

Roselle Park Public Schools District Newsletter

Summer Issue 2010

"Committed to Excellence"

FLASHBACK!
THE SCHOOL YEAR IN REVIEW!

TEACHERS OF THE YEAR

A panel of citizens, teachers, administrators, and board of education members selected one teacher from each RP school as recipients for The Governor's Teacher Recognition Program for the 2009-2010 school year. A criteria necessary for consideration of the honor is to have taught in the school district during the 2009-2010 school year. Teachers selected must also have proven to have distinguished themselves in making exceptional contributions in the following areas: 1) The use of effective instructional techniques and methods, 2) Establish productive classroom climate and rapport with students, and 3) Foster feelings of self-worth and love of learning in students. Shown in the photo below, standing from left to right are Superintendent of Schools Patrick Spagnoletti, Distinguished Teachers Nicole Stevens, Joanna Ollinick, Kathleen Mooney, Kristen Kulbaba and Business Administrator Susan Guercio. Missing from picture is Judy Nese.



OUTSTANDING SCHOLARS

RPHS' Valedictorian, Shannon Dooley and Salutatorian, Sara Maass were honored at the Twentieth Fifth Annual Recognition Breakfast for Outstanding Scholars on May 25, 2010 at L'Affaire in Mountainside. The Board of Education and the district staff congratulate each student on their outstanding achievement! Pictured in the photo above from l to r are: Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Patrick Spagnoletti, Valedictorian, Shannon Dooley; Salutatorian, Sara Maass and RPHS Principal, Sarah Costa.

EDWARD J. BLOUSTEIN SCHOLARS

The New Jersey Higher Education Student Assistance Authority has named three RPHS students Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholars. Students Shannon Dooley, Sara Maas, and Sharon Ng received the \$1,000 Distinguished Scholar award which is available annually without regard to financial need. RPHS Director of Guidance, Susan Carlstrom, said, "We are so proud of these student scholars. It is truly an honor when the State of New Jersey not only recognizes you, but also awards you for your excellent academic achievements." The award is based on a high class rank and combined critical reading and math SAT scores at the end of the junior year. A recipient must enroll full time during the academic year following his or her secondary school graduation at a New Jersey college or university to receive payment of the award. The scholars, pictured in the photo at right, from l to r are: Shannon Dooley, Sharon Ng and Sara Maass. CONGRATULATIONS!



Class of Two Thousand and Ten



Edina Abazi
Hector L. Abreu
Valentina Aguirre
Vanessa Aldana
William John Alfano
Uzair Syed Ali
Laura P. Amilcar
Timothy James Angus
Valentina Arango
Kaherine Anne Ayala
Joseph Baldassarre
Lauren Alison Baranowski
Audrey Santiago Barboza
Alexander Bartolo
Russell James Benner
Satnam Singh Bhatia
Chelsea Leigh Billek
Samantha Nicole Blevis
Alex Jesse Bonner
Alexandra Boruta
Shanna Kathleen Burke
Steffany Cabrales
Malik Taron Caldwell
Timothy Joshua Callands
DeVante Jaquette Campbell
Jonathan Canelao
Natalie Lizeth Caro
Dennis Vincent Carroll
Jennifer Marie Casselli
Elvis A. Castro
Franchesca Nicole Chabla
Guilianni Alessandro Chauca
Shanae Tichelle Ida Clark
Gabrielle M. Clauer
Thalia Amoni Correa
Ashley Marie Cruz
Christian A. Cuervo
Jillian Claire Cullen
Anthony Christopher Delaney
Steven C de la Prida
Nelson A. Delgado
Christian David Deliz-Colby
James J. Devine
Nicholas A. DiMaggio

