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## ALJ HIGH SCHOOL 2017 FALL ATHLETIC AWARDS

The Arthur L. Johnson (ALJ) Athletic Department held their 2017 Fall Athletic Awards on Tuesday, November 28, 2017 in their auditorium. The Crusader Athletic Booster Club sponsored the event.

The Fall Athletic Teams and their seasons were highlighted by their coaches, while handing out letters and awards to the student athletes. Throughout the evening, over 200 varsity athletic letters were handed out.

The Student Athlete Award was presented by Mrs. Jennifer Feeley, the principal of ALJ. This award is given out each athletic season to a student athlete who is not only a champion on the field, but in the classroom as well. The 2017 Fall Student Athlete award recipient was Gregory Zukowski, with a 4.625 Grade Point Average (GPA).

The Crusader GPA Challenge was awarded to the team that finished with the highest overall GPA amongst athletic teams for the fall season. The recipients were presented with certificates, will have their team memorialized on a plaque, and will be invited for a “Breakfast with the A.D.” to celebrate their actions both in the classrooms and on the fields. The Gymnastics Team, with a GPA of 3.9678, was the Fall 2017 winner. Members of the Gymnastics Team include: Angela Pieros, Morgan Thomas, Lindsay Becker, Nicalina DelRosario, Kaitlyn King, Christina Sheaffer, and Emi Budnik.

The Best Teammate Award is given out seasonally to one

member from each athletic team that best fits the characteristics of a good teammate. The individuals that receive these awards exhibit upbeat attitudes and outstanding character. They helped influence the team’s culture in a positive manner, while always supporting teammates and promoting team unity. The Best Teammate Award Winners were: Cross Country (Boys/Girls) – Tyler Bohm; Field Hockey – Amy Wysocki; Football – Michale Casalino; Gymnastics – Kaitlyn King; Boys’ Soccer – Ross Wildes; Girls’ Soccer – Lily Gull; Girls’ Tennis – Amanda Nunes; Volleyball – Tara Jacobsen; and Cheerleading – Chloe Hessler.

The evening culminated with the announcement of the Team Most Valuable Players (MVP). The MVPs were: Cross Country (Boys) – Tyler Moreira; Cross Country (Girls) – Lindsey Hofschneider; Field Hockey – Jessica Lopez; Football – Joe Turek; Gymnastics – Angela Pieros; Boys’ Soccer – Matthew Vigliotti; Girls’ Soccer – Kristina Palella; Girls’ Tennis – Saga Elsekhely; Volleyball – Victoria Gulbin; and Cheerleading – Emily DeLima.

Athletic Director, Gus Kalikas, stated, “Once again, our Fall Athletic Awards Program was a successful evening as it allows the District, administration, and coaches, the opportunity to acknowledge a wonderful Fall Sports Season as well as recognize both student athletes and their parents alike for all that they have accomplished this past fall athletic season.”



(above) 2017 Fall BTAs



(above) 2017 Fall MVPs



(above) 2017 Fall GPA Winners  
– Gymnastics Program.



(above)  
Greg Zukowski,  
2017 Fall  
Student Athlete  
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## MEET MARYANNE CHRISTIANO-MISTRETTA YOUR CONTACT FOR NEWSPAPER CONTENT



Maryanne  
Christiano-Mistretta

Hello Readers!

I'm ecstatic to introduce myself as the new editor for Renna Media. It's such an honor working with Joe and Tina Renna; they are awesome!

Joe has asked me to write a little bit about myself for our readership, which is probably a great idea since I'll often be out

and about in the community.

Residing in Union County with my husband, Dennis, and our beloved cat Nicholas, my interests, besides writing and editing, include animals, music, and living a healthy lifestyle.

Writing professionally since 1995, I'm an award-winning journalist. I received my award from The NJ Society of Professional Journalists for investigative journalism. I'm also an author, public speaker, and poet (recently selected to read at the All About Eve Arts Festival at the West End Theatre in Long Branch, New Jersey).

