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## GIRL SCOUTS RECEIVE PRESTIGIOUS BRONZE AWARD

Story and Photo Courtesy of Troop 65255; Contributions by Kendy Coxwell Rudy

Ten of 10 applicants of the North Plainfield Girl Scout Troop 65255 received the highest award a Junior Girl Scout can get, the Bronze Award, for its "We Care" project. This prestigious award fulfills an unmet need in the local community, took months to accomplish and 20 hours of community service – as well as completion of a three-phase Junior Girl Scout "Journey." Awardees were honored and received their Bronze Pins at their "Challenge Ceremony," where they bridged to Cadets on October 19, 2015.

During their award journey, girls gained critical 21st century skills like problem solving, time management and teamwork. They discovered pressing community issues, connected resources while they took action and provided solutions. "The girls' 'We Care' project is a phenomenal example of how Girl Scouts are changing the fabric of our communities in New Jersey, one project at a time and we could not be more proud of their leadership," said Julie Wagenblast, Girl Award Program Specialist of the Girl Scouts Heart of New Jersey.

The troop's "We Care" Kits, or bags of necessary items for those who need help affording them, contained things such as dental floss, tooth paste, soap, mouthwash and other personal items. Product donations were collected from schools, family members, churches, the CVS in North Plainfield and other businesses. "The troop is grateful to everyone who made a donation," said troop member and Bronze Awardee, Nicole Lindemeyer.

The Scouts delivered the kits and provided (Leader supervised) babysitting for children while parents got their "We Care" Kits and food at the Lighthouse Food Ministry on Somerset Street in North Plainfield on May 30, 2015. Pastor Tom Dickerson and Manuel Moricormia, leaders at Lighthouse Ministry, told the Troop, "Thank you for your help, you have been a blessing to have here." Lighthouse is a food bank that serves more than 120 families in the greater North Plainfield community. Over the years, the girls have also handed out chickens and turkeys there for Thanksgiving.

The girls followed and completed the "Agent of Change" Junior Girl Scout Journey Book. In order to fulfill the Bronze, a project that they did on their own with guidance from troop leaders, they also did the following: phase one/Discover: researched and shared about a woman leader, their "heroine;" phase two/Connect: compiled a poster and magazine about these heroines and shared knowledge with each other; and, phase three/Take Action: organized and collected supplies to



(above) Troop 65255 members bridge to cadets, receive their certificates for community service and 10 of 17 receive Bronze Award Pins; shown first two rows (l-r): Nicole Lindemeyer, Brianna Cookman, Emma Collazo, Kendy Coxwell Rudy, Julia Gomes, Madison Kasper, Kerry Pierro, Carly Robertson, Niah Llewellyn and Kaila Barnes. Troop members shown last two rows (l-r): Zuri Felton, Amani Weeks, Victoria Smagalla, Alicia Dey and Naila Twyman. Not shown: Dominique Geiger and Sydney Waddy.

benefit school children in Africa. Amy Baty, Develop Africa Representative, said to the girls, "Thank you for your donation. Together, we are making a difference!"

"We are so very proud that our troop members do not need any encouragement to give back to the community," said Nancy Pierro, Troop Leader.

Members of Troop 65255 who are recipients of the Bronze Award include: Kaila Barnes, Emma Collazo, Brianna Cookman, Kendy Coxwell Rudy, Julia Gomes, Madison Kasper, Nicole Lindemeyer, Niah Llewellyn, Kerry Pierro, and Carly Robertson.

Troop 65039 held their "Fly Up Ceremony" and bridged to Junior Girl Scouts at the same event.

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## NPHS DEDICATES CORNER OF LIBRARY FOR PRE-SCHOOLERS

Submitted by NPF Schools

Superintendent of Schools Dr. James McLaughlin cut the ribbon to officially dedicate a corner of the NPHS library for the pre-school students enrolled in the Child Development Program.