Shannon Nicole Dooley
Krystal Dos Santos
Rachel Mae Duely
Codi Marie Dugan
George Lee Emme
Benjamin Adam Evans
William Alton Fahoury
Bryant M. Flores
Richard Flores
Erica Ann Fulinello
Abby Gallego-Jimenez
Briana Marie Gallo
Daniel W. Galvin
Gabrielle Hannah Garcia
Eric James Gedman
Fernando L. Gomez
Cassandra Gonzalez
Jorge Luis Gonzalez
Aldys Eliessette Grullon
Robert Stephen Gruytch, Jr.
Michelle Lynn Gualano
Joel Guerrero
Kelly Anne Gugger
Tami Lyn Guneyasu
Alonso Gutierrez
Nicole Estephania Guzman
Jonathan Matthew Hahn
Sean Amanda Hall
Kimberly Ann Heiss
David Timothy Hess
Jason Michael Hidalgo
Juan C. Hincapie
Matthew James A. Jacobi
Eric Joseph Jimenez
Jessica Catherine Johns
Armando Kajmak
Steven P. Kalkandis
Ashley Nicole Karaman
Jacklyn Michele Kelleher
Erica Cynthia Knoepfel
Nicholas Adam Kolbe
Alex Kotlowski
Matthew Peter Krynicky
Michael Anthony Laganga

Alexa Marie Lance
Angellica Lardieri
Cassandra H. Lauer
Lucas J. LaVista
Gregory F. Liccardi
Axel Paul Lopez
Brenda Maria Luna
Sara Esther Maass
Freddy J. Martinez
Jaselyn Diana Martinez
Michela Salena McGuire
Jesus Alonso Mejia
Juan D. Mejia
Kaitlyn Nicole Montgomery
Juan Camilo Munoz
Gina Mitchell Naranjo
Eleanor Elizabeth Neill
Sharon Danielle Ng
Bradely Noel
Alejandra Ocampo
Mark E. O'Hea-Chacon
Dennis M. Opiela
Delphine Achiaa Osei
Natalie Pagan
Jimena Rossana Paitan
Luke Parin
Alap M. Patel
Janki Patel
Manuel Paulino
Victor Mangell Paulino
Mende Pejovski
Johnathan D. Powers
Edward Prado
Randy C. Pulley
Rushi B. Purohit
Rashad Qersdyn
Viviana Quiceno
Angela P. Randazzo
Megan Patricia Reilly
Jameel Reyes-Diaz
Pedro Javier Reyes Sevilla
Paola Rodriguez
Carlos M. Ronquillo
Danielle Jean Rose

Damian Aaron Ruiz
Lilly Katherine Ruiz
Michelet Saavedra
Jocelyn Abigail Salas
Andrea Sanchez
Gurneet Singh Sangha
Vincent Santiago
Jennifer A. Sarro
Nicole Sepulveda
Christopher T. Shadis
Meghan Marie Shadis
Gunjan D. Shah
Priya D. Shah
Krysten Noelle Shrensel
Kliti Shyti
Marissa Ashley Skiff
Monica J. Soliz
Ivan Dario Suarez
Jesse Michael Suppa
Lindsay Sweeney
Adam J. Swirz
Kristina Marie Szczerbinin
Gustavo E. Taype-Miranda Funes
Sara Nicole Timpson
Sundeeep Singh Tooray
Karen Maria Torres
Stephanie M. Torres
Brielle Tumblety
Ronald D. Valente
Omar Alejandro Velastegui
Cynthia Melany Vera
Rebecca Angel Vera
Manuel A. Victoria
Nicole Marie Wagner
Richard Dean Weslock
Christopher Paul Williamson
Francis C. Yuro
Mark Zebro, Jr.
Taylor Brianne Zengewald
Bashkim Zenuni
Pajtim Zenuni

Valedictorian - Shannon Dooley
Salutatorian - Sara Maass

National Honor Society *2010 President's Education Excellence*

Uzair Ali
Laura Amilcar
Valentina Arango
Katherine Ayala
Samantha Blevis
Natalie Caro
Dennis Carroll
Christian Cuervo
Steven de la Prida
Shannon Dooley
Kelly Gugger
Alonso Gutierrez
David Hess
Ashley Karaman
Angellica Lardieri
Sara Maass

Juan Munoz
Eleanor Neill
Sharon Ng
Alejandra Ocampo
Natalie Pagan
Alap Patel
Victor Paulino
Edward Prado
Randy Pulley
Danielle Rose
Gurneet Sangha
Marissa Skiff
Monica Soliz
Lindsay Sweeney
Rebecca Vera
Taylor Zengewald

Four Year Scholarships Awards

Beverly J. Johnson Scholarship: Valentina Arango

This scholarship provides financial assistance of \$10,000 annually for four years to one member of the RPHS senior class who has been admitted to Rutgers University as a full-time undergraduate student. Criteria is awarded based on a combination of academic merit and financial need.

