

Mother's Day Plant Sale Slated At Franklin School

WESTFIELD — Franklin Elementary School in Westfield will conduct its annual Mother's Day Plant Sale on Friday, May 11, from 8 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at 700 Prospect Street. The event will be held rain or shine.

An assortment of flowers and herbs will be available in pots, flats, hanging baskets and special Mother's Day planters. Prices are kept to a minimum in order to allow children to purchase small items as a gift.

The fundraiser, which is sponsored by the Parent Teacher Organization, is open to the public. All plants are supplied by Terrill Road Country Market. Volunteers will be available to help shoppers with their purchases.

Anthony Blasi to Attend Fairleigh Dickinson

FANWOOD — Fairleigh Dickinson University in Teaneck has reported that Fanwood resident Anthony L. Blasi will attend the university's Teaneck-Hackensack campus this fall.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Blasi of Fanwood, Anthony plans to major in accounting.

Anthony will graduate Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School in June.

Former NY Giant To Speak on Cancer At SP-F High School

SCOTCH PLAINS — On Tuesday, May 15, Karl Nelson, former New York Giant, will speak to faculty and students of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School at 3 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room to galvanize the Student Movement Against Cancer (SMAC) group.

Mr. Nelson was a starting offensive lineman for the 1986 Super Bowl Champion New York Giants and was also afflicted with cancer. Mr. Nelson will remain after his presentation to sign footballs and bring copies of his book, "Life on the Line."

Mr. Nelson's visit has been made possible by Terrence Gallagher, a parent of Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School pupil Shannon Gallagher.

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AWARD RECIPIENTS...Holy Trinity Interparochial School in Westfield recently announced the recipients of the school's Christian Citizenship Award for the third marking period. The honorees, pictured above, are in the fifth through eighth grades.

Adult Education Courses Slated At Union County Vo-Tech School

SCOTCH PLAINS — An assortment of courses ranging from international cuisine to computer repair to kitchen remodeling will be offered this spring semester in the Adult Evening School at the Union County Vocational-Technical Schools (UCVTS).

The Adult Evening School is located at the UCVTS campus on Raritan Road in Scotch Plains and is open to all Union County residents.

The spring semester will commence on Monday, May 7, and conclude on Friday, June 15. Most classes meet from 6:30 to

Concepts & Thought

Third Marking Period Honor Roll Students Posted at Edison Intermediate

WESTFIELD — Cheryl O'Brien, Principal of Edison Intermediate School in Westfield has announced the names of students placed on the Distinguished Honor Roll and Regular Honor Roll for the third marking period of the 2000-2001 academic year.

- DISTINGUISHED HONOR ROLL**
SIXTH GRADE
60 STUDENTS
- Randi Ackerman
 - Claire Albanese
 - Amy Altszuler
 - Derek Anderson
 - Kaitlyn Anness
 - Amy Behr
 - Matthew Bogen
 - Joshua Bornstein
 - Emily Bregman
 - Beth Budnick
 - Meg Buttrick
 - Christina Chen
 - Kathryn Cronen
 - Jennifer Danielsson
 - Nicole DiBenedetto
 - Kristen Dilzell
 - Elizabeth Falzon
 - Lauren Finestein
 - Kaitlin Fleck
 - Jason Frost
 - Kelly Gelber
 - Lindsay Goldberg
 - Marissa Goldner
 - Sean Hager
 - Ying He
 - Jonathan Helfand
 - Ihana Kaplan
 - Valerie Keil
 - James Kelly
 - Neha Limaye
 - Nathan Margolin
 - Erin McCarthy
 - Georgia Mierswa
 - Katherine Morgan
 - Carolyn Mulvey
 - Caitlin Murphy
 - Jeffrey Mysel
 - Jarret Petrillo
 - Justin Petrillo
 - Nicolas Picard
 - Shanna Quackenbush
 - Daniella Regencia
 - Jessica Riegel
 - Daniel Shorrock
 - Allison Simon
 - Hope Skibitsky
 - Jenna Skoller
 - Arielle Smelkinson
 - Satya Tagat
 - Julie Friedrich
 - William Uhr
 - Ted Vincett
 - Josh Wasserman
 - Kathryn Werner
 - Carlee Ayn Wisler
 - George Xing
 - Tiffany Yang
 - Caroline Yost
 - Chloe Zeitounian
 - Elizabeth Zoidis