Having a great passion for music, I've developed a unique library program called "The Learn & Listen Series" which pays homage to legendary musicians.

The two-fold presentation begins as I host, sharing a musician's biography – which I wrote – followed by actual live music from local New Jersey and New York talent. Librarians can choose from a variety of singers such as Ella Fitzgerald, Nat King Cole, Sammy Davis Jr., John Lennon, Freddie Mercury, Johnny Cash, Janis Joplin, and David Bowie.

I'm blessed to be able to work with performers like indie recording artist Keith Beck; jazz sensation Stephen Fuller (front man for Amani);

singer/performance artist, Anna Oh; and three-time Grammy winning producer, Rob Fusari.

"Learn & Listen" also includes Jayne DiGregorio and Rich Timberlake, who work behind-the-scenes filming for an upcoming documentary.

In addition to the "Learn & Listen" series, I also lecture on "History of the Newspaper Industry," "Going, Going, Gone: What the Next Generation Won't Remember" (seniors love that one!), and there's also a healthy foodies series, which includes sampling.

Now, if you've read this far, you may be asking yourself – how can this woman work so much and still have time to edit 21 newspapers? As Joe Renna himself says – "It's not work, it's a lifestyle." I somehow get everything done ... and with a big smile on my face.

When you have a grand passion for what you do, it doesn't matter what day it is. It could be a Monday, or a Friday, and you're equally as happy. Sometimes I'm home all day working in my pajamas; other times I'm having a blast taking photos at a Winter Walk. Whether I sleep in or get up super early to attend a town meeting, it's all good. In this line of work, every day is different, and every day is exciting.

In just one month of working for Renna Media, I've attended many fun affairs and met incredible people. It brings a tear to my eye when a child cheers, "I'm gonna be in the newspaper!" after I take his or her photograph. That's what it's all about – the essence of presenting a good story to the community.

So, don't hesitate to send me your community news. We call on the arts, fundraisers, nonprofits, new businesses – anything positive that should be in your local newspaper.

Reach me at 908-858-4012, or email me at: [Editor@RennaMedia.com](mailto:Editor@RennaMedia.com)

I look forward to hearing from you!

*Maryanne Christiano-Mistretta*

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Submitted by Scott McCabe and Nancy Morris

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allowing us to place collection boxes at their locations. And a huge thank you to all who donated and made this possible. This is such a worthy cause and we sincerely appreciate your thoughtfulness.

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Christine had a dream to raise her family in a close knit town & she ultimately found that in The Township of Clark! Her children Jeffrey & Giovanna are currently students of our excellent public school system. Along with the support of her husband Jeff, Christine has managed to donate time to the Clark Benefit Ball, PTA, & Clark Recreation Traveling Basketball. Christine has a desire and passion to help people realize their dreams. She will do this by her commitment to her Real Estate Career.

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# JOSEPH TUREK BREAKS ALJ ALL-TIME RUSHING RECORDS



(above l-r) Joseph Turek, the All Time and season rushing record holder for the Crusaders with head football coach, Anthony DelConte.

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Senior football player at Arthur L. Johnson (ALJ) High School, Clark, New Jersey, Joseph Turek, broke the school's single-season and all-time rushing records during the Crusader's Thanksgiving Day Game versus Rahway High School.

Joe did it in incredible fashion, rushing for over 240 yards on the day. He received a plaque and the game ball for his incredible accomplishment and for his stellar career as a Crusader.

Joe has been a stand-out athlete throughout his years at ALJ. His contributions to the football program are significant, most notably leading the 2016-2017 team to the Central Jersey Group 2 State Semi-finals--the second time the team had gone this far in the past three years. He had been a starter for the football team since his sophomore year, and amazingly helped the Crusader football squad to 20 wins over the last three seasons, including winning the school's first Division Championship (Valley Division) since the 2006 season.