Four-Year Scholarship to College of Choice - Randy Pulley

This scholarship was established by a graduate of RPHS who prefers to remain anonymous. This scholarship will provide full financial assistance to the student for tuition, room and board. The scholarship is renewable for four years. It was created in order to allow one RPHS senior an opportunity to pursue his education in a school he otherwise would not have been able to attend. The recipient will be attending Rutgers University.

PROMOTIONS , CERTIFICATES, AWARDS



Left: EJF-Aldene Kindergarten students perform for parents at promotion.



Above: EJF-Aldene fifth grade students pose one last time together at the annual awards ceremony.



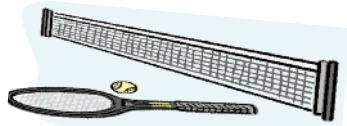
Above: Pre-K P.M. students show their promotion certificates.

SPORTS AND GAMES



TENNIS TOURNAMENT WINNERS!

Above: RPHS Faculty Student Staff Tennis Tournament. Finalists from l to r are teacher Mrs. Barbara Kempfs and student Joe Panchanco vs. student Junior Neil Patel and teacher Mr. Glen Grieco. The winners of the 24th Tournament were Mrs. Kempfs and Panchanco. CONGRATULATIONS!



MIDDLE SCHOOL PICNIC WINNERS!

Pictured above are the first place winners for the Middle School picnic events. Sitting in the front row from l to r are Surbi Sheth, Jessica Henriques, Rebecca Bodtman, Katie Jenkins, Besarta Sinanovic, Gina Maiorelli Vanessa Vogler, Ashley Ramirez, Nicole Sychowicz, Jasmin Brown, Ishita Baxi, April Tausey, Nelia Elmera, Greg Klepczyk, Christina Gonzalve, and Mary-Anne Ospina. Standing in the back row, from l to r are Lauren Dinardo, Shannon Kennedy, Madison Bowen, Samuel Almanay, Pablo Chavarria, Andres Santamaria, Joseph Garcia, Daniel Mucha, Anthony Giameo, Akshar Patel, and Matias Amaro.



THE TALENTED AND GIFTED EXPERIENCE

WHAT IN THE WORLD IS BIZWORLD?

For the past four years, students in Mrs. Joanne Carbotti's sixth grade Talented and Gifted class, have enjoyed the activities surrounding Bizworld. "My students love the idea of starting, and naming their own business and trying to out sell each other on Sale Bazaar Day, Mrs. Carbotti said. For creative and problem solving students, like the ones I teach, this is a dream come true. Once I get my students started on the many Bizworld activities, their creativity, their ingenious sale techniques, their shrewd business sense when dealing with the venture capitalist, which is by the way me, and their commercials and billboards that are just spectacular leave me speechless. Many of my students plan to be entrepreneur in the near future and this activity gives them first hand knowledge of how a real business works. They must employ good teamwork skills and have to compromise and be willing to use techniques that their Marketing Expert or President might expect them to utilize".

This year the students from Sherman, Aldene and Robert Gordon in Mrs. Arlene Terpenning and Mrs. Terry Scutro's 2nd through 4th grade T & G classes participated in the Sales Bazaar. This is a special day the sixth grade T & G students look forward to. The sixth grade T & G students produce and act out their own commercials and then invite other students to come window shop, and have the opportunity to eventually buy their friendship bracelets with Biz dollars. The students show their competitive nature by always thinking of ways to improve sales and to make a good profit and realize the value of money. They are wise shoppers looking for quality, good prices and unique designs.

Bizworld is a totally engaging, self-directed project that gives students a chance to be successful entrepreneurs both on Sales Bazaar Day and possibly in the future. Mrs. Carbotti hopes to someday hear from one of the many students who participated in Bizworld telling her about their real life business and how being part of Bizworld and all the activities inspired them to take a risk and become a future real life entrepreneur.