- DISTINGUISHED HONOR ROLL**
SEVENTH GRADE
40 STUDENTS
- David Ackerman
 - Katharine Anderson
 - Kevin Block
 - Jonathan Chanania
 - Raymond Chen
 - Samantha Coulson
 - Sarah Degel
 - Christine DeSerio
 - Monica Doss
 - Alissa Eisenberg
 - Lindsay Elbaum
 - Alison Fieder
 - Lacey Fromtling
 - Sarah Gerber
 - Sarah Godfrey
 - Andrea Gordon
 - Kaitlin Gorman
 - Jessica Graham
 - Alexander Hodara
 - Benjamin Holt
 - Alexander Kao
 - Matthew Leong
 - Rachel Leopold
 - Meng-Jie Li
 - Jessica Lipschutz
 - Kari Lobrutto
 - Rachael Louie
 - Samantha Mooney
 - Jessica Moskowitz
 - Jillian Olsen
 - Gianna Pafumi
 - Kara Petersen
 - Annie Peyton
 - Jason Rea
 - Caitlin Reinert
 - David Weinstein
 - Lauren Weinstein
 - Jacqueline Wendel
 - Jennifer Zhu
 - Samantha Zucker

- HONOR ROLL**
SEVENTH GRADE
81 STUDENTS
- Casey Ackermann
 - Charles Barber
 - Erin Beck
 - Norite Bercevicz
 - Kurt Bieber
 - Maurice Blackmon
 - George Braum
 - Kristy Britt
 - Nicholas Brownstone
 - Kirsta Burslem
 - Bryan Callahan
 - Michelle Catenacci
 - Andrew Chaves
 - Janice Colbert
 - Christina Colucci
 - Alexandra Cortese
 - Arielle Dance
 - Patrick Daurio
 - Rebecca DeFazio
 - Matthew DeSorbo
 - Michael Diaz
 - Sarah Dobson
 - David Dunn
 - Matthew Early
 - Laura Fernandez
 - Kristen Fortino
 - Harrison Fox
 - Thomas Fringer
 - Jesse Garfinkel
 - Joshua Gerckens
 - Kyle Gillyard
 - Jeffrey Goldstein
 - Ben Harel
 - Talisha Harrison
 - Jessica Heo
 - Brent Hewitt
 - Eric Hewitt
 - Meghan Higgins
 - Jillian Hobson
 - Erik Jacobsen
 - Julie Ann Zenoarsa
 - Kristopher Kagan
 - David Kaplow
 - Lindsay Kleiman
 - Thomas Layton
 - Stephanie Lederman
 - Hanna Lee
 - Andrew Lent
 - Erin Mack
 - Michael Manders
 - Kayla McDermott
 - Kaitlin McGovern
 - Chelsea Mierzwa
 - Kimberly Milan
 - Jessica Minsky
 - Lauren Mitchell
 - Stephen Morrison
 - Victor Nolasco
 - Daniel Noonan
 - Max Pastuzyn
 - Steven Pazzdro
 - Christopher Pinheiro
 - Jessica Porter
 - Joseph Pregoner
 - Alexandra Psychojios
 - Andrew Ratner
 - Kathryne Read
 - Ameer Rogers
 - Sara Rotella
 - Steven Royston
 - Kristen Ryan
 - David Schaffer
 - Andrew Skibitsky
 - Rachel Smith
 - Christina Sofka
 - Sarah St. Lifer
 - Ryan Torricello
 - Aian Tso
 - Thaddeus Walsh
 - Colin Willard
 - Anton Wiland

- DISTINGUISHED HONOR ROLL**
EIGHTH GRADE
36 STUDENTS
- Diana Arellano
 - Jeffrey Bayne
 - Evan Billeimer
 - Gene Chen
 - Thomas Di Duca
 - Amanda Dickson
 - Leah DiMatteo
 - Mark Doss
 - Katherine Fahrendahl
 - Michael Fantini
 - Megan Fowler
 - Lauren Gelmetti
 - Deanna Goldner
 - Camille Hausheer
 - Edward Kerins
 - John Kerr
 - Colleen Kirk
 - Rebecca Korn
 - Suzanne Merckelson
 - Sarah Myers
 - Tara O'Donohue
 - Adrienne O'Rourke
 - Brian Oxman
 - Giovanna Palatucci
 - Jeffrey Pazzdro
 - Sarah Perch
 - Matthew Perrelli
 - Perry Sacks
 - Rebecca Schulman
 - Kirsten Selert
 - Sasha Sharif
 - Monica Sull
 - John Velasco
 - Lauren Winchester
 - Lorena Zamarelli
 - Lisa Zhang

