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### STUDENTS RECEIVE LOCAL, REGIONAL AND STATE AWARDS

Whether through well-written essays, mock trial demonstrations or all-state orchestra honors, students in Warren Township Schools continue to excel in local, regional and state contests and competitions.

Warren Middle School eighth graders Alexander Chen and Valerie Wang performed with the New Jersey All-State Intermediate Orchestra at Summit High School on May 13. Chen and Wang, who play the violin and viola, respectively, auditioned in March for the coveted positions. The All-State Intermediate Orchestra sponsored by the New Jersey Music Educators Association - is made up of the top middle/junior high school string players in New Jersey.

On May 18, twelve 7th grade legal eagles from the middle school participated in two mock trials in front of a judge and an audience of over 100 people in New Brunswick. As part of the New Jersey State Bar Foundation's Law Adventure program, the students with E2 teacher Susan Cooper submitted two mock cases to the organization's mock trial competition, winning 1st place and Honorable Mention and the chance to move on to a larger stage.

The 1st place winner -- "The Case of was Thrate a Threat" -- has the 7th grade team arguing the issue of whether a fictional 13-year-old with Asperger's Syndrome presented a threat when repeating the words "bomb, bomb, bomb" after learning about suicide bombers during a social studies lesson on current events. Team members on this mock case are Adithi Adusumilli, Mia Kolb, Inica Kotasthane, Arjun Singh, Anya Solanki, Moha Trivedi and Zoe Wang.

"The Case of Parent Responsibility or Police Responsibility," which received Honorable Mention recognition, involves a fictional single parent who is fined for not exercising parental responsibility to control his daughter's delinquent behavior but who is also suing the fictional police department for violating an agreement to help his daughter instead of arresting her. Students arguing this mock case on May 18 are Arshia Agrawal, Sheridan Ameo, Savannah Bellovin, Ariha Mehta and Andrew Shi.

Mt. Horeb fifth grader Aanya Lal chose to







(above, l-r)) Mt. Horeb School 5th grader Aanya Lal earned 2nd place in the "Species on the Edge Art and Essay Contest" for her essay on the bald eagle. Alexander Chen (violin) and Valerie Wang (viola) are among the top middle/junior high string players in New Jersey to perform in the All-State Intermediate Orchestra on May 13.

Photos by Warren Township Schools.

champion the Bald Eagle for her Somerset County 2nd place finish in the "Species on the Edge Art and Essay Contest," sponsored by the Conserve Wildlife Foundation of New Jersey. Writing in the first person as a female bald eagle named "Betsy," Lal closes the essay saying "Bald eagles like me are in danger. Although we are America's national animal, we suffer from the most terrible things. Like getting shot, or even poisoning. All you have to do to help us is, you can leave us a place to grow, eat and, most importantly, to survive."

Six students, grades 5-8, won awards in this year's Watchung Hills Elks Lodge annual Americanism Essay Contest... answering the question "Why is it important to vote?" Eighth grader Valerie Wang won first place in the 7/8 grade division.

"I am so proud of Valerie's great effort and I'm thrilled that many students took this opportunity to reflect on our freedom as Americans and the sacrifices of those who make it possible," says 8th grade language arts teacher Christine Cirrotti.

Seventh graders Sara Ribeiro and Lea Gnoy won 2nd and 3rd place, respectively, in the Elks essay contest. In the 5/6th grade division, Woodland 5th grader Maira Murad placed first, followed by 5th grader Mia Edwards, also from Woodland, and Alisha Siddiqui, a Central 5th grader.

First place winners received a framed certificate and a \$50 gift card from the Watchung Hills Elks. Second and third place winners won a framed certificate and a \$25 gift card. Additionally, Lea Gnoy, Maira Morad and Sara Ribeiro placed in the Central District contest, earning acertificate and an additional \$50 gift card from the Central District Elks.



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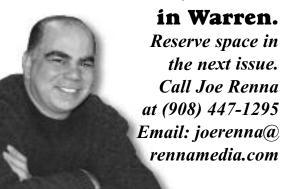
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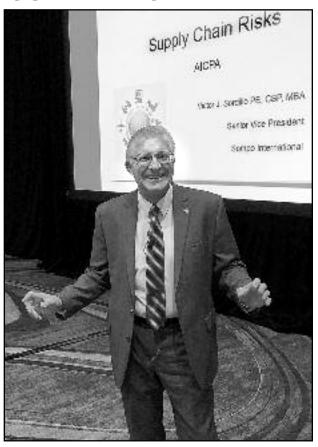
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## WARREN'S DEPUTY MAYOR SORDILLO PRESENTED AT CONFERENCE

Victor Sordillo, Deputy Mayor of Warren Township and Sompo's SVP and Leader of Loss Control Services, was guest speaker at the American Society of Certified Public Accounts' CFO Conference held on Thursday May 4th 2017 in Phoenix Arizona. Approximately 150 Chief Financial Officers and CEOs were in attendance.

