

HAPPY CAMPERS...Brownie Troop No. 360 and 445 from Wilson Elementary School in Westfield recently took part in "Mom and Me Overnight Camping" at Camp Hoover in Middleville. The trip included singing songs fireside, making s'mores, crafts, baking pretzels and cookies, and hiking. Pictured, left to right, are: Sarah Chin, Erin Frankel, Samantha Paoletti, Alexandra Colucci, Stephanie Carter, Eliza Bryen, Katie Crowley, Anna O'Brian, Emily Sullivan, Jill Burke and Alvson Palia.

New Officers Installed By WF P.E.O. Chapter U

WESTFIELD – P.E.O. Chapter U of Westfield met at the home of Virginia Toenes on March 2 to install a new slate of officers. The co-hostess

was Shirley Hooper of Westfield. Cindy McCracken of Warren named Lee Mumford of Scotch Plains President, while Marge McCornack of Westfield was named Vice President, Kathy Storcks of Westfield was named Treasurer, Lois Patchett of Westfield was named Recording Secretary, Betty Evans of Mountainside was named Corresponding Secretary,

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Estelle McKittrick of Edison was named Chaplin and Basking Ridge resident Sue Miller was named Guard.

On March 5, the New Jersey P.E.O. held a Reciprocity Group Meeting at the Presbyterian Church in Toms River. The delegate for Chapter U was Ms. McCracken. The chapter member attending was Ms. Miller.

For more information, please visit www.peointernational.org.

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Passport Fees Rise Under New Security Surcharge

COUNTY - A new, federally mandated "Security Surcharge" has increased passport-processing fees by \$12. The fee increases are mandated by the U.S. State Department, according to County Clerk Joanne Rajoppi. The revised fee schedule will be as

The new fees are adult passport applications, \$97; passport applications for persons under 16, \$82; passport renewal, \$67; and emergency or

expedited service, add \$60. **Bramnick to Be Guest**

On Comcast 'Nitebeat' AREA - The Comcast Network's Barry Nolan will host a special edition of "Nitebeat" focused on "The Rudest Residents" on Monday, March 28, at 11:30 p.m. on CN8, which will feature a roundtable discussion with political, business and social leaders, including New Jersey Assemblyman

Jon Bramnick (R-21, Union). Assemblyman Bramnick recently joined forces with Assemblyman Gordon Johnson (D-37, Bergen) to sponsor a resolution aimed at promoting kindness and civility in the Garden State.

Assemblyman Bramnick and other panelists, including attorney Steve Selzer, who recently authored a book on civility, will discuss this initiative and share anecdotes of outrageous rudeness and examine how a state's "friendliness" impacts tourism and quality of life.

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Ms. Rajoppi said the fee would fund multiple security enhancements on the U.S. Passport. The surcharge will also support the cost of upgrading passport delivery from first-class mail to priority mail with delivery confirmation.

In related news, the U.S. State Department is continuing to not accept Hudson County birth certificates as valid proof of citizenship, Ms. Rajoppi announced. However, birth certificates issued by the New Jersey Bureau of Vital Statistics and municipal registrars in Hudson County (except Jersey City, Gutenberg and Secaucus) are acceptable.

"The highly unusual decision was made after a joint investigation by the U.S. State and Justice Departments found evidence of fraud," Ms. Rajoppi

Passport application forms may be obtained at the County Clerk's main office in the Union County Courthouse in Elizabeth and the Annex at 300 North Avenue East in Westfield. Applications and related information can also be found at http://www.ucnj.org/ ctyclerk/passport.html.

The Westfield Annex, the only County Clerk's office in the state that is open during evening hours, is open from 8 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. on Tuesdays and Thursdays, and from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, The phone number is (908) 654-9859.

The Elizabeth office is open from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday; the phone number is (908) 527-4966.



WE CAN COUNT TO 100...Kindergarteners in Patricia Corcoran's class at Franklin Elementary School in Westfield celebrated the 100th day of school by donating 100 cans of food to the local food pantry. This year, the day coincided with Valentine's Day.

Annual MS Walk to Be Held April 17 at Nomahegan Park

CRANFORD – On Sunday, April 17, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Greater North Jersey Chapter, will hold its 17th annual "MS Walk" at seven locations in northern New Jersey, in-

cluding Nomahegan Park in Cranford. More than 650 walkers and 50 volunteers are expected to participate in the Cranford event.

