

Scholarship Corp. Names Area Students Semifinalists

AREA - Officials of the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC) have announced the names of approximately 16,000 semifinalists in the 54th annual National Merit Scholarship Program. Included among those names are multiple Westfield and Scotch Plains students.

These academically talented high school seniors have an opportunity to continue in the competition for some 8,200 National Merit Scholarships, worth more than \$35 million, which will be offered next spring.

In Scotch Plains, Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School student Austin Pfundheller was named along with Union County Magnet High School, of Scotch Plains, students Nicholas Chartrain, Richard Sun, Chandler Sy and Mengou Zhu. In Westfield, Westfield High School students Devin Cline, Alice Li, William Perry, Samantha Ritter, Moira Smith and Alan Workman were named semifinalists.

To be considered for a Merit Scholarship award, semifinalists must fulfill multiple requirements to advance to the finalist level of the competi-

tion. About 90 percent of the semifinalists are expected to attain finalist standing, and approximately half of the finalists will win a National Merit Scholarship, earning the Merit Scholar title.

Three types of National Merit Scholarship awards will be offered in the spring of 2009.

Every finalist will compete for one of 2,500 National Merit \$2,500 Scholarships that will be awarded on a state representational basis.

Wardlaw Seeks Vendors for Fall Fair

EDISON - The Wardlaw-Hartridge School, located at 1295 Inman Avenue in Edison, is seeking vendors to present their quality merchandise, crafts and goods at the annual Fall Fair on Saturday, October 18, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Applications and further information about Fall Fair may be obtained by calling Nancy Levine at (908) 229-9891 or e-mailing nlevine@hotmail.com.



HAIR'S TO YOU... Eight-year-old Grace Cash, a third grader at Franklin Elementary School in Westfield, cut off 10 inches of her hair this summer to donate to Locks of Love. Locks of Love is a public, non-profit organization that provides hairpieces to financially disadvantaged children in the United States and Canada under age 18 who suffer from long-term medical hair loss from any diagnosis.

'Friends' Seek Donations, Volunteers For Book Sale

FANWOOD - The Friends of the Fanwood Memorial Library are seeking donations of used books, audio books, compact disks and DVDs in clean, saleable condition for their annual fund-raising book sale.

All types of fiction, non-fiction, cookbooks and children's books in hardcover and soft cover, as well as audio-video materials, are welcome. The Friends cannot accept textbooks, encyclopedias, condensed books, magazines or books in moldy or otherwise un-saleable condition. All contributions are tax-deductible.

Donations will be accepted on Monday and Tuesday, September 22 and 23, from 1 to 8 p.m., and on Wednesday, September 24, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., at Forest Road Park on Forest Road off Midway Avenue in Fanwood. Tax receipts will be provided upon request.

The sale will be held in the Forest Road Park building. A preview for Friends members will take place on Thursday, September 25, from 3 to 7 p.m. Individuals may join the Friends group at the door. An individual membership is \$15 and is valid for one year.

The book sale will be open to the general public on Friday, September 26, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, September 27, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, September 28, from noon to 4 p.m. Sunday will be \$5-per-bag day.

The Friends also are looking for volunteers to help with the sale and organize donations prior to the event. Proceeds from the sale will support programming and curriculum development at the Fanwood Memorial Library. For more information, or if interested in volunteering, call Nancy at (908) 322-6559 or sign up at the library, located at North Avenue and Tillotson Road.



LOCKS OF LOVE... On August 6, 7-year-old Abigale Parker donated 10 inches of her hair to the Locks of Love charity at the Guillotine salon in Westfield. Abigale is a second grader this year at Wilson Elementary School in Westfield.

McKinley Elementary School Honors Its Past

WESTFIELD - McKinley Elementary School in Westfield has decided to use this 100th birthday year to remember and honor all members of the community who have walked the halls of McKinley.

This centennial year, McKinley decided to honor the past, as well as the present, with a kickoff celebration this past Friday under the theme "A community of learners."

Principal Claudia Andreski and her staff created the theme to help show the student body that for the past 100 years, many people have walked the halls of McKinley, and each of those former students, as well as the present ones, have helped make McKinley School what it is today.

Their contributions - whether academic, creative or being active participants of the community - have helped carry on a tradition of caring and learning.

In an effort to try and reconnect with former students, Mrs. Andreski has extended an open invitation to all alumni, former teachers and staff to write or e-mail her about their memorable experiences while attending McKinley School.

"I would love to get as many responses as possible," she said. "The ideal scenario would be that I get representation, in written form, from every graduating class since McKinley School has been open."

"These letters would be a written time capsule for the students to read

so that when they walk the halls of McKinley, the stories, on display, would be like a walk back in time, a patchwork quilt of written memories," she added.

Though the stories will be varied, the one thing they will all have in common is how, since the doors opened 100 years ago, the McKinley community has always been a school that encouraged and nurtured learning and community participation.

In addition to the kickoff party, other events are in the works for the upcoming year to further honor McKinley's past.

The first fundraiser, going on now, is the "History Walk" campaign. This event is being offered to anyone who would like to leave a lasting impression at McKinley.

Brick pavers can be purchased and personalized for \$35-\$75. These bricks will then be installed into a brick walkway that will lead up to the school.

Other centennial events include guest speaker assemblies, a hand-painted mural project that all McKinley students will be involved with and lots of McKinley centennial branded merchandise for sale.

Stories can be e-mailed to CANDRESKI@westfieldnj12.org. Alumni should include name, year of graduation and contact information, along with a personal story.

An end-of-the-year open house party currently is being discussed, and all will be welcome.



HOW OLD ARE YOU NOW?... For its 100th birthday, McKinley Elementary School in Westfield is reconnecting with its past in an effort to honor the lives of its alumni.

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WHERE:
The Westwood
438 North Avenue
Garwood, New Jersey 07027
908-789-0808
www.thewestwood.com

WHEN:
Thursday, September 25, 2008 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Saturday, September 27, 2008 from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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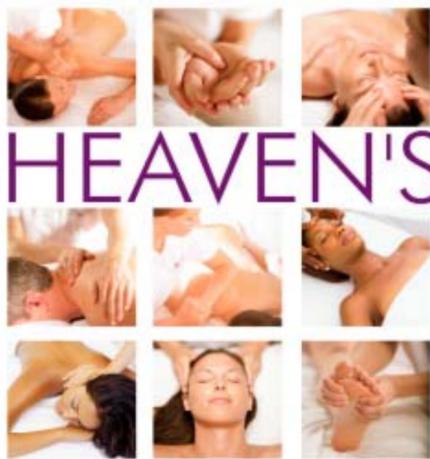


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