

## Open House Set for Jan. 10 at Willow Grove Pre-School

SCOTCH PLAINS - Willow Grove Pre-School, located at 1961 Raritan Road, Scotch Plains, will hold a parent pre-registration Open House for the 2012-13 school year on Tuesday, January 10. (Snow date Tuesday, January 17). The event is scheduled to begin at 10:15 a.m. in the church's Alexander Hall at which time Director Kathy Calello will present a slide show giving an overview of the preschool program along with a tour of the facility.

Willow Grove Pre-School is a Christian pre-school, sponsored by Willow Grove Presbyterian Church and licensed by the state of New

Jersey. Teachers are state-certified educators. Classes are offered for children who will be 2 years old by April 1 for the 3 Minus Program, along with classes for 3 Year Olds, 4 Year Olds and the 4 plus Class for children who either miss the kindergarten cut off date or just need another year of pre-school.

Registration for the 2012-13 school year will begin Monday, January 30 for present enrollees and alumni. Open registration will begin on Tuesday, February 7.

For further information call Mrs. Calello at (908) 232-7117 or e-mail office@willowgrovepreschool.org.



**HOLIDAY CHEER...** Prior to closing for the Christmas break, the children from Willow Grove Pre-School held their annual Christmas program. Each class performed holiday poems and songs for the families. The performance was followed by a punch and cookie reception. Pictured, left to right, are: Amelia Fallon, Maggie McNulty, Ellie Agnello, Ava Bozertarnik, Connor Matulonis, Noah Dibble, Logan Peterson, Christian Watts, Hailey Flood, Tommy Watson, Logan Peterson, Timmy Wills and Caden Matulonis, children in the 4 Year Old Class presenting the story of the first Christmas.

## Skill-Building Help Available For Middle/High School Pupils

REGION - It is easy to determine if a student is keeping pace with their coursework. Progress reports, report cards, grade portals like STARS, Edline or PowerSchool, all let parents know how their child is performing against the curriculum standard.

But what about reading comprehension? Grammar? Vocabulary? Writing?

The English and Social Studies curriculum in middle and high school incorporates these topics but not in the direct, skill-building way some students require. While a student may be doing well on the history test or on the literature project, they may not be gaining ground on reading and English/writing skills that they can then transfer to other academic areas or to everyday life.

Many students will first see a weakness in these skills when they take entrance exams like the ISEE or SSAT for private middle and high schools, or even later when they take the college entrance exams, PSAT, SAT or ACT for the first time. Strong results in the quantitative (math and science) sections can serve to highlight the weakness in verbal sections.

The solution of "read more" is difficult to fit into students' busy schedules, especially when so much of their non-school information comes to them via verbal and visual sources,

not the written word. A visit to the orthodontist is telling; 15 years ago a student would read magazines, a book or do homework while in the orthodontist office. Today a student is listening to their MP3 player, playing games on a hand-held device or using their Smartphone.

There are supplemental academic support programs for skill building in reading and writing. While it is never too late to increase focus on these skills, students in seventh, eighth, ninth and 10th grades will especially benefit from building a strong foundation in reading and writing skills.

The four New Jersey Chyten Centers - Basking Ridge (908) 647-9320, Flemington (908) 788-3660, Millburn (973) 564-5220 and Ridgewood (201) 857-4840 - offer Actual Conditions tests that assess a student's skills against a published norm. A 10-week program focused on reading comprehension is offered that starts a student on a path that will keep skills building. The reading program can be augmented by our vocabulary, grammar and writing programs. Visit [www.chytennj.com](http://www.chytennj.com) for more information.

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**FLOWER POWER...** 4-H Sewing Club member Moenika Chowdhury, right, helped Reyva Kocagil to make a decorative flower-pot at the Union County 4-H Holiday Gift Night last month. Both girls are residents of Westfield. Gift Night is an annual event open to all children in Union County. For information on the Sewing Club and many other Union County 4-H clubs and activities for children, contact 4-H Agent James Nichnadowicz at the Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County offices, (908) 654-9854 or [nichnadowicz@njaes.rutgers.edu](mailto:nichnadowicz@njaes.rutgers.edu).

## SP-F School District Preschool Registration Underway

SCOTCH PLAINS-FANWOOD - The Scotch Plains-Fanwood School District is now accepting applications for its preschool program. In order to apply, children must be 3 years old on or before October 1, 2012 and/or 4 years old on or before October 1, 2012.

A non-refundable application fee of \$50 is required (payable to the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education) and must be returned along with the completed application in order to be considered for placement. Applicants must be residents of Scotch Plains or Fanwood. Proof of residence is mandatory and is subject to review prior to acceptance into the program.

Registration does not guarantee placement in the preschool program. Class will meet five days per week following the kindergarten schedule from 8:35-11:20 for the morning ses-

sion and 12:20-3:10 for the afternoon session. Tuition for the half-day program will be \$300 per month and spaces will be reserved on a first come first served basis.

Parents of "multiples" will receive a discount of 10 percent for the additional sibling(s). Tuition may be provided at no cost to families that qualify for free/reduced lunch. Proof of status is required after the application is received and determination of eligibility will be made by the district.

