

Concepts & Thought

Park Middle School Reports Honor Rolls For Third Marking Period of Academic Year

SCOTCH PLAINS - Park Middle School in Scotch Plains has reported the names of students placed on the Distinguished Honor Roll and Regular Honor Roll for the third marking period of the 2001-2002 academic year.

To qualify for Distinguished Honor Roll, students must receive an "A" in all subjects. Requirements for the Honor Roll include at least two "A"s and no grade lower than "B" in major subjects, such as math, English, science, social studies, reading, and at least "C" or "P" in exploratory subjects.

DISTINGUISHED HONOR ROLL SIXTH GRADE-30 STUDENTS

Deborah Albert
Avery Boettcher
Ryan Bridge
Kaitlyn Cavanaugh
Bridget Cornwell
Lindsay Hauptman
Alec Jacobs
Samantha Knierim
Marc L'Heureux
Jacob Lavenhar
Jaclyn Lazarus
Caitlin Liest
Alexa Lindenburg
Ming Lu

Adrian Hall
Christina Halma
Wendy Harris
Melissa Helock
Thomas Hercl
Kenneth Hessermer
Thomas Holt
William Hubbard
Jessica Impellizzeri
William Jacobs

DISTINGUISHED HONOR ROLL SEVENTH GRADE-18 STUDENTS

John Acito
Alison Baier
Kristen Barry
Kendall Boyda
Allison Brown
Cathleen Carr
Nikola Chowdhury
Karina DeMair
Jenna Delle-Donne

REGULAR HONOR ROLL SEVENTH GRADE-61 STUDENTS

Jessica Abrantes
Laury Adams
Arley Aguilar
Yeershati Ahati
Kimberly Appezato
Martine Baruch
Victoria Baumman
Joseph Bianco
Amanda Bobyack
Gregory Brand
Megan Buckland
Colin Campbell
Ana Castillo
Ashley Castore
Michelle Chan
Andrew Cohen
Alex Cvetovich
Laurel Devlin
Jessica Estriplet
Linda Evins
Kelly Frazee
Kristan Fuller
Shanik Gilmore
Christina Guibas
Andrew Haggan
Elizabeth Halpin
Matthew Huether
Ashley Jacobi
Catherine Kaiserman
Shirley Kim

DISTINGUISHED HONOR ROLL EIGHTH GRADE-20 STUDENTS

Colleen Baines
Sarah Boffa
Elizabeth Bourcstein
Justine Brown
Courtney Burke
Cleo Chou
Deirdre Clark

Andrew Goldberg
Adriana Guido
Thurston Hamlette

REGULAR HONOR ROLL EIGHTH GRADE-37 STUDENTS

Candace Baines
Jennifer Bauer
Marisa Bianco
Krista Bujnowski
Robert Burke
Lawrence Chan
Yvonne Chen

Raunaq Palejwala
Christina Porter
Katherine VanHaasteren
Any Chervenyak
Soo Cho
Henry Cox
Jack Davis
Robert Dawson
Kathryn Devlin
Aaron Doliber
Brianna Falco
Gabrielle Falco
Shemane Fritz
Brian Glassett
Melissa Koerner
Katelyn Kosenick
Jessica McGarry
Ian McNally
Elijah Nam
Jeffrey Ondeyka
Alex Pardon
Eduardo Rodriguez
Dana Sacks
Natalie Sanchez
Melissa Sette
Joshua Zimman



FUTURE AUTHORS... Two second graders from McGinn Elementary School in Scotch Plains were winners in the New Jersey Council of the Teachers of English writing contest. Pictured are: first place fiction winner Madelyne Dhaliwal, left, and honorable mention for fiction winner Ian Johnston. These budding writers also received Certificates of Achievement from Reading Rainbow in New York City for their works.

WHS Spanish Club Inducts New Students Into Society

WESTFIELD - The Westfield High School (WHS) Spanish Club held its induction ceremony for 22 students into the National Hispanic Honor Society, Sociedad Honoraria Hispánica, sponsored by the American Association of Teachers of Spanish and Portuguese.

The new inductees include: Francine Agnone, Jay Kennedy, Gil Arbittman, Marisa Lau, Mike Babetski, Orlee Maimon, Jacoby Born, Christina McCabe, Shelby Cherin, Tyler Patla, Brian Cordes, Dan Rea, Sean Devaney, Vincent Chen, Dan Finstein, Jessica Speir, Eileen Gessner, Jason Tammam, Alvaro Guerra, Cristine Velasco, Tim Heine, Ali Yuhua.

These students received this recognition by being a participating member of the Spanish Club in good standing, having maintained an "A" average in advanced levels of Spanish and for their service and leadership to the Spanish Club.

