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FARM TO TABLE EXPERIENCE AT ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

Submitted by Mary Ann McGann

It was a true farm-to-table experience at Warren Township elementary schools recently as students harvested the fruits (and vegetables) of their labor from carefully tended school gardens, before enjoying the fresh produce at lunch.

Whether raspberries, carrots and potatoes at ALT, kale and tomatoes at Central or radishes, spinach and Ruby Red swiss chard at Mt. Horeb, it doesn't get much fresher than this.

"I'm holding in my hand a plate of food, all of which was grown here at Mt. Horeb," said Principal Scott Cook who, with students and staff, dedicated the school's new garden last spring.

At Central, Reach teacher Jill Zimmer used money she received as a past recipient of the Excellence in Education award to provide the necessary start-up supplies to build six raised garden beds with the help of an Eagle Scout.

First installed in May 2013, the Central garden provides a hands-on, real life education.

"The idea behind the garden is to get kids excited about eating healthy, organically-grown foods and to better understand where our food comes from," Zimmer says. "Kids who help with growing food are more amenable to tasting these foods and to eating more fruits and vegetables in general."

"It's really good," said a Central third grader, as she and her classmates gave the fresh salad a universal thumbs up.

Woodland students grow carrots and radishes, among other veggies, in a courtyard garden that flourishes in the spring. And, at ALT, the list of homegrown produce includes strawberries, asparagus, snow peas, broccoli, cantaloupe, and much, much more.

"The garden was started back in 2007. Our first planting was a bulb garden that had flowers through the last 3-4 months of school," says ALT ASAP teacher Mary Balkonis. "About 7 years ago, it grew to include more planting beds and we began to have our salad days. Several of the beds were used for perennial flower beds to complement the second grade butterfly unit and the third grade plant life cycle unit. The rest of the beds are used for fruits and vegetables."

The school gardens are a community effort, bringing together students, staff, parents, local scout troops and others as all work together year-round to water, weed, and harvest the bounty.



(above) Second graders (from left) Alyssa Hammoud, Valentina Galitis, and Angelina Bien-Aime dig for potatoes in ALT's garden, which has been yielding fruits, vegetables and flowers for nearly a decade. Photos by Warren Township Schools.



(above, left) Central 3rd grader Ashley Parker enjoys a true farm-to-table experience with fresh produce from the school garden.



(above, right) Mt. Horeb first grader Aydin Cakirdas is all smiles as he samples a salad fresh from his school garden.



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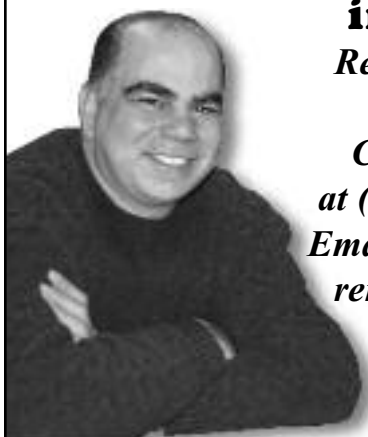
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MIDDLE SCHOOL RECEIVES COMPETITIVE GRANTS TO FUND KEY AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

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The grants, awarded by the Somerset County Youth Services Commission to the middle school and the Warren Youth Services Commission, will be used to fund a stress relief program that teaches yoga and mindfulness skills to decrease stress and anxiety. The money also will be used for an after-school student leadership program for selected seventh and eighth graders who complete an 8-week program on media literacy.

“These students then plan activities for “White Out Against Bullying Day” in May,” says middle

school social worker Carol Brown who wrote the grants. “The students also participate in a workshop with the Diversity Club at Watchung Hills Regional High School and attend a diversity conference for middle school students at Kean University.”

The middle school will allot \$2,500 of the grant monies to a guided study program to help students who are struggling academically. Selected students attend the program for a minimum of six weeks; parents must give permission. Guidance counselors staff the program and provide study skills training and homework assistance, while providing progress updates to designated teachers and parents.