Head football coach, Anthony DelConte stated, “Joe was one of the top athletes that I had the privilege of coaching throughout my coaching career. He is a leader, a hard worker, and a role model for younger student-athletes and you wish you could instill his mentality in all our student-athletes. His work ethic and preparation

has developed him into the athlete he is, and I have no doubt that he will be successful in his future. He will be missed, and all his accomplishments are a credit to his hard work and dedication. Whatever college or university that he attends is not only getting a great athlete, but an even better young man.”

Joe is also a standout baseball player for the Crusaders where he has been manning first base since his freshman year. He was named First Team Group 2 All State in the sport of baseball and has been an all-county player in the sport as well.

In school, Joe has been able to carry a high grade-point average in honors and advanced placement level courses. He participates in the Crusader Athletic Leadership Council as well as many other school activities.

Gus Kalikas, athletic director at ALJ, has this to say about Joe's momentous achievement: "What Joey did throughout his high school career in the sport of football is unreal. Not only did he break a record that was over twenty-years-old, he did it in the most unassuming manner. Joe always put his teammates first and valued winning over any individual accolades. His talents on the football field will be missed, but not more than his leadership and work ethic. I look forward to following his athletic career as he heads to the collegiate ranks."

A black and white advertisement for Planet Fitness. At the top, a hand gives a thumbs up against a background of radiating lines. Below this, the text "\$1 DOWN" is on the left and "\$10 A MONTH" is on the right, with the words "then only" written vertically between them. A horizontal line separates this from the text "THIS DEAL ENDS" on the left and "WEDNESDAY JANUARY 10" on the right. In the center, there is a graphic of a hand giving a thumbs up inside a gear, with the "planet fitness" logo below it. At the bottom, the text "Bring on the Year" is displayed, with a thumbs up icon replacing the word "Year". Below this is the address "1135 W. St George Ave, Linden NJ • (908) 925-1077" and the website "join today in-club or at planetfitness.com". In the bottom right corner, there is a circular logo that says "OPEN 24 SEVEN". At the very bottom, in small print, it says: "Must be 18 years old, or 13 with parent/guardian. Funds debit only. \$10/mo. to a checking account. State and local taxes may apply. Subject to annual fee. Offer available at participating locations only. Offer expires 1/10/16. Planet Fitness locations are independently owned and licensed. © 2015, PF, LLC."





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Valley Road School in Clark honored Mr. Nelson Tavares for his heroic actions saving a student from choking through using the Heimlich Maneuver.

Mr. Tavares, a beloved custodian in the school, was recognized during an assembly where students, teachers, staff, and administrators expressed their heart-felt praise. Mr. Tavares was greeted with a five-minute standing ovation upon entering the gym. Students from several classes presented him with thank you cards calling him their "hero." Another student gave him a heart-shaped balloon from her class. Valley Road's Teacher Committee, composed of Tony Calandra, Nicole Czarnecki, and Michelle Matesic also presented Mr. Tavares with a certificate of appreciation, a card from the staff, and a gift.

Julian Ramos, the child who was choking that day, brought up the card from his homeroom. He was all smiles as he personally thanked Mr. Tavares. Julian's mom also thanked Mr. Tavares and gave him a gift from the family. As the assembly ended, each student and staff member

individually thanked him as they left the assembly room. Valley Road School Principal Joe Beltramba stated, "Mr. Tavares' quick-thinking

and action saved the life of one of our students. We are grateful to have him as part of the Valley Road family."



(above, back l-r) Ms. Ramos, Mr. Tavares, School Principal Mr. Beltramba, Assistant Principal Ms. Applebaum (front, l-r) Julian Ramos, Jack Ferreira, Suhani Shah,

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## JUDGE GARY BUNDY VISITS ALJHS

Students in Laura Bundy's Driver Education class at ALJ High School in Clark met Judge Gary Bundy on December 13th. Judge Bundy is the Municipal Court Judge for Roselle Park and Garwood, NJ. He spoke about many essential topics dealing with teen driving and the law.

There are many different laws drivers have to abide by, especially new drivers. Judge Bundy spoke about provisional license, underage DUI, DUI, and illegal drug use in a vehicle. ALJ students were very engaged in each topic and asked some excellent questions.