The project was organized by teacher, Gurpreet Kaur, so that the preschoolers could begin to familiarize themselves with the library and take "field trips" from their classroom on the first floor, guided by the high school students

enrolled in the course, to the library on the second floor. Assistant Superintendent Michelle Vella also cut the ribbon with Dr. McLaughlin. The event was attended by Linda Bond-Nelson, President of the Board of Education.

Supervisor of Language Arts, Dr. Hope Blecher, read a book by Eric Carle, "Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?" Afterward, the children colored pictures of the animals that were represented in the book, followed by a return to the classroom for celebratory cookies.



### PROMOTE YOUR COMMUNITY EVENT

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Our guest speaker will be North Plainfield's Fire Chief, William Eaton, who will tell us about the programs and procedures offered by our fire department. NPCCR meetings are open to all.

If you have a topic that you believe would be of benefit to our residents please email [communityrights@gmail.com](mailto:communityrights@gmail.com). NPCCR records all council meetings and police reports, these can be viewed by clicking on [www.npccr.org](http://www.npccr.org)



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Interested vendors can email [eventsathc@gmail.com](mailto:eventsathc@gmail.com) for more information.

## GIRL SCOUTS HOST THANKSGIVING DINNER

On Saturday, November 21st, North Plainfield Girl Scout troops 65133 and 65937 will host their Annual Free Thanksgiving Community Dinner at Watchung Avenue Presbyterian Church. A complete sit down turkey dinner will be served from 2 to 5 pm.

This dinner is a wonderful opportunity for our 10th and 11th grade girls to address a need in our community. They will learn about the team work that goes into planning and hosting a successful event in order to help others and bring the community together.

This event is completely funded by donations from local businesses and organizations. If anyone is interested in making a donation towards this wonderful community dinner and support the Girl Scouts in their endeavor, you can contact Jana Lattimore or Theresa McGrath at [our2girlscouttroops@gmail.com](mailto:our2girlscouttroops@gmail.com).

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Submitted by Beth Sobel, Principal, NPF Schools

Last fall, former West End student, Bobby Bereheiko, volunteered to revitalize the West End School garden. Over a course of a few months Bobby, along with fellow boy scout members, installed a new fence and stepping stones and added weed blocking underlay, mulch, plant beds, and fresh soil. With money raised through fundraisers, as well as generous donations, Bobby was able to purchase supplies. His hard work and dedication to the project earned him his Eagle Scout badge. Thanks to Bobby's commitment to giving back, a new green learning space for students and teachers had been created. In Spring 2015, Mrs. Lubreski's kindergarten class and Art teacher Lisa Cerulo participated in a collaborative planting project which extended the classroom experience into the newly designed garden. To obtain a first-hand understanding of seeds, the students, assisted by class mom Mrs. Sorkin, planted pumpkin, squash, sunflower, watermelon and mixed garden seeds. During the summer Mrs. Sorkin and children maintained the garden by weeding and watering the plants. Upon arrival in September students were able to see how the seeds sprouted into hearty plants, with

the vines wrapping around the garden. The Room 15 graduates were able to pick the large pumpkins, watermelons and sunflowers to put on display at West End School for the harvest season.



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# G.E.M.S INSPIRES GIRL

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Mrs. Jaffe and Ms. Farhat know firsthand the importance of providing opportunities for young women to have fun with math and science. G.E.M.S will be a place where girls can try things that either will not or cannot be done in regular classroom sessions. Members will be able to explore engineering, a subject that is not yet incorporated into the 6th grade science curriculum.


G.E.M.S will provide an opportunity for the girls to delve into a world of higher level math and science that will challenge the girls without putting any undue pressure on them, because they do not have to pass a test on it. Using critical thinking skills, they will explore and fail and start again without pressure to get the one right answer. They can discover and get messy in hands-on activities! They can get dirty, use tools, mix stuff up, and generally DO the science that is not possible to do during school!

