



GOOD ENOUGH TO EAT...Scotch Plains-Fanwood preschool students at Brunner School have been involved in a study about winter. Pictured, Heather Terantino's students are busy at work baking snowman biscuits to be enjoyed by all class members.

Student Architecture Exhibit At Union County College

CRANFORD — The public is invited to view the "2012 Architecture Student Exhibit" in the Tomasulo Gallery at Union County College open now until April 28.

Since the semester began in January, Dori Vicente of the Engineering/Technology/Architecture Department, has been working with her students to develop their works or use projects for the exhibit. Student work includes drawings, computer renderings, and models from their architecture studio courses.

An Artists' Reception will be held from 4-6 p.m. on Friday, March 30, in the Tomasulo Gallery. The students participating in the show are: Roman Smishkevych of Cranford; Natalia Yanez of Carteret; Jaime Montano, Johnny Soriano, Petronio Romero, Hector Vaca, Guilianna Rodriguez, Kimberlinne Romero,

and Mark Sidholm, all of Elizabeth; Jerson Valderrama, Andres Fajardo and William Heyward, all of Linden; Jerome Bailey of Plainfield; Michelle Ghanime, Bryan Smith, Maceij Samulak, Xavier DeJesus, Nermina Redzic, and Jerdain Forbes, all of Union; Shanette Kinard of Rahway; Jorge Hildago of Roselle; David Jaramillo of Roselle Park; David A. Williams of Vauxhall; and Juan Mera of Scotch Plains.

The Tomasulo Gallery is located on the first floor of the Kenneth C. MacKay Library on the College's Cranford campus, located at 1033 Springfield Avenue. Gallery hours are 1-4 p.m. Monday - Thursday, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m. on Saturday, and 9-9 p.m. on Tuesday - Thursday.

For more information on the gallery, please call (908) 709-7155.



STUDENT EXHIBIT...Union County College will host the "2012 Architecture Student Exhibit" in the Tomasulo Gallery open until Saturday, April 28. Pictured above is "Cultural Center" by Hector Vaca of Elizabeth.

Project Child Find In Scotch Plains-Fanwood

SCOTCH PLAINS-FANWOOD - All children, ages 3 through 21, who reside within the Scotch Plains-Fanwood School District who are in need of special education and related services, including pupils with disabilities attending non-public schools, and highly mobile pupils such as migrant workers' children and homeless pupils, regardless of the severity of their disabilities, shall be located, identified and evaluated according to state statute N.J.A.C.6A:14-3.3.

Three and four-year-old children who experience difficulties with speech, behavior, coordination or getting along with others may be eligible for the preschool program. In addition to the preschool program, the district offers a full continuum of special education programs and services.

Contact Director Thomas Beese, in writing with questions or concerns, at Department of Special Services, 667 Westfield Road, Scotch Plains, NJ 07076.

Georgetown Announces Dean's List

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Liane Sullivan of Westfield was named to the Fall Semester 2011 Dean's List. Sullivan received First Honors, with a GPA of 3.9 or above on a 4.0 scale.

Feeny Earns First in Essay Competition

PHILADELPHIA, Penn. - Jill Feeny of Cranford, a student at Saint Joseph's University's Haub School of Business recently earned first place in the Delaware Valley Risk Management and Insurance Society's (RIMS) annual college essay competition. Feeny was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship.

All entrants were asked to respond to a question regarding social media's impact on risk management. The contest is hosted by RIMS each year in an effort to encourage student involvement in the society.



GOODDEED...Five eighth grade students from Deerfield School in Mountainside led a collection drive for the Associated Humane Society Animal Shelter in Newark as part of their Community Service initiative in their Social Studies class under the direction of teacher Brian Young. This project had the support of the Chief School Administrator Dr. Nancy Lubarsky and Police Chief James Debbie. Pictured, from left to right, are: eighth graders John Felitto, Kelsey Siter, Max Kelly, and fourth grader Alexander Felitto. Also involved in the project were eighth graders Georgia Minks and Brian McCarthy. The Mountainside community rallied behind the drive, which resulted in several car loads of donations, plus a pick up truck worth of food and a \$140 donation to the ResQ fund. To raise more funds, the students sold concessions at a full day of basketball games which allowed them to purchase additional supplies for the shelter.

SP-F Students Take Simulated Trip to Mexico

SCOTCH PLAINS — Señora Bronna Lipton's fourth grade Spanish students at Evergreen School packed their bags, and boarded Continental/United flight 590, which was headed for Mexico.

This was no ordinary flight, however. In fact, it never left the ground. But the students were flying high from the experience of this simulated activity for which they prepared passports, enjoyed a beverage and snack on board, and even saw an in-flight video in Spanish. All personnel for the airline, including those at the check in counter, on board, immigration, baggage claim and customs, were represented by Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School's Señora Diana Marcantonio's accelerated Spanish 3 class. The students at the elementary and high school levels were able to communicate with each other as a result of a very coordinated

curriculum that both teachers have been using for the past five years.

"It is always a thrill to see the students applying their knowledge of Spanish in a real-life situation. Having this activity to work towards generates excitement and relevance for what they are learning in the classroom," noted Señora Lipton.

When the fourth graders finally arrived in Mexico they were greeted by the high school students shaking maracas to Mexican music. After munching on tortilla chips and salsa, all students young and old, shared smiles and laughter as they did the Mexican Hat Dance together.

"This is always an anticipated activity because my students not only enjoy interacting in a foreign language with the fourth graders, but it gives them both practical experience and confidence," commented Señora Marcantonio.



Viva La Escuela!...Fourth grade Spanish students at Evergreen School in Scotch Plains packed their bags, and boarded Continental/United flight 590, which was headed for Mexico. Scotch Plains-Fanwood High School's accelerated Spanish 3 students helped to make the simulated trip a success.