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2016 NATIONAL MERIT SEMIFINALISTS

Watchung Hills Regional High School (WHRHS) continued its record of exceptional achievement by students in the National Merit Scholarship Program, seeing 10 students in the Class of 2017 named Semifinalists.

Looking back over the previous two years, six WHRHS students earned the Semifinalist recognition in the Class of 2016, and 11 in the Class of 2015. All six Semifinalists in the Class of 2016 went on to be named Finalists, and in 2015 nine of the Semifinalists were subsequently named Finalists.

This year's nationwide 16,000 National Merit Semifinalists were named on Wednesday, Sept. 14, by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation (NMSC). The students had achieved the honor based on their scores on the Preliminary Scholastic Aptitude Test/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test (PSAT/NMSQT) taken by 1.6 million juniors last fall.

In addition to Semifinalists, National Merit also named 36 WHRHS students in a category just before semifinalist, recognized as "Commended."

The Class of 2017 WHRHS National Merit Semifinalists are: Karthik Irakam, Natalie Kim, Daniel Lee, Jonathan Rich, Caroline Rucker, Michelle Shui, Gavin Van Skiver, Nicole Wang, Jenny Yan, and Joyce Zhou.

The Class of 2017 Commended students are: Amrutha Ajjarapu, Alison M. Burman, Emily H. Chen, Sahil N. Deo, Jonathan Dong, Nicole M. Freire, Haley G. Frey, Rachel M. Han, Ang-Ting Ho, Amy X. Holz, Katrina N. Howard, Sonali A. Howe, Tea Kingley, Nicholas Kong, Annabel Kopell, Ryan M. Krakower, Kevin L. Lu,

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The six Class of 2016 WHRHS National Merit Semifinalists are: Claire Yuxuan Chen, Kunwoo Park, Emily Kim, Isis Zhang, Eric Zhu and Henry Zhu.

The 11 Class of 2015 WHRHS National Semifinalists are: Gregory Carroll, Karen Chi, Joseph Da, Helen Dai, Chen Ding, Alex Duncan, Andre Gou, Kevin Guo, Stuart Ki, Sharon Liu, and Katie Mathison.

Finalists are vying for about 2,500 National Merit Scholarships, as well as about 1,000 scholarships awarded by businesses and corporations and some 4,000 scholarships from colleges and universities to students attending their colleges and universities.



(above) Ten Watchung Hills Regional High School (WHRHS) students in the Class of 2017 have been named semifinalists in the National Merit Scholarship Program. WHRHS Principal George Alexis, standing left, congratulates the semifinalists: From left, seated, Gavin Van Skiver of Warren Township, Daniel Lee of Watchung, Jenny Yan of Warren Township, and Michelle Shui of Green Brook Township; and standing, from left, Caroline Rucker and Jonathan Rich of Warren Township, Joyce Zhou of Green Brook Township, and Natalie Kim, Nicole Wang and Karthik Irakam, all of Warren Township.



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Boy Scout Michael Duncan's Eagle project On September 3, 2016 the Boy Scouts participated in a Service Day to help with Scout Michael Duncan's Eagle project. Michael's Eagle project was the construction of a 36' boardwalk

at Warren Middle School to cross a boggy area to get to the Outdoor Adventure course. In addition to the construction of 4 benches for the students to sit on while waiting their turn on the course.



(above, back, l-r) Kyle Glorius-Patrick, Jim Patrick, Chris Trovato, Mike Maloney, Mike Fogarty, Michael Duncan, Bob Pilsbury, Peter Lukas and Karthik Irakam.
(front, l-r) Matthew Fogarty and Andy Shi.

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By: James McGlew II, Esq.

Today's current economic reality is one of great uncertainty, especially when it comes to employment. Employees who could count on receiving an annual cost of living adjustment or performance bonus no longer have that luxury, nor the security that their years of experience and training will translate into an equal or higher-paying position should they lose their job. These realities of employment cut across the entire New Jersey labor market, yet they have an even deeper impact when faced by divorced individuals with existing alimony obligations.

