



LEARNING THE DANCE...Alumni students of Westfield Cooperative Nursery School, Jeannie, Maggie and Marie, share their skills in Irish dancing with current students. They take lessons from the Kelly School of Dance. One student, Matthew, performed selections on the violin. The nursery school, which is located at the First Congregational Church in town, works in concert with parents to enhance the social and cognitive growth of children.

Carole Kling of Franklin Elementary Awarded 2002 Philhower Fellowship

WESTFIELD — Carole Kling, fourth grade teacher at Franklin Elementary School in Westfield, is the 2002 recipient of the Westfield Rotary Club's Philhower Fellowship in recognition of outstanding teaching at the elementary school level.

Jane Sentivan, President of the Rotary Club, presented Ms. Kling with the award at the Rotary Club luncheon on April 23, at which Ms. Kling was guest of honor. She will also be honored at a reception at Franklin School on Tuesday, May 7, at 7:30 p.m. prior to the Board of Education meeting to be held at the school at 8 p.m.

Ms. Kling began her teaching career in the school district 40 years ago at McKinley Elementary School as a fourth grade teacher. In recent years, she has been a familiar figure at Franklin School, where she has been teaching since 1989. Ms. Kling also taught at Wilson Elementary School from 1978 to 1989.

A graduate of Newark State College (now Kean University), where she received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Elementary Education, she received her Masters Degree in Education and Humanities Degree there in 1969.

Included in the many nominations received on her behalf were comments from parents who commended Ms. Kling's "organizational skills as well as her professional and respectful de-

meanor toward children."

A former parent wrote, "She treats the children as adults and speaks to them in the same manner. She not only is a fine teacher academically, but she also gives students the confidence and self-esteem needed to be successful and ready for the fifth grade."

Supporting that statement is a reaction from a former student of Ms. Kling, who wrote: "She never embarrassed me or other children. . . she always spoke with large words and made us feel like adults. . . And most of all, always explained how everyone is different and that's what makes us special."

A parent of three children in the Westfield Public Schools noted, "Ms. Kling is the personification of what every parent and student is looking for in a teacher. She is extremely structured and thoroughly covers the curriculum. She is also very nurturing and knows just what to say to motivate a child in a most positive way."

Several teachers also wrote letters of nomination. One of Mr. Kling's colleagues stated, "As a teacher, Carole Kling is a once-in-a-lifetime experience; and as a human being, there is no finer."

Superintendent of Schools and former Rotary President Dr. William J. Foley congratulated Ms. Kling for becoming the 10th recipient of the Philhower Fellowship.

Concepts & Thought National Honor Society Inducts 130 WHS Pupils

WESTFIELD — In recognition of academic excellence, leadership, service and character, 130 Westfield High School students were inducted into the National Honor Society on April 11.

In ceremonies held at Westfield High School (WHS), former Westfield Mayor Garland "Bud" Boothe delivered the keynote address to students and guests.

WHS Principal Dr. Robert Petix commended the students on their valuable contributions to their school and society.

Those elected as National Society officers for the 2001-2002 school year include President Raj Bhandari, Vice President Vivian Futran, Secretary Sean Devaney, and Treasurer William Maskal.

Financial awards, totaling \$6,500, were presented to the following 2001-

2002 National Honor Society members for their service contributions: Shannon Kunath, Michael Charney, Daisy Linares, Elyse Goldweitz, Dan Finstein, Dan Seeger, Jessica Speir, Anura Patil and Michael Charmatz.

The Parent-Teacher Organization's award went to Kristin Anton, who served as Treasurer of the National Honor Society in 2000-2001.

A musical presentation was performed by Erica Cenci, a WHS junior and newly-inducted member of the National Honor Society. Brian Levy, the 2000-2001 President of the WHS chapter of the National Honor Society, welcomed guests.

Dr. Petix and National Honor Society advisor Anthony Quagliano presented certificates and pins to the new members. WHS Parent Teacher Organization President Cindy Goldman congratulated the students, who included:

