



ADDING UP... Washington students are reminded of the progress of mathematics through the ages via a display in the school's corridor entitled "The Museum of Math Machines of Yesteryear." Standing in front of the display, which includes an abacus, timepieces, computers, slide rules and calculators, are, from left to right, second graders Allison Jaruzelski and Anna Browne and first grader Christopher Parmelee.

Edison Announces Second Marking Period Honor Roll

WESTFIELD - Edison Intermediate School Principal Cheryl O'Brien reported the names of students who earned recognition on the Second Marking Period Honor Roll.

7th Grade

Distinguished - 63

Paige Alvarez
Taylor Anderson
Rakhee Barai
Patrick Bergin
Siyah Bhatt
Jane Braun
Stephen Buell
Eric Byer
Juliana Capuano
Jillian Cearnine
Ashlyn Chen
Bryan Chen
Alan Chu
Patrick Conlon
Alyssa Conte
Lauren Corcoran
Tara Culnan
Francine Duffy
Olivia Dunham
Jeremy Einbinder
Justin Erickson
Nicole Frankfort
Alec Friedlander
Tzvetelina Garneva
Bryan Goellner
Dana Gottdiener
Emma Gross
Rachel Harth
Evan Hindes
Alice Hong
Margaret Jacobi
Deborah Wu

Leslie Bartsch
Megan Boersig
Zachary Bowman
Emily Budnick
Heather Callahan
Victoria Cheung
Kevin Clancy
Lacy Cummings
Monica D'Amico
Brett Denicola
Elizabeth Dennerlein
Andrew Deutchman
Marykate Doyle
Jennifer Eisenberg
Kathleen Esler
Caroline Fahey
Alex Furlong
Shelley Fussman
Adam Goldberg
Kate Heffernan
Christopher Heinboken
Zachary Helfand
Kyle Higgins
Annaliese Himmel
Valerie Hoffman
Leslie Holt
Miles Hsu

Kamil Lupicki
Jessica Margolies
Rachel McGovern
Sara Mitchell
Steven Obajulu
Elizabeth Penczak
Joshua Perlman
Kristi Peyton
Lauren Posluszny
Alison Ricardo
Melissa Riegel
Alicia Rogers
Rebecca Romano
Drew Schapow
Ryan Scuduto
Vishal Shah
Dylan Simon
Emma Smelkinson
Sarah Spitz
Maxwell St. Lifer
Jenna Strauss
Sarah Szollar
Janaya Tagat
Madeline Tiedrich
Christina Tsui
Kelsey Wilson
Siyu Xiao

8th Grade Honor - 69

Jamie Ackerman
Allison Ammermuller
Calvin Antoniewicz
Andrew Arnold
Zachary Bakhtin
Allison Barba
Richard Barber
Jamie Bornstein
Jonathan Brucia
Robert Ciarrocca
Sam Crossland
Samantha Cruz
Madeleine DeJohn
Brandon Dietz
Mary-Juliet Donohue
Kathleen Dooley
Christopher Douglas
Shannon Doyle
Steven Fallon
Gregory Fornio
Elizabeth Frankola
Meghan Freudenheim
Kevin Furlong
Trent Gabriel
Danielle Gawthney
Emily Gluck
Brittany Graham
Caitlin Guest
James Hay
Jakayah Herron
Danielle Hopkins
Meghan Ince
Kelly Irving
Rebecca Kape
Jason Yang

Michael Kaufhold
Sara Koznecki
Kristin Kukis
Su Hee Lee
Kevin Machlowitz
Kevin Monroe
Dylan Moran
Marisa Morse
Rebecca Morse
Lisa Nehring
Hugo Nolasco
Kathleen O'Donnell-Pickett
Andrea Ortis
Nicholas Polak
Lindsay Psolka
Megan Pulliam
Diana Rogut
Philip Russo
Matthew Sanders
Nikolay Sharogodsky
Michael Sheehan
Arielle Silverman
Nicole Spera
Virginia Spinelli
Lindsay Steinbach
Claire Stevens-Haas
Rosalba Vasquez
Katherine Veneza
Queenie Villa
Timothy Wemer
Jhalayse Williams
Melissa Wong
Matthew Wronski
Tara Wyatt