The guest speaker at the evening's ceremony, attended by the parents and students, was Rachel Falcone. Rachel, a senior at WHS, spoke to students on the topic of "The positive impact of Spanish studies" upon her life.

Rachel is this year's winner of a national academic scholarship awarded by AATSP for her academic achievement and scholarship work in Spanish.

Wilson School Produces Imagination Winners

WESTFIELD - Two teams from Wilson Elementary School in Westfield won statewide honors in the New Jersey Destination Imagination tournament, which is part of an international competition which challenges children to create team-based solutions to difficult problems.

Under the guidance of parent and team manager Catherine Yeager, a fifth grade team of Zachary Frantz, Ryan Ragoza, Kyle Sexton, John Streaman, Ravi Tamboli and Chris Yeager, took second place honors in their challenge, "Dual Dilemma."

This challenge required the boys to build and test two contrasting lightweight balsa wood structures, each of which held up to 300 pounds. The students also created a skit with props and costumes that also incorporated their toothpick-thin wooden structures. The highlight of the boys' skit was their dance to the old surfer tune, "Wipeout."

The second team, known as the

"Wilson Eggheads," was coached by Nina Ovrin. The team included fifth graders Kim Berke, Sara Birkenthal, Ryan Gradel, Adam Kavalin, Matt Reiss and Joshua Schwartz, as well as fourth grader Julian Seltzer. The students won third place in the "It's Your Move" competition.

The challenge was to create a giant game board, and a device that would travel across the board and shoot objects into a goal. The Wilson School team invented a game that settled disputes through the ages; as the group traveled through time, from ancient times to the future, a clock-like game piece was maneuvered from spot to spot by remote control and projectiles propelled by rubber bands flew across the 400-square-foot board.

The tournament, which was held on April 13 at West Milford High School, attracted nearly 100 teams. Similar competitions organized by the non-profit organization were held across the country and around the world.

Principal Church Reveals Deerfield Honor Rolls

MOUNTAINSIDE - Principal M. Priscilla Church at Deerfield School in Mountainside has reported the names of students placed on the High Honor Roll and Regular Honor Roll for the third marking period of the 2001-2002 academic term.

To receive High Honor Roll qualifications, students must earn all "A"s in major and minor subjects. Qualifying for Regular Honor Roll requires at least a "B" in all major and minor subjects, with no "B-minus."

Sixty-three students are enrolled in the sixth grade, 75 pupils are enrolled in the seventh grade, and 75 students comprise the eighth grade at Deerfield School. The total school enrollment, including Moppet, K-8, tallies 647 students.

HIGH HONOR ROLL GRADE 7 - 8 STUDENTS

Hali Alpert
Joseph Baseil
Linnea Buttermore
Christopher Chan
Andrew Gennaro

HIGH HONOR ROLL GRADE 7 - 8 STUDENTS

Lauren Arrigoni
Amy DeGaetano
Reid Kelley
Nora Kinney

HONOR ROLL GRADE 7 - 26 STUDENTS

Thomas Amalfi
Salvatore Arpino
Natalie Basile
Christine Bennett
Brittany Catalano
Gregory Chilson
John Cho
Alexandra Contini
Joseph D'Antuono
Toni DeCristoforo
Robert Gilcrest
Lindsey Gilcrest
Claire Golomb

HIGH HONOR ROLL GRADE 6 - 12 STUDENTS

Chelsea Aranjio
Sara Boyle
Meghan Eichner
Allison Foster
Samantha Garber
Trevor Hain

HONOR ROLL GRADE 6 - 17 STUDENTS

Melissa Addonizio
Thomas Carannante
Christina DeCosta
Sagar Desai
Andrew DeRose
Paige DeGer
Robert Goense
Joshua Hu
Victoria Vitale

Fifth Grader James Diddell Wins 'Author On Call' Contest

WESTFIELD - James Diddell, a fifth grade student in Barbara Woerz' class at Franklin Elementary School in Westfield was recently selected a winner in the "Author On Call" contest.

Sponsored by Scholastic, Inc. the mission of this national contest is to promote real, live contact between famous authors and children. To achieve that, school children from around the country are invited to submit a question to an author of one of their classroom books.

This year, the author was Patricia McKissack and the book that James read in his class was called, "The Dark Thirty."

"I wanted to know if Patricia McKissack believed in her story plot when she was young," said James. This question was one of the winning entries chosen by the Scholastic selection committee.

Betsy Howie of Scholastic, Inc. stated, "James' question showed originality of thought, which was the basis of winning this contest."