Victor presented on the topic of Supply Chain Risks. His message was that globalization has provided significant benefits but not without risk. He covered the history of supply chain management including discussion on several cases resulting in losses from reputational to catastrophic, reviewed major regulations requiring the institution of control measures, and provided an analysis of 14 major supply chain risks. He stated "The supply chain includes people, processes, materials, facilities and everything that is needed to produce and deliver a product or service with the goal of superior value through controlling costs and risks."



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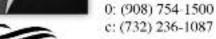
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### MINDFULNESS AT WOODLAND SCHOOL

As part of a continuing pilot program at Woodland School, guidance counselor Diane Langworthy took advantage of recent good weather to conduct an outdoor mindfulness session focused on slowing down and taking note of Mother Earth.

"We recently celebrated Earth Day," Langworthy told a gathering of kindergartners and first graders sitting criss-cross, applesauce on the school's basketball court. "Let's close our eyes and take a moment to think about what it means to take care of our earth."



(above) Kindergartner Abigail Ruffner participates in an outdoor mindfulness session on May 17 at Woodland School.

Mindfulness, as defined by Merriam Webster, is "the practice of maintaining a nonjudgmental state of heightened or complete awareness of one's thoughts, emotions, or experiences on a moment-to-moment basis; also: such a state of awareness." It is something that Langworthy finds "very beneficial" and personally practices every day.

"Many school districts around the world have mindfulness programs," she says. "It is also widely used in the business community and in medical settings."

Through Langworthy's efforts this year with K-5 students at Woodland, the Warren Township School District is exploring opportunities to increase mindful practices in each of its five schools.



(above) Kindergartners Jackson Plager and Devin Dave are eager and willing participants in an outdoor mindfulness session at Woodland School held on May 17.

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### **EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION IN WARREN SCHOOLS**

Five teachers have been recognized for their exceptional contributions to the students of Warren Township Schools as part of a district initiative to reward exemplary educators. The following teachers are this year's recipients of the Excellence in Education Award:

Hildegarde Jackson, World Language Teacher, Central School; Elena Marinello, Grade 1 Teacher, Angelo L. Tomaso; Lauren Regal, Grade 8 Guidance Counselor, Warren Middle School; Jennifer Ronkiewicz, Art Teacher, Woodland School; Kristen Stoyanov, Grade 3 Teacher, Mt. Horeb School.

Each award recipient was chosen for her commitment to important academic, social and

developmental criteria, including quality and innovative classroom instruction, positive interactions with students, staff and parents and fostering an environment where each student feels welcome and is able to achieve his/her fullest potential.

Superintendent Matthew Mingle says, "We are fortunate to have many outstanding educators in Warren. These five individuals are deserving recipients of this year's recognition through their unwavering dedication to their students."

The Warren Township Board of Education will award each of the recipients a \$500 grant to be used toward an educational purchase for her classroom.



(above) Warren Township Schools Superintendent Dr. Matthew Mingle congratulates Excellence in Education Award recipients (L-R) Kristen Stoyanov, Elena Marinello, Jennifer Ronkiewicz, Hildegarde Jackson, Lauren Regal

### **UNDERSTANDING NEW JERSEY'S CHILD CUSTODY ARRANGEMENTS**

By: James McGlew II, Esq.

In New Jersey, there are two basic concepts of child custody. The more familiar concept is "physical" custody which refers to where and with whom the child will live. When parents share "joint physical" custody, the child lives with each parent for a certain amount of time during the year. A parent with whom the child spends most of their time is designated as the Parent of Primary Residence ("PPR") or the primary caretaker. The parent with whom the child has time-sharing is designated as the Parent of Alternate Residence ("PAR") or secondary caretaker. Generally, unless there is a concern that the parent of alternate residence will harm the child, parenting time or visitation rights will not be withheld.