7th Grade Honor - 81

Amanda Adsit
Maddeline Archambault
Max Archambault
Nicholas Attanasio
Rishi Barai
Chloe Baron
Marissa Boretz
Meghan Boylan
Morgan Bungezer
Brian Cantor
Hoon Byung Chae
Nicholas Chapel
Nicholas Chohey
Daniella Ciampa
William Cronen
Emma Crossland
Tierny Cummings
Gustav Danielsson
Nicholas DePalma
Brooke Domino
Elizabeth Driscoll
Colin Eldridge
Krista Embrett
Anna Fetter
Adam Fischette
Steven Forgash
Catalina Gaglioti
Edison Gao
Alison Glynn
Spencer Goldin
Courtney Gurkas
Russell Hager
Jagdish Hall
Jonathan Henry
John Huber
Brianna Hurtt
Alex Jedruszczak
Andrew Kirma
Steven Korn
Abigail Kwok
Larry Zhang

Benjamin Marinelli
Archana Martinez
Cara Martone
Sierra McAloney
Jilliana Meola
Philip Mierswa
Madison Mone
Sarah Morasso
Anthony Mormille
Max Narotzky
Megan Nogan
Timothy Noonan
Henry O'Brian
John Perrotta
Michael Pohling
Katherine Porch
Jennifer Porch
Garrett Pryor
Thomas Pulliam
Bryan Reilly
Alexei Riddle
Matthew Rivera
Paul Rizkalla
Kyla Rodger
Laura Rogut
Justin Sandler
Christina Scagione
Olivia Scrofanini
Emma Shor
Shane Skibitsky
Stephanie Skoller
Connor Sliker
Robert Steinfeld
Eric Taylor
Francesca Tilocca
Bonnie Valentini
Garrett Verdone
Justin White
Chelsea Wolf
Tianzuo Xu

8th Grade

Distinguished - 60

Meredith Ambinder
Elaine Anderson
Nicole Aronson

Danni Liang
Melissa Littman
Rachael Lobo

Education Matters March Madness In the Arts



By Dr. Linda M. King
Supervisor of Fine Arts

What happens during March in the world of the arts?

Youth Art Month is an annual observance each March to emphasize the value of art education for all children and to encourage support for quality school art programs. The Art & Creative Materials Institute, Inc., created Youth Art Month in 1961 in cooperation with the National Art Educators Association.

Music In Our Schools Month (MIOSM) began as a single statewide celebration in 1973, and has grown over the decades to encompass a day, then a week and then, in 1985, to become a month-long celebration of music in our schools. March has been officially designated by MENC: The National Association for Music Education for the observance of MIOSM, the time of year when music education becomes the focus of schools across the nation.

"Every student in the nation should have an education in the arts." This is the opening statement of "The Value and Quality of Arts Education: A Statement of Principles," a document from the nation's 10 most important educational organizations, including the American Association of School Administrators, the National Education Association, the National Parent Teacher Association and the National School Boards Association.

An education in the arts develops self-esteem and self-expression, as well as an appreciation for the work of others. It develops critical thinking skills that will be important as children continue their education and as they enter the working world. Our fast-changing environment requires that future leaders be creative and imaginative in problem solving. Students involved in the arts learn these skills best.

In the Westfield public schools, every elementary child has art and music every week, instrumental lessons are offered for any fourth and

fifth grade student, and every fifth-grader sings in his or her school chorus. In the intermediate schools, every sixth and seventh grade student is required to take both music and art, eighth graders can choose arts and crafts, fine arts, band, orchestra, chorus and/or drama.

Extra curricular groups such as jazz bands, orchestras, vocal ensembles, plays and musicals are offered to challenge the students further. In the high school, 718 students are enrolled in art courses; 147 take drama courses; and 569 students enjoy one of our music courses. In addition, there are plenty of clubs, plays and musicals to further enrich the students who love the arts.

