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GREEN BROOK MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN NATIONAL HISTORY DAY COMPETITION

On Saturday, March 5, five students from Green Brook Middle School participated in the National History Day competition. Jason Allen, Annabell Pu, Katie Tan, Jack White, and Vivian Zhang were proud to represent Green Brook Middle School. This year marked the first time that students from Green Brook Middle School participated in the National History Day competition. Students in the NHD competition can document a historical event through performance art, a poster exhibit, a scholarly essay, creating a website, or making a documentary. The Green Brook Middle School students created a documentary entitled "The Sixth Mass Extinction". The event on March 5 was a regional competition to determine which students would compete in the state finals in May. Even though the Green Brook Middle School students made an impressive documentary, they were not chosen to move onto the state finals. While the outcome was not what they desired, the students learned so much in their research. It was an academic pursuit that challenged the students and taught them lessons they will carry forward for many years.



(above, l-r) Jason Allen, Jack White, Annabell Pu, Vivian Zhang, Mr. Mojta

GOVERNOR'S EDUCATOR AND GOVERNOR'S EDUCATIONAL SPECIALIST OF THE YEAR AWARD RECIPIENTS AT IEF SCHOOL

Via nominations and selection by the school's SciP (School Improvement Panel), Irene E. Feldkirchner (IEF) Elementary School is pleased and proud to announce Mrs. Danielle Breunig and Ms. Pamela Ostrander as – respectively – Governor's Educator and Educational Specialist of the Year.

This NJ State Department of Education celebratory program serves to "recognize the State's best teachers and educational services professionals. Each Governor's Teacher of the Year can vie for the chance to compete for county, state and national recognition. The County Offices of Education should award all school-level recipients state award certificates. Note: In order to streamline and improve the selection process for the county-level award, there is no longer a district-level competition." (NJDOE, 2015).

Mrs. Danielle Breunig is a special education teacher serving in a first grade in-class resource classroom in a co-teaching model. She has been a teacher in the Green Brook School District for eight years. She is a skilled teacher who also serves on IEF School's Intervention and Referral Services (I&RS) team, and teacher/moderator of the The CLUB - a community service program for students at IEF.

Ms. Pamela Ostrander is IEF School's nurse. She has served the Green Brook School District as a nurse for twenty-three years. She is a skilled health professional who also serves as IEF School's yearbook advisor, assists with The CLUB, and promotes health and wellness to the student body and staff of the school.

The entire IEF School community congratulates Danielle and Pamela on their achievement!



(above) Danielle Breunig



(above) Pamela Ostrander

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FRESHMAN ALEXA RENZO HEADING TO 2016 TOYOTA-USA HOCKEY NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP



(above) Alexa Renzo

Minneapolis, Minn.

"I'm really excited about the upcoming trip," said Renzo, who wears jersey number 27. "I love the game of hockey. I love the speed and the physicality."

The NJ Colonials team is ranked 12th in the country, after winning the USA Hockey Tier 1 Atlantic District Championships against the Jr.

Alexa Renzo of Green Brook Township, a freshman at Watchung Hills Regional High School, will be skating as a center with the New Jersey Colonials U14 Tier 1 Girls Ice Hockey team, in the 2016 Toyota-USA Hockey National Championship, March 30 to April 4, in

Flyers of Philadelphia, Pa., on March 13. This elite girls ice hockey team is comprised of players from New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. The Colonials play a competitive 60 game schedule against the highest ranked teams from Canada and the Northeastern United States.

Renzo began playing hockey at age 7 in the Green Brook Roller Hockey Club. Her passion for hockey led her to the ice at the age of 10 and ultimately to the New Jersey Colonials U14 Tier 1 Girls team in Morristown.

Renzo said she is looking forward to continuing to play for the WHRHS Warriors Ice Hockey Team next season, as well as continue to play for the NJ Colonials.

"I hope to play in college," she said.

Renzo, who attended Green Brook Middle School prior to starting at WHRHS this year, also plays for the WHRHS JV Girls Lacrosse Team, and is looking forward to the upcoming spring season.

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.

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GREEN BROOK MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS BHATIA AND AFTAB COMPETE AT BEE SPECTACULAR

Two students from Green Brook participated in Bee Spectacular, one of which, Anmol Bhatia, grade 5 at Green Brook Middle School ended up

making it to third place!

He was joined by Danyal Aftab, grade 6 at Green Brook Middle School



(above, l-r) First place winner Henry Banta of Franklin Middle School, grade 8; second place winner Shreyan Das of Bridgewater-Raritan Regional Middle School, grade 7; and third place winner Anmol Bhatia of Green Brook Middle School, grade 5.

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By Denis J. Kelly

Kate Griffin, who has been an art teacher since 2009 at Watchung Hills Regional High School (WRRHS), will exhibit 12 original paintings in the Masters of Art Education Graduate Show, called "Collective Visions," Thursday, April 14, to Friday, May 13, in the James Howe Gallery at Kean University, Union.

An opening reception will be held from 1 to 4 p.m., Sunday, April 17, at the Howe Gallery in the Vaughn Eames Fine Arts Building, 1000 Morris Avenue, Union. Gallery hours are 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Griffin's series, titled "Seen and Heard," is 12 self-portrait Acrylic paintings on canvas board.

For more information about exhibit at Kean, log onto www.kean.edu/~gallery or call (908) 737-5326.

(right and below) Part of Kate Griffin's self-portrait series from Masters of Art Education Graduate Show, Thursday, April 14, to Friday, May 13, at Kean University, Union.



(above) Titled "Eden."



(above) Titled "Jellyfish."



(above) Titled "Vulture Feet."



(above) titled "Skin."

GOVERNOR'S OUTSTANDING TEACHER/ EDUCATIONAL SERVICES PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR AWARD RECIPIENTS AT MIDDLE SCHOOL

Green Brook Middle School has nominated two staff members for the Governor's Outstanding Teacher/Educational Services Professional recognition Program: Mr. Paul Fornale – Governor's Teacher of the Year nominee, and Mrs. Mary Denise Appio – Governor's Educational Services Professional of the Year nominee.

Mr. Fornale is in his 12th year working for Green Brook Township Public Schools as a 6th-8th grade language arts teacher.

Mrs. Appio is in her 12th year in education. Four years were spent outside of the district. She has been in her current position as the School Social Worker in the district for 8 years.

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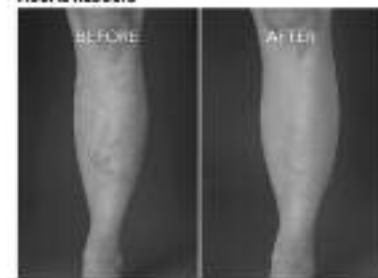
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