Alimony, which is sometimes referred to as spousal support or maintenance, is defined as the obligation upon one spouse to provide financial support to his or her spouse before or after marital separation or divorce. In 2014 the New Jersey Legislature passed, and the Governor signed, an alimony reform bill which "modernized" how alimony awards are to be calculated. One change in the new alimony statute deals with how judges can interpret cases where the payor of alimony attempts to lower or all together eliminate their alimony obligations due to job loss.

Recently, a Superior Court judge in New Jersey rendered a decision effecting thousands of divorced spouses in our state. The judge's ruling confirmed for the first time that the 2014 alimony overhaul would not just apply to individuals divorced since the revisions were enacted two years ago, but to all divorced individuals currently paying or receiving alimony.

In *Mills v. Mills* the Court reviewed a petition made by the supporting spouse (the payor of alimony) to reduce their alimony obligation due to the loss of long-term employment and the acceptance of a new position at a considerably lower salary. The Court granted the petition to reduce the alimony obligation and held that under the 2014 amendments to the alimony statute, the family court has the authority to reduce alimony

obligations when the supporting spouse loses their employment and has made reasonable attempts to find alternative employment. The interesting thing about the Court's decision is that the Mills were divorced in 2013, one year before the alimony revisions were signed into law.

The Court in *Mills* found that judges have the authority to apply both the spirit and terms of the 2014 amendments to the alimony statute, even when the individuals had a final divorce order entered before 2014, so long as there is no written agreement applying a different standard in place, and the issue has not been litigated and already adjudicated by the Court. In so doing, the Court determined who could avail themselves of the remedies written into the new statutes. The Judge in *Mills* acknowledged that changes often occur in the employment status of individuals after they are divorced. This has become a more common occurrence over the past several years with the economic downturn and static recovery which has affected tens of thousands of individuals. The Judge specifically referred to the "harsh present day reality" which exists for many people who have lost their jobs and may never regain their former earning level.

If any of these circumstances apply to you and you would like to discuss how the 2014 amendments to New Jersey's alimony statute may impact your alimony award or obligation, I invite you to contact my office. Lindabury's Family Law Group has decades of experience representing clients in negotiating, enforcing and amending alimony and other support obligations. We provide the full range of divorce and family law services and are easily accessible from our Westfield New Jersey office. Call today to schedule a consultation with James McGlew at (908) 233-6800.

LIBRARY HAS ADULT LITERACY MATERIALS

Somerset County Library System of New Jersey has received a \$2,500 2016 Literacy Collection Development Grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services and administered by the New Jersey State Library to benefit adult library users with low-literacy skills.

Using grant funds, SCLSNJ has purchased multimedia adult literacy support materials for library customers, including: titles covering a variety of adult literacy subjects (for instance, how to prepare for the General Education Development and Test Assessing Secondary Completion tests and immigration guides explaining how to obtain visas and become a U.S. citizen); ebook titles accessible through SCLSNJ's Digital Media Collection on a variety of adult literacy subjects like how to prepare for the GED and TASC tests and how to teach English as a second language; copies of Citizenship 2.0: A Bilingual Overview of U.S. History and Government DVD produced by the California Language Laboratories in the following languages: Cantonese, Hindi, Mandarin, Russian, and Spanish; and Launchpads from Playaway, programmed to help adults learn English grammar, phrases, spelling, and writing.

"Thanks to the generosity of The New Jersey State Library, we have made a substantial addition to our adult literacy collection offerings in a variety of subjects and formats," said Morris Balacco, SCLSNJ collection development

librarian and project director for the grant. "People learn in many different ways. With that in mind, we thought the best use of this grant would be to expand our adult literacy offerings not only in print, but also in DVDs and ebooks. Last summer, we introduced pre-loaded, circulating tablets with educational content for children called Launchpads that have been tremendously popular. When I learned that the same company had started producing Launchpads for adult learners pre-loaded with English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) topics, I thought it would be a great opportunity to expand the use of tablets among our adult learners and give them a new tool for learning."