(above l-r) Sean Hurst, Lauren Kelly, Connor Hayden, Gabby Prestinari, Matt Snedeker, Matt Simas, Alexandra Bowen, Emma Hilton, Megan Tinger, Nicole Randazza, and Lia D'Angelo.

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## THE CLARK FIRE DEPARTMENT VISITS VALLEY ROAD SCHOOL

The Clark Fire Department recently visited Valley Road School and talked to students in grades K-2 about fire safety. The students learned there are many actions that they can take to stay safe. After watching a video on fire safety, students learned about some of the equipment used to fight fires. They explored the fire engine

and had a chance to spray the fire hose! At the end of their visit, the firefighters gave students fire hats and other take aways about staying safe. "We thoroughly enjoyed the fire department's visit. We are grateful for the lessons they taught our students on how to stay safe," stated Principal Joe Beltramba.



(above) Mrs. Spence and some of her students by the fire engine.

## PET LICENSE RENEWALS

The Clark Health Department mailed out the annual dog and cat license renewal applications the week of December 18, 2017.

All dogs and cats owned, kept, harbored and cared for, whether they are indoor or outdoor must be licensed during the month of January 2018. All licenses expire on December 31, 2018. In order to obtain a license, the animal's rabies vaccination must be valid through October of 2018.

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For two days, Thursday, December 7 and Friday, December 8, 2017, residents from Clark and surrounding areas, were invited to a free food tasting to celebrate the grand re-opening of the newly renovated Sweet Basil, located at 1189 Raritan Road, Clark, New Jersey.

December 7 was the official kick-off and Steve Hund, Clark's 3rd Ward Councilman, was on hand to cut the ceremonial red ribbon. Owner Danny Wang, and his partner Sidney Liu were

surrounded by friends and family.

Clark residents Barbara and Gary Tyburchy were the first couple to dine at Sweet Basil after the ribbon cutting.

Sweet Basil is a BYOB Asian Fusion

restaurant featuring Japanese, Chinese, Thai, and Malay dishes.

For more information about Sweet Basil, stop in for a meal or call 732-669-7673, or visit: [www.sweetbasilnj.com](http://www.sweetbasilnj.com).



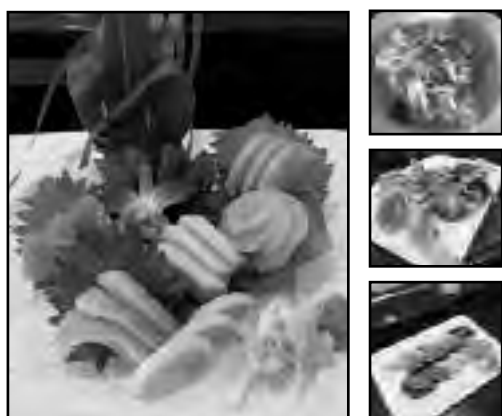
(above, l-r) Clark residents Barbara and Gary Tyburchy were the first customers to dine at Sweet Basil after the ribbon cutting.



(above, l-r) Sweet Basil's Grand Opening celebrators, Councilman Steve Hund; owner, Danny Wang; Puri Hua Yan (Danny's mom); Sidney Liu; and family friend.

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### Healthy Family Resolutions

By Lauren Faiella, RD, CDN - ShopRite of Clark, NJ

Are you looking to improve your health this New Year but tired of making resolutions that might not last? For 2018, why not take a new approach and focus on goals as a family? Making resolutions together can provide motivation to stick with your goals all year long and it allows time for bonding. Get started with these suggestions for resolutions to improve your family's health:

#### 1. Experiment with produce.

Make a family trip to your ShopRite of Clark and explore the produce department. Make a plan each week to choose and prepare a fruit or vegetable that your family has never tried before. For kid friendly fruits and vegetable ideas, try purple cauliflower, star fruit, avocados, sugar snap peas, mini sweet peppers, kiwi and blackberries.