The less familiar but equally important concept is "legal" custody which refers to a parent's right to make decisions concerning their child, such as medical treatment, selection of healthcare providers, education, engaging in what might be considered hazardous activities and other significant decisions. In most cases, parents will have joint legal custody of a child and share the decision-making responsibilities. In some instances, however, the judge may award sole custody where only one parent has legal and physical custody. This is a relatively rare occurrence that is ordered only when the other parent is absent or legally unfit. A parent may be unfit if he or she has engaged in child abuse or neglect or is struggling with an addiction to alcohol or drugs. Absent such circumstances, a joint legal custodial relationship among parents is the preferred arrangement since it is likely to foster the best interests of the child.

A recent Court decision restated that "the prime criterion for establishing a joint legal custodial relationship between divorced or separated parents centers on the ability of those parents to agree, communicate, and cooperate in matters relating to the health, safety, and welfare of the child notwithstanding animosity or acrimony they may harbor towards each other. The ability of parents to put aside their personal differences and work together for the best interests of their child is the true measure of a healthy parent-child relationship."

Once the parties have agreed or a Court has ruled that they will have joint legal custody of their child, the issue becomes implementing and exercising such a joint custodial arrangement. Joint legal custody requires the parents to discuss and consult with each other regarding "major" decisions affecting the health, education and welfare of the child. Sometimes there is often a conflict as to what is a "major" decision versus a "day-to-day" decision. Such "day-to-day" decisions are generally determined by the primary custodian.

Major decisions can be as varied as the children they affect. The most common major decisions parents face are medical or health related issues of the child, choice or change of religious affiliation, choosing a summer camp, international travel, interstate travel for time-sharing when one parent has relocated, the appropriateness or cost of extracurricular activities, choice of private school and/or college, course of study or selection of major course of study at college, etc.

Unfortunately, the acrimony the parties displayed during the marriage does not always subside after the matter is resolved. The parents often continue the battle between themselves when discussing issues affecting their child. When discussion and compromise does not result in a resolution by the parties, our Courts are called upon to make decisions regarding these major issues regarding the child. This is seldom the best remedy.

If you find yourself involved in such matters Lindabury, McCormick, Estabrook and Cooper can assist. Our firm prides itself on treating each family matter individually and advocating on behalf of our clients and their children to achieve the most equitable result. Call James McGlew II at (908) 233-6800 or email to jmcglew@lindabury.com for a consultation. All inquiries are strictly confidential.



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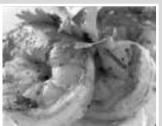
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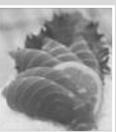
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by Jyotsna Thapar, DPM

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### **GENIUS HOUR AT MT. HOREB SCHOOL**

Imagine being assigned a project at school with but one prerequisite: You must feel unequivocally, unrelentingly passionate about the subject at hand.

That's the idea behind "Genius Hour," a pilot program at Mt. Horeb School during which fifth graders are given one hour each week over the course of a month to work on so-called passion projects. Whether discovering the essence of an Almond Essence Cake, using mathematical calculations to perfect an ice skating Camel Spin or reworking a musical composition for a flawless violin/piano duet, Genius Hour challenges students to take charge of their learning.

"Genius Hour empowers students to take risks and to not be afraid to fail. At the same time, it reinforces that with the freedom to do what you want comes the responsibility to work hard and persevere," says Grade 5 teacher Paul Duncan who collaborates with fellow 5th grade teachers Cristina Trump and Dawn Gauvin and a team of dedicated educators at Mt. Horeb to bring Genius Hour to their students.

Genius Hour was popularized by Google which allows its engineers to spend up to 20% of their time working on a pet project. According to the website geniushour.com, "the idea is very simple. Allow people to work on something that





interests them and productivity will go up."

Ten students presented their passion projects at the April 24 Board of Education meeting. In addition to the ice skater, the musicians and three bakers, there was an aeronautics enthusiast who built an airplane model, and two water-bottle-flipping researchers... one who explored this latest craze using traditional flipping methods (the human arm) and another who built a robotic arm to see if it could out-flip a human effort, challenging board members to a water bottle flipping contest.

There was also a student who set out to grow his favorite food - potatoes -- but learned that the harvest-to-table growth period might be too lengthy for this particular project.

"I do have a potato to raffle," said fifth grader Ben Dubois to much laughter as he delivered the spud after drawing the name of board member David Brezee.

Superintendent Matthew Mingle is a fan. "The poise with which students presented their projects to the Board of Education and members of the public was exceptional." says Mingle. "By giving students ownership over their learning, Mr. Duncan and his colleagues tapped into students' deep-seated passions in a way that was a true joy to see come alive."

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The annual Spring Arts Festival, a year-end celebration of the accomplishments in, and dedication to, the arts by students at Watchung Hills Regional High School (WHRHS), will be held Monday, June 5, through Wednesday, June 7, at various exposition and performance spaces at the school.