All proceeds from "MS Walk," the signature fundraising event of the Society, will support the organization in its mission to end the devastating effects of multiple sclerosis, a chronic and often progressive and disabling disease of the central nervous system. Participants will walk six miles through the scenic park, backroads and downtown Cranford area, plus enjoy lunch provided by Bennigan's of Springfield, entertainment by disk jockey Mike Timoni and other festivities. Sponsors include VCG, News12NJ, Berlex, Serono Pfizer, the Aztec Corporation and Trader Joe's

For more information about participating in the MS Walk, please call Stephanie Karlo at (201) 967-5599 or (800) 344-4867, or email Stephanie@njb.nmss.org.

of Westfield.

BOARD OF EDUCATION SCOTCH PLAINS-FANWOOD, NEW JERSEY

In accordance with the New Jersey Statutes relating hereto, Notice is hereby given that the Board of Education of the School District of the Township of Scotch Plains and the Borough of Fanwood has prepared a tentative budget for the school year beginning July 1, 2005 and ending June 30, 2006, which is on file and open to inspections at the Secretary's office in the Administration Offices, Cedar Street and Evergreen Avenue, Scotch Plains, New Jersey.

It should be observed that expenditures are shown under a GAAP format (Generally Accepted Accounting Principles) approved by the New Jersey Department of Education. This format shows the School District's tentative budget by general program rather than in the line item structure, thus providing the reader with a better understanding of how the District plans to utilize community resources. Public Hearing on said budget will be held at the Administration Offices, Cedar Street and Evergreen Avenue, Scotch Plains, New

Jersey, at 8:00 p.m. on TUESDAY, MARCH 29, 2005. The tentative budget will be on file and open for examination from the date of this Notice until MARCH 29, 2005 between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., prevailing time, on regular school days, in the Office of the Secretary, Administration Offices, Cedar Street and Evergreen Avenue, Scotch Plains, New Jersey.

The school district has proposed programs and services in addition to the core curriculum content standards adopted by the State Board of Education. Information on this budget and the programs and services it provides is available from your local school district.

> Anthony Del Sordi, Board Secretary Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education

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TOTAL LOCAL DEBT SERVICE

CAPITAL OUTLAY

Facilities Acquisition and Construction Services

TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY

Equipment

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ADVERTISED RECAPITULATION OF BALANCES

Gen. Fund

Gen Fund

SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
Local Projects	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	29,420		
Distance Learning Network Aid:				
Support Services	20-213-200-XXX	12,753		
TOTAL DISTANCE LEARNING NETWORK AID		12,753		
Other State Projects:				
Nonpublic Textbooks	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	60,202	44,431	44,431
Nonpublic Auxiliary Services	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	121,551		
Nonpublic Handicapped Services	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	117,669	134,735	134,735
Nonpublic Nursing Services	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	73,003	61,819	61,819
Other Special Projects	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	66,490		
Total State Projects		451,668	240,985	240,985
Federal Projects:				
Title I	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	6,579		
Title VI	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	0.4= 0.40	17,516	17,516
I.D.E.A. Part B (Handicapped)	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	645,919	600,000	600,000
Other Special Projects	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	236,171	32,125	32,125
Total Federal Projects		888,669	649,641	649,641
TOTAL SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS		1,369,757	890,626	890,626
DEBT SERVICE FUNDS				
Debt Service - Regular	40-701-510-XXX	2,664,963	2,607,469	2,560,652
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE FUNDS		2,664,963	2,607,469	2,560,652
Total Expenditures/Appropriations		59,046,002	64,194,146	67,084,688
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	ADVERTISED ENROLLME	ENTS	
NROLLMENT CATEGORY	OCTOBER 15, 2003 ACTUAL	OCTOBER 15, 2004 ACTUAL	OCTOBER 15, 2005 ESTIMATED
Pupils on Roll Regular Full-Time	4,321	4,450	4500
Pupils on Roll Regular Shared-Time	10	9	9
Pupils on Roll - Special Full-Time	566	590	590
Pupils on Roll - Special Shared-Time	8	12	12
Private School Placements	54	53	53
Pupils Sent to Other Districts-Reg Prog	1	2	1
Pupils Sent to Other Dists-Spec Ed Prog	32	32	29

SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET STATEMENT

FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 2005-2006

Pupils Sent to Other Dists-Spec Ed Prog Pupils Received Pupils in State Facilities	32 1 5	32 2 5		29 2
Resident Enroll. Per State Aid CalcInfor. Only		5,085	5	201
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ADVERTI	SED REVENUES			
	2003	3-04 200	04-05 2	2005-06
	COUNT ACT	UAL RE\	/ISED ANT	ICIPATED
GENERAL FUND				
Budgeted Fund Balance - General Fund 1 Revenues from Local Sources:	0-303	576	6,209 4	78,822
	0-1210 51.72	3,162 55,33	38,242 58	,662,794
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)-1XXX 283,		5,000 3	375,000
SUBTOTAL	52,01	2,586 55,66	63,242 59	,037,794
Revenues from State Sources:				
and a Production of the Control of t)-3120 715,			15,918
	0-3130 2,936			936,944
	0-3140 28,0			28,086
	0-3195			315,939
	0-3196		9,907 1	19,907
Other State Aids-Out of Cap 10 SUBTOTAL	9-3XXX 662, 4,343		16,794 4,	116,794
Adjustment for Prior Year Encumbrances	4,343		9,806	110,794
Act (Excess) Deficiency of Rev (Over)/Under Expnd	-1 34	5,019	7,000	
TOTAL GENERAL FUND			96,051 63	,633,410
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
)-1XXX 29,4	420		
Revenues from State Sources:	20,			
Distance Learning Network Aid - Pr Yr Carryover 20	0-3213 12,7	753		
)-32XX 438,	,	- ,	240,985
TOTAL REVENUES FROM STATE SOURCES Revenues from Federal Sources:	451,	,668 240	0,985 2	240,985
	411-4416 6,5	:70		
	417-4418 0,5		,516	17,516
	420-4429 645.			800,000
` ' ' ')-4XXX 236,		*	32,125
TOTAL REVENUES FROM FEDERAL SOURCES	888.			649,641
TOTAL SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS	1,369	9,757 890	0,626 8	390,626
DEBT SERVICE				
Revenues from Local Sources:				
Local Tax Levy 40	0-1210 2,593	3,272 2,60	07,469 2,	560,652
TOTAL REVENUES FROM LOCAL SOURCES	2,593	3,272 2,60	07,469 2,	560,652

Act (Excess) Deficiency of Rev (Over) / Under E	vnnd	71,691	2,007,409	2,300,032
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE FUND	хрпа	2.664.963	2,607,469	2,560,652
TOTAL REVENUES/SOURCES		59.046.002	64,194,146	67,084,688
TOTAL REVENUES/SOURCES		39,040,002	04,134,140	07,084,088
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ADVE	ERTISED APPROPE	RIATIONS		
		2003-04	2004-05	2005-06
BUDGET CATEGORY	ACCOUNT	EXPENDITURES	REV. APPROP.	APPROPRIATIONS
GENERAL CURRENT EXPENSE				
Regular Programs - Instruction	11-1XX-100-XXX	18,432,898	19,654,692	20,746,315
Special Education - Instruction	11-2XX-100-XXX	4,031,424	4,259,395	4,548,659
Basic Skills/Remedial - Instruction	11-230-100-XXX	600,312	631,878	683,092
Bilingual Education - Instruction	11-240-100-XXX	61,695	68,108	71,042
School-Spon. Co/Extra-Curr. Activities-Instruct	11-401-100-XXX	271,921	304,518	312,504
School Sponsored Athletics - Instruction	11-402-100-XXX	739,637	813,162	840,558
Community Services Programs/Operations	11-800-330-XXX	105,997	135,067	80,875
Undistributed Expenditures:				
Instruction	11-000-100-XXX	3,694,675	3,808,639	3,963,472
Attendance and Social Work Services	11-000-211-XXX	80,857	85,715	89,579
Health Services	11-000-213-XXX	597,529	672,529	687,497
Other Supp Serv - Stds - Related & Extraordinary	11-000-216,217	1,009,468	1,094,714	1,126,449
Other Support Services - Students - Regular	11-000-218-XXX	1,178,249	1,431,864	1,329,103
Other Support Services - Students - Special	11-000-219-XXX	1,063,322	1,174,808	1,330,942
Improvement of Instructional Services	11-000-221-XXX	1,009,084	691,790	845,479
Educational Media Services - School Library	11-000-222-XXX	757,763	647,148	852,128
Instructional Staff Training Services	11-000-223-XXX	1,048,954	1,217,124	1,222,416
Support Services - General Administration	11-000-230-XXX	754,680	949,627	890,596
Support Services - School Administration	11-000-240-XXX	2,243,139	2,456,407	2,503,262
Central Svcs & Admin Info Technology	11-000-25X-XXX		1,312,951	1,388,212
Operation and Maintenance of Plant Services	11-000-26X-XXX	5,282,830	5,779,427	5,900,761
Student Transportation Services	11-000-270-XXX	2,185,629	2,391,079	2,347,045
Other Support Services	11-000-290-XXX	910,798		
Personal Services - Employee Benefits	11-XXX-XXX-2XX	8,163,521	9,732,102	10,662,629
Total Undistributed Expenditures		29,980,498	33,445,924	35,139,570
TOTAL GENERAL CURRENT EXPENSE		54,224,382	59,312,744	62,422,615