According to the 2014 American Community Survey, 77,836 of the 328,704 residents of Somerset County, or 23.68%, are foreign born and 29.9% of the population ages five and over speak a language other than English. Recognizing a need in the county, SCLSNJ believes a robust collection of materials in a variety of languages such as Spanish, Russian, Chinese, Hindi, Gujarati, and Tamil, and a variety of resources for ESOL are essential to support the literacy needs in Somerset County.

For more information about 2016 Literacy Collection Development Grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services and administered by the New Jersey State Library, visit www.imls.gov. For more information about the services and resources available at SCLSNJ, visit SCLSNJ.org.

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"Magic of Marco"

November 14 - 10:30 am.

Marco is a sleight of hand magician whose show consists of props and objects vanishing, changing colors, and moving into a spectator's hand magically and in plain view. Experience transposition, rising objects, mind control, a killer card trick or two and rope effects.... astonishing all those in attendance.

"Brain Fitness"

November 15 10:30 am

by Mike DiCristino, LearningRx Warren. Highlighted will be brain fitness elements which can help you learn more effectively and efficiently. The focus will be on the relationship and importance of exercise, nutrition, mental activity and socializing to cognitive health. How can reinforce our cognitive skills? This program will offer a demonstration of these skills.

Raritan Valley Community College Dance Ensemble Performance

November 18 - 10:30 am.

Under the direction of Loretta DiBianca Fois, the group's performance will expose the communication aspects of the art form of dance. It features dancers performing a variety of dances set to a wide range of music and sound accompaniment. The audience will have a chance to inspire movements that will be incorporated into dance phrases.

"Music of Times Past"

November 28 - 10:30 am

by Tom Harabin, Musician & Singer. Tom is a musician, singer and a lover of history. He is also the resident musician at the Abraham Staats House. Following that calling, he has gathered a collection of music from the colonial, revolutionary war, and civil war periods as well as a number of instruments of which he is self-taught: violins, mountain dulcimer, hammered dulcimer, mandolin, fife, bowed psaltery, guitar, and lute guitar. He will present his musical program in period costume for all to enjoy.


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MEYERSVILLE GRANGE UPCOMING SOUP & PASTA CONTEST

The Meyersville Grange Soup & Pasta Contest will be held at the historic Meyersville Grange 188 Hall at 500 Meyersville Road in Gillette on Friday, November 11. Pot lids come off at 6:30pm sharp so plan to arrive about 6:15 p.m.

The Menu: All you can taste Soup & Pasta Dishes served with (Biaggio's) bakery bread and butter, coffee or tea. Homemade desserts (\$2) and bottled water (\$1) are available for purchase.

The Contest: Each person votes for his/her favorite Soup or Pasta. The top three Soup/Pasta

cooks get ribbons and prizes. The Grange encourages you to bring a generous pot of soup or pasta dish to share and make the meal a true contest with many choices! You could be a winner!

The Long Hill String Band provides old-time Bluegrass musical entertainment. Have a great meal while spending quality time with family and neighbors. Make new friends, too.

Admission is \$8 for Adults, \$4 for Children 12 & under. Any cook who brings a pot of soup or a

pasta dish to share gets in free. We look forward to seeing you!

Antiques & Collectibles Market

The Meyersville Grange Antiques & Collectibles Market opens its 2016-2017 Season on Sunday, November 6, at the Meyersville Grange 188 Hall (500 Meyersville Road, Gillette, NJ 07933). The Grange Market is a seasonal Indoor market which is open 7:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. only on Sundays from November 6 through March 26, 2017.

For 45 years the Meyersville Grange family of dealers has offered a wide variety of distinctive antiques and unique collectibles: Artwork, Linens, China, Primitives, Estate Jewelry, Military Items, Postcards, Ephemera, Native American items, Miniatures, Movie / Print / Media collectibles, Vinyl records, Coins / Stamps, Antique Furniture, & More. The selection varies each week as Dealers cycle through The Grange.