The G.E.M.S program will, indeed, serve to inform and inspire girls toward their potential careers in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math. Throughout the academic year, members will be exposed to guest speakers who currently work in the science and math fields, which will

include government agencies, local industries and corporations. These young women will also be traveling off campus throughout the year, making visits to institutions of higher education to witness their STEM program.

Our overall goal in G.E.M.S will be to encourage girls to pursue STEM fields for courses and careers. G.E.M.S will focus on five overarching goals that will drive girls towards success: INVITE, ENTICE, ENCOURAGE, EXPLORE AND EXPERIENCE.





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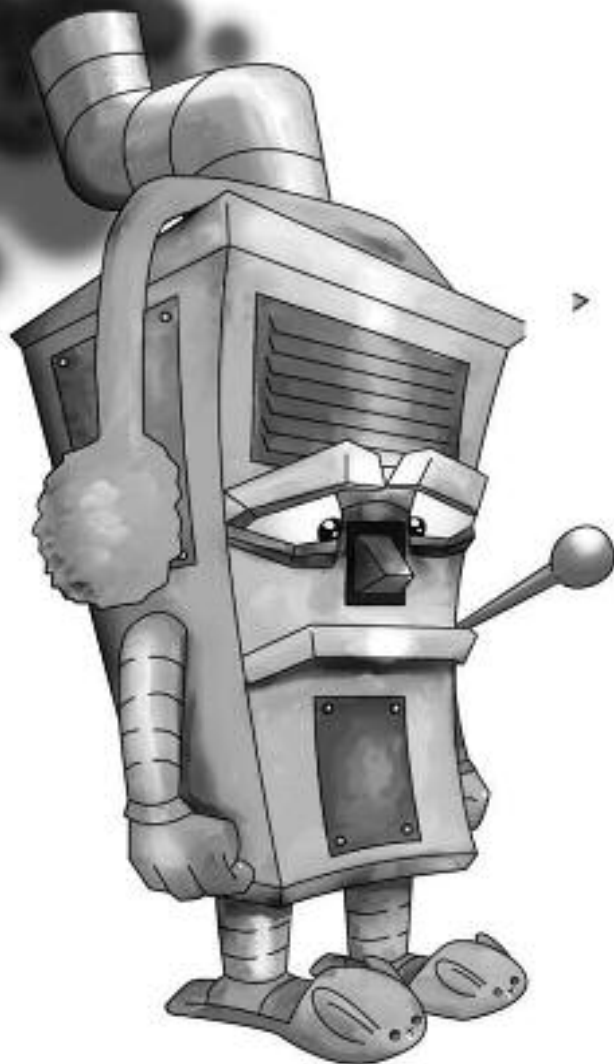
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Sicilian	\$13.75
Slice	\$2.00
Sicilian Slice	\$2.25

#### TOPPINGS

1/2	\$1.50
Whole	\$2.25 each
Mushrooms, Peppers, Broccoli, Spinach, Jalapeno Pepper, Diced Fresh Tomato, Black Olives, Onions, Garlic, Ham, Sausage, Meatballs, Pepperoni, Bacon, Anchovies	\$2.95 each
Roast Peppers, Eggplant, Chicken, Pineapple	

#### GOURMET PIZZA

Argentina's (Sliced Ham, Black Olives, Roasted Peppers)	\$15.95
	\$18.50
Bacon, Lettuce & Tomato	\$16.00
Baked Ziti	\$15.95
Buffalo Chicken	\$15.95
Cheesesteak Pizza (Chicken Or Beef)	\$17.00
Eggplant (with Ricotta Cheese)	\$16.95
Fresh Basil & Tomato	\$15.95
Fresh Tomatoes, Roasted Peppers,	
Garlic & Basil	\$15.95
Grandma (Square 16"x16")	\$19.95
Hawaiian Pie	
(Ham, Pineapple, No Tomato Sauce)	\$15.95
Margarita	\$15.95
Meat Lover Pie (Pepperoni, Meatballs, Sausage, Bacon Ham)	\$16.95
	\$18.95
Taco Pizza	\$15.95
Vegetable Pie (Broccoli, Spinach, Peppers, Onions, Mushrooms, Garlic, Black Olives, Tomatoes)	\$15.95
	\$17.95
White (Ricotta, Mozzarella Cheese & Garlic)	\$14.75
	\$16.75
White Broccoli	\$15.75
White Spinach	\$15.75

