

## Concepts & Thought

# Second Marking Period Honor Rolls Reported By Principal O'Brien 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 Second Marking Period of the 2001-2002 academic term.

- DISTINGUISHED HONOR ROLL SIXTH GRADE-65 STUDENTS**  
 Rebecca Ackerman Matthew Gelmetti  
 Jessica Ackerson William Geltzler  
 Ben Baron Katie Goellner  
 Danielle Bercevic Diane Hagmann  
 Rebecca Bieber Elizabeth Harbaugh  
 Kristen Boersig Jonathan Holt  
 Lauren Brachman Neil Huskey  
 Kelsi Browning Evan Kelley  
 Nina Brownstone Angela Kerins  
 Emma Byer Jaclyn Kirna  
 Andrew Calvaruso Kaitlin Kominsky  
 Scott Camuto Alexander Kopp  
 Alex Chavez Alison Lambert  
 Samantha Chu Toni Ma  
 Catherine Cognetti Julia Medzhitova  
 Christina Cognetti Michael Mellillo  
 Marlena Cortese Holly Messina  
 Julie Daurio So Miwa  
 Melvin Diep Christina Obiajulu  
 Alison Donohue Stephanie Pinheiro  
 Keriam Dooley Evan Porch  
 Katherine Douglas Michael Rediker  
 Connor Doyle Meredith Rivera  
 Evan Einstein Jacqueline Sull  
 Caroline Fallon Kelly Sullivan  
 Renee Ferio Lindsay Goldberg  
 Andrew Foltz-Morrison Christine Tolias  
 Travis Fox Charles Tripp  
 Jamie Freeman Joseph Vall-Lobera  
 Olympia Gaglioti Alexander Wang  
 Kathryn Galasso John Wilt  
 Stephanie Zolayvar

- Alexandra Hurtt Alexander Tarlow  
 Danielle Infantino Julia Valentin  
 Michael Jekelis Angela Valles  
 Kristen Koepfler Brittany Van Sickle  
 Stephen Koepfler Nicole Venezia  
 Stephanie Korunow Dylan Wallace  
 Katherine Lee Gwendolyn Walsh  
 Suzanne Lorusso Narihiko Watanabe  
 Rajmonda Maliqi Arielle Wegbreit  
 Jeffrey Manders Lauren Weiner  
 Hrvoje Markovic Reece Weiner  
 Pami Marks Kristian Wendel  
 Michael Mathews Caitlin Whitlock  
 William McGovern Cathryn Winchester  
 Evan Merkelson Tianyou Xu

- DISTINGUISHED HONOR ROLL SEVENTH GRADE-64 STUDENTS**  
 Amy Altszuler Neha Limaye  
 Derek Anderson Nathan Margolin  
 Jillian Aronson Pauline Martin  
 Amy Behr Erin McCarthy  
 Matthew Bogen Georgia Mierswa  
 Joshua Bornstein Katherine Morgan  
 Emily Bregman Carolyn Mulvey  
 Beth Budnick Caitlyn Murphy  
 Brian Checchio Stephanie Musat  
 Christina Chen Jeffrey Mysel  
 Kathryn Cronen Jarret Petrillo  
 Jennifer Danielsson Justin Petrillo  
 Kristen Dilzell Tara Picaro  
 Casey Elkoury Daniella Regencia  
 Rachael Feeney Brittany Reyes  
 Lauren Finestein Jason Frost  
 Kelly Furlong Melanie Schor  
 Kelly Gelber Jonna Skoller  
 Lindsay Goldberg Arielle Smelkinson  
 Jana Goldfarb Caroline Steller  
 Andrew Goldman Jack Sternal  
 Marissa Goldner Satya Tagat  
 Sean Hager Julie Tiedrich

- REGULAR HONOR ROLL SEVENTH GRADE-81 STUDENTS**  
 Randi Ackerman Adelle Mantle  
 Claire Albanese Daniel Melillo  
 Aubrey Ambinder Harrison Mercado  
 Erica Ammermuller Erin Moran  
 Kaitlyn Amness Jessica Moran  
 Philip Anton Keith Moran  
 Anthony Arnold Rachel Newberg  
 John Attanasio Roberto Olivares  
 Victoria Attanasio Cara Paulan  
 Brian Bayne Sarah Pecker  
 Steven Bigelow Joseph Penczak  
 Thomas Bonard Markel Pitt  
 Mark Boyd Olivia Pomann  
 Justin Chu Brittany Pryor  
 Brian Corea Adriac Quackenbush  
 Tracy Dalton Shanna Quackenbush  
 Connor Davis Stephanie Raphael  
 Amanda Diaz Blair Rolnick  
 Nicole DiBenedetto Nathaniel Roquet  
 Daniel Dickson George Russo  
 Felicia Erlich Laura Schwab  
 Elizabeth Falzon John Sheehan  
 Kaitlin Fleck Hui-Fang Shih  
 Marley Frankel Daniel Shorrock  
 Kelly Fraser Allison Simone  
 Marlye Friedman Joseph Simon  
 Sheri Friedman Hope Skibitsky  
 Gregory Greifeld Shane Strano  
 Alyson Guerriero Laura Strauss  
 Jonathan Helfand Virginia Stroup  
 Timothy Hou Douglas Townsend

