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WHITE CASTLE HOSTS BOY SCOUT CHESS TOURNAMENTS

The Scotch Plains Baptist Church was the site for the latest Boy Scouts Chess Tournament sponsored by White Castle. The tournament was open to all registered Boy Scouts, Venturers and Explorers. This was the second annual tournament for the Watchung Mountain District.

Robert Mehorter of Scotch Plains won third place honors. Second place was won by Harrison Hahne-Lum of of Springfield and first place went to Kevin Cavicchia of Summit, who won all four of his games.

White Castle purchased 20 sets, boards and clocks for the Boy Scouts and will continue to sponsor tournaments in all seven Boy Scout Districts in New Jersey.

The company covered expenses for running the tournament including trophies for the top three winners and ribbons for participants. They also supplied lunch for all players and spectators. White Castle will continue to support the Boy Scouts and the Chess program. The Program is coordinated by Joe Renna of Renna Media, a Chess Merit Badge Counselor.

Boys and girls who are Boy Scouts, Venturers and Explorers are invited to play in all districts. The next scheduled tournament will be in Cranford on Saturday, Febuary 27, 1016.



(left, l-r) Joe Renna of Renna Media and Jasmin Arroyo, General Manager of the Green Brook White Castle with tournament players and Charlean Mahon, Boy Scouts of America District Executive.

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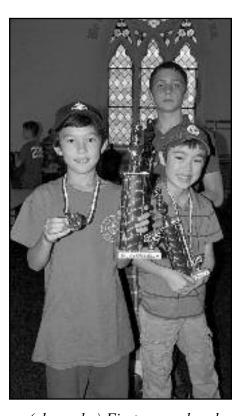
Munsee District Chess Tournament will be on Saturday, February 27 in 2016. Get details from your Scout Troop leader.



Photos of this and other events can be found at rennamedia.com and on the The Pride Of North Plainfield Facebook page.
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(left, l-r) Green Brook Boy Scout Sohail Wali

(left, l-r) Charlean Mahon, first place winner Kevin Cavicchia and Jasmin Arroyo, General Manager of the Green Brook White Castle.



(above, l-r) First, second and third place finishers Kevin Cavicchia, Harrison Hahne-Lum, and Robert Mehorter.



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PROMOTE YOUR COMMUNITY EVENT

Community service organizations and sports teams are encouraged to submit news of upcoming events or highlights and photos on recent events.

Organizations who are interested in submitting content can email Lynn Sjurset



NORTH PLAINFIELD LIONS CLUB SEEKS NEEDY FAMILIES THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON

make the Holidays a little brighter for some deserving local families this year. The Lions Club is looking for children from needy families, from North Plainfield, to write letters to Santa. The letters to Santa must include: the child/family's name and address; gift request; and the special reasons why Santa should make that gift request come true.

All letters to Santa should be placed into the Lions eyeglass collection mailbox located in the lobby of the North Plainfield Public Library (throughout the rest of the year the mail box is utilized to collect used eyeglasses and hearing aids for refurbishment and distribution to the (908) 756-8456.

The North Plainfield Lions are looking to poor). All letters to Santa must be placed into the Lions mailbox by Friday, December 11th.

> Santa Claus and the Lions will not be able to honor every request or make every wish come true, but they will work very hard to make some Holiday magic happen for North Plainfield families who need it most.

> The North Plainfield Lions Club meets at 7pm on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month, at the Dunellen Hotel, on Washington Avenue, in Dunellen. The club is always looking to invite new members to join.If you are interested in joining, or in learning more about Lions projects, please contact Skip Stabile, club president, at

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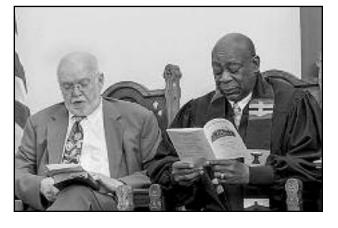
On September 27th a joint worship service was held at Bethel Presbyterian Church in Plainfield, New Jersey.

Bethel Presbyterian hosted Watchung Avenue Presbyterian Church from North Plainfield. This joint service was inspired by Garret Hansen from Watchung, who wanted to reach out to the community following the violence in South Carolina. Pastor's Johnathan Williams and Byron Leasure lead the congregation's thru service where both spoke of tolerance, healing and forgiveness.