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12-000-4XX-XXX

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Budget Category (1) Est. Approp. Bal. 6-30-03	General Fund (Unreserved) (2)	(Reserved) Capital Reserve Account (3)	Gen. Fund (Reserved) Adult Ed. Programs (4)	(Reserved) Maintenance Reserve Acct. (5)	Gen. Fund (Reserved) Legal Reserves (6)	Gen. Fund (Reserved) Tuition Reserve (7)	Debt Service (8)	Specia Revenu Cap. Re Acct. (9)	ue
(Prior Budg)	1,108,905	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,108,905
Approp. Balances 6-30-03 (from Audit)	1,221,372	0	0	0	0	0	71,691	0	1,293,063
Est. Approp. Bal. 6-30-04 (Prior Budg)	995,757	400,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,395,757
Approp. Balances 6-30-04 (from Audit)	2,023,669	400,225	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,423,894
Amount Budgeted during FY 04-05	-576,209	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-576,209
Add. Bal. to be Approp during FY 04-05	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Add. Bal. Anticipated during FY 04-05	225,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	225,000
Approp. Bal. 6-30-05 (est.) before Trans.	1,672,460	400,225	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,072,685
Anti. Excess GF Bal. Trans during FY 04-0	05 0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Approp. Bal. 6-30-05 (est.) after Transfer	1,672,460	400,225	0	0	0	0	0	0	2,072,685
Amount Budgeted in FY 05-06	-478,822	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-478,822
Appropriation Balance 6/30/06 (est.)	1,193,638	400,225	0	0	0	0	0	0	1,593,863

ADVERTISED PER PUPIL COST CALCULATIONS 2004-05 2005-06 2004-05 ORIGINAL REVISED PROPOSED 2002-03 2003-04 **ACTUAL ACTUAL** BUDGET BUDGET BUDGET Per Pupil Cost Calculations: (1) (2) (3)Total Comparative Per Pupil Cost 10,540 10,508 11,001 Total Classroom Instruction 5.535 5.761 6.157 6.081 6.417 Classroom-Salaries and Benefits 5,388 5,529 5,931 5.843 6.156 Classroom-General Supplies and Textbooks 146 Classroom-Purchased Services and Other 51 37 46 1,522 1,799 1,651 1,634 1,684 **Total Support Services** Support Services-Salaries and Benefits 1,327 1,444 1,415 1,426 **Total Administrative Costs** 1.126 928 1.129 1,112 1,134 Administration-Salaries and Benefits 948 755 913 Total Operations and Maintenance of Plant 1,147 1,319 1,315 1,343 Operations & Maintenance of Plant-Salary & Ben. 686 739 862 828 873 **Total Food Services Costs** Total Extracurricular Costs 223 243 271 266 273 **Total Equipment Costs** 36 13 20 41 Employee Benefits as a % of Salaries 21.0 23.4

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The information presented in columns 1 through 3 as well as the related descriptions of the per pupil cost calculations are contained in the 2005 Comparative Spending Guide and can be found on the Department of Education's Internet address: http://www.state.nj.us/ education under Finance, when available. This publication is available in the board office and public libraries. The same calculations were performed using the 2004-05 revised appropriations and 2005-06 budgeted appropriations presented in this advertised budget. Total Comparative Per Pupil Cost is defined as current expense exclusive of tuition expenditures, transportation, residential costs, and judgments against the school district. For all years, it also includes the restricted entitlement aids. With the exception of Total Equipment Cost, each of the other per pupil cost calculations presented is a component of the total comparative per pupil cost, although all components are not shown.

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ANNUAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET STATEMENT SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION

4A. Advertised Capital Outlay Projects

Describe below, by project number, the appropriations for budgeted Capital Outlay Projects including those items related to the district's Long Range Facilities Plan. Include only construction, remodeling, renovations, installation of service systems, land and improvements, and the purchase of buildings. If the project is eligible for a grant, budget only the local share of the project and enter an X in column 4. Do not include equipment. Include all projects budgeted on the transfer lines to Capital Projects fund (8326 and 8335).

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DESCRIPTION/ACTIVITY	PROJECT NUMBER	DOLLAR AMOUNT	ELIGIBLE FOR GRANT
Roof Replacement		150,000	X
Exterior Door Replacement		100,000	X
Interior renovations		125,000	
Parking lot repairs		100,000	
Lease Purchases		585,000	
Architect fees		50,000	
Total Amount:		1,110,000	
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