FORENSIC SCIENCE LESSON

Sixth grade Talented & Gifted students from Roselle Park, Roselle, Springfield, Westfield, Cranford and Elizabeth attended Union County college for the annual 2010 Convocation. This year's theme was Forensic Science, "Mystery of the Felix." Mrs. Joanne Carbotti, RPMS T&G teacher and Mrs. Esther Graziano, Westfield T&G teacher orchestrated the day. The students began with a presentation from Lt. Fernandez from the Union Country Police Dept. who investigates real life crimes through forensics testing in Union County, and Kristen Vogel, eighth grade Science teacher at RPMS. Kristin holds a degree in Forensic Science and did her internship with Union County police department. The presenters included an explanation of hard evidence, inferences, what forensic science is and what to look for at a crime scene. Students were given a list of suspects, with information on each one including the whereabouts of the suspect on the day of the murder and evidence that may link them to the crime. The students then proceeded to do a simulated crime scene with their forensic notebook, took notes and observed the crime scene in preparation for a day of investigating forensics evidence in ten different lab situations. In their last station, the students collaborated, and discussed who they believed killed "Felix", based on their evidence and the results of their forensic testing. Teachers returned to their district with information pertaining to the crime so that each district could continue investigating the crime with their students through various activities. This fun filled day proved to be an education experience for the students as they had an opportunity to investigate and solve a crime similar to professional forensics experts. (See photo above)

THREE ONE-THOUSAND DOLLAR AWARDS

Mrs. Joanne Carbotti's 5th grade T & G students entered The Tetra Aquademics Cash for College Contest. The students were asked to answer in 75 words the question "What do I like about my classroom aquarium." Three 6th grade T & G students, Stephanie Villanueva, Jonathan Limo and Evan Bianco will each receive a \$1,000.00 saving bond from Tetra "Cash for College" contest. Mrs. Carbotti will receive aquarium kits to be placed in classrooms across the district because of her students' efforts. The students benefit from Mrs. Carbotti's participation in this program offered through Tetra and sponsored by Pet-Co where teachers are each given a free fish aquarium, fish and accessories so that students could observe fish behavior throughout the school year. "My students really enjoy our fish; they are always observing their behavior, said Mrs. Carbotti. She added, "My students even gave the fish names and drew pictures of them so others who visit our classroom could call them by their correct names. This is a wonderful program offered by Tetra."

THE TALENTED AND GIFTED EXPERIENCE

FIVE HUNDRED DOLLAR GRANT

Mrs. Joanne Carbotti's seventh grade T&G students presented an informative lesson to second and fourth grade T&G elementary students from Mrs. Arlene Terpenning and Mrs. Scruto's elementary classes. The older students first attended a presentation by Mrs. Shoe and her Therapet Patrick, and through demonstration they learned how to safely approach and pet a dog. Heidi, another Therapet was also used. The students also did research and created project boards which outlined information in having not only dogs as pets, but many other animals as pets as well. Cost, time, size and all the other factors were discussed so that students would be prepared to make informed decisions in their future as to what type of pet would suit their life style and living situation. The seventh grade students also shared lesson plans and various activities that reinforced all concepts taught. The seventh grade leaders used their project boards and other materials provided by ASPCA as tools for visual instruction. The lesson ended with a culminating activity where students each painted and were allowed to keep a bobble head dog to remind them of the lessons they learned. During their many activities, prizes were raffled off that reinforced all concepts taught in this activity. All prizes, folders, pencils and materials were bought through a \$500.00 grant that Mrs. Carbotti received from New Jersey Veterinarian Medical Association. *In the photo below, older T&G students are seen giving an animal safety lesson to the younger T&G students.*



SPECIES OVER THE EDGE WINNERS

Two EJF-Aldene 5th grade T & G students won 1st and 2nd place in the "Species over the Edge Contest". Casey Crown, a student in Mrs. Joanne Carbotti's class, was selected as the Union County winner in the Conserve Wildlife Foundation of NJ's Species on the Edge Art and Essay contest. Over 2000 entries from across our state were entered. Caren Willphine won runner-up in the same contest. This contest gave students the opportunity to learn about New Jersey's endangered and threatened species. Casey and Caren were named 1st place and runner up winners in Union County for their exemplary entries. Casey's entry was on the plight of the endangered species, the Pine Barren Tree Frog and Caren's entry was on the Bobcat. Way to Go!