After the service, which was highlighted by vocals from a "collective" choir, there was a wonderful luncheon provided by the Bethel membership. After a prayer by Pastor Williams, we all enjoyed the conversation, camaraderie and delicious food graciously prepared by our hosts.

Just prior to sharing lunch, Pastor Leasure challenged everyone to share their feelings with those in attendance, about how they felt about the violence that took place in South Carolina.

Many people spoke of their reaction to the



events and we all agreed that it was a tragedy that could not be understood and should not be tolerated. Some of the members from Bethel Church recanted their experience with racism and it was humbling to hear their words. The service and luncheon was a wonderful example of how we must all work together and with Faith as a common ingredient.

Both Bethel and WAPC have agreed to meet again and continue communications on the subject.

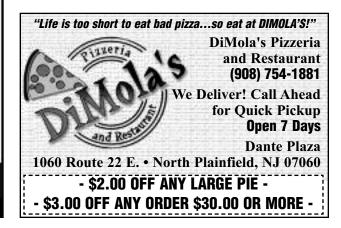


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EAST END STUDENTS LEARN POWERFUL LESSONS DURING VIOLENCE PREVENTION WEEK

During Violence Prevention Week, East End School recognized the importance of character education and the prevention of harassment, intimation, and bullying. School counselor Mrs. Nicole DiVenuta and school librarian Mrs. Allison Longley teamed up to teach whole group lessons to each class during library time. Lessons focused on what children should do if they witness or experience bullying, name calling, teasing, and other negative behaviors.

The fourth grade students were instructed on the differences between a mean movement, a conflict, and bullying. Students had a discussion on how to appropriately handle each situation if it was encountered in school. Our third grade students engaged in a lesson utilizing the book "One" by Kathryn Otoshi. The students were assigned roles to act out as the story was read aloud. It talks about a bulling situation amongst colors and no one speaks up, until "One" comes along and shows all the colors how to stand up, stand together, and count. The message of the story is that one person can stand up and make a difference.

With the second grade classes, the focus was on the effects of bullying and name calling. The students decorated paper children. The paper children were passed around the room and were teased. This meant they received wrinkles and folds. When students received their own back, they needed to fix it. This led to a discussion on the emotional scars that teasing and name calling cause, and what to do if you witness or

experience teasing and name calling.

In first grade, the story of "Yoon and the Jade Bracelet" by Helen Recorvits was read. This story is about a girl who is bullied into giving her bracelet to a classmate in order to be friends. Students had a discussion about what makes a friend and what doesn't. Students also talked about how to respond to bullying situations.

Kindergarten students heard the story of "Mean Jean and the Recess Queen" by Alexis O'Neill. Students were taught three strategies for dealing with a bully: walk away, talk to the bully, or tell an adult.

On Wednesday, October 21st, students were encouraged to think about a future profession/career and dress accordingly. The message that day was "I'd rather be a

than a bully." Student came to school dressed as he/she would in that future profession. It was a huge success.

On Tuesday, October 27th students participated in Mix It Up At Lunch Day as part of a national campaign that seeks to break down the barriers between students and improve intergroup relations so there are fewer misunderstandings that can lead to conflicts, bullying and harassment. Students sat at different lunch tables and were encouraged to make new friends.

Said school principal John Ferguson, "Mrs. DiVenuta and Mrs. Longley worked very hard to create a program that successfully individualized each message to the appropriate grade level."





(above back row, l-r): Brian Rosas, Kathiana Saldarriaga-Hernandez, Kyle Irving, Nonnie Dean Center: Natalie Mova (front row. l-r): Destiny Mazariegos, Sophia Accardo, De'Shaun Stephens, Joshua Atusparia-Urbina

WEST END 2ND GRADERS "MAKE YOUR PLATE GREAT"

Theresa Hanntz, a representative from Somerset County 4H, came and visited North Plainfield's West End School's second grade classrooms to present a program called Make Your Plate Great! The students enjoyed reviewing the food groups and identifying various foods. Creating a Venn diagram using hoopla hoops the students were given a picture of a food and were asked if they felt it was a Whoa food, Go food or Slow food. This was a wonderful interactive way for them to see the Go foods are better to eat than the Whoa foods. To cap off the lesson the students were treated to healthy air-popped popcorn that they watched pop right in front of their eyes! This was an excellent lesson in eating right to stay bright and healthy.



