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*(above l-r) Peter Mazzagatti, Ed.D.; Ms. Kristyn Rosen - English Teacher - High School;
Ms. Kelly Feeney - Stony Brook School; Ms. Michelle Vella - Assistant Superintendent.*

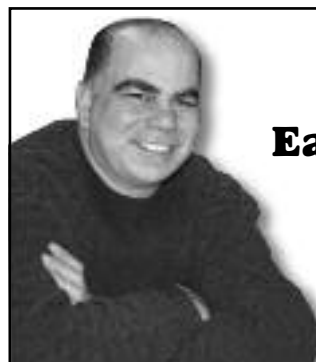
The North Plainfield School District in Somerset County is a year two award winner of the Achievement Coach grant. On May 17th, the North Plainfield School District was recognized for its Achievement Coach program during the State Board of Education's Special Recognition Ceremony. This annual program spotlights outstanding achievements by districts, schools and students. The program's hallmark principles of shared leadership and job embedded professional development have quickly been infused into the North Plainfield's culture in creating an authentic cycle of professional learning throughout the district. PD offered by

staff is titled "For North Plainfield, By North Plainfield"; Training conducted on the modules this past year has influenced the plan moving forward in which a Summer Academy will be conducted by the coaches along with other teacher-leaders and administrators on various topics of need noted throughout the district. In addition, North Plainfield's two year plan to address the needs of their English Language Learner population was inspired by the Achievement Coach theory of action, another indication that the Achievement Coach Program has become an integral part of this district's development.

DON'T MISS JUNE 9TH REGISTRATION FOR FALL SPORTS

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QUAKER MEETING HOUSE

June 13th marks the 240th anniversary of General George Washington's arrival in the afternoon at Washington Rock. He was looking for a place up upon the mountain where he could look for the movements of the British forces on the Plains below. Although often asked, that was not the origination of the name of Plainfield and related entities.

The predominant religion in this area was the Quakers or Friends. General Washington had stopped at the farm of Jonah (or John) Vail after the noon repast to find a mountain lookout. Edward FitzRandolph who guided the General up to Washington Rock and the farm owner and the workers were all Quakers. Not important other than to realize what the philosophy and lifestyle was of the occupants of this area in these years.

It wasn't until eleven years later that the Quakers moved their meeting house from Amboy (Perth Amboy) to Plainfield. The group had been formally organized in 1686. So the Friends Meeting House was built in Plainfield in 1788. It may surprise you that this was even before George Washington was elected to be our first official President. The same Edward FitzRandolph that guided General George up to Washington Rock was on the committee to build the first Meeting House. Also contributing his labor as a carpenter to participate in the construction. The Meeting House has had several locations in Plainfield. But happily has resided at 225 Watchung Avenue for many years.

Shortly after 1900, Charles McCutcheon of Plainfield learned that Mr. Garretson who was operating the quarry on the mountain near the top of Washington Avenue had his eye on acquiring the land on the south side of the mountain to



expand his operation. Being patriotic, McCutcheon realized that Washington Rock would be destroyed and therefore sought out others and in 1913 the Washington State Park Commission was formed to save the area by an Act of the NJ State Government.

At the same time Mrs. McCutcheon was instrumental in organizing the Continental Chapter of the DAR in constructing the 1912 monument as we see today and raising the \$3,100 that it took to build it. They were Quakers. Their home, Dalnashea was operated as a Quaker retirement community into the 2000's.

To summarize, the name Plainfield was not derived from the level farming fields referred to by the General as the "Plains" but actually for the Plain people or the Quaker influence that was so important at the time.

The Green Brook Cultural Heritage and Historic Preservation Committee and The Green Brook Historical Society meet the third Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at Green Brook Town Hall located at 111 Greenbrook Rd., Green Brook, NJ. We are always looking for people interested in history and culture to join our group, as a guest or a member. For more information about the Green Brook Historical Society, visit www.gbhsnj.org.

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MEMORIAL LIBRARY BRANCH'S JR.FLL EXPO A SUCCESS

SCLSNJ's North Plainfield Memorial Library branch's Jr.FLL Expo, held on May 6 at the North Plainfield Middle School, was a smashing success with over 100 people in attendance to witness the "Creature Craze" challenge. Each year, FIRST LEGO League Jr. presents a new and exciting Challenge to ignite the creativity of children age 6 to 10. While exploring