- HONOR ROLL**
EIGHTH GRADE
53 STUDENTS
- Amy Bernstein
 - Rebecca Cass
 - Katie Cole-Kelly
 - Ashley Current
 - Lindsay Degiralamo
 - Jessie El Koury
 - Jamie Elbaum
 - Shaun Elwell
 - Allison Feldman
 - Alana Fraser
 - Paul Goldweitz
 - Ashton Golemo
 - Michael Gorski
 - James Hanas
 - Marie-Claire Hausseguy
 - William Hearon
 - Christina Henry
 - Christopher Hild
 - Jeffrey Hogan
 - Peter Hrinewski
 - Anthony Infantino
 - Valerie Kerr
 - Philip Kim
 - Matthew Kukis
 - Steven Lynes
 - Elizabeth Mackay
 - John Marks
 - Andrew McGovern
 - Jared Messina
 - Ashley Molson
 - Taylor Mulvey
 - Kathryn Mulvey
 - Lisa Novick
 - Annie Onishi
 - Emily Ortuso
 - Brett Paulan
 - Rebecca Perch
 - Dina Rangab
 - Abigail Rosenstein
 - John Sawicki
 - Andrew Skoller
 - Kayli Spialter

THE STUDENT VIEW

The weekly column written by local high school students

Movie Theaters' High Ticket Prices Can Hit Teenagers' Wallets Pretty Hard

By JAMIE DOUGHER
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

Lately, I have been appalled at the rising cost of movie tickets. This is a problem for teenagers such as myself,



TALENTED PARENTS...Parents of students in Karen Geddis' first grade at Washington Elementary School in Westfield have recently been sharing their talents and hobbies. Mrs. Geddis had piloted this parent volunteer program in her classroom with the premise that not all children learn the same way. Her goal was that by varying the instructors and subject matter, students could learn and motivate in new ways. This year, parents have shared their expertise in French, Italian, anatomy and guitar playing. Water safety and storytelling will be featured topics in upcoming events. Pictured, above, students in Mrs. Geddis' class listen to parent Matt Felix as he fine tunes his guitar.

Montessori School Education Is 'Family Affair' for Retiring Westfield Director Maravetz

By MARYLOU MORANO
Specially Written for The Westfield Leader and The Times

WESTFIELD — Over the last 25 years, in one way or another, the Maravetz family of Westfield has been involved with the Christopher Academy Montessori Schools.

While two of her children attended the Christopher Academy in Westfield, Cathy Maravetz became a parent helper. Then Mrs. Maravetz, a former college chemistry professor at Terbo College in La Crosse, Wisc., undertook the Montessori training and became a part time teacher at the Westfield school.

Moving to the Scotch Plains' Christopher Academy, she spent a year as Director there. In the late 1990's, Mrs. Maravetz returned to the Westfield school as Director. Now, Mrs. Maravetz' two grandchildren are students at the Christopher Academy in Scotch Plains.

This June, after 25 years with the Christopher Montessori Academy, 10 of those years as Director of the Westfield school, Mrs. Maravetz will be stepping down.

"I don't wish to think of my leaving as retiring," said Mrs. Maravetz in an interview with The Westfield Leader and The Times of Scotch Plains-Fanwood. "I prefer to think of it as changing course."

The last 25 years have brought many

positive changes to Montessori education, Mrs. Maravetz explained. "Over the years we have had to expand from a half day of classes to a full day to accommodate the numbers of parents working outside the home," she said.

"Also, our young students are exposed to much more now than in the past," she continued, explaining that current students are well-traveled and computer literate as young as four- and five-years-old.

While every classroom at the Christopher Academy in Westfield has a computer, they are used to supplement lessons. "The Montessori educational experience is geared towards hands-on learning. Three, four and five-year-olds learn by doing. A Montessori education zero's in on a child's need to interact with the environment", Mrs. Maravetz explained.

Montessori education, designed by Dr. Maria Montessori over 100 years ago, combines the education of a child with specific development needs.

As Director, Mrs. Maravetz supervised a staff of 12 teachers. Elsie Powell, a teacher at Scotch Plains' Montessori school for nine years will take over as Director in September.

Mrs. Maravetz plans to use her new found time to continue to help others. She is currently a volunteer at the St. Joseph's Social Service Center in Elizabeth. She also is a home visitor for the Center For Hope Hospice. She swims and reads in her leisure time.

Mrs. Maravetz and her husband, Les, have been Westfield residents for over 30 years. They are the parents of four grown children.

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