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WEAR THE CAPE SHOW KIDS HOW THEY CAN EMBODY HEROIC CHARACTER

A compelling assembly for elementary school age kids with a new, positive approach to preventing and stopping bullying was unveiled by Wear the Cape™, at Warren's Central School and on September 27th and Woodland School on October 5th, also in Warren. Wear the Cape is a brand that gives back and aims to restore the power of kindness and heroic character with cool, inspirational products and its non-profit the kidkind foundation. The hour-long, interactive program shows kids how they can embody heroic character, as well as tactics they can use to stand up against bullying effectively. Get a sneak peak of the assembly by watching the trailer at <http://www.wearthecapekids.com/school-assembly/>.

"Since day one, parents and teachers have been passionate in their requests for Wear the Cape to translate its vital mission and unique approach into an assembly that can make a big impact on schools and communities," said Leigh Ann Errico, CEO and founder of Wear the Cape and the kidkind foundation. "Wear the Cape brings good character to the forefront with a positive angle on how to combat the bullying epidemic. After working to develop the assembly for more than a year, we are thrilled to impress upon kids

that it's cool to be kind through a fun, engaging program."

Wear the Cape created the multimedia, interactive assembly with the help of a team of educators. A sequence of relatable videos, in combination with an in-person facilitator, helps kids make connections, practice skills and learn strategies needed to be a positive force in their communities and be BETTER THAN THAT™ – better than bad choices including bullying.

The kidkind foundation will be bringing the assembly presentation to five underprivileged elementary schools for free, and tax-deductible donations will enable supporters to gift the program to additional underprivileged schools and organizations at cost. Other schools, religious organizations and clubs nationwide can also line up the assembly for their student bodies, youth groups and members.

"Bullying is an age-old problem that has been intensifying in recent years, particularly with the rise of social media and constant connectivity," commented Philip Brown, PhD, Wear the Cape's resident character education expert who is a Fellow of the Graduate School of Applied and Professional Psychology at Rutgers University where he founded and directed the Center for

Social and Character Development. "It's important for schools to refresh anti-bullying efforts and take an approach that reaches kids where they are today."

Pre and post-assembly support are also part of the program. Wear the Cape offers lesson plans, roundtable workshops, and further reading for families, educators and youth club leaders. To truly transform school culture, follow-up lessons, activities and everyday practices will also be recommended.

Errico, an experienced leadership coach, built Wear the Cape and established the kidkind foundation in 2013 when she identified the need for resources on kindness and character-building that would appeal to her own four children. The idea for the brand was sparked when she observed that the chance to wear a cape—the organization's logo—motivates children to act like heroes, or "Cape Kids," in order to live up to the symbol of honor. Currently the organization is scheduling assemblies Berkeley Heights, Watchung, and Kenilworth.

To find out how you can bring Wear the Cape's assembly to your community and to learn more about the organization, visit www.wearthecapekids.com.

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WHRHS EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR PROGRAM

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Reporting out from last summer's Watchung Hills Regional High School (WHRHS) Extended School Year (E.S.Y.) program, WHRHS Special Services teacher Amita Lluveres says the response from 20 to 25 students to the proverbial start-of-school-year question, "What did you do over the summer?" is: An enviable list of memorable living/learning experiences, both inside and outside the classroom.

"Every day, our students were greeted by our wonderful summer staff," Lluveres said. "Each day of the week had something special to offer. Our students looked forward to our daily lessons in a variety of subject areas such as Language Arts, Mathematics, Meal Planning, and Career Exploration. Students were given the chance to work collaboratively with a variety of peers throughout the summer days in the E.S.Y. program."

On Mondays, students had the opportunity to learn and practice skills in the classroom.

"They continued to develop their computational skills, including in personal budgeting, and were given the task to read and discuss the selected summer reading book. The book was, 'The BFG,' by Roald Dahl," she said. "We wanted to show our students the connection between print and electronic media simultaneous with the release in July of the feature film, 'The BFG,' directed by the legendary Steven Spielberg."