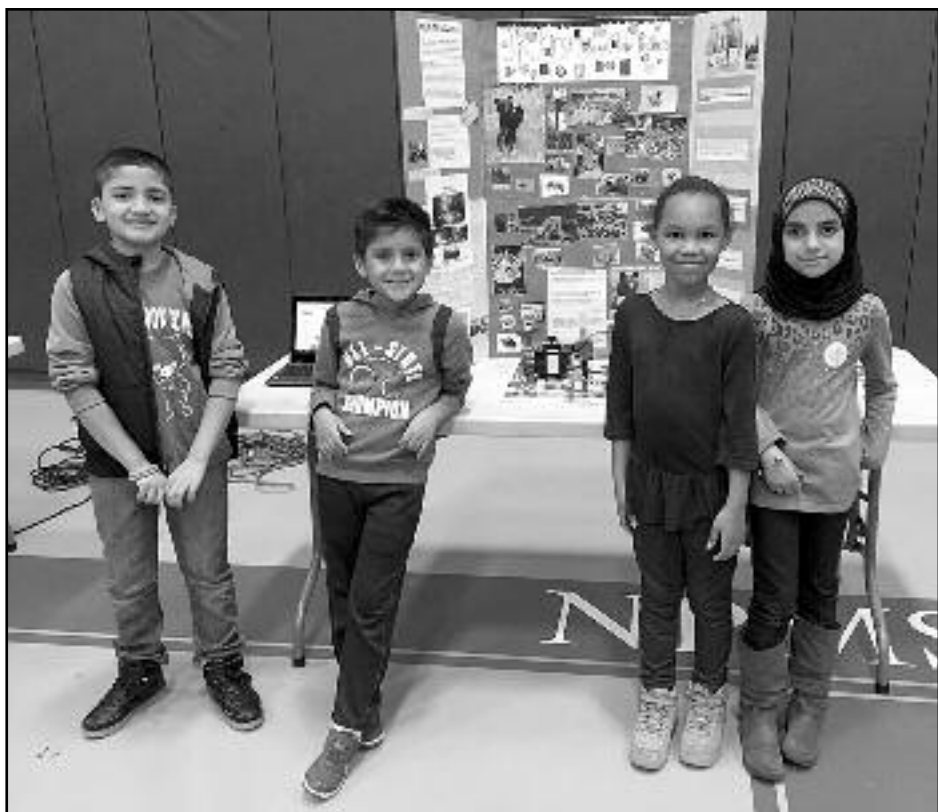
the real-world theme, teams use basic engineering concepts to build a model made of LEGO® elements. They also learn to present information through a Show Me Poster. Throughout the experience, teams have operated under the FIRST LEGO League Jr. Core Values, celebrating discovery, teamwork, and Gracious Professionalism®.



(above) Dr. Bricks team pictured with coach Jim Maloney. Students: Grego Russo, Kevin Toaza, Julianne Maloney, Campbell Maloney, John Gomes, and Hayden Hauser.



(above l-r) The LEGO Crew team, coached by Janet Costello. Students: Fraser Parran, Jasmine Parran, Jonah Basile, Rowan Basile, Marco Basile, and Sean Costello. Teammates not pictured Jack Kovalyov and Zsigmond Rosarion.



(above l-r) Junior FIRST LEGO Club Builders team, coached by Sonya Larado. Students: Jairo Figueroa, Matthew Guevara Santana, Jolani Jenkins, and Aleena Malik. Teammates not pictured: Tiffany Alfaro and Nadia Sequeira.



(above l-r) The Stony Brook Best LEGO team coached by Sonya Larado. Students: Ethan Mejia, Alyson Barbosa, Naima Herrera, Marwa Shahzad, and Aidan Zavala. Teammate not pictured: Syed Abbas.

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NORTH PLAINFIELD BUSINESS ASSOCIATION

The May meeting for the NPBA was held on Tuesday May 23rd at Arooga's Grill House & Sports Bar located at 1250 Route 22 East. This was a pre-opening Friends & Family event. Thanks to our host Cordell Toson.

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The next NPBA meeting will be held on Tuesday June 27th, 7pm at Unity Bank. Along with networking the mentorship program at North Plainfield High School will be discussed.

Prospective members are always welcome at meetings. Anyone interested in the NPBA can reach out to: Pete Eddy 908-256-1273, Danny Dominguez 908-447-2468, or Bruce Heyman 908-755-4700. You can also find the North Plainfield Business Association on Facebook.



(above) North Plainfield Business Association members had a blast during their May meeting at Arooga's Grill House & Sports Bar. Photo by: Jackie Mitchell

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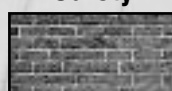
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June 13, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Summer Reading Challenge

June 19-August 19

Library Bash! Science, Sound, and Sustainability

June 23, 2-3 p.m.

Alex and The Kaleidoscope

June 27, 2-3 p.m.

Celebrate! Horse Month

June 29, 2-3 p.m.

CHILDREN, TWEEN, & TEEN PROGRAMS

Teen Game Day

June 5, 12, 19, & 26, 3:30-5 p.m.

Teen Cooking: You Pick the Meal!

June 6, 13, 20, 3:30-5 p.m.

Choose your own Adventure

June 7, 14, 21, & 28, 3:30-5 p.m.

Reading Buddies (grades 1-5)

June 10, 17, 24, 10 a.m. - noon

Miss Jen's Lab: Play with Your Food! (ages 5-9)

June 19, 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Dinosaur Dig (ages 2-6)

June 20, 2-3 p.m.