In the month of March you can walk through downtown Westfield and see over 500 student's artwork proudly displayed in the store windows; walking through the various schools one hears music trivia over the loudspeaker to start the day; at the end of the month, student assemblies culminate "Music In Our Schools Month." Westfield is a community that embraces the arts and supports them in our schools. Participation in the arts brings countless benefits (psychological, spiritual and physical) to each individual throughout life. As the supervisor of fine arts in Westfield, I am extremely proud of the staff, our quality programs in all schools and the supportive community.

Public Invited to Coffee With Superintendent

SCOTCH PLAINS - Area residents are invited to attend an evening coffee with the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Superintendent of Schools Dr. Carol Choye. The coffee will take place on Tuesday, March 7 at 7:30 p.m., in the media center at Park Middle School, Park Avenue, Scotch Plains.

This forum, sponsored by the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Parent Teacher Association (PTA) Council, provides an opportunity to meet with Dr. Choye in an informal setting and learn about topics of interest in the Scotch Plains-Fanwood school district. All interested community members are invited to share their questions, concerns and compliments.

For more information, contact Amy Carow, PTA Council VP, at (908) 889-4918.

Brian Stotter Makes Brandeis Dean's List

WESTFIELD - Brian Stotter, a 2005 graduate of Westfield High School, has been named to the Dean's List at Brandeis University in Waltham, Mass. for the Fall 2005 semester. Students must earn a minimum 3.5 grade point average (on a 4.0 scale) to attain Dean's List status.

Brian, who is planning on majoring in Neuroscience, also hosts a weekly electronic music show on the university's radio station and is training for certification as an EMT with the university's rescue squad. He had volunteered as a dispatcher on the Westfield Rescue Squad during his junior and senior years at the high school. Brian is the son of Charles and Jane Stotter.

Scholarship Available To SP, FW Students

AREA - High school seniors wishing to apply for Adele deLeeuw Scholarships should obtain applications now from their school guidance office. The scholarships range from \$1,000 to \$5,000. The deadline for submission of applications is Wednesday, March 15.

Previous winners already in college are also eligible to apply. They must complete official transcripts of college grades with new applications. To date, the Adele deLeeuw Scholarship Fund, which is a fund of the Plainfield Foundation, has awarded more than \$750,000.

Only students from high schools in Scotch Plains, Fanwood, Plainfield, North Plainfield, South Plainfield, Warren, Watchung and Edison are eligible.

Applicants must plan to major in art, engineering, writing, journalism or poetry. They must also prove financial need.

Any questions should be directed to Sally Young at (732) 381-6269.

SAT WRITING WORKSHOP

Is your child ready for the SAT essay? Lewis Seagull, an adjunct professor of English composition at Kean University, certified by the College Board is available to tutor your child to optimize his or her chance to achieve the score necessary for acceptance at the college of choice. Workshop will be held March 11, 18 and 25 12:30 to 2:00pm at the Center for Academic Success at Kean University

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March 2006 Events at the Westfield Memorial Library

ADULT PROGRAMS		
Mar 3	1:30 PM	TGIF: Bing Crosby
Mar 6	7:00 PM	Great Decisions Discussion: Pandemics and Security*
Mar 10	1:30 PM	TGIF: Langston Hughes
Mar 13	1:30 PM	Great Decisions Discussion: Energy Resources*
Mar 14	10:00 AM	Your Library 24/7
Mar 14	1 & 7 PM	International Film: Osama
Mar 17	1:30 PM	Ireland, Ireland, Ireland
Mar 20	7:00 PM	Great Decisions Discussion: UN Reform*
Mar 21, 28	10:00 AM	Computer Training: Puzzled by the Internet I & II
Mar 24	1:30 PM	TGIF: Mary Cassatt
Mar 27	1:30 PM	Great Decisions Discussion: U.S. and Iran*
Mar 29	2:00 PM	Churchill Series*
Mar 31	1:30 PM	TGIF: Big Bands

