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## SCHOOL HOLDS EDUCATIONAL SESSION ABOUT DRONES

**GREEN BROOK** CULTURAL, HERITAGE & HISTORICAL PRESERVATION COMMITTEE MEETING

#### FEB 18, 2016 7:30 pm

#### **GREEN BROOK TOWN HALL**

1st Floor **Conference Room** 

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Connor Leszczuk, Owner/Operator of Aspekt Aerial in Sparta, N.J., has built drones varying from inches to six feet for a multitude of uses. On January 22, 2016, he visited the Irene E. Feldkirchner (IEF) Elementary School in Green Brook, N.J., where he spoke about custom drone building and held an exhibition to demonstrate the various uses of drones. Hundreds of pre-school through 4th grade students attended, were in awe as they saw drones in flight and learned about their components, design, guidelines for uses, as well as participated in a Q & A session.

The purpose of the assembly program was, "To entice students to focus on, get excited about and engage in STEAM (Science Technology Engineering Art and Math), according to IEF Elementary School Principal Armand Lamberti, who is also Vice President of Green Brook Education and Athletic Foundation (GBEAF).

President of GBEAF, Pavita Howe, Principal of Orange B Strategic Marketing, explained that the event was sponsored by the GBEAF and is a precursor to a pilot program the GBEAF is funding to take place at the Green Brook Middle School for 7th and 8th graders. The pilot program features a drone kit provided by Leszczuk's company, complete with parts and an award-winning curriculum that integrates in to the STEAM middle school curriculum.

"Inventing or creating can be centered on almost anything. It can be a painting – even a math equation. Connor brings to us the skills, the process and the application. Now, we work with children so that they learn to learn and take it to the middle school, where they can experience first-hand why these drones are valuable as they build their own drones in the classroom," Principal Lamberti added.

During Leszczuk's educational program at IEF Elementary School, he said drones can be autonomous, have multiple motors, and can be made with carbon fiber or other lightweight materials; and are tons of fun. The smaller the drone, the harder to fly, the bigger the drone, the easier to fly - but more expensive," he said. He added, "Drones are not limited to videos and photos. They can help in search and rescue, assist in inspecting cranes, skyscrapers, crop fields, can take photographs, and more!"

The O & A session revealed that hobby users need to register their drones, if their drones are more than a half a pound and cannot fly above 400 feet. Leszczuk shared that commercial users are already registered, if they go through the proper channels setup by the FAA and cannot be flown within 5 miles radius of an airport without special permission.





(above back l-r) Irene E. Feldkirchner (IEF) Elementary School Principal Armand Lamberti joins Connor Leszczuk, of Aspekt Aerial, Verona, during an IEF Elementary School assembly all about drones. (front, l-r) Madeline Mills, Paige Thomas, David Schreck and Michael Dumiec – are all IEF students who were up close to examine a drone. The students commented on how much they enjoyed the presentation and demonstration, citing how amazingly light drone materials can be, how uses of drones span from hobbyist to the commercial industry and how they can be used for search and rescue.

According to Howe, GBEAF President, the GBEAF recently approved the drones program for 7th and 8th graders, as well as a new robot that will be introduced to the students at IEF Elementary School in the coming months. Elementary students will learn to program the robot using a visual programming tool to do things such as reciting the Pledge of Allegiance at school assemblies, singing and dancing at the school talent show and interacting with the children for a variety of learning activities.

"One of our goals of the GBEAF is to fund innovative new programs for students in the Green Brook schools," said Howe. "Our hope was that this demonstration would inspire even our youngest students, teach them about some of the exciting new technologies that will become part of their lives and show them that they could build a drone – or anything else they want. The sky is the limit – except, of course, if you are with your drone near an airport!

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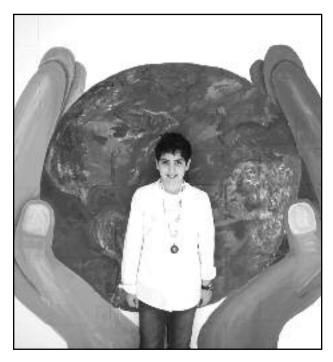
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### **SOMERSET HOME RECEIVES** A \$5,000 AT&T CARES CONTRIBUTION

Somerset Home (somersethome.org), a local nonprofit organization that is dedicated to meeting the needs of abused, neglected, and homeless youth throughout central and northern New Jersey, was recently awarded an AT&T CARES contribution of \$5,000. The funding is part of a special AT&T initiative that awards local contributions based on the nominations of AT&T

employee groups with a strong record of volunteerism. Somerset Home has a longstanding relationship with AT&T employees through their volunteerism and the AT&T NJ Pioneers nominated Somerset Home for the contribution. Funds from the contribution will support mentoring, career and college readiness, and life skills development for vulnerable youth.