#### LA STRADA "SPECIAL PIZZA" - THE WORKS

A meal in itself – made with the finest mellow cheeses available, tangy sliced pepperoni, selected garden fresh mushrooms, selected Italian sausages, Neapolitan style peppers, Spanish Onions, And for the connoisseur – imported tart anchovies.

Personal Pizza	\$10.50
Medium	\$16.95
Large	\$17.95
Sicilian	\$19.95

## BOOK YOUR HOLIDAY PARTY TODAY!

Hours: Mon-Thurs 10:30am to 10pm  
Fri-Sat 10:30am to 11pm  
Sunday 11:30am to 10pm

### ASK FOR DAILY SPECIALS

*Prices do not include tax*

#### APPETIZERS

Mozzarella Sticks (6)	\$5.85
Buffalo wings (8 pcs.)	\$6.15
Fried Calamari	\$7.95
Mussels Marinara	\$7.25
Steamed Clams	\$7.95
Antipasto	\$8.45

#### SALADS

Tossed Salad	\$4.85
Chef Salad	\$7.25
Turkey Salad	\$7.25
Grilled Chicken Salad	\$7.25
Caesar Salad w/Chicken	\$7.45
Tuna Salad	\$7.25
Fresh Tomatoes, Mozzarella, Basil & Roasted Peppers	\$8.25
Grilled Shrimp Salad	\$8.95
Scungilli Salad	\$8.95
Calamari Salad	\$8.95
Seafood Salad	\$16.75

#### DRESSINGS

- Oil & Vinegar • Russian • French
- Creamy Italian • Caesar • Ranch
- Honey Mustard
- Balsamic Vinegar & Oil

#### SOUPS

Ask for the Soup of the Day  
*(fresh made on premises every day)*

#### SIDE ORDERS

French Fries	\$2.50
Curly Fries	\$3.25
Onion Rings (8)	\$3.95
Meatballs	\$4.95
Sausage	\$4.95
Garlic Bread	\$3.95
With Cheese	\$4.25
Sauteed Spinach	\$5.75
Sauteed Broccoli	\$5.75
Sauteed Broccoli Rabe	\$7.95

#### CHICKEN

Chicken Parmigiana	\$12.25
Chicken Francese	\$13.25
Chicken Marsala	\$13.25
Chicken Alfredo	\$13.25
Chicken w/Lemon Sauce	\$13.25
Chicken Broccoli Rabe	\$13.25
Chicken Spinach	\$12.95
Chicken Piccata	\$13.25

*Above orders served with Salad & Bread and your choice of Spaghetti or Linguini.*

#### VEAL

Veal Parmigiana	\$14.95
Veal Scallopine Marsala	\$15.25
Veal Scallopine Pizzaiola	\$15.25
Veal Scallopine Francese	\$15.25
Veal Piccata	\$15.25

*Above orders served with Salad & Bread and your choice of Spaghetti or Linguini.*

#### SEAFOOD

Fried Calamari	\$12.95
Calamari Marinara	\$12.95
Mussels Marinara	\$11.95
Red or White Clam Sauce	\$13.95
Shrimp Fra Diavolo	\$14.95
Shrimp Marinara	\$14.95
Shrimp Scampi	\$14.25
Fried Shrimp Parmigiana	\$13.95
Scungilli Marinara	\$14.95
Seafood Combination	\$18.95
(Clams, Shrimp, Scungilli, Mussels, Scallops, Calamari in Red Marinara Sauce)	

*Above orders served with Salad & Bread and your choice of Spaghetti or Linguini.*

## Wishing you Buon Appetito!

We proudly present our menu, bringing you the very best Italian Dishes. It is our pleasure to serve you. Feel free to bring your own beer or wine. We gladly provide setup.

