gettysburg College Dean's Honor List (3.6 or above) for the in the Fall 2015 semester.

Founded in 1832, Gettysburg College is a highly selective four-year residential college of liberal arts and sciences with a strong academic tradition that includes Rhodes Scholars, a Nobel laureate and other distinguished scholars among its alumni. The college enrolls 2,600 undergraduate students and is located on a 200-acre campus adjacent to the Gettysburg National Military Park in Pennsylvania.

Plant a Tree With a Treat at Westfield High School

WESTFIELD – Founded less than two months ago by sophomore Linzy Rosen, the Westfield High School Global Environmentalists' Club has been vigorously fundraising for charity Plant With Purpose, raising an impressive \$340. In addition to bake sales, many generous club members, students, and Westfield High School staff members have been the reason raising this amount of money for Plant With Purpose has been possible.

Plant With Purpose works to reduce climate change by planting trees to restore communities in Africa, the Dominican Republic, Haiti, and Mexico that have been ravaged by deforestation. The charity also

takes the initiative to teach the local people in the affected areas more sustainable ways to plant and maintain their farms. It only costs \$1 to plant one tree. Plant With Purpose helps bring thousands out of poverty by allowing them to make profits off the crops they sell on their newly enriched farm land and send their children to school.

The new club works to fundraise for this charity and raise awareness of environmental issues. After every customer purchases a delicious baked good from one of the club's bake sales, members are sure to thank them for helping to plant trees and inform them of the grave need for trees in the battle against climate change and poverty.

The club members have big plans for the future and are working to use all the time they possibly can in the remaining months of the school year to accomplish more goals and collect more donations.

Compass Schoolhouse Holds Successful STEM Fair

WESTFIELD – Compass SchoolHouse, located in Westfield, held their first annual "STEM" Fair at the school on April 1, with nearly 150 students, parents and volunteers in attendance.

Compass SchoolHouse teachers and volunteers from Westfield High School shared their knowledge, expertise, and humor with Compass students and parents for an engaging and educational event, focusing on Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM), complete with pizza and a lot of laughs.

Students were awed by these age appropriate STEM stations: geology and exploring geodes, measuring dinosaurs, digging for fossils, testing hypotheses with objects in water and sand, building rockets and other structures with items like gumdrops, pretzels and marshmallows, making volcanoes erupt and much, much more.

"Compass' STEM Fair was a won-

derful way for all of us to connect with our kids by engaging in their learning environment and socializing with families in our community," said Sue DeWeever, Executive Director of Compass SchoolHouse. "We believe in focusing and refining the naturally inquisitive behaviors of young children on science, technology, engineering, and math. We are committed to helping our students develop skills like observing, predicting, and problem solving by having fun playing with water, sand, shadows, and more. It's never too early to enhance that curiosity in our little learners."

Laurel Elfenbein Named to Emerson College Dean's List

BOSTON, Mass. – Emerson College student Laurel Elfenbein of Cranford has been named to the Emerson College Dean's List for the Fall 2015 semester. Elfenbein is majoring in Studio TV Production. The requirement to make Emerson's Dean's List is a grade point average of 3.7 or higher. Based in Boston, Massachusetts,

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— Billy Fitzpatrick, '16, Westfield resident

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