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Green Brook Cultural Heritage and Historic Preservation Committee and The Green Brook Historical Society meeting:

3RD THURSDAY OF EACH MONTH 7:30 pm

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MEDIA CENTER DEDICATED TO MIDDLE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

On October 20, 2014, the Board of Education Members: Mr. Benscoter, President; Mr. Martins, Vice President; Mrs. Couch; Mrs. Connors; Mrs. Piccirilli; Mr. Humphrey; Mr. Brault; Mr. Binder and Mr. Azzarello hosted a reception in Ms. Pollard's honor. During the ceremony the Green Brook Middle School media center was dedicated in her name: "Linda Pollard Media Center."

Ms. Linda Pollard, Principal of Green Brook Middle School, retired on October 31, 2014, after thirty-two years of service to Green Brook Township Public Schools. Over the years, she has taught fifth, sixth, and eighth grades, and has held the positions of Curriculum Facilitator, Principal, and even Acting Superintendent for two months.

The last fourteen years she served as the principal of the Green Brook Middle School (GBMS). During her tenure as principal GBMS was the fourth ranking school in the state on NJASK scores, was honored in the Courier News for being the best performing school of the 100 schools in its distribution area, the school has been nominated many times for National Blue Ribbon by Somerset County as the highest performing school in Somerset County, and was recognized as one of the top 10% of the schools in the State for its arts programs. Ms. Pollard thanked the assembled faculty, staff, students, parents, administrators, board members, and community members for their support over the years.

Ms. Pollard joined the staff of the Irene E. Feldkirchner School on November 1, 1982 as a sixth grade teacher. IEF is a supportive and nurturing school. It is a caring family environment where every child is provided the support they need to become students.

In 1990, Ms. Pollard was transferred to the newly formed Green Brook Middle School along with the sixth graders. Through twenty-five years of change and the efforts of a dedicated staff, the Green Brook Middle School has become a school of which the community can be very proud. The students are offered a plethora of learning and extra-curricular activities by a talented staff and a supportive greater school community. Every child is known and is important as they enter their tweens and begin their transition to becoming high schoolers.

Ms. Pollard has been an educator for forty-three years. She began her career in Spotswood as a kindergarten and first grade teacher. From 1974-1982, Ms. Pollard taught in Plainfield grades Pre-school through grade four.

During her tenure as principal in Green Brook,

- GBMS was the fourth ranking school in the state on NJASK 2004 scores.
- For five years, it was the only district in Somerset County to meet Adequate yearly progress
- In 2010- the school was honored in the Courier News for being the best performing school of the 100 schools in its distribution area.
- GBMS has been nominated several times for National Blue Ribbon by



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Somerset County as the highest performing school in the county.

- GBMS was recognized for seven years as one of the top 10% of the schools in the state for its arts programs.
- In 2011, the Governor selected GB to receive \$75,000 for recognition of the growth in performance for its special education students.
 The students are offered a plethora of clubs, activities, and sports in which to participate.

Of course, none of these honors could have been accomplished without a very professional and dedicated staff, the expertise of the Superintendents Mrs. Bilenker, Dr. Labbe, and Mr. Carroll, and most importantly the support of the parents and community.

Ms. Pollard will always remember the shared laughter, the joys as well as the struggles she and her staff have met over the years. She wants to thank everyone for their support, words of encouragement, the sharing of their talents and expertise, but mostly for their sincerity and for entrusting her with their children's education.



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Green Brook Boy Scout Troop 129 will be participating in the Scouting For Food Service Project in November. Plastic collection bags will be dropped off at Green Brook residences on November 8th. Residents are asked to fill the bag with non-perishable food items and leave it at their doorstep the morning of November 15th when the Scouts will return to pick them up. The food we collect will be given to Fish Inc., Dunellen Area, a local non-profit food pantry located in Piscataway, whose service area includes Green Brook.

AN ADAPTIVE USE

Submitted by Jim Koch Green Brook Cultural Heritage & Historic Preservation Committee

Washington Rock has seen a variety of history over the last 240 years. Perhaps the following is one of the most unusual. During World War II, our troops were being trained at the Kilmer training facility outside of New Brunswick. Training goes "by the book" as they say. So the training manual said that there needed to be a nine mile march and an overnight camp. So the instructors took out a map and drew a nine mile radius from Kilmer and on that they found Washington Rock. So the troops marched from Kilmer to Washington Rock. They camped overnight in what we called the picnic area and then marched back the following day. And no, there is no evidence of their having occupied the area 70 years ago.



Sciatica, Stenosis and Herniated Discs May Be to Blame for Pain and Numbness in Legs



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Can time heal pain?

Yes, in some cases time can heal pain but that is not Approach so different? generally the case. At Performance Rehabilitation & new mattresses to medications. It doesn't have to be that together all under one roof. way. The doctors and staff at Performance Rehabilitation & Integrated Medicine have literally helped thousands of local residents relieve their pain without drugs or surgery.

Surgery should not be taken lightly

Some severe back injuries require surgery but most do not. At Performance Rehabilitation & Integrated Medicine, we believe that surgery should only be considered when all other options have been exhausted. If your back or neck pain is so severe that you are considering surgery we invite you to ask yourself this question: "If there is a long-term solution to back/ neck pain that doesn't require surgery, is it worth an hour of my time to find out more?"