The community is invited to attend the threeday festival, to witness exhibitions of 2 and 3-dimentional visual art as well as film screenings, theatrical, musical and choral performances involving students of all grades and levels. Admission is free.

#### Monday, June 5

The festival kicks off at 5:30 p.m., with the visual arts opening.

Works in all mediums including drawings, paintings, photographs, ceramic works, sculptures, crafts, graphic design pieces and creations made from wood will be on display in the Atrium at the main entrance of the school and around the arts wing. These works will remain up for the duration of the festival.

Shakespeare in the Park begins at 6:30 p.m. Students will perform in an outdoor space, excerpts and monologues from a collection Shakespeare's greatest works, including "The Taming of the Shrew" and "A Midsummer Night's Dream."

#### Tuesday, June 6

The Spring Choral Concert will be held in the Performing Arts Center from 7 to 9 .m. This is on a different night of the week than it has been held in the past. Students in the Chorus, Advanced Chorus, and Ensembles will be performing works by Green Day, Bruno Mars, Ray Charles, and Billy Joel, as well as songs from Broadway's "Hairspray," the film, "Pitch Perfect," and more.

#### Wednesday, June 7

The South Auditorium will hold multiple short-film screenings starting at 5:30 p.m., and lasting through to 7 p.m.

The Spring Orchestra and Concert Band Concert will be held in the Performing Arts Center from 7 to 9 pm. The Orchestra will be playing a variety of music including Vivaldi's "4 Seasons with Spring," and the concert band's set will include "Salute to American Jazz," "Variations on America," and more.



"Untitled," a photo by Senior Martina Cruz of Warren.



"Undertow," an Oil Painting, by Senior Abagail Pedroso of Warren.







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182 engaged the community in a Book Drive to benefit our schools. Michael Ryder was the main organizer of the drive. A collection box was decorated and placed at each of the four township elementary schools and books were collected. The Watchung Hills Elks Lodge #885 was also kind enough to host a collection box for us and 50 books were collected with the help of volunteers: ER Elect Danny Larsen, Trustee Geno Bataille Approximately. Overall 1,000 books were collected town-wide during the month!

An adult representative from the Pack and contacts from each school collaborated on the process of collecting, sorting and distributing the

During the month of April, Cub Scout Pack books to the teachers within each school to be most useful. At the end of the drive, once the books were sorted by volunteers at each location, the books were categorized and showcased for teachers to "shop" for books to use in their classrooms. There were many people who made this Book Drive a huge success! Thank you for your hard work!

> Cub Scout Pack 182 in Warren Township serves the local community and surrounding towns.

> To join Cub Scouts or find out more about Pack 182 visit our Facebook www.facebook.com/Pack182WarrenNJ/ website warrenpack182.org or by contacting us at membership@warrenpack182.org.



(above, l-r) Lion Scouts Zeke Minieri, Fintan Beyus, Constantine Bellmann, Nthan Chu and teacher Kelley Kappus. (Stats) AL Tomaso School: 100 books collected. Principal: Christine Smith & School Contact Susan Jackson. Volunteers: Carina Bellmann, Constantin Bellmann, Amanda Beyus, Fintan Beyus, Nathan Chu, Zeke Minieri.



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(above) Kindergarten Teacher Miss Maag shopping for books at Mt. Horeb School. (stats) Mt. Horeb School: 300 books collected. Principal: Scott Cook & School Contact Chris Burkhardt. Volunteers: Jac-Lyn Gibson, Michael Armao, Laurence Gibson, Edward Walker



Woodland School: 300 books collected. Principal: Jeff Heaney & School contact Kate Zaleski. Volunteers Tricia Patricco, Afseneh Thursfield, Jenna Bellish, Jamie Dave, Tanya McAusland, Brandon Bellish, Lilla Bellish, Devin Dave, Anthony Patricco.

(above) Volunteers Afseneh Thursfield and Lion Scouts Brandon Bellish and Anthony Patricco.



(above) Central School Principal Alison Tugya (stats) Central School: 250 books collected. Principal: Alison Tugya & School Contact Lindsay LaNeveVolunteers: Mike Ryder



(above, l-r) Scouts Edward Walker, Michael Armao, and Laurence Gibson at Mt. Horeb School.(stats) Mt. Horeb School: 300 books collected. Principal: Scott Cook & School Contact Chris Burkhardt. Volunteers: Jac-Lyn Gibson, Michael Armao, Laurence Gibson, Edward Walker



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### WARREN GREEN TEAM COMMUNITY ASSET MAPS AVAILABLE ONLINE

the Community Asset Maps. These maps detail township businesses, facilities, and streets. Team meeting to provide their input.

The meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 6 at 7:00 pm in the Springdale conference room in the Town Hall.

Community Asset maps are posted on the Township website Warren under Resources/Green Team Resources/Warren Asset Maps. There are two types of maps posted: 1) Community Asset Map and, 2) Interactive Community Asset Map. Both maps list the

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The purpose of these maps is to provide

township residents with immediate accessibility in finding the locations in town to use and enjoy. We welcome public input in the Community Asset Mapping process.

For further information regarding the Warren Green Team, please contact Laura Mandell at green.nj.laura@gmail.com or (908) 334-9221.

#### **3RD ANNUAL WARREN'S GOT TALENT CONTEST**

Warren Township Recreation Commission is proud to announce its third annual Warren's Got Talent competition! The competition, which is open to Warren, Green Brook, Watchung, and Long Hill residents ages 7 and up, will be held on July 12, 2017 from 7 to 9 pm at the Municipal Complex Pavilion Area off of Bardy Road.

Last year's competition featured 18 talented vocalists, dancers, musicians, gymnasts, and actors, and we can't wait to see what this year will bring! The competition will be judged by industry professionals, and a large stage and speakers will be provided. The winner will also be presented with a trophy.

To enter this year's competition, please submit a video clip of your audition on DVD or send a YouTube video to:

recreation@warrennj.org or Warren Township Recreation, 46 Mountain Blvd, Warren NJ, 07059. Submissions must be received by June 28th at 3 pm! Call the Recreation Department at 908-753-8000 x 270 for more information.



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#### **ALL AGES**

#### **Game Days**

June 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, & 17, during Library operating hours.

#### **Summer Reading Challenge**

June 19-August 19

**Creature Comfort: Let's Read** June 24, 1:30-2:30 p.m.

Alex and the Kaleidoscope

June 27, 4-5 p.m.

#### KIDS

#### **Summer Eats! Fruits and Vegetables**

June 6, 4:30-5:15 p.m. (ages 3-6)

#### The King's Castle: A Chess Club for Kids!

June 8, 7-8 p.m. (entering grades 1+)

#### **Wompy's World of Musical Play**

June 13, 10-10:45 a.m. & 11-11:45 a.m. (ages 6 months-4 years)

#### STEM Drop-In

June 17, noon - 4 p.m. (ages 4+)

#### **Lego Mania**

June 20, 4:30-5:30 p.m. (ages 4+)

#### **Scratch 101 for Beginners**

Part 1 on June 26 & Part 2 on June 29, 4:30-5:30 p.m. (entering grades 3-5):

#### **Storytime Special**

(ages 2-5): Splish Splash! on June 26 & Dancing Feet on June 28, 10-10:45 a.m.

### **TWEENS & TEENS**

#### **Teen Summer Volunteer Training**

June 3, 1-1:30 p.m. & June 7, 7-7:30 p.m. (entering grades 8-12)

#### **Mathematics & Origami**

June 6, 7-8 p.m. (ages 9+):

#### **How to Talk to a Robot: Build a Shelter!**

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#### **Chess Club For Adults**

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#### **Yarn & Threads Group**

June 5 & 19, 10 a.m. - noon

#### **Bridge Players Group**

June 5, 12, 19, & 26, 1-4 p.m.

#### **Afternoon Book Discussion**

June 8, 1:30-3:15 p.m.

#### **Friday Film Matinee**

"La La Land" on June 9, 1-3:30 p.m.

#### **Jazz is Alive and Well**

June 10, 2-3:30 p.m.

#### **Recipe Club: The Best of Barbeque** June 12, 7-8 p.m.

**Mah Jongg Players Afternoon** 

June 13, 20, & 27, 1-4 p.m.

#### **Needlepoint Open Group**

June 13, 7-8:30 p.m.

#### **Coffee Time Talks:**

#### **Navigating Hearing Loss and Tinnitus**

June 14, 11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

#### Film Discussion @ WTL

June 15, 1-4 p.m.

#### **NJ's Colonial Architecture**

June 20, 7-8 p.m.

#### **Evening Book Discussion**

June 22, 7:15-8:45 p.m.

**Special Needs Social Hour: Game Night** June 26, 7-8 p.m.

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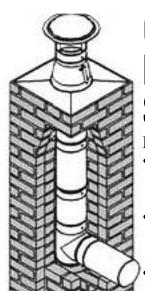
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