A LESSON IN NEUROSCIENCE

Mrs. Joanne Carbotti's seventh grade T & G students learned about the brain in an informative presentation by Manny DiCicco-Bloom, MD. Dr. DiCicco-Bloom works at the Department of Neuroscience & Cell Biology, at Robert Wood Johnson Medical School. He also has a secondary appointment in Pediatrics at RWJMS in Child Neurology & Neurodevelopmental Disabilities. He teaches first year medical students a Neuroscience course, and also teaches child neurology to third and fourth year medical students in his clinic. Dr. DiCicco's basic science lab is located on the campus of RWJMS in Piscataway, the same place as the Busch science campus at Rutgers, where Dr. DiCicco-Bloom has a secondary appointment in the graduate program at Rutgers. He also teaches a graduate course on Molecular Regulation of Neurogenesis in the Rutgers graduate program. Dr. DiCicco-Bloom participates in a program that connects teachers with individuals who teach university level students about the brain, and or practice medicine in the field of neurology and are willing to teach a lesson in the classroom that commemorates with Brain Awareness Month in March.

On his visit, Dr. DiCicco-Bloom used a PowerPoint presentation to explain the facts about the brain, our nervous system, reflexes, axons and dendrites as messengers. After his presentation, he passed around a human brain and a sheep brain explaining the parts of the brain and comparison of size. The sheep brain was cut in half to see the cerebral cortex. Students then did a hands-on activity called "two point discrimination." This experiment allowed students to feel the difference in a light touch with a two pin prong where the pins are closer together and then further apart. The goal was: did the subject feel one or two pins with light pressure applied. The students closed their eyes and tried to identify numbers lightly traced on the palm of their hands. Both experiments brought home the concept of touch receptors, and what areas of our body are more receptive to these sensations.

This lesson allowed the students to learn more about their brain and to introduce the many possible fields that Science, as a vehicle, may open. It was a wonderful way to celebrate both Gifted Awareness Month and Brain Awareness Month which are both honored during the month of March. *(See photo above)*

CREATIVE WRITING AND THINKING



DISNEY PLAYWRIGHT VISITS

Mr. David R. Scott from Disney Broadway Theatrical visited Mrs. Terry Scutro's T&G class at EJF-Aldene School. David was invited to share his expertise in dramatic literature with fourth graders Dana Delano, Alexander Escobar, Bhakti Patel and Michael Butler (pictured below). The students were working on their playwriting project about Leonard da Vinci. Mr. Scott explained the origins of the word "playwright" and how the word is based on the fact that a play is wrought, as iron is shaped and wrought. He also taught the children Aristotle's Six Elements of Drama. The students especially related to this lesson when David used examples from the Wizard of Oz to illustrate plot, theme, characters, dialogue, sound and spectacle. David described all of the hard work involved in producing a play and all the different tasks involved. He concluded his visit by working with the students and assisting them in their writing.

AUTHOR VISITS ALDENE

Author Rachele Burke, shown at left with students Karlie Friedman and Miguel Fried, visited EJF-Aldene on Read Across America Day. She gave a wonderful presentation to the student body and shared tips on ways to be a creative writer. Karlie proudly displays her autographed book of "Tree House in a Storm".



CHINESE COOLIE HATS

Mrs. Arlene Terpenning and her T&G students made hats as part of their studies of China and the Chinese cultures. Students had fun making and decorating Chinese Coolie hats with Chinese calligraphy characters. *Pictured above, from l to r are Robert Gordon principal, Mr. James Salvo, students Christy Zheng, Isaac Goodman Kayla Pierre, and T & G teacher Mrs. Arlene Terpenning.*

ELEMENTARY STUDENTS GO TO COLLEGE

Students in the RP Elementary T&G Program experienced going to college. Second, third and fourth grade students from Mrs. Arlene Terpenning and Mrs. Terry Scutro's classes participated in the Union County Gifted Association's series of Convocations. Working with pupils from other communities in Union County, the students explored different activities and learned that "Things Are Not Always What They Seem.". They created slogans, were part of a Think Tank, and "Traveled America". The inter-district convocations provides great opportunities for our district's gifted students to forge new friendships and collaborate in group exploration and instruction.