#### PHILADELPHIA STYLE STEAK SANDWICH

Plain Steak	\$6.40
Cheese Steak w/Choice of Mozzarella or American Cheese	\$6.85
Pizza Steak	\$7.05
Steak Special w/Choice of Mozzarella or American Cheese	\$7.25
Steak Hoagie w/Lettuce, Tomato, Onions, Mayo	\$7.25
Chicken Cheese w/Choice of Mozzarella or American Cheese	\$6.75
Onions-Mushrooms-Peppers-Sauce 25¢ Extra	

#### HOT SUBS

Meatballs	\$6.75
Meatballs Parmigiana	\$7.05
Peppers and Eggs	\$6.35
Sausage	\$6.60
Sausage Parmigiana	\$7.05
Veal Cutlet Parmigiana	\$8.05
Sausage & Peppers	\$7.05
Eggplant Parmigiana	\$7.05
Chicken Parmigiana	\$7.45
Chicken Hoagie	\$7.35
Cheesy Chicken Parmigiana w/Mozzarella, Ricotta & Provolone	\$7.75

#### COLD SUBS

*Cold subs are served with lettuce, tomatoes, and onions. Choice of dressings: Mayo or oil & vinegar*

1. Ham, Salami, Provolone	\$5.75	\$6.75
2. Turkey Provolone	\$5.95	\$7.25
3. Roast Beef, Provolone	\$5.95	\$7.50
4. Caprese Sub: Prosciutto		
Fresh Mozzarella, Roasted Pepper	\$6.25	\$8.05
5. Tuna Sub	\$5.75	\$7.05
6. Belly Buster: Ham, Salami, Turkey, Roast Beef, Pepperoni, Provolone	\$6.25	\$8.25

#### 3 or 6 FOOT SUBS AVAILABLE

*(one day notice required)*

#### PASTA ENTREES

Your Choice of Fettucini, Cavatelli, Penne, Rigatoni, Spaghetti, Linguine, Angel Hair with:

Oil and Garlic	\$9.50
Sauce	\$9.25
Sausage or Meatballs	\$9.75
Marinara Sauce	\$9.95
Meat Sauce	\$10.95
Arrabiata	\$10.95
(Light Marinara, Capers, and a touch of Vodka) Spicy Carbonara	\$11.25
(Prepared w/julienne of Ham, Bacon, Parmigian Cheese & Eggs)	
Alfredo	\$11.25
(Parmigian and Cream Sauce)	
Romana	\$11.25
(Ham, Peas, Mushrooms in Cream Sauce)	
Matriciana	\$11.25
(Bacon in Spicy Sauce)	
Vodka	\$11.25
Puttanesca	\$11.25
(Light Marinara, Black Olives and Capers)	
Eggplant Rollatini w/ Salami and Ricotta	\$12.25
Eggplant Parmigiana	\$11.95
Sausage, Peppers, Onions, & Red Sauce	\$11.95

*The above orders served with Salad & Bread*

#### PASTA SPECIALTIES

Cavatelli w/Broccoli	\$11.95
Ravioli	\$10.95
Ravioli Bolognese w/Meat Sauce, Peas, Carrots	\$10.95
Tortellini Bolognese w/Meat Sauce, Peas, Carrots	\$11.95
Tortellini a La Panna in Alfredo Sauce	\$11.25
Manicotti	\$10.95
Baked Ziti	\$10.95
Canelloni Fiorentina, Stuffed with Ricotta & Spinach	\$11.95
Stuffed Shells	\$10.95
Gnocchi al Padrino	\$11.95
(Potato Pillows w/Fresh Tomato, Basil & Mozzarella)	
Lasagna	\$11.75
Broccoli Stuffed Shells	\$11.50