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS		
Special Events		
Mar 3	3:30 PM	Budgeting & Saving (by Commerce Bank)
Mar 3	10:30 AM	Film: Iron Giant
Mar 10	3:30 PM	Movie: Pippi Longstocking
Mar 11	10:30 AM	Turtlesinger
Mar 15	4:00 PM	Book Discussion: The Magic Finger
Mar 28	10:00 AM	Tots' Storytime
Mar 29	10 AM or 1:30 PM	Preschool Storytime
Mar 31	10:00 AM	Baby Rhyme Time
Mar 31	3:30 PM	Creative Dramatics

Restrictions may apply to some programs. Call the library for further information.
* Program is offered through the Westfield Adult School Fee is required.
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BUILDING UP... Doug Hambor and third grade students Ryan Hambor and Katarzyna Sierant enjoy taking apart a television set at Scotch Plains Evergreen Elementary School's "Take It Apart Day." This annual event attended by the third grade students and parent volunteers lets the students dismantle broken unused appliances to learn how they work and how they are built.

THE STUDENT VIEW

The weekly column written by local high school students

Dear Future Principal Of Westfield High School,

It was recently announced that our current principal, Dr. Robert Petix, will be retiring from his position at the end of this year. Upon hearing this, questions began to circulate as to who would be his successor, and more importantly, what sort of changes he or she would bring to the high school. Though I cannot by any means represent the entire student body, and some of us may dislike certain actions he has taken or statements he has made, I believe the majority of us agree that the open-minded and cooperative atmosphere that existed during Dr. Petix's 26-year tenure was a positive thing that we hope will continue in the future.

Under Dr. Petix, the school has flourished both academically and socially. Westfield has been one of the top schools in New Jersey for years,

which is due at least partially to the fact that, as sophomore Kevin Shallcross said, "He has kept the high school to rigorous academic standards," a feature which becomes particularly important as we begin to think of college and our future.

Mostly, however, his habit of respecting the freedom of the students, in addition to listening to our wants and needs, has been his most redeeming characteristic. This open environment in which students are given the necessary room to grow, succeed and maybe even enjoy their education has played a huge role in not only the success of the institution as a whole but also of the individuals who have passed through it. The mere longevity of this attitude, coupled with the current condition of the school, speaks for its self.

During his time as principal, Dr. Petix has fought on the side of the students for things such as open lunch, a privilege that all of us who attend WHS value greatly, even if only in anticipation. He has also chosen not to evoke his right of prior review for the school's newspaper, *The Hi's Eye*, and has allowed it to truly be a voice as well as to "remain an open forum for discussion of school issues" as senior and graphics editor Jeff Perrella put it. As a result, at least partially, the paper has won numerous awards for excellence.

In general, Dr. Petix has kept the high school free of unnecessary rules and restrictions, choosing instead to trust the judgment of the kids. Through this, he has produced a general cooperation with the administration, which allows the entire community to function more smoothly.

That is not to say that new points of view and fresh ideas would go unappreciated. It would be foolish though, to completely do away with a system that has worked so well for so long. Having said that, change can and should be a good thing; let us work together to make it so.

Sincerely,
Neil FitzPatrick

WF Schools Closed Friday, March 3

WESTFIELD - The Westfield public schools will be closed for students on Friday, March 3, while teachers attend in-service workshops on topics such as curriculum development, web page design, differentiated instruction, standardized testing, safety issues and crisis planning. School offices and the administration building will remain open.

Putnoky Named To N.E. Dean's List

WESTFIELD - Trevor Putnoky, son of John and Jan Putnoky of Westfield, has been named to the Dean's List for the 2005 fall semester at the University of New England.

Dean's List students have attained a grade point average of 3.30 or better out of a possible 4.0 at the end of the semester.

A 2003 graduate of Westfield High School, Trevor majors in English. He is also actively involved in music.

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