SHARING AND CARING

BAKE SALE FOR HAITI

A bake sale, spearheaded by RPMS student Neila Elmera, was held in February to help raise money for the earthquake victims of Haiti. The bake sale earned \$137.40. All money was sent to the American Red Cross coalition to aid in the recovery efforts for the people of Haiti. Neila asked 12 of her friends to join her in baking and selling the goods. *Picture at right from bottom to top and left to right. Jasmin Brown, Coleen Sweeney, Neila Elmera, Lauren Dinardo, Toni Cabazes, Nikki Keaveney, Ashley Ramirez, Gina Miorelli, Michelle Henriques, Jessica Henriques, Bessie Sinanovic, Ishita Baxi, Rebecca Bodtman. Not pictured is Cayla Solomita.*



JEANS FOR THE NEEDY

Abby Gallego, RPHS senior and her classmates wanted to help homeless teens in Haiti, the United States and Canada by working with the Teens for Jeans campaign. The nationwide campaign strives to raise awareness to the growing number of homeless teens by encouraging the donation of gently worn jeans. The not-for-profit DoSomething.org and retailer Aeropostale held its 3rd annual Teens for Jeans campaign. Along with her fellow students, Abby held the drive at the high school and asked students and staff to donate jeans. Approximately 500 pairs of jeans were donated by the school community. The first 100,000 jeans collected were sent to the homeless teens in Haiti because of the need caused by the earthquake. Aeropostale has agreed to match the donation with another 100,000 pairs of brand new jeans. In addition, DoSomething.org and Aeropostale will be donating jeans to more than 600 homeless shelters across the United States and Canada. *The students in the picture below are seen posing with jeans that they thoughtfully arranged in the shape of a heart.*



STUDENTS MAKING A DIFFERENCE

Fifth grade Student Council members at EJJ-Aldene School collected recycled materials from all classrooms and offices. The containers were donated by the Union County Board of Chosen Freeholders. *Pictured below, from l to r: Nicole Piriz, Casey Crown, Jusin Ramos, Luis Perez Santamaria, Anisa Becaj, Jordan Vanzyl, Sergio Tlatenco, and Joshua Connolly.*



Pictured above: Two marines standing in front of bags filled with toys which were donated for the Toys for Tots Foundation. A total of one hundred and eighty toys and \$462.00 was donated and collected by district staff and families. Way to Go!

IT'S ALL ELEMENTARY



Above: EJJF-Aldene third grader, Olivia Mogenis, poses with her mom, Noelle, at 3-N's Mother's Tea.



Above: EJJF-Aldene students in Mrs. Rebecca Nunes' class perform for their moms at the Mother's Tea.



Above: EJJF-Aldene fifth graders finally beat the teachers for the first time ever in the elementary school's annual volleyball game.



Above: EJJF-Aldene first grader Danielle Crown leads her classmates in the PTA fundraiser walk-a-thon.



Above: RG first graders celebrated Thanksgiving as Pilgrims and Indians.



Above: The late Robert Knapp shown posing with EJJF-Aldene second graders after a demonstration showing how a fire truck is set up and used during a fire.



Above: EJJF-Aldene second grade students in Mrs. Sheila O'Reilly's class cheer on their classmates at their annual Track & Field Day.



Above: Sherman students in Diane Appleby's first-grade Literacy Group "put on their caps" for a summer filled with reading many excellent books! From l to r: Sara Crevani, Lilly Ellis, Olivia Ranieri, and Liam Matos.



Above: Robert Gordon second grade students made Fact Family Turkeys with Mrs. Mercado. In the bottom row from l to r are Samantha R., Michael T., Emma C.; top row from l to r are Justin R., Alexis C., Alexander L., Madison C., and Ricardo P.



Above: EJJF-Aldene students having fun at their fifth grade luncheon held at the Cranford Pool.



Above: EJJF-Aldene fifth grader Philip Lagana and vocal music teacher Linda Green led the EJJF-Aldene first graders in the bunny hop.



Above: Mrs. Mary Lou Gugger leads her fifth grade class as they are clapped out of EJJF-Aldene school by students in grades 1 through 4.

IT'S ALL ELEMENTARY



Above: One hot June afternoon, Robert Gordon teacher, Mrs. Sue Sposato took her second graders outside, on the front lawn to read the story, Finn Mac Caul and His Fearless Wife.



Above: Posing with Santa, top row from l to r, are Pre-K teachers Erin McMyme, Dina Fellanto, Marilyn Kolas, Cheryl Gamba; Middle row: Aaron Chestnut, Matthew Griffen, Arlind Gjakova, Isabella Valdes, Floor: Alexis Borrero, Jordan Jimenez, Andre Aronhalt, Richard Catarino.



