



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 Paolletti, Alexandra Colucci, Stephanie Carter, Eliza Bryen, Katie Crowley, Anna O'Brian, Emily Sullivan, Jill Burke and Alyson Palia.

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 follows:

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.

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, Guttenberg 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 said.

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/cyclek/pasport.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...Kindergartners 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.

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 McCormack 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,

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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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
Scotch Plains, New Jersey

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SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET STATEMENT FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 2005-2006

UNION - SCOTCH PLAINS-FANWOOD REG				
ADVERTISED ENROLLMENTS				
ENROLLMENT 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 Dist-Spec Ed Prog	32	32	29	
Pupils Received	1	2	2	
Pupils in State Facilities	5			
Resident Enroll. Per State Aid Calc.-Infor. Only		5,085	5201	
UNION - SCOTCH PLAINS-FANWOOD REG				
ADVERTISED REVENUES				
BUDGET CATEGORY	ACCOUNT	2003-04 ACTUAL	2004-05 REVISED	2005-06 ANTICIPATED
GENERAL FUND				
Budgeted Fund Balance - General Fund	10-303		576,209	478,822
Revenues from Local Sources:				
Local Tax Levy	10-1210	51,723,162	55,338,242	58,662,794
Tuition	10-1300	5,753		
Unrestricted Miscellaneous Revenues	10-1XXX	283,671	325,000	375,000
SUBTOTAL		52,012,586	55,663,242	59,037,794
Revenues from State Sources:				
Transportation Aid	10-3120	715,918	715,918	715,918
Special Education Aid	10-3130	2,936,944	2,936,944	2,936,944
Bilingual Education	10-3140	28,086	28,086	28,086
Consolidated Aid	10-3195	315,939	315,939	315,939
Additional Formula Aid	10-3196	119,907	119,907	119,907
Other State Aids-Out of Cap	10-3XXX	662,767	4,116,794	4,116,794
SUBTOTAL		4,343,715	339,806	
Adjustment for Prior Year Encumbrances				
Act (Excess) Deficiency of Rev (Over)/Under Expnd		-1,345,019		
TOTAL GENERAL FUND		55,011,282	60,696,051	63,633,410
SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS				
Revenues from Local Sources	20-1XXX	29,420		
Revenues from State Sources:				
Distance Learning Network Aid - Pr Yr Carryover	20-3213	12,753		
Other Restricted Entitlements	20-32XX	438,915	240,985	240,985
TOTAL REVENUES FROM STATE SOURCES		451,668	240,985	240,985
Revenues from Federal Sources:				
Title I	20-4411-4416	6,579		
Title VI	20-4417-4418		17,516	17,516
I.D.E.A. Part B (Handicapped)	20-4420-4429	645,919	600,000	600,000
Other	20-4XXX	236,171	32,125	32,125
TOTAL REVENUES FROM FEDERAL SOURCES		888,669	649,641	649,641
TOTAL SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS		1,369,757	890,626	890,626
DEBT SERVICE				
Revenues from Local Sources:				
Local Tax Levy	40-1210	2,593,272	2,607,469	2,560,652
TOTAL REVENUES FROM LOCAL SOURCES		2,593,272	2,607,469	2,560,652
TOTAL LOCAL DEBT SERVICE		2,593,272	2,607,469	2,560,652
Act (Excess) Deficiency of Rev (Over) / Under Expnd		71,691		
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE FUND		2,664,963	2,607,469	2,560,652
TOTAL REVENUES/SOURCES		59,046,002	64,194,146	67,084,688
UNION - SCOTCH PLAINS-FANWOOD REG				
ADVERTISED APPROPRIATIONS				
BUDGET CATEGORY	ACCOUNT	2003-04 EXPENDITURES	2004-05 REV. APPROP.	2005-06 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
CAPITAL OUTLAY				
Equipment	12-XXX-XXX-73X	64,676	206,434	100,795
Facilities Acquisition and Construction Services	12-000-4XX-XXX	722,224	1,176,873	1,110,000
TOTAL CAPITAL OUTLAY		786,900	1,383,307	1,210,795

GENERAL FUND GRAND TOTAL	55,011,282	60,696,051	63,633,410
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
Nonpublic Auxiliary Services	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	121,551	
Nonpublic Handicapped Services	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	117,669	134,735
Nonpublic Nursing Services	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	76,003	61,819
Other Special Projects	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	63,490	
Total State Projects		451,668	240,985
Federal Projects:			
Title I	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	6,579	
Title VI	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	645,919	17,516
I.D.E.A. Part B (Handicapped)	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	600,000	600,000
Other Special Projects	20-XXX-XXX-XXX	236,171	32,125
Total Federal Projects		888,669	649,641
TOTAL SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS		1,369,757	890,626
DEBT SERVICE FUNDS			
Debt Service - Regular	40-701-510-XXX	2,664,963	2,607,469
TOTAL DEBT SERVICE FUNDS		2,664,963	2,607,469
TOTAL EXPENDITURES/APPROPRIATIONS		59,046,002	64,194,146

UNION - SCOTCH PLAINS-FANWOOD REG										
ADVERTISED RECAPITULATION OF BALANCES										
Budget Category (1)	General Fund (Unreserved) (2)	Gen. Fund (Reserved) Capital Reserve Account (3)	Gen. Fund (Reserved) Adult Ed. Programs (4)	Gen. Fund (Reserved) Maintenance Acct. (5)	Gen. Fund (Reserved) Legal Reserves (6)	Gen. Fund (Reserved) Tuition Reserve (7)	Debt Service (8)	Special Revenue Cap. Res. Acct. (9)	Totals (10)	
Est. Approp. Bal. 6-30-03 (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 04-05	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	

UNION - SCOTCH PLAINS-FANWOOD REG					
ADVERTISED PER PUPIL COST CALCULATIONS					
Per Pupil Cost Calculations:	2002-03 ACTUAL (1)	2003-04 ACTUAL (2)	2004-05 ORIGINAL BUDGET (3)	2004-05 REVISED BUDGET (4)	2005-06 PROPOSED BUDGET (5)
Total Comparative Per Pupil Cost	9,598	9,840	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	194	180	187	215
Classroom-Purchased Services and Other	51	37	46	51	46
Total Support Services	1,522	1,651	1,634	1,684	1,799
Support Services-Salaries and Benefits	1,327	1,444	1,415	1,426	1,557
Total Administrative Costs	1,126	928	1,129	1,112	1,134
Administration-Salaries and Benefits	948	755	913	897	921
Total Operations and Maintenance of Plant Operations & Maintenance of Plant-Salary & Ben.	1,147	1,216	1,319	1,315	1,343
Total Food Services Costs	686	739	862	828	873
Total Extracurricular Costs	1	0	0	0	0
Total Equipment Costs	223	243	271	266	273
Employee Benefits as a % of Salaries	36	13	18	41	20
	21.0	23.4	26.4	26.1	27