NPF POLICE CONDUCTS ANNUAL BORO TAXICAB SAFETY INSPECTIONS

Chief William Parenti announced that the North Plainfield Police Department Traffic Safety Division conducted its annual Safety Inspection of the Boro taxicabs in conjunction with the New Jersey Division of Motor Vehicles Mobile Inspection Unit. In an effort to continue to keep the residents and people who pass through town safe, the Traffic Safety Unit conducts an inspection annually and follows up with any and all repairs that need to be completed. Any questions on this effort please contact Sergeant Dennis Kardos 908-769-2931.



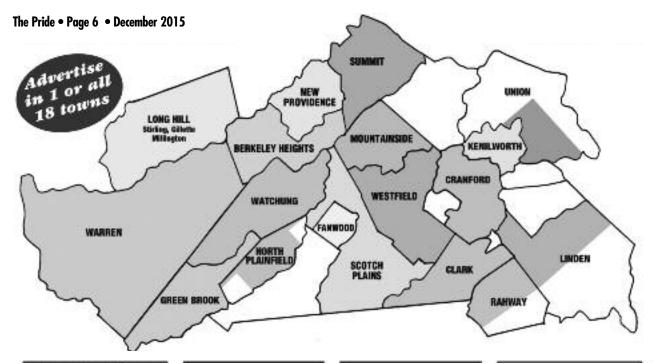
LIBRARY CELEBRATES 150 YEARS OF ALICE IN WONDERLAND

SCLSNJ's North Plainfield Memorial Library branch celebrated 150 years of Alice in Wonderland on Saturday, November 7. Families were invited to a whimsical, nonsensical and fanciful tea party for the Red Queen's "croquet" game, pin the smile on the Cheshire, edible tea cups and more.



(above l-r): Diana Francisco, Logan De Guzman (age 6), and Andrew De Guzman of Somerset.





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DECEMBER EVENTS

Note: All SCLSNJ library branches will be closed December 24-26 for Christmas, and January 1 for New Year's Day. Only the Bridgewater Library branch is open 9 am - 5 pm on December 31. All library branches will open at 12 pm on December 3.

System-wide Special Event

December 5, 10 am - 12 pm.

New York Times Bestselling Author Lisa Scottoline Visits SCLSNJ. Note: This event is being held at the Somerset County Vo-Tech Auditorium at 14 Vogt Drive. Space is limited; registration is required. First 300 registrants will receive a free copy of Lisa Scottoline's book Every Fifteen Minutes. Lecture and Q&A session are at 10 am, book signing is at 11 am.

FAMILY

Family Coloring Club: December 19, 2-3 pm.

CHILDREN

Moving Kiddos

December 1, 8, & 15, 10-10:30 am. (ages 6 months-2 years old)

Rhyme Time & Play with Miss Amy

December 2, 9, & 16, 10-11 am. (ages 2-3 years old)

Creation Station

December 15, 3:30-4:30 pm. (grades K-5)

Teddy Bear Sleepover

December 15, 6:30-7:30 pm. (ages 2-6)

Kids Game Day: Play with the Wii

December 17, 3:30-4:30 pm (grades 3-5)

TWEEN & TEEN

Teen Game Day

December 7, 14, 21, & 28, 3:30-5 pm.

Tween Volunteers

December 8, 3:30-4:30 pm. (grades 4-6)

ADULT

Gather & Game for Adults

December 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29, 6-8:45 pm.

Citizenship Class

December 3, 10, & 17, 6-8:30 pm.

Evening Knitting & Crochet Meetup

December 7, 6-8 pm.

English Conversation Group

December 7 & 14, 7-8 pm.

Morning Knitting & Crochet Meetup

December 8 & 22, 10 am - 12 pm.

Afternoon Book Discussion

December 10, 1-2 pm.

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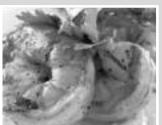
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