Above: Posing with Santa, top row, from l to r, are Pre-K students Thomas Jaskula, Luca Ruiz, Luz Luna, Santa, Nicholas Lopez, Alexandra Carvajal; bottom row: Drishti Dudani Connor Galliney, Shyrlene Persons and Nira Patel.



Above: Nurse Vreneli Teovisio came to talk to Robert Gordon students about her nursing duties at Clara Maas Medical Center in Belleville, NJ.



Above: Navy Seabee, Michael Pelaez, son of Mrs. Gail Pelaez stopped to visit her Robert Gordon students on Career Day and tell them about his duties as a Navy Seabee.



Above: EJJF-Aldene second graders Roma Patel, Marissa Paterno, Fernando Contreras, and Kyle Sisk performed as the rooster, the cat, the dog and the donkey in the second grade performance of the Bremen Town Musicians.



Above: Ms. Luz Munera, R.D.H. from Dr. Cicchetti's dental office, visited Robert Gordon to share knowledge on the importance of dental hygiene.



Above: Nicholas Stark portrayed Emmet Smith in EJJF-Aldene's second grade Wax Museum.



Above: Robert Gordon third grader Andra Constantin and her group are presenting their invention to the class.



Above: Second graders Tanem Apay (l) and Maira Ejaz (r) "fool" their ears.



Above: EJJF-Aldene second grader, Juan Guiralez, dressed as Abraham Lincoln for his book report at the annual Wax Museum.



Above: T&G fourth grader Claire Hafteck and her group are shown working on their maps.

VAN GOGH'S CORNER



Above: County artist and EJJ-Aldene student Luke Bockenbauer with his artwork at the county Youth Art Month Show.



Above: Sherman students Pooja Amin, Amanda Serna and Brisa Roca point to their art creations.



Above: Students Lucy Marie Rennar & Samuel Mendoza pose with art teacher Carrie Russoniello and Freeholder Bette Jane Kowalski at the county Youth Art Month Show.



Above: Sherman student John Kopf proudly stands in front of his art work.



Above: Kush Amin, Keiane Machado, Tyler Crown, Jaskaran Singh and Stephanie Villanueva, pose with French sculptor Edgar Degas' Little Dancer statue during a Sherman trip to the Metropolitan Museum.



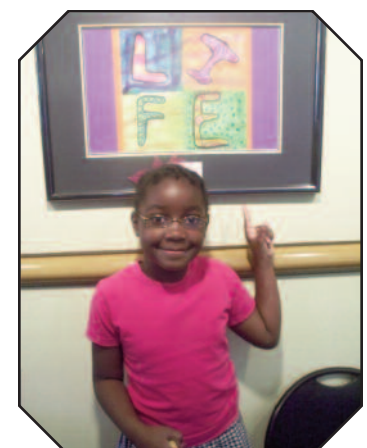
Above: Sherman students Dara Czernikowski (l) and Lucy Marie Rennar (r) pose with their art teacher Carrie Russoniello (center).



Above: Katilyn Donnelly and Jessica Salas pose in front of their art work at the Sherman School Art Open House.



Above: Keiane Machado, Vanessa Gomes, Salena Ishikawa, Jasmine West, Stephanie Villanueva, Kush Amin, Jaskaran Singh, and Tyler Crown pose during a Sherman School trip to the Metropolitan Museum of Art.



Above: Sherman student Jon Marie Sanders proudly points to her framed art piece, "Life".

YOUNG ARTISTS DISPLAY THEIR CREATIONS!



Above, Lucy Marie Rennar, Dara Czernikowski and Pooja Amin, Sherman School Youth Art Monthly winners pose with their art.



Above: Sherman students, Emily Peres, Demetra Papadopoulos, Emily Adamkowski, Kayla Bliss, Charlotte Sanders, Jessica Castro and Sara Ocampo show the hats they created.



Above: Sherman students Katie Adamkowski, JonMarie Sanders, Charlotte Sanders, and Emily Adamkowski.



Above: Natasia Ortiz, Anna Palmiarozzo, Dara Czernikowski, and Alyssa Ortiz pose with their food art at Sherman School Art Open House.



