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2015 New Jersey Firefighter's Bicycle Race Results

The 18th annual NJ Firefighters Bicycle Race to raise funds for the St. Barnabas Hospital Burn Center Foundation was held on Sun., July 26, 2015 in downtown Stirling. It was another successful event with more than 50 firefighters racing, including 3 female firefighter riders. Each year this event, the only one of its kind in America, is hosted by the Stirling Volunteer Fire Co. whose members spent more than 200 hours to make this event a success. A large crowd of on-lookers cheered on the racers as they completed the two mile race in full firefighter turn-out gear (less boots because it is too difficult to keep boots on the pedals). The weather for the race was sunny and in the mid-80s with low humidity. After the race, Stirling firefighters hosted a picnic lunch in the air conditioned firehouse for the racers and their guests. After the meal, trophies were awarded to the winners by firefighter race chairman Frank Reilly and Burn Center Foundation director Kathy Conlon. Both thanked the racers and Stirling firefighters for participating in this unique fund raising event and they were given a well-deserved round of applause. Ms. Conlon told the group how important fund raising events such as this are to the successful operation of the non-profit Burn Center Foundation.

Oldest racer was Kenneth Larson, a fit 67 year old firefighter, from the Green Brook Fire EMS Dept. He finished 47th and was presented with the "Oldest Firefighter Racer Award", which he accepted with much fanfare.

Stirling Vol. Fire Co. racers were Deputy Chief Alex Gallo and firefighters Dawher Castro, Travis Snyder, and Randy Wojcek. Castro was a bit under the weather the race day morning and almost didn't race, but when he was encouraged by his brother firefighters and he put on his turn-out gear he felt better and went on to win the race to the cheers of all the firefighters, his wife, and the on-lookers.



(above) Green Brook's Bill Cougher racing.



(above) Green Brook Fire EMS moments before the grueling race.



(above) Green Brook Fire EMS racer Ken Larson is presented with the oldest firefighter bicycle racer trophy by race chairman Frank Reilly and Burn Center Foundation director Kathy Conlon.



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Remembering September 11th

The Township of Green Brook invites you to join us in a memorial ceremony to honor and remember the brave men & women who lost their lives.

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BACK TO SCHOOL

Submitted by Mr. Armand Lamberti, Principal

I hope that all of you have had a fantastic summer. School began on Wednesday, September 2nd on a full day schedule. I look forward to a great school year.

We welcome new staff members to the IEF Family: Ms. Ashley Grutta (Music); Mrs. Jennifer Collett (Computers); Ms. Hallie Yula (1st Grade/Replacing Mrs. Fairchild who has retired); and Ms. Samantha Wong (Resource Teacher). Having served IEF School as maternity and medical leave replacements, the following staff members will be back: Ms. Sandy Del Pezzo (Grade 2); Mrs. Lisa Dent (formerly Ms. Costa/Grade 3); and Ms. Lori Gross (Grade 4).

This year, IEF School will offer a "new to IEF" course for students. Music will be offered as a once-weekly special to all students - Pre K through Grade 4. Student performances will be scheduled and presented. Our Computer special will also be accelerated with a new-look outlay of the computer lab, and an exciting/challenging program. IEF School will also continue onward - second year - with its Writer's Workshop model, and implement Reader's Workshop - first year - in our English/Language Arts curriculum and instruction. Also, the Green Brook Education & Athletic Foundation (GBEAF) is offering before and aftercare programming. If you are interested in this offering or have any questions regarding it, contact Mr. Paul Fornale at 732.968.1051 (extension 5011), or email him at foundation@gbtps.org. I highly recommend that you visit the IEF and district websites (www.gbtps.org) regularly as important information will be posted in an on-going fashion throughout the school year.

Thank you for your support!



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WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO A WONDERFUL YEAR.

Submitted by Kevin J. Carroll, Superintendent, Green Brook Township Public Schools

Teachers and administrators have been working diligently throughout the spring and summer in preparation for the 2015-2016 school year. So, what will be new for our students? Building upon the momentum of the 2014-2015 school year, where teachers started implementing Writer's Workshop, September will see the kickoff of Reader's Workshop. Writer's Workshop had the simple goal of improving student writing by having them write daily in school, teaching writing skills instead of specific writing pieces, and helping students enjoy writing. Now, as a part of a balanced literacy program, Reader's Workshop will work to achieve similar goals. Student learning will be more personalized as students will be taught new reading skills and then given time daily to read books of their choosing and practice those skills. In addition to Reader's Workshop, time for other components of balanced literacy have been infused into the elementary school schedule including word work and shared reading time. In preparation for the change, teachers have been participating in professional development since the spring, working with both outside consultants as well as in-house presenters. Teachers have also been participating in voluntary Reader's Workshop institutes during the summer at Green Book, Paramus, or Columbia University.