Who is a candidate for treatment?

There are many types of symptoms that can be relieved including:

- Back/Neck pain
 - Leg pain
- Chronic low back pain
- Sciatica

The Truth about Surgery

Losis can exceed \$100,000

- Prescription pain medications will be introduced
- Surgery may not solve your pain problems
- Surgery can lead to even more surgery in the luture
- Recovery time can be painful and prolonged
- Surgery cannot be undone if outcomes are not favorable.
- · Wissed time away from work, family, friends
- Duality of life can be reduced.

--- Ron Spieggie, DC About Performance Rehabilitation & Integrated Medicine

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"I have had neck pain and arm pain for seven years from several herniated discs in my spine. I have tried other chiropractic and physical therapy treatments with little success. I have completed the DRX treatment four weeks ago and I am symptom free. Thanks to Performance Rehab I have gotten my life back."

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"PEACE IS A GIFT FOR EVERYONE, LET IT BEGIN WITH ME"

On Thursday, September 11, 2014, I.E.F. School held a 9/11 memorial ceremony. The school's student body and staff gathered at the front entrance of the school for a morning assembly. The American Flag was raised to half-staff and a moment of silence was observed. The assemblage recited the Pledge of Allegiance and sang God Bless America led by the school principal, Mr. Armand Lamberti. Mr. Lamberti recited a "Peace Poem" he composed for the ceremony:

Let me be a maker of peace Let me show respect and love For everyone, for freedom sweet And spacious skies above

I hope for a world where peace prevails Life in harmony Peace is a gift for everyone Let it begin with me



(above) The student body and staff outside I.E.F. School for its 9/11 memorial ceremony





WHRHS BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT

Parents attended either this Back To School Night on Oct. 9, or Back To School Day, 7:30 to 9:30, on Monday, Oct. 13, to meet their children's teachers. The parents reported to their children's classrooms. They changed classes for several periods, the way their children must do during a typical school day. And they were greeted in the hallways by school administrators and student peer leaders, who provided directions and information about room numbers and locations.



(above, l-r) Fencing team members Ian Blakeslee of Stirling, Greg Puccio of Warren Township, and Josh Leski of Millington offered parents fundraising items, including tulips, socks and bottled water.



(above, l-r) Student Council members Parima Kadikar and Molly Shulan of Warren, Lauren Stone of Millington, Claire Chen of Warren, Devon Lauderdale of Gillette and Tim Hsueh of Watchung.



(above, l-r) Taryn Rotondo and Lauren Trumpore, both of Warren Township



(left, l-r) A small army of student volunteers helped parents find their children's classrooms. Parents had an abbreviated school day, meeting their children's teachers and changing classes. They had to make it to the next class on-time, just as their children must do every day.



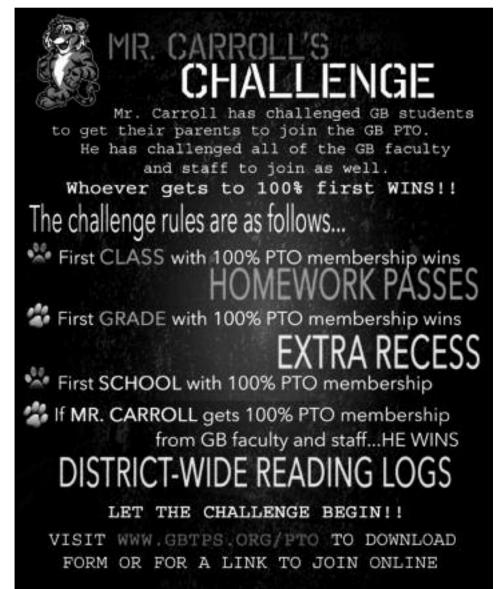
(above, l-r) Jazz Ensemble, provided a musical performance on Back To School Night, Scott Brown of Warren Township, Michael Weinfeldt of Gillette, Joe LaScala and Nick Briski of Watchung, and Andrew Morrison and Ben Overzat of Warren Township.

MIDDLE SCHOOL CHOIR AT Somerset Patriots

On Friday, September 26, the Green Brook Middle School Choir sang the National Anthem at the Somerset Patriots' home playoff game against the Lancaster Barnstormers. Mrs. Cifelli had twenty-one choir members and seventy-three parents in attendance at the baseball game! The choir sang beautifully and received many compliments from fans and staff at the stadium. The singers were: Jillian Cronin, Megan Camp, Kaitlyn Lynch, Jordan Pincus, Abby Wighard, Katie Strong, Victoria Pantagis, Christina Pantagis, Claire Beck, Alli Minetti, Adam Noble, Maria Irvin, Christine Tanko, Maddy Leong, Kelly Merrits, Michelle Chavanne, Kyra Anthony, Molly Larkin, Alyssa Ostry, Lilly Levine, and Roshni Dave.



(above) Green Brook Middle School choir at the Somerset Patriots' home playoff game against the Lancaster Barnstormers.







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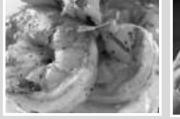
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