Tuesdays were devoted to going to the local ShopRite Supermarket in Stirling, where the students learned about and developed skills in going to the market. They experienced what it is like to purchase the necessary ingredients and food items to then cook meals on Thursdays in the program's kitchen.

"Meal planning is a major life lesson that we

want our students to be prepared to do as they continue to grow into adulthood," Lluveres said. "By engaging in this activity every week, students gained the knowledge and skills to help them make smart choices when food shopping. Students not only located items on their list, but also compared prices and made decisions on which items were best to fit into a weekly budget."

On Wednesdays, the program focused on educational trips to local businesses such as the Prestige Diner in New Providence and Norz Hill Farm and Market in Hillsborough Township.

"Other trips included Menlo Park Mall in Edison Township, as well as to Red Mill Historical Museum in Clinton, and the Somerset Patriots Stadium in Bridgewater Township," she said. "We wanted to give our students a summer full of great memories and a wide-variety of learning experiences."

"All the while," Lluveres said, "we were also working on communication skills, on skills necessary to build confidence in being independent, to better understand the value and the worth of things, and just to have an enjoyable summer."

On Fridays, the program went on recreational trips throughout the local community.

"We visited sites of interest such as Bowlmor in Green Brook Township and Bowcraft Amusement Park in Scotch Plains," said Lluveres. "We also had the opportunity to visit the Turtle Back Zoo in West Orange, an all-time favorite trip we all look forward to in the summer."

The E.S.Y Program was meant to help bridge the gap between the end of one school year in June and the start of the next school year in September, Lluveres said. The half-day program



(above) Special Services teacher
Amita Lluveres

was offered five days a week, for six weeks, from July 1 to Aug. 12.

"Through the whole process," she said, "we had the support and assistance of the students' parents, the great cooperation of the staffs of the businesses and sites of interest that welcomed the students during their field trips, and the professionalism and education skills of her staff and volunteers. Among them are WHRHS Director of Special Services Marianne Sales, Jon Bedi, Stephen Eng, Andrew Tronzano, Jack Beckert, Erin Ferrara, Jane Giannelli, James Granuzzo, Patrick O'Halloran, Nurse Angela Valerio, and Student Volunteer Katie Holz. We also want to thank our substitute staff members: Carl Bird and James Hurley."



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November 15, 4:30-5:15 p.m.,

November 17, 7-7:45 p.m.

(4-8 years old)

Let's Cook!

November 16, 4:30-5:15 p.m.

Pumpkin Cookies & Turkey Food Art.

(grades 3-5)

Yoga for Kids

November 18, 10-10:30 a.m. & 11-11:30 a.m.

(2-5 years old)

STEM Saturday

November 19, 12-4 p.m.

No registration required.

(4+ years old)

Tiny Time Rhymes

November 21, 10-10:30 a.m.

No registration required.

(2 years old & under)

Kids' MusicRound

November 29, 10-10:45 a.m.

(birth - 4 years old)

Bharathanatyam & Bollywood Workshop

November 29, 7-8 p.m.

(5-11 years old)

TWEENS & TEENS

Open Mic Night

November 18, 6-8 p.m.

(teens/adults)

Teen Advisory Board

November 22, 7-8 p.m.

(grades 6-12)

Bharathanatyam and Bollywood Workshop

November 30, 7-8 p.m.

(12-18 years old)

ADULTS

Spanish Conversation Group:

November 8, 15, 22, & 29, 12-1:15 p.m.

Relax, Renew, & Rejuvenate - Seated Yoga:

November 10, & 17, 11 a.m. - 12 p.m.

*Note, this program fills quickly.

Registration is required to participate.

Chess Club for Adults:

November 11, 18, & 25, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m.

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"Belles," an Oldwick Community Players

Staged Reading:

November 5, 2-3:30 p.m.

English Conversation Group:

November 14, 10-11:30 a.m.