- Junior Class Members**
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| Sara Ackerman | Orlee Maimon |
| Francine Agnone | Matthew Marks |
| Anthony Agresta | Benjamin Maset |
| Gil Arbitman | William Masket |
| Sean Baran | Gregory Matthews |
| Alison Bennett | Alexandra Maus |
| Raj Bhandari | Christina Mc Cabe |
| Beniam Biffu | Christine Mc Grath |
| Keith Bodayla | Beth Mokrauer |
| Andrew Bridgman | Jenise Morgan |
| Jenni Chang | James Nelson |
| Angelina Chaplygina | Colleen Nika |
| James Charatan | Jenna Noonan |
| Emily Chen | Darcy O'Brien |
| Shelby Cherin | Adam Osborn |
| Matthew Cleaves | Kaitlyn Patella |
| Holly Coleman | Tyler Patla |
| Margaret Curran | Elizabeth Paynter |
| Sean Devaney | Alexander Pinho |
| Michael Dubitsky | Christine Perot |
| Allison Edles | Lauren Pollack |
| David Eisenberg | Jacqueline Ramalho |
| Gregory Engel | Daniel Reich |
| David Falk | Meryl Reichbach |
| Michael Federici | Angela Ricci |
| Stephanie Finn | Tracy Ricci |
| Jennifer Fleck | Katlyn Ropars |
| Christopher Ford | Alexa Rose |
| Vivian Futran | Matthew Rothstein |
| Mara Ganz | Andrew Ruotolo |
| Maryanne Garry | Kathleen Salmon |
| Pryce Gaynor | Kevin Sanocki |
| Eileen Gessner | Kirstyn Scaperrotta |
| Mollie Gibbons | Kelly Schmidt |
| Thomas Greene | Marc Schott |
| Timothy Heine | Emily Sharpe |
| Charles Hely | Vincent Shen |
| Samantha Herrmann | Dmitriy Sheremetev |
| Toby Hershkovitz | Julian Siano |
| Ryan Hoens | Rachel Skolnick |
| Zontee Hou | Staci Spass |
| Christa Jensen | Martha Strickland |
| Matthew Kahn | Emily Suda |
| Daniel Kane | Anna Tabachnik |
| Lawrence Kao | Julie Tamboli |
| Adam Karnish | Christopher Thayer |
| Ariel Kaye | Matthew Toriello |
| James Kennedy | Andrew Tucker |
| Angela Kim | Christian Urban |
| David Koepfel | Cristine Velazco |
| Whitney Laird | Matthew Velderman |
| Heather Lane | Patricia Veltri |
| Marisa Lau | Jordan Warner |
| Joshua Lawrence | Alison Weinstein |
| Katherine Lechner | Amanda Wilhelm |
| Jessica Lee | Jill Woodbury |
| Christine Leiz | Sean Wright |
| Allison Lemberg | Kelly Yang |
| Joshua Lerner | Mun Yin Yeow |
| Albert Lin | Alison Yuhas |
- Joshua Zucker

- Senior Class Members**
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| Sara Bobertz | Hannah Israelow |
| Wan Ting Chen | Morgan Lang |
| Mariah Cohen | Christine Pecoraro |
| Katherine Gilrain | Laura Prepenzer |
| | Miriam Zichlin |

Teachers, Students Pitch In To Make McKinley Kapers Show Successful

WESTFIELD — The McKinley Elementary School Performing Arts Center in Westfield was the setting for the fourth annual McKinley Kapers held on April 12 and 13.

According to the program, this year's theme, "The America Show," did not, as may be expected, feature an abundance of patriotic songs. Rather, it showcased "the song styles, humor and spirit of who we are as Americans."

The 75-minute non-stop revue included Broadway, pop, blues and other songs, accompanied by a live band. Costumes and sets are kept to a bare minimum in Kapers, in order to maintain audience focus on the performers. The show standard black and white tee shirt over jeans was complimented this year by a red, white and blue bandana, worn by each performer in his/her own style.

The Kapers cast over 100 individuals, including students in grades 3-5, a faculty troupe and the "Daddy-Oh's" and "Blue Mothers." The "Bill McKinley Dancers," consisting of fathers, returned this year to perform ballet in tutus and step in kilts. An alumni troupe of six through eighth

graders performed segue acts and served as stage crew.

The finale included Ralph Braun singing "Try to Remember" as a tribute to 9-11, followed by the "I'm a Believer," which was performed by the entire company to Miss Liberty herself.

The production trio of Sara Braun, Julie Fetter and Jenny Murphy led an ensemble of dedicated volunteers who brought enthusiastic pupils, parents and faculty together for two enjoyable evenings of entertainment, "American style."



UPSIDE-DOWN PERFORMERS...McKinley Kapers fourth grade girls wait backstage before performing their "Upside Down" act during the April 13 Kapers production.

Westfield Documentary Earns Nat'l Award, Film Festival Appearance

WESTFIELD — A feature documentary chronicling the daily activities of the Westfield Fire Department has been honored by the 23rd Annual Telly Awards as among the best non-commercial cable and television productions in the nation.

Produced and directed by Westfield native and local TV-36 Studio Facilitator William McMeekan, Jr., *Catching Fire: A Day in the Life of Westfield's Bravest*, follows the exploits of the members of Fire Platoon "D" as they work, train, and answer alarms throughout the town one summer day.