Scholarships will be available on a limited basis and district administrators will determine eligibility. Applications and additional information can be obtained at the district website, [www.spfk12.org](http://www.spfk12.org) under the heading "Headlines" or by calling (908) 889-8600 ext. 302. Applications will also be available at all district elementary schools.



**HOLIDAY CELEBRATION...** The Mountainside PTA sponsored Beechwood School's Holiday Class Parties on December 22. The children celebrated the holidays by playing games, making crafts, and eating delicious food.

## Woman's Club of Westfield Scholarship Process Begins

WESTFIELD - The Woman's Club of Westfield (WCW) is inviting Westfield High School senior girls and boys to fill out an application for a WCW 2012 spring scholarship. This past May, eight scholarships of \$5,000 each were awarded to worthy WHS seniors who excelled academically, met the standards for need, demonstrated community service and possessed leadership ability along with good character. Only one of the scholarships does not require need.

In the fall, The Robert M. Gray WCW fall scholarships numbered

seven awards in the amount of \$1,000 each.

Applicants are asked to use the common college application, include a copy of your financial aid report if applicable, two letters of recommendation, an essay and a photo.

The deadline of Thursday, March 15, is strictly followed. Informal interviews are a must. Winners will be notified before Tuesday, May 1.

Completed applications can be mailed to Woman's Club of Westfield, 314 Orenda Circle, Westfield, N.J. 07090 or dropped off at the WHS Guidance Office.



**HOLIDAY CHARM...** Jacklyn Bevano of the 4-H Dog Obedience Club, right, and Susan Gruskos paint snowmen door stops at the Union County 4-H Holiday Gift Night last month. Both girls are residents of Linden. Gift Night is an annual event open to all children in Union County. For information on the Dog Obedience Club and many other Union County 4-H clubs and activities for children, contact 4-H Agent James Nichnadowicz at the Rutgers Cooperative Extension of Union County offices, (908) 654-9854 or [nichnadowicz@njaes.rutgers.edu](mailto:nichnadowicz@njaes.rutgers.edu).

## Open House at St. Paul's Day School Set for Jan. 19

WESTFIELD - for children and for information on the Junior Kindergarten, (JK) program. Parents will have an opportunity to view the facility, see our Smart Boards in action, learn about our different programs for children ranging from those who are turning 2-years-old by October 1 through the full day kindergarten and meet the director and staff. Private tours are also available during the month of January. For more information call (908) 233-5417 or visit [www.stpaulsday.org](http://www.stpaulsday.org).

St. Paul's Day School has an enriching program of academic and creative activities in a setting of caring and love. The JK program is designed for the advanced child who has just missed the cut off date for kindergarten and needs more than a regular four-year-old program or the child who needs one more year to strength his/her skills both socially and academically to be more successful when they head to kindergarten the next year.

Our kindergarten Program is a hands-on program with many

manipulatives and a Guided Reading component. Our Kindergartners do not miss out on anything when it comes to technology. We have some pretty cool stuff including interactive white boards, document cameras, digital projectors and wireless slates. Teachers use these tool to create interactive lessons and even take students on fun virtual field trips.

Children are exposed to music, drama, movement, Spanish and computer classes. Children play in our outdoor playground, weather permitting, and enjoy sand play, climbing wall and riding toys as well as using their imagination and motor skill in the castle and slide area. When weather is not permitting, we offer large indoor play area with bikes, scooters, and climbing toys. Arts and crafts, such as painting, pasting and coloring are also enjoyed each day.

Registration for new families starts Thursday, January 19. St. Paul's is located at 414 East Broad St. Registration forms may be picked up at the Open House.



**ADVENTURE IN LEARNING...** Children at St. Paul's Day School in Westfield experience hands-on learning. The school will sponsor an Open House on Thursday, January 19, at 9:30 a.m. for new families to learn about the preschool

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

#### BOROUGH OF FANWOOD RESOLUTION 12-01-01

BE IT RESOLVED the following meetings of the Mayor and Council will be held during Year 2012 at 7:30 P.M. at Borough Hall, Mayor and Council Chambers, 75 North Martine Avenue, Fanwood, New Jersey.

AGENDA MEETINGS	REGULAR MEETINGS
* No Meeting February 7	January 10
March 6	February 21
April 3	March 20
May 1	* April 16
* June 4	May 15
* No Meeting August 7	June 19
September 4	July 17
October 2	August 21
* November 5	September 18
December 4	October 16
	November 20
	December 18

The new dates for the regular meetings in 2012 for the third Tuesday will take effect on February 1st. The meeting in January 2012 will still take place on the 2nd Tuesday, or January 10th.

The Agenda and Regular Meetings will be held on Tuesdays except for those dates marked with an "\*" above.

Official action may be taken at either the Agenda or the Regular Meetings of the Mayor and Council.

This is to certify that the above is a true and exact copy of a resolution adopted by the Mayor and Council on January 1, 2012.

Eleanor McGovern  
Borough Clerk

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