- Maureen Hughes William Uhr  
 Christine Isabella Ted Vincett  
 Gillian Kape Jacob Wasiak  
 Meredith Kender Jonathan Weintraub  
 George King Kathryn Werner  
 Tiffany Yang Robert Whitehead  
 Caroline Yost Charles Woehr  
 Julia Korn Chloe Zeitounian  
 Alyssa Lund Alexander Wronski  
 Kyle Zeitounian

- DISTINGUISHED HONOR ROLL EIGHTH GRADE-39 STUDENTS**  
 David Ackerman Sarah Gerber  
 Katharine Anderson Sarah Godfrey  
 Joshua Barer Kaitlin Gorman  
 Kevin Block Jessica Graham  
 George Braun Ben Harel  
 Nicholas Brownstone Benjamin Holt  
 Jonathan Chananie Matthew Leong  
 Raymond Chen Rachel Leopold  
 Samantha Coulson Jessica Lipschutz  
 Sarah Degel Kari Lubrutto  
 Christine Deserio Rachel Louie  
 Monica Doss Jessica Koskowitz  
 Matthew Early Gianna Pafumi  
 Alissa Eisenberg Annie Peyton  
 Lindsay Elbaum Christopher Pinheiro  
 Laura Fernandez Jason Rea  
 Allison Fleder Kay Rogers  
 Kyle Fleming David Schaffer  
 Lucy Frontling Tyler Whitlock  
 Jennifer Zhu

- REGULAR HONOR ROLL EIGHTH GRADE-70 STUDENTS**  
 Casey Ackermann David Kaplow  
 Kevin Anderson Lindsay Kleinman  
 Charles Barber Lauren Koepfler  
 Erin Beck Thomas Layton  
 Lauren Bentivegna Hanna Lee  
 Noelle Bercevic Andrew Lent  
 Nikki-Lee Birdsey Erin Mack  
 Kristy Britt Michael Manders  
 Sarah Brois Kaitlin McGovern  
 Bryan Callahan Kimberly Milan  
 Michelle Chavenacci Stephen Morrison  
 Andrew Catenas Victor Nolasco  
 Erin Cooper Jillian Olsen  
 Patrick Daurio Steven Pazzo  
 Rebecca DeFazio Kara Petersen  
 Louis DeVita Jessica Porter  
 Sarah Dobson Alexandra Psychoyos  
 Timothy Dohm Katharine Read  
 Dina Donlegio Amer Rogers  
 David Dunn Sara Rotella  
 Kristen Fortino Steven Royston  
 Harrison Fox Kristen Ryan  
 Thomas Fringer Assunta Santonastaso  
 Jesse Garfinkel Eric Scruduto  
 Jeffrey Goldstein Rachel Smith  
 Andrea Gordon Zal Spialter  
 Talisah Harrison Sarah St. Lifer  
 Jessica Heo Alan Tso  
 Brent Hewitt Thaddeus Walsh  
 Eric Hewitt David Weinstein  
 Jillian Hobson Lauren Weinstein  
 Alexander Hodara Jacqueline Wendel  
 Erik Jacobsen Colin Willard  
 Kristopher Kagan Julie Zanarosa  
 Alexander Kao Samantha Zucker

# Franklin School Holds Bash To Fund Technology Needs

WESTFIELD - Approximately 20,774.31 was raised for Franklin Elementary School to aid technological improvements in the classrooms during the Franklin Bash Fundraiser on March 2 at Temple

Emanu-El. The theme was "Tiki for Technology." Funds will be used to provide monitors and VCRs in all classrooms, as well as funding other technology needs.



BENEFIT BASH...Members of the Bash Committee present Franklin Elementary School Principal Dr. Mary Fleck with a check for \$20,774.31 to aid technology needs in the classrooms. Pictured, left to right, are: top row, Amy O'Brien, Nancy Murray, Betsey Burdorf, Joan Kupper, Anna Githens; bottom row, Beth Ripperger, Chris Kaveny, Sara McKeown, Dr. Fleck, Julie Dolan, Alicia Zurlo, and Laura Marhefka. Not pictured are: committee members Mary Jane Prybylski, Kim Beall and Debbie Kephart.

# SPFHS Music Department Victorious in Maryland Event

SCOTCH PLAINS - The Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School (SPFHS) Music Department recently competed in the National Festival of Music in Ocean City, Md. Competing ensembles included three concert bands, two jazz bands, the Raider Marching Band, percussion ensemble, concert choir, select choir, Las Cantadoras, the sensation show choir and the indoor Winter Guard.

The contest was held from May 2 to 5. Students were evaluated by professional musicians and college professors. There were 16 schools competing at the festival, and all ensembles received a rating of "Good," "Excellent" or "Superior."

