

WF Students Advance to Odyssey of The Mind Finals

WESTFIELD - Over 30 Westfield elementary and middle school students comprised five teams competing in Division I (Grades 3-5) and Division 2 (Grades 6-8) of the Odyssey of the Mind New Jersey State Finals tournament, held April 12 at Ewing High School. One team took second place honors to earn entry to the creative problem solving competition's World Finals at Iowa State University in Ames, Iowa.

Each Odyssey team takes on a "Long Term" problem in one of five categories - mechanical/vehicle, technical performance, classics, structure or performance - and presents their solution before a panel of judges. In the "Spontaneous" portion of the competition, teams need to use their quick thinking skills to provide on-the-spot solutions to brain teasers that test verbal skills, mechanical skills or both. Students work under the guidance of parent coaches for months to prepare the Long Term presentations, devising working models, building sets and creating costumes within a small budget, as well as writing scripts and rehearsing presentations. Along the way they learn about teamwork, respect, sportsmanship, perseverance and hard work.

Competing against teams from throughout New Jersey, Westfield's "It's How we Rule" team earned second place honors in its category at the State Finals and will advance to the 35th Odyssey of the Mind World Finals competition set for May 28-31 in Ames, where they will represent New Jersey and compete against teams from across the United States and approximately 20 countries. It promises to be an enlightening experience for the students that will give them the opportunity to learn about different cultures and form friendships within the international community.

A showcase of the Odyssey of the Mind presentations will be held on Wednesday April 23, from 6-8 p.m. at Edison Intermediate School. The community is invited to come and find out about this problem competition and to support the Westfield Odyssey of the Mind program. Admission is free but donations are gratefully accepted. Door prizes as well as baked goods will be available.

For more information about the Westfield Odyssey of the Mind Program, email WestfieldOdyssey@gmail.com.

Westfield Odyssey Of The Mind New Jersey State Final Teams: From Edison Intermediate School

Elementary Gifted and Talented Program: Second Place in the Classics Problem "It's How We Rule". Coaches: Elin Cherry, Suzanne Rosenthal and Diann Gropp-Roth; Participants: Hannah Cherry, Will Crall, Billy Maguire, Amanda Rosenthal, Meredith Rosenthal and Erin Roth.

From Jefferson Elementary School: Fourth Place in the Performance Problem "Seeing is Believing", Division 1 - Coaches: Chhaya Edekar and Kinnari Jyotishi; Participants: Maya Dias, Allison DiFalco, Sayee Edekar, Hannah Everett, Nikhil Jyotishi, Shreya Jyotishi, Joshua Metz.

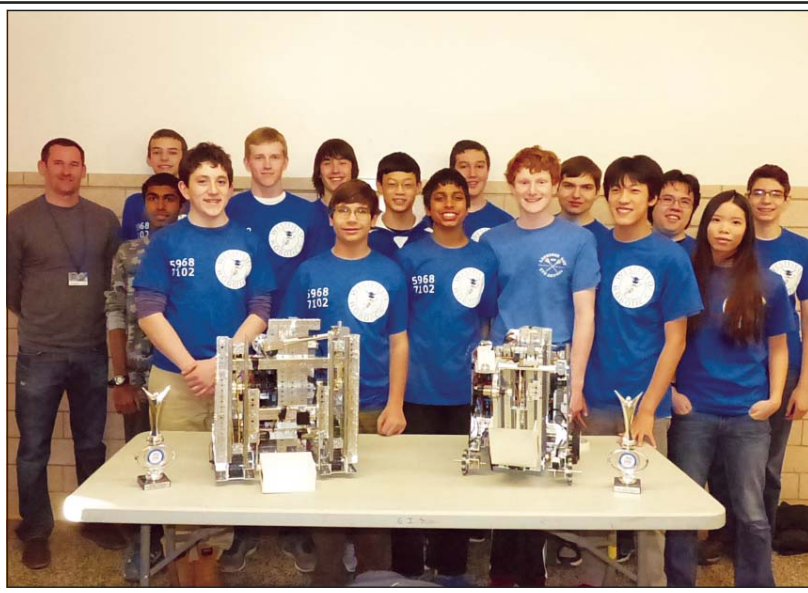
From Franklin Elementary School: Fifth Place in the Technical Problem "The Not-so-Haunted House", Division 1 - Coaches: Jill Jeckell and Carmen Mak; Participants: Catherine Orr, Kate Johnson, Vivian Jeckell, Charlie Jeckell, Matthew Swenson, Carsen Sharkey, Grace Klag.