Needlepoint Open Group:

November 8, 7-8:30 p.m.

What's Normal Forgetting & What's Not:

November 9, 7-8:30 p.m.

Film Discussion:

"Mrs. Brown"

November 10, 12-5 p.m.

"Girls Night Out" Performance:

November 12, 2-3 p.m.

Bridge Players Afternoon:

November 14, 21, & 28, 1-4 p.m.

No registration required.

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November 16, 7-9 p.m.

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November 18, 6-8 p.m.

Open Knitting with Pam MacKenzie:

November 21, 10-11:30 a.m.

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Special Needs Social Hour:

Yoga with Jillian on November 21, 7-8 p.m.

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November 28, 7-8:30 p.m.



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PARENTS HAVE A 'DAY IN THE LIFE' EXPERIENCE AT WHRHS

Parents of the more than 2,000 Watchung Hills Regional High School (WHRHS) students experienced a micro-version of a day in the life of their son's or daughter's school day during the 2016 Back to School Night, Thursday, Oct. 6, at the school. For the convenience of parents who could not attend Thursday night's Back to School Night, from 7 to 9 p.m., an identical Back to School Day was offered on Monday morning, Oct. 10 from 7:30 to 9:30 a.m. Following their child's typical school day, parents scurried through the school's sprawling educational plant, to meet the teachers and hear short presentations about a course's syllabus and expectations for the semester.

The school's Art Department posted student artwork throughout the school's entrance atrium. School sports teams and extracurricular activities presented information on bulletin boards. And school administrators, and teachers and student volunteers roamed hallways to answer questions about how to best get from one part of the school to another. The South Cafeteria included student and parent booster club representatives from a variety of sports and activities. They displayed information about their team or activity, and some sold school spirit apparel as fundraisers.

The student government's All Student Council, opened the school's "Spirit Store," where on Friday lunch periods and Friday afternoons, students can purchase apparel bearing the WHRHS logo, colors and nickname, "Warriors." Parents could purchase these items at Back To School Night, and could pick up a flier listing the school store's web address, www.shop.mvpteamgear.com/Watchung-Hills-School-Store_c184.htm, where they can purchase school apparel on-line anytime.

Among the fundraising items available by the Softball team was a WHRHS umbrella, suitable for watching any sport that persists and plays despite a little rain in the sky. The Softball team also offered hats, and a variety of shirts, and sweatshirts.

In addition to the Spirit Store and Softball Team, there were displays and students representing the Yearbook, the Chorus, the Script and Cue Dramatic Club, the Marching Band, and Lacrosse. The student who played Lacrosse also played Field Hockey, and could answer questions about both teams. The Chorus singers offered WHRHS dress ties. Script and Cue offered mini-cupcakes. The Marching Band offered cowbells



(above) Senior Allison Horvath of Warren Township, and Sophomore Elizabeth Chapleski of Green Brook Township represented the WHRHS Tri-M Music Honor Society and the WHRHS Chorus at the WHRHS Back To School Night, Thursday, Oct. 6. The annual Winter Choral Concert, which is open to the public, is at 7 p.m., Friday, Dec. 16.

and multi-purpose rally towels.

Out in the entrance atrium, the Watchung Hills Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) had information about the PTO monthly meeting dates, a membership form, and a welcome letter from the PTO officers. This year's PTO officers are: President Danielle Heise, Vice Presidents Aparna Virmani and Barbara Boschen, Corresponding Secretary Jennie Renzo, Treasurers Emily Peng and Marjorie Lee, and Teacher Liaison Sean DiGiovanna.



(above) Student staffers presented information the Watchung Hills Regional High School (WHRHS) Yearbook at Back to School Night, Thursday, Oct. 6. They are, standing left, Sophomore Isha Kasu of Warren Township, standing right Senior McKenzie Schuyler of Green Brook Township, and seated, Senior Emily Yan of Warren. Schuyler and Yan are editors. They said the Yearbook is a year-long project that includes interim deadlines each quarter on the way to the final product at the end of the school year.

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