Above: EJJF-Aldene student Matthew Londono proudly stands in front of his artwork.



Above: Sherman students (l to r) Gianna Peterpaul, and Alexandra Harms pose with their ribbons. Mrs. Russomello is in the center.



Above: Bhakti Patel & Anaya Miller, Aldene Youth Art Month finalists.



Above: Sherman students Claire Halteck and Ariana Dunkerton proudly pose with their masks.



BRINGING STAFF, STUDENTS, & COMMUNITY TOGETHER

DANCING WITH THE TEACHERS

The Fourth Annual RP Dancing with the Teachers fundraiser competition was held in February at the high school gym. RPHS students volunteered to pair up with a faculty member and choreograph dance routines which they performed in the competition. A panel of students and faculty judges gave their personal commentary after each performance. Winners were determined through audience ballots. Winners are listed as follows: First Place, Nikki Schrieber and Frank Yuro, for their hip-hop routine, Second Place, Chris Tereshko, Melissa Rinaldi, Danielle Romero, Jenn Ferreira and Eric Witkowski a with their Thriller routine, and Abha Patel and Vincent Fucci as Third Place winners with their Indian dance routine. Honorable mention went to a tap routine featuring Alison Reiner and a swing dance number with Eric Witkowski and Briana Gallo. The event was organized by the RPHS Class of 2010 under the guidance of teacher and co-senior advisor, Melanie Bussiere. The admission price for this popular and fun event was set at \$5.00 per person. Refreshments were sold during the intermission. The total amount of money raised was \$1800. KUDOS! *Photos of participants and winners are shown below.*



REMEMBERING OUR SENIOR HOLIDAY SOCIAL

The Board of Education annually sponsors the Senior-Senior Holiday Social that is held at the RP high school in December. This year approximately 75 senior town residents joined over 50 high school seniors, administrators, teaching and support staff for a day of food and fun. Many of the senior citizens, who were dressed in festive holiday colors of green, red and gold were picked up at their homes and driven to the party in the Casano Center bus. SASS club students (Students Always Sharing Support) and Student Council, under the guidance of Judy Kurz worked in small groups setting-up, welcoming and serving sandwiches, salads and punch to the invited guests. The students also brought in a variety of both home-made and store bought baked goods to share with everyone in attendance. The social event is growing increasingly popular with the high school students and it serves as a wonderful opportunity for the senior residents to mingle and dance with the younger generation. John Payesko, a district custodian, video-taped the event. The buffet table offered an array of salads, sandwiches and wraps that were creatively prepared by Sue Parenteau and Gerri Gregory. Student and DJ Frank "wild" Yuro provided a variety of festive holiday music along with sentimental oldies. Under the direction of Eric Witkowski, the high school chorus entertained everyone with holiday music. Host and Superintendent of Schools, Patrick Spagnoletti raffled off the presents and poinsettias that were donated by the Board and RPEA. The party proved once again to be a success in bringing the two generations together. *Some of the highlights of this memorable afternoon have been captured in the photos shown below and on the following page.*





BRINGING IN THE HOLIDAYS: STAFF, STUDENTS, & COMMUNITY



HAVE YOU HEARD.....



EJF-Aldene student Rebecca Franco proudly holds up a sign in front of her creative "Pennsylvania" project at the annual Third Grade State Fair. Wow! Great job, Rebecca!



ROBERT GORDON POSTER WINNER!

Pictured above : Eric Espinoza earned an Achievement Award and \$20 in cash for his poster entry of the RP Memorial Library. He was also honored at a reception held at the Union County Courthouse in Elizabeth hosted by Joanne Rajoppi. The twelve posters chosen will be featured on a Union County poster calendar for 2011. Congratulations, Eric!

SIMPLY SEUSSICAL

The Roselle Park Summer Theater Camp proudly presented "Seussical, Jr." on August 4 and 5 at the high school. Students from our elementary and middle school performed in the production. Admission was free to all. Young audience members who are fans of the Dr. Seuss books had a great opportunity to meet the book's characters including the Cat in the Hat, Horton the Elephant, Gertrude McFuzz, the Whos and others.



ESSAY CONTEST WINNER!

Pictured above is Besarta Sinanovic, the winner of the Celebrate NJ Essay Contest. Congratulations, Besarta!

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