(above l-r) John Wright, AT&T Pioneer; David Walker, Somerset Home Executive Director and Green Brook resident; Michael Hickey, AT&T NJ Pioneers Chapter President; Glynis Golden, AT&T Pioneer; Ron Glover, AT&T Pioneer; Suzanne Balian, Life Member Club President, and Adriana Gonzalez, Somerset Home Development Associate.







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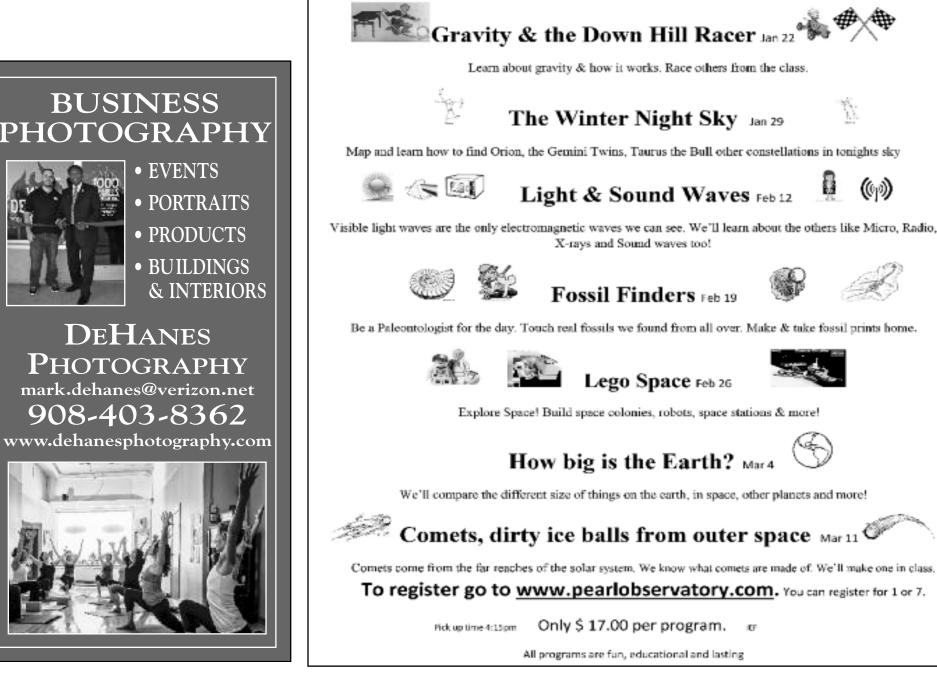
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## **GREEN BROOK MIDDLE SCHOOL SET TO STAGE BUGSY MALONE JR.**

Green Brook Middle School set to stage Bugsy Malone Jr. on Thursday and Friday March 10th and 11th at 7pm (doors at 6:30pm).

"Bugsy Malone is a fast-paced, fun-loving spoof of a 1920's gangster film. The show is centered around Bugsy Malone (played by Bennet Gudaitis), a former boxer who gets pulled into a turf war between rival gang bosses Dandy Dan (Adam Noble) and Fat Sam (Andrew Moberly)," said director William Alzaher. "Fat Sam's Gang gets splurged (with silly-string



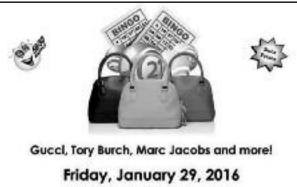
shooters) one by one until he and his right hand man Knuckles (Julie Ashare) are the only ones left. Amidst the splurging and pie throwing, Bugsy falls for Blousey (played by Christine Tanko), a small town girl trying to make it as a singer in the big city where Lena Marelli (Jordan Pincus) is the premiere diva. The Grand Slam Girls (lead by Michelle Chavanne) will dazzle you with their unforgettable jazz numbers while the chorus dances and sings to set the mood for this lively speakeasy."

The show will be performed at the Green Brook Middle School auditorium at 132 Jefferson Ave in Green Brook N.J.

Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased at the door or online

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(All year)

Adult Game Day

Thursdays from 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm Both programs held in the Seniors Room below the Watchung Library

#### **Adult Women's Volleyball**

Monday evenings 7:00 – 9:00 pm @ Valley View School September thru May

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