As a result of being the winner, James' class at Franklin School received copies of Ms. McKissack's other books. On May 2, the pupils received a phone call from Ms. McKissack, which was performed on a speakerphone placed in

James' classroom. This enabled James to ask his winning question directly to the author.

"She told us that she did believe in the



James Diddell

story when she was young and that is why she wrote about it," said James. After that, each student in the class was also offered the opportunity to ask a question to the famous author.

Christopher Leahy Graduates University of Pa. Law School

WESTFIELD - Christopher Thomas Leahy, a former resident of Westfield, graduated from the University of Pennsylvania Law School on May 12. Mr. Leahy received his Juris Doctor Degree, Cum Laude, from the Law School, which celebrated its 150th anniversary this past year.

A graduate of Westfield High School in 1992, Mr. Leahy earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree, Magna Cum Laude, from Hamilton College in Clinton, N.Y. in 1999.

While at the University of Pennsylvania Law School, Mr. Leahy served as Senior Editor of the *University of Pennsylvania Law Review*, the oldest continuously placed law journal in the United States.

Mr. Leahy also authored an article published in the *Law Review*, Volume No. 150, No. 3, entitled, "The First

Amendment Gone Awry: City of Erie vs. Pap's, Ailing Analytical Structures, and the Suppression of Protected Expression."

During his time at the University of Pennsylvania, Mr. Leahy was elected and served as President of the Graduate and Professional Student Assembly, the representative governing body for all 10,000 graduate and professional students at the University.

Mr. Leahy has accepted an offer to join the firm of Cravath, Swaine & Moore in New York City. He will start his position in autumn. His practice will encompass corporate transactional law.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Leahy of Westfield, he is the grandson of Florence Senff, a former Westfield resident, now residing in Lakewood.



HAPPY 50TH... Wesley Hall Nursery School, located in the First United Methodist Church in Westfield, recently marked its 50th anniversary by giving a party for the nursery school pupils. Oscar, the magician, performed and Alison Power led a sing-a-long with the children. The Social Hall was decorated with a birthday theme and the children wore "50" headbands as they enjoyed sugar cookies decorated with the number 50. Mary Pembroke is the director of the school.

Retiring Education Employees To be Honored at Reception

WESTFIELD - Twenty Westfield Public School staff members will be honored by the Westfield Board of Education and colleagues at the 15th annual Gala for school employees to be held Thursday, June 13, at 4:30 p.m. in The Westwood in Garwood.

The annual event brings staff members together to honor retirees, employees with 25 years of service and those who are resigning following a decade of service.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. William Foley and Westfield Education Association President Michael Seiler will address the honorees, thanking them for their dedication and service to the Westfield Public Schools.

Board of Education President Arlene Gardner and Vice President Anne Riegel will present tokens of appreciation to the guests of honor, who include:

Roosevelt Intermediate Donates to 9/11 Memorial

WESTFIELD - Currently, the motto around Roosevelt Intermediate School in Westfield is: 711 on 6/11 for 9/11.

According to Roosevelt Principal Kenneth Shulack, the numbers represent patriotism and caring for the community.

"The 711 students enrolled at Roosevelt have pledged a one dollar donation that will be brought into school on June 11. We will donate all the proceeds to the memorial being built in Westfield to remember the victims of September 11," said Dr. Shulack. He also noted that teachers will donate \$2 each to the cause.

See it all on the Web!
www.goleader.com

2000-2001 Retirees

Sophia Crocco, Ann Marie Fabriele, Phyllis Freedman, Rosemary Gagliardi, Joanne Jensen, Margaret Krychowecky, Beverley Levitt, Delores Martin, Michael Mulvihill, Helen Poole Shillito, Thomas Reynolds, Diane Russell, Anna Jane Sabbagh, Frances Trees.

25th Year of Service

Janet McCann, Dona Panagos, Karen Yula

Decade of Service Resignations

Eileen Cambria, JanMarie Motz, Laurie Wood.

Skidmore College Grants Degrees to Area Students

WESTFIELD - Westfield residents Joanna Kelly Kreil and Sarah Alyson Sharpe received their bachelor's degrees during Skidmore College's 91st commencement ceremony, which was held on May 19 at the Saratoga Performing Arts Center.

Joanna graduated magna cum laude with a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work. Sarah received a Bachelor's Degree in Art.

Margaret Diggory Earns Bachelor of Arts Degree

WESTFIELD - Margaret Diggory, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Diggory of Westfield, received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in English from Drew University on May 18.

A 1998 graduate of Westfield High School, Margaret graduated with cum laude and subject honors distinctions.

She will pursue a masters degree in education at Montclair State University in the fall.

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