Following a December screening, the film inspired an episode of Mayor Gregory McDermott's television show, "Hometown," which featured interviews with Westfield firefighters profiled in *Catching Fire*, as well as Fire Chief John Castellano.

Since 1980, Telly Awards have served as a national showcase for exceptional network cable and television programming, as well as film and video productions. Previous winners include Sony Pictures, Walt Disney Studios, A&E, PBS and MSNBC.

"This award is really a testament to

the character of Westfield's firefighters," stated McMeekan. "These men perform a very unique job with a high degree of skill and professionalism. I feel fortunate to have captured a bit of their world with this production."

McMeekan's film has been named an Aegis Award finalist and has been chosen as an official selection of the "Back East Picture Show," taking place in Hoboken through April 28. It will be screened at the Hudson Street Cinema on April 25 at 11 a.m.

Sanford to Compete in Oratorical Contest

FANWOOD — Saint Peter's College in Jersey City has announced that Daniel Sanford of Fanwood, a Union Catholic High School student, will vie for a \$10,000 first place prize in the first Guarini Center for Governmental Affairs Oratorical Contest at the college on April 26, beginning at 4 p.m.

Daniel will present a speech based on the theme, "Defining the American Dream and Its Impact on Me." Over \$20,000 in total prize money will be awarded.

Author Joanna Cole Visits Franklin Elementary School

WESTFIELD — Joanna Cole, author of "The Magic School Bus" series and other fiction and non-fiction books for children, spent the day at Franklin Elementary School in Westfield on April 12 for Visiting Author Day, sponsored by the Franklin Parent-Teacher Organization.

At two separate assemblies for students, Ms. Cole presented slides from her latest book, "Miss Frizzle's Adventures: Ancient Egypt," and previewed pages from her upcoming book about medieval times.

During a question and answer session with the students, Ms. Cole emphasized the importance of doing extensive research before writing. Her

"Magic School Bus" series, which is now a public television series.

Under the guidance of Franklin School Librarian Debra Stern, students in kindergarten through fifth grade prepared for Ms. Cole's visit by decorating large posters of school buses, which were displayed on the walls of the school. Each bus represented a different "Magic School Bus" book and related to a topic that the students were studying in their science curriculum.

Ms. Cole spent her lunchtime speaking with students specially selected from their classrooms to meet with her. She also autographed children's "Magic School Bus" books which they purchased for the occasion.



VISITING AUTHOR...Joanna Cole, author of the popular "Magic School Bus" series of books, visited students at Franklin Elementary School in Westfield.

Poleshuck, Spadaro Receive W. Glee Club Scholarships

WESTFIELD — Two student musicians were selected to share the Annual Westfield Glee Club Scholarship Award. Tie winners were last chosen in 1983.

Cellist Karen Poleshuck, a Cranford High School senior, and soprano Catherine Spadaro, a Mount Saint Mary Academy senior, were selected. Each artist will be featured in the Glee Club's Spring Concert.

Catherine will perform one section of the concert, to be presented on Saturday, April 27, at 8 p.m. at the First Congregational Church in Westfield. Karen will perform one section at the Sunday, April 28, concert at 4 p.m. at the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Berkeley Heights.

Catherine has studied classical voice with Sonia Lewis of Westfield for the past six years. Her operatic roles have included Barbarina in Mozart's *Le Nozze di Figaro*, Ginevra in Donizetti's *L'Elisir d'Amore*, and Zerlina in *Don Giovanni*.

In the last four years, she has won soloist honors in the New Jersey State Opera Festival. She won the Exceptional Young Artist Award from Crescent Avenue Church in Plainfield, and the 2001 and 2002 Young Artist Award from The Little Opera Company of New Jersey.

An honor roll student, Catherine is a member of the National Honor Society and Italian National Honor Society. She plays varsity field hockey and runs track.

Karen has studied cello for 10 years. She has attended the Preparatory Division of the Manhattan School of Music since 1994, where she studied cello with Madeline Golz, studied music theory, ear training, chamber music, and is a member of the Manhattan School of Music Prep Philharmonic Orchestra.

Karen was a member of the New Jersey Youth Symphony from 1993 to 2000. She was a 1998 and 1999 recipient of the Frank and Lydia Bergen Foundation Scholarship Award, which is determined by the New Jersey Youth Symphony Concerto/Sonata Competition.

In addition to other performance awards, Karen has participated in the ASTA Summer String Program, Brevard Music Festival, and Killington Music Festival Residency in Chamber Music. She is Principal Cellist in the Cranford High School Orchestra, President of the Cranford Chapter of the Tri-M Music Honor Society, a member of the Westfield Music Club, and teaches several cello students.

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