From Edison Intermediate School Division 2: Fifth Place in the Vehicle Problem "Driver's Test", Division 2 - Coaches: Bernadette Murphy, Gina Totino, Rob Del Pizzo; Participants: Massimo Del Pizzo, Gaya Ganesan, Meghan Johnson, Jordan Phillips, and Sophia Vera.

Sixth Place in the Performance Problem "Seeing is Believing", Division 2 - Coaches: Tara McGroddy and Christina Dengler; Participants: Noah Dengler, Kurt Hu, Aidan Kilbourn, Nathan Lam, Paige Busse, Reid Busse, Matthew Guarnuccio.



ODYSSEY OF THE MIND...A Westfield Team will compete in the Classics Problem "It's How We Rule" representing New Jersey at the Odyssey of the Mind World Finals at Iowa State University. Team members, pictured, left to right, are: Meredith Rosenthal (fifth grade, Jefferson), Amanda Rosenthal (third grade, Jefferson), Will Crall (third grade, Wilson), Billy Maguire (fourth grade, Tamaques), Erin Roth (fifth grade, Wilson) and Hannah Cherry (fifth grade, Mckinley)



DESIGNS IN HIGH GEAR...Westfield Robotics FIRST Tech Challenge teams 7102 and 5968 representing Westfield High School and Edison Intermediate School ended the qualifying season in first and second place and earned a spot in the NJ FTC State Championship. Pictured with their robots are from back, left to right: Sean Bonasera (teacher/coach), Jack Mulvanerty, Neil Makhija, Spencer Fishman, Alex Beals, Jordan Hines, Alistair Kapadia, Mike Carides, Vivek Sreenivasan, Eli Zidel, Zach Kronheimer, Joe Detrano, Thomas Han, Mark Gillespie, Jennifer Rogers and Evan Binder. Not pictured is Matt Schiff.

WF Robotics Team Qualifies for NJ FTC

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Team 7102 was awarded the Parkway Division Finalist Award after moving into the divisional finals against former World Championship teams.

FIRST (For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology) is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization devoted to helping young people discover and develop a passion for science, engineering, technology, and math.

Mountainside PTA To Hold Breakfast

MOUNTAINSIDE - The Mountainside Parent-Teacher Association (PTA) will sponsor a Community Pancake Breakfast designed to bring the residents of Mountainside together for food, music, games and prizes.

This event will be held on Saturday, April 26, from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. in the Deerfield School cafeteria, located at 302 Central Avenue in Mountainside. Pancake and bagel breakfasts will be available for adults, senior adults and children, ranging in price from \$3 to \$5 each.

Walk-ins will be welcome, but pre-registration is preferred. To register, call (908) 518-0650 or (908) 591-5145.

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Community Invited to Lax Fundraiser for Imagine

WESTFIELD - The Westfield High School (WHS) boys and girls lacrosse team fundraiser will be held on Saturday, April 19, at Kehler Stadium. All proceeds from the event will be donated to Imagine, a center for coping with loss.

The boys' lacrosse team will host Ridgewood High School with the JV game beginning at 9:30 a.m.; Boys varsity will follow at 11:30 a.m. The girls' lacrosse team will host Hunterdon Central with varsity playing at 2 p.m.; Girls' JV will close out the day with a game at 3:30 p.m.

Attendees are asked to bring items from Imagine's "Wish List" which includes "Sculpey" sculpting clay, writing journals suitable for boys and adults and old phone books.

Based in Westfield, the mission of Imagine is to support children and families who are grieving and to foster resiliency and emotional well-being for all those who grieve. Imagine peer support groups are for children and teens age 3-18 and young adults 18-30 who are coping with loss due to the death of a parent or sibling, or who have a parent or primary caregiver who is ill. Imagine provides concurrent support groups for the parents of the children, and in the case of illness for the person who is sick. Imagine also offers transformative experiential workshops and training in the schools, workplaces and other social service agencies, as well as provid-



Saturday, April 19 Kehler Stadium All proceeds benefit:

ing on-site support in schools and workplaces after a trauma or loss.

If you are unable to attend the fundraiser, but would like to support this worthy cause, donation can be sent directly to Imagine, 1 East Broad Street, P.O. Box 711, Westfield, N.J. 07090. For more information on Imagine call (908) 264-3100 or visit www.imagine-nj.org.

Kehler Stadium is located at 800 Rahway Avenue in Westfield. Parking is available in the Edison Intermediate School parking lot directly across the street.

Change of Date for Ann Marie Petriano Photo

WESTFIELD - After almost 30 years of exemplary service at Tamaques Elementary School, Anne Marie Petriano will be retiring from her teaching career. As another example of her devotion to her students, when asked what she would like as a parting gift, she mentioned the one thing she would truly appreciate would be a photograph of all the students she has ever taught at Tamaques.