#### 2. Make ingredient swaps together.

Make a "swap plan" for the New Year to trade less healthy products for healthier versions. For example, switch to whole-grain bread, 1% or skim milk, seltzer or calorie-free flavored waters. Start out slow and just make one swap each week!

Here are some more ideas:

- Try quinoa or brown rice instead of white rice
- Serve plain oatmeal with fresh or dried fruit and nuts instead of pre-sweetened oatmeal
- Enjoy low-fat frozen yogurt instead of full-fat ice cream

#### 3. Reduce screen time and fit in fun!

Screen time is considered time spent in front of the computer, television or video games. Dedicate one hour a day to screen-free time. Use this time to get active as a family and focus on fitness – and fun! Try things like yoga, bike riding, skating or even dancing. Choose something your family loves and do it together!

#### 4. Pack, go and save!

Cut calories and save money by making a goal to pack lunches for school and work. Planning and packing your own meals will allow you to stick to your healthy intentions, plus it's easier on your budget. One idea is to take advantage of dinner leftovers by packing them the night before into your lunch bag. For additional variety, try some of these savvy sandwich ideas:

- Prepare low-fat salmon salad using canned salmon, light mayonnaise, chopped celery, onions and pepper to taste. Top salad with lettuce and tomato and serve on ShopRite whole-wheat sandwich thins.
- Spread 2 tablespoons of ShopRite peanut butter on a 100% whole-wheat bagel thin. Top with sliced Granny Smith apples and a sprinkle of cinnamon.

What healthy resolutions will you focus on to make 2018 your happiest and healthiest year yet?



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## FALL GPA CHALLENGE BREAKFAST

On Tuesday, December 19, 2017, the ALJ Athletic Department held a breakfast in honor of the 2017 Fall Athletics G.P.A. Challenge winners, the Gymnastics Team. The event, sponsored by the Athletic Department, was held in the ALJ cafeteria.

The Crusader GPA Challenge will be awarded each season to the team that finishes with the highest overall GPA amongst athletic teams seasonally. They will be presented with certificates, have their team memorialized on a plaque, and be invited for a "Breakfast with the A.D." to celebrate their actions both in the classrooms and on the courts.

The winner of the 2017 Fall Seasonal GPA Challenge: The Gymnastics Team with a G.P.A. of 3.9678.

Members of the Gymnastics Team are: Angela Pieros, Morgan Thomas, Lindsay Becker,

Nicalina DelRosario, Kaitlyn King, Christina Sheaffer, and Emi Budnik.

Athletic Director for the Clark School District Gus Kalikas had this to say about the GPA Challenge winners from the Fall Season: "The Athletic Department is extremely proud of all the members of the Gymnastics Team. The team was able to balance athletics and academics at the highest level, not only competing in the State Tournament in the Fall season but also excelling in the classroom, which is evident by the cumulative GPA of 3.9678 that the team held throughout the season."

"The GPA Challenge was a result of years of hard work, not only by the girls, but by our Head Coach, Brianna Ferdinandi, as well. They are a model of what it means to be a student athlete and the Clark School District is proud of all of their accomplishments."



(above) The Gymnastics Team enjoys breakfast as a reward for winning the 2017 Fall G.P.A. Challenge.



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## WORKING TO MAKE A WINTER WONDERLAND

The Mentor LINKS program at Valley Road School in Clark recently met to create a winter wonderland in the hallways of the school. Students worked on two craft projects, a snowman and mittens, that will be proudly displayed at Valley Road. The project provided an opportunity for students to work together, and it led to great conversation among peers. "It was great to see how excited the students were to see their new friends," said school counselor and co-advisor, Sarah Badillo.



(above) Students in the Mentor LINKS program creating a winter wonderland.

Photos by Clark Public Schools.