Mother Seton Students 'Speak Up' at Forensics Meet

CLARK — Mother Seton students came home with two trophies from the February 25 forensics meet at Ridge High School in Basking Ridge.

Sophomore Christelle Marie Chua of Edison took home a fifth place trophy for her work in "Declamation," an event in which students present speeches previously given by someone else. Christelle selected a J.K. Rowling commencement address given at Harvard. The speech, which stresses the value of failure in life, has given success to Christelle, who has attended four meets and won a trophy at each of them with her presentation.

Also at the Ridge meet, junior Jenny DeLuca from Woodbridge,

earned a trophy for her work in JV Oral Interpretation. She presented two programs: poetry by various authors, and fictional prose from the novel "The Secret Life of Bees." In this, her first forensics competition ever, Jenny won fourth place.

The Saturday meets typically include competitors in a variety of events from about twenty-five public and private schools in the Newark Catholic Forensics League. The league currently boasts a standing of second in the nation.

Mother Seton Regional High School, a Catholic school for girls that emphasizes "academic excellence and Seton spirit," is located just off the Garden State Parkway circle in Clark.



FORENSICS COMPETITION...Mother Seton students came home with two trophies from the February 25 forensics meet at Ridge High School in Basking Ridge. Pictured, left to right, are: Jenny DeLuca of Woodbridge, Christelle Marie Chua of Edison and Dr. Marylou Motto, advisor.



COFFEE ANYONE...On March 14, two Union Catholic clubs, Project Haiti and the French Club, joined forces to conduct their second annual Coffee House. Pictured is Project Haiti moderator Kim Leegan, second from left, with Julia Hayes, Class of 2016, far left.

Union Catholic Clubs Join Together To Support Haiti

SCOTCH PLAINS — On March 14, two Union Catholic (UC) clubs, Project Haiti and the French Club, joined forces to conduct their second annual Coffee House. Project Haiti, moderated by Kim Leegan, began three years ago as an ongoing social justice project to benefit fair trade coffee growers in Haiti, and the French Club, moderated by Kamila Ciringione, joined the effort last year since the official language of Haiti is French.

The idea behind the Coffee House was for students to learn about Haiti and its poverty, to raise awareness about the suffering that the Haitians are enduring because of the aftermath of the devastating earthquake, and to encourage support of the Haitian economy through the Fair Coffee Trade.

Julia Hayes, an incoming freshman to UC and current student at Holy Spirit, spoke to all in attendance about her own experiences in Haiti. Her aunt opened three orphanages in Haiti, which Julia and her family have been to numerous times to offer assistance. Julia and her family provided a wonderful video and loaned UC incredible pictures of recent trips to Haiti to put on display.

During the Coffee House, faculty member Don Frio performed an original song called "The Human Race," a song he was inspired to

write and record about Haiti after the earthquake. Numerous students also performed during the event.

Students were able to sample the Haitian coffee and learn about the fair coffee trade. Students could purchase a chance to win a coffee lover's basket and Project Haiti and the French Club also donated a basket to UC's upcoming Tricky Tray.

St. Paul's to Host Junior Kindergarten Open House

WESTFIELD — St. Paul's Day School is hosting an Open House for its Four-Plus Class known as Junior Kindergarten on Thursday, April 12, at 9:30 a.m. and at 12:30 p.m.

Parents and children are welcome to come and visit. The Junior Kindergarten is for children who are ready for more structured learning. This program is designed for the older four who misses the cut-off date for kindergarten and is ready for more than what is offered in a traditional four-year-old class. It is also perfect for the child who is eligible for kindergarten but would benefit from our enriched Junior Kindergarten program and the gift of time. The children will experience daily success, which will lead to confident learning.

For more information about the Open House or to schedule a more convenient time call (908) 233-5417 www.stpaulsday.org.

SP-F School Budget Presentation

SCOTCH PLAINS-FANWOOD — Members of the Scotch Plains and Fanwood communities are invited to attend any and all presentations of the 2012-2013 School Board Budget.

Presentations will be as follows: Thursday, March 29, 7:30 p.m. Evergreen School, Multi-purpose room; Monday, April 2, 7 p.m. McGinn School, Media Center; Monday, April 27, p.m. Park Middle School, Media Center; Tuesday, April 3, 7:30 p.m. Brunner School, Multi-purpose room; Tuesday, April 3, 7:30 p.m. Terrill Middle School, Media Center; Thursday, April 5, 9 a.m. Coles School, Media Center; Monday, April 16, 7:30 p.m. SPF High School, second floor Media Center.

This schedule is also available on our district website: www.spfk12.org.

On February 9, the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Board of Education passed a resolution to change the election date of school board members to the November General Election pursuant to PL 2011 (State Bill 3148). This change will remain in effect through November 2015.

Concomitant with this law, there will not be a public vote on the 2012-2013 School Budget on April 17. The approved 2012-2013 budget is below the allowable 2 percent cap.



GENEROUS GIFT...Lisa Smelkinson, President of The Westfield Theatre Guild, recently presented a gift of \$5,260 to Rich Mattessich, President of the Westfield Board of Education, for the purchase of microphones, receivers, transmitters and sound cards for the Westfield High School (WHS) Theatre Department. This equipment was used immediately for the WHS production of Pippin and will be used for other Fine Arts events on the WHS stage. The Westfield Theatre Guild supports drama and musical productions at WHS and creates additional performance opportunities for aspiring WHS artists. "MAY-HEM" 2012, a non-judged variety show showcasing student talent is planned for Saturday, May 12. For more information, contact westfieldtheatreguild@gmail.com.

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