Big changes are also coming to our technology curriculum. Prior to this school year, technology classes were heavily dependent upon computer literacy and microsoft office skills. However, as students have more access to computers throughout their day and not just in technology

class, computer literacy has become a skill that is taught and practiced throughout the school day. As a result, the technology class time can be redirected to more modern skills. As early as kindergarten, students will have a basic exposure to programming and robotics. As students get older, the expectations and competencies become more advanced, involving different computer programming languages. Finally, music education in Green Brook is going through a major overhaul. General music is back at IEF for students in pre-K through fourth grade. The program will involve a wide range of skills for students to learn while developing a love for music. At the middle school level, students will have the option of taking full group band or choir during the school day as part of their related arts program option. Overall, the 2015-2016 is set to be an exciting and enriching year for the Green Brook school community. Community Service and Humane Acts of Kindness at IEF School

Throughout the 2014-15 school year, students and staff at the Irene E. Feldkirchner (IEF) Elementary School engage in a number of community service/humane acts of kindness activities. During the past school year, thousands of dollars were generated for charitable organizations such as The American Heart Association through Hoops for Heart; The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society through Pasta for Pennies (in conjunction with The Olive Garden); The St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital through a school-wide Math-A-Thon; The American Cancer Society through pledges; and for United States Armed Forces troops


through Jeans for Troops. Additionally, the school conducts clothing and food drives for donations to charitable organizations such as F.I.S.H. in Dunellen in order to help the needy. IEF School seeks to instill in its students a sense of citizenship through community service and humane acts of kindness and generosity. These values are promoted through the aforementioned activities and other school-based activities. The IEF Student Council has initiated activities to benefit America's troops and sponsored clothing/food drives. Another humane effort in which IEF School participates is the Kids to Kids Program organized by Oneness-Heart-Tears and Smiles. This program creates procurement and distribution of educational and medical supplies, children's toys and other aid to hospitals, orphanages, and other local groups worldwide.

IEF School also generates and promotes, the school also invites the school community to visit for a variety of events throughout the school year. Great numbers of people from the school community come to IEF School for Back-to-School Night; the Halloween Parade; Parent Conferences; Grandparents' Day; Parents' Visiting Day; play productions; Career Day; Principal Storytime (in coordination with the Green Brook PTO); coffeehouses; a Curriculum/Art Fair; Kindergarten Orientation; and Field Day to name a few. IEF School seeks always to instill in its students a sense of citizenship and responsibility through community and global-minded humane acts of caring. These traditions and more will be part of our 2015-2016 school year!



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Registration is open to Warren, Watchung, and Green Brook residents. We offer an 8 week (55 min) session for ages 4-adult for \$145. Classes begin September 8th with a registration deadline of August 28th. Rainout classes will be held on Thursdays, and there is an 8-1 ratio of student to instructor. Classes run Mondays from 4-7pm at Greenwood Meadows tennis courts, and Tuesdays and Wednesdays from 4-7pm at the Municipal Tennis Courts.

The instructor is tennis pro, Mike Watson, who has been coaching tennis for over 15 years. He is one of the most distinguished coaches in the area being named the 2002-03 coach of the year for the middle states by United Tennis Association. Michael is the director of the largest tennis training center in Central Jersey, training 600 students annually. After countless students went on to have distinguished careers at the collegiate level, the United States Tennis Association sanctioned the Watson Classic biannual tournament in his name. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact Mike at atsomerssetcounty.tennis@gmail.com. Please register online with a credit card at warrennj.org/recreation/register. If you have any questions feel free to contact the Warren Twp. Recreation office at recreation@warrennj.org or 908-753-8000 x 270

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After a short hiatus, the Amy Garrett House in Rocky Hill, the Bedensville Schoolhouse in Skillman (Montgomery Township), the Brick Academy in Basking Ridge and the Robert Mansion in Somerville also will be on the sites list. This year's event boasts five early schoolhouses, of particular interest to educators and students.

"This is an opportunity to step into and experience the past," said Freeholder Deputy Director Patricia Walsh. "This popular family-oriented program is being presented by the Somerset County Cultural & Heritage Commission in collaboration with 30 local historical societies."

This annual autumn weekend features interpreted tours led by guides in period dress, special collections and exhibitions, and a seemingly unending variety of offerings.

Experience the sights and sounds of the 18th century with costumed reenactors, house tours and activities; living-history reenactors; open-hearth cooking; colonial tavern life and games; interactive activities, such as signing an actual enlistment document with quill and ink and being whisked off into Gen. William Alexander's (aka Lord Stirling) headquarters during the Middlebrook Cantonment of 1778-9; and

learning spy techniques and taking sides.

Be amazed by 19th-century firefighting wagons and apparatus and observe traditional blacksmithing. Enjoy antiques sales, actors portraying historical figures, craftspeople demonstrating period decorative crafts, live theatrical productions and several period music performances, including a strolling troubadour singing songs of the American Revolution. Help Lord Stirling strategize Middlebrook defenses; celebrate the French Alliance by learning a colonial dance; discover a wealth of genealogical resources; enjoy an old vaudeville house's silent movie; discover area military history; see local history videos, including the Millstone Valley Scenic Byway; explore the new Jack Nicklaus Room at the U.S. Golf Association; appreciate interesting architecture; gain access to some sites not generally open to the public; and so much more.

For those who enjoy a challenge, we're continuing an educational and fun detective investigation activity for kids and the entire family that will test your powers of deduction to solve 30 mysteries. "What in the World is That...?" is intended to encourage a multi-generational outing for parents, children and grandparents. Share stories and experiences about "the old days" with your children and grandchildren as you enjoy traveling from one historic site to the next.

At each historic site, one unique item from the past will be featured, displayed and described. As a rookie detective enlisted to investigate, you are assigned to reveal the true identity and function of each mystery item. Download and print an "Official Investigative Task Booklet" from the

eventwebsite at www.SCHistoryWeekend.com (the current year's booklet will be posted by the end of August).

Next to the name and town of each participating historic site you'll find a small photo of a mystery item you are challenged to identify. After carefully examining the photo, write down in your booklet what you believe the item is. Once you do that for all pictured items, take your booklet and go to as many sites as you can, searching the premises to locate the mystery item (look for the Sherlock Holmes silhouette sticker). When you find it, read the posted information to see if your powers of deduction were correct, and rate yourself as a weekend detective.

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COUPON

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\$4⁹⁹ GBK9
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\$6⁹⁹ GBK9
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