The Winter Guard placed first in their division with a rating of "Superior." In the concert band division, the Concert Band and Symphonic Band both received ratings of "Excellent" and the Symphonic Band placed first in their class. Both bands are directed by Mr. Thomas. The Percussion Ensemble, directed by Joseph Rao, received a "Superior" rating and placed first in the concert percussion class. They performed at the Board of Education meeting honoring former Acting Governor Donald DiFrancesco. SPJ Jazz, directed by Mr. Thomas, placed first in their class and in the sight reading division. The band received an "Excellent" rating and placed third overall. The Moonglowers, directed by Mr. Turturiello, placed first in their class, selected first overall, placed first in sight reading and swept all section award for rhythm, trumpets, trombones, and saxophones.

The Show Choir, directed by Laurie Wellman, placed first in their class with an "Excellent" rating. In the Select Choir division, the SPF concert choir and select choir both received "Excellent" ratings, with concert choir taking a second place. Las Cantadoras placed fourth with an "Excellent" rating. Three soloist awards were announced at awards night, and all of them went to the SPF students. Delsa Slough received an Outstanding Award, Emily O'Conner earned an Outstanding Vocal Solo Award, and Dave Koces received the Outstanding Instrumental Solo Award.

# Westfield TV Students Get Boost From Education Fund

WESTFIELD - More than 100 students at Westfield High School are now experiencing the latest in television editing techniques as a result of a \$3,300 grant from the Education Fund of Westfield.

"The high school students enrolled in TV1, TV2, TV Independent Study courses and the TV/Film Club are all benefiting from the non-linear editing equipment we were able to purchase this year," stated WHS-TV Instructor David Davis.

"The grant enables the students to learn editing on computer-based equipment and replaces our non-digital and non-linear equipment which is 10-20 years old," added Mr. Davis. "Can you imagine a 20-year-old textbook for a social studies class? Well 20-year-old technology is worse for a technologically-based curriculum."

According to Mr. Davis, the new linear computerized equipment is the stan-

dard in the industry today. It provides more access to the students, since the editing work can be done in less time. The students are immediately comfortable with the new computerized equipment because they have already developed computer skills at school and in the home.

Education Fund President Danielle Walsh commented, "The Ed Fund is once again pleased to be able to augment the curriculum of the Westfield Public Schools and make learning an enriched experience."

Since its inception, the Education Fund of Westfield has provided more than \$100,000 in grants to the Westfield Public Schools through fundraising projects.

The organization's next major fundraiser will be the Sixth Annual Jack & Jill 5K on Saturday, June 15. For more information on this event, please visit www.OYMP.net.

# Westfielders Will Be Inducted Into Sigma Phi Omega Chapter

WESTFIELD - During its May 15 meeting, Westfield residents Sharon Greenbaum and Denise M. Teodoru were inducted into The Omicron Chapter of Sigma Phi Omega at Kean University.

A national academic honor and professional society in gerontology, the purpose of the society is to promote scholarships, research, friendship and service to older persons; the recognition of high attainment in the pursuit of academic

excellence and professionalism in gerontology. The motto of the society is "excellence in gerontology."

During the meeting, a panel discussion was held with three of the Chapter's original members including Betty Jacox of Westfield. She discussed the trends in gerontology over the last 20 years.

Both Ms. Greenbaum and Ms. Teodoru join The Omicron Chapter as it marks its 20th anniversary.

# Brunner Elementary Students Learn Importance of Trees

SCOTCH PLAINS - The children in Bernadette Hoyer's Pre-K Title I classes at Brunner Elementary School in Scotch Plains observed Arbor Day with learning activities that marked the beauty and importance of trees.

After reading the book, "Have You Seen Trees?" each child used crayons and paint to depict how trees look in each of the seasons. The children also worked together to make large trees to decorate their classroom.

The children found many items in their classroom and homes that they use everyday that come from trees. They also shared foods that come from trees for snack. The tree snacks included apples, oranges, bananas, maple syrup, coconut, mixed nuts,

olives, dates, figs and pieces of chocolate.

After reading the book, "A Tree Is Nice," each child went outside to give "thank you" hugs to trees on school property. The children learned that it takes a stack of recycled newspapers three feet in height to save one tree. The children brought in newspapers to school so that they could see how much newspaper is needed to make a stack three feet tall.

# Miller Participates In Research Project

WESTFIELD - Tamara Miller of Westfield, a graduate student at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point, participated in a research project as part of her work for a Master of Science Degree in Natural Resources.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Suzanne Miller, Ms. Miller graduated Westfield High School in 1990 and earned a degree in Terrestrial Ecology in 1994 from the University of Vermont.

# Pingry School Names Honor Roll Students

WESTFIELD - Theodore Corvino, Director of the Short Hills campus and Assistant Headmaster of The Pingry School, has announced the names of the sixth graders who were recently appointed to the Honor Roll for the third marking period, ending in April.

Westfield residents Gordon Peeler, Ava Scheininger, and Adrienne Spiegel received this honor by achieving a B+ average with no individual grade lower than a B-minus.

# Phi Beta Kappa Society Welcomes Grunberg

MOUNTAINSIDE - Jason Grunberg of Mountainside, a senior majoring in policy studies in the College of Arts and Sciences at Syracuse University in Syracuse, N.Y., was recently inducted into the University's Kappa Chapter of Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society.

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