Principal Michael Cullen is working to make this a reality, and is planning a group photograph, to be scheduled for Tuesday, May 27, at 6 p.m. at Tamaques School.

Principal Michael Cullen summed up Mrs. Petriano's attitude and im-

pact stating, "She ends every Back-To-School Night presentation with the same words: 'I haven't worked a day in my life.' Anne Marie loves her students and cherishes the time she spends helping them learn and grow. Mrs. Petriano's students leave her classroom with a clear understanding that they are special and capable of achieving great things."

This is an opportunity for students of all ages to be reunited with Mrs. Petriano and to honor her service to the community and the indelible mark she has made on so many students' lives.

To RSVP or for more information, contact Binaifer Vesuna at petrianounion@gmail.com.

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BOARD OF EDUCATION MOUNTAINSIDE, NEW JERSEY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to the legal voters of the Mountainside School District, in the County of Union, of the State of New Jersey that a Public Hearing will be held in the Beechwood School Susan O. Collier Media Center of the Mountainside Board of Education, 1497 Woodacres Drive, Mountainside, New Jersey 07092, on Tuesday, April 29, 2014, 7:30 p.m., for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the following budget for the 2014-2015 school year.

The complete budget will be on file and open to examination at the Beechwood School Board of Education Offices, 1497 Woodacres Drive, Mountainside, New Jersey 07092, Union County New Jersey between the hours of 8 am and 4 pm Monday through Friday, excluding holidays.

Mr. Charles Milewski School Business Administrator/Board Secretary

SCHOOL DISTRICT BUDGET STATEMENT FOR THE SCHOOL YEAR 2014-2015

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ADVERTISED ENROLLMENTS

Table with enrollment data for October 15, 2012, October 15, 2013, and October 15, 2014. Columns include Enrollment Categories and values for Actual, Estimated, and Anticipated.

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ADVERTISED REVENUES

Table with revenue data for Budget Category, Account, 2012-13 Actual, 2013-14 Revised, and 2014-15 Anticipated. Categories include Operating Budget, Local Sources, State Sources, and Capital Reserve.

Grants and Entitlements:

Table with grant and entitlement data for Federal Sources, State Sources, and Local Sources, including Title II and I.D.E.A. Part B.

Table with debt repayment data for Other Financing Sources, Capital Reserve, and State Sources.

Table with revenue and expenditure data for Local Sources, Total Revenues/ Sources, and Deduct Transfer-Transfers From Capital Reserve.

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ADVERTISED APPROPRIATIONS

Table with current expense data for Budget Category, Account, 2012-13 Actual, 2013-14 Revised, and 2014-15 Anticipated. Categories include Instruction and Support Services.

Table with expenditure data for Undistributed Expenditures - Instruction (Tuition), Undist. Exp.-Attendance And Social Work, and other categories.

Table with capital expenditure data for Facilities Acquisition And Const. Serv., Capital Reserve - Transfer To Repayment Of Debt, and Total Capital Outlay.

Table with special grants and entitlements data for Federal Projects, Title II, I.D.E.A. Part B (Handicapped), and Total Federal Projects.

Table with debt repayment data for Total Regular Debt Service, Total Debt Service Funds, and Total Expenditures/Appropriations.

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ADVERTISED RECAPITULATION OF BALANCES

Table with budget category data for Audited Balance 6/30/2012, Audited Balance 6/30/2013, Estimated Balance 6/30/2014, and Estimated Balance 6/30/2015.

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ADVERTISED PER PUPIL COST CALCULATIONS

Table with per pupil cost data for 2011-12 Actual Costs, 2012-13 Actual Costs, 2013-14 Original Budget, 2013-14 Revised Budget, and 2014-15 Proposed Budget.

\*Does not include pension and social security paid by the State on-behalf of the district. \*\* Federal and State funds in the blended resource school-based budgets.

The information presented in columns 1 through 3 as well as the related descriptions of the per pupil cost calculations are contained in the Taxpayers Guide to Education Spending (formerly Comparative Spending Guide) and can be found on the Department of Education website: http://www.state.nj.us/education under Finance, when available. This publication is available in the board office and public libraries. The same calculations were performed using the 2013-14 revised appropriations and the 2014-15 budgeted appropriations presented in this advertised budget. Total Budgetary Comparative Per Pupil Cost is defined as current expense exclusive of tuition expenditures, transportation, residential costs, and judgments against the school district. For all years it also includes the restricted entitlement aids. With the exception of Total Equipment Cost, each of the other per pupil cost calculations presented is a component of the total comparative per pupil cost, although all components are not shown.