Rhyme & Play Storytime (suggested for ages 2-4)

June 21 & 28, 10-11 a.m.

"Build a Better World" Summer Reading Kickoff

June 21, noon - 2 p.m.

NEW DAY! Moving Kiddos Storytime

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June 22 & 29, 10-10:30 a.m.

ADULT PROGRAMS

English Conversation Group

June 5, 12, 19, & 26, 7-8:30 p.m.

Morning Knitting & Crochet Meetup

June 6 & 20, 10 a.m. - noon

Afternoon Book Discussion

June 8, 1-2 p.m.

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June 13, 7-8 p.m.

Evening Book Discussion

June 15, 7:15-8:30 p.m.

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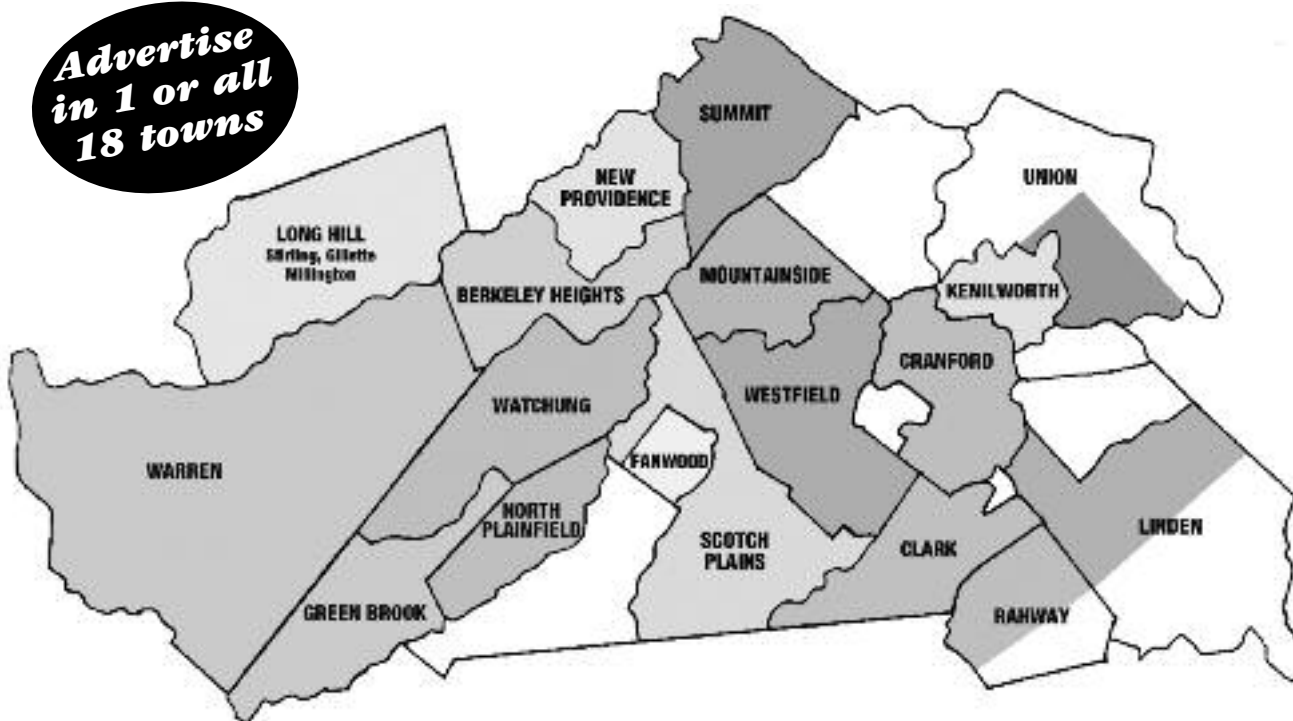
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The plays will explore the richness of the Hispanic experience as reflected in plays that mirror the pride, drama and comedy of the human experience. *Ana y las Langostas* (Ana and the Locusts), by Argentine playwright Alicia Dolonsky, is a coming of age story of a young, teenage girl in a world of turmoil, where the mysteries of what is outside her walls intermingle with the mysteries within. The playwright will be

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The festival is seeking actors of all ages and levels of experience, men and women. While Spanish speaking is a must, fluency is not. Auditions will be held at CDC Theatre, 78 Winans Ave., Cranford, NJ on Sunday, June 11 from 7-9 pm and sides will be provided; monologues are not necessary. For more information visit www.cdctheatre.org or contact redmount@comcast.net.

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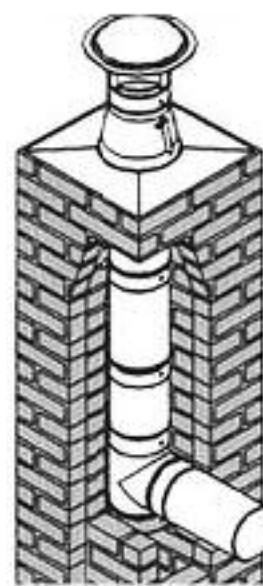
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