## CLARK RECREATIONS ANNUAL HOUSE DECORATING CONTEST

Clark recreation held their Annual House Decorating Contest. Four homes won in three categories out of the 24 that entered. The “Just for Fun” contest allows families in Clark to drive around and view the outstanding decorating and creativity from our residents. The event was started by Rec Director Ralph Bernardo years ago and judging consists of a secret committee that drives around for a week at night to view all the homes before voting. The following homes were selected and visited on the evening of December

19th and the winners received a lawn sign, \$50 gift card and bragging rights.

Outrageous (in a good way):

Terzo Family at 79 Ivy Street

Traditional – (Tie):

Solenske Family at 47 Bartell Place

Fuentes Family at 127 Stonehenge Terrace

Overall Favorite:

Maloney Family at 8 Gloria Street



(above) Outrageous (in a good way) winner Terzo Family at 79 Ivy Street – Mrs. Terzo, volunteer Anna Pace, Rec Director Ralph Bernardo and volunteer Fran Parisi.



(above & right) Traditional winner–(Tie) Solenske Family at 47 Bartell Place.



(above) Overall Favorite winner Maloney Family at 8 Gloria Street. Family was not home – Rec Director Ralph Bernardo pictured.



(above & right) Traditional winner– (Tie) Fuentes Family at 127 Stonehenge Terrace.



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# FREE KLEZMER CONCERT IN CLARK

*Submitted by Steven Stern*

Hailed as "one of the finest American klezmer bands" by Songlines Magazine (UK), Metropolitan Klezmer will perform at the Sol Sern Memorial Concert at Temple Beth O'r Beth Torah in Clark on Sunday, January 28 at 3 p.m.

Formed in 1994 by drummer and leader Eve Sicular, this collaborative adventure of exceptional New York musicians brings exuberance to Yiddish musical genres from all over the map. Their performances incorporate wedding dance, folk, swing, and tango styles, as well as soundtrack material from vintage Yiddish films, re-inventing tradition with both irreverence and respect.

Critics have hailed their ability to create "a smooth balance between classic klezmer sounds and bold new interpretations, for bringing back forgotten Soviet Yiddish theatre hits and experimenting with Latin jazz or reggae fusion."

"Klezmer is a very popular musical tradition that is essentially Jewish soul music from Eastern

Europe," according to Cantor Steven Stern of the Clark temple. "Metropolitan Klezmer's interpretations are unique and exhilarating. They last performed in our synagogue four years ago to an enthusiastic full house, and we are delighted to have them back again for an encore performance. The concert honors the memory of Sol Sern who was a most beloved member of our congregation."

Appearing as part of the group will be vocalist Melissa Fogarty. She has been praised by critics as a "formidable presence" on stage who can belt out passages in "saucy, somber and playful" styles.

The program is free and open to the public and is made possible by a HEART Grant from the Union County Freeholders and the TBOBT Sol Sern Memorial Fund. Temple Beth O'r Beth Torah is located at 111 Valley Road, right off exit 135 of the Garden State Parkway. For more information about its upcoming programs and activities, please visit [www.bethorbethtorah.org](http://www.bethorbethtorah.org).



## GIVE AND SHARE

*Submitted by Nancy Raymond,  
Township of Clark Health Department*

The Clark Give and Share Program, part of the Clark Health Department and St. John The Apostle Food Pantry, would like to thank all those who selflessly donated food items to this year's Bag of Sides holiday Program.

We have been sponsoring the Bag of Sides program for at least the past 5 years. Donations of canned vegetables, gravy, cranberry sauce, boxed stuffing and potatoes are packaged and distributed during the monthly food pantries. Every little bit helps to offset the cost of a Holiday meal for those in need.

This year, in addition to the above items, the Clark Health Department also received canned soups, beans, fruits, breakfast items and even desserts!

Special thanks to the Valley Road K-Kids, Donna Kircher and the Hehnlly School K-Kids, Carl H. Kumpf School, the Y Squares, Mr. Toby D'Ambola, Clark UNICO, Ann Messler and the ALJ students who help throughout the year, "the turkey ladies," and all of the wonderful donors who anonymously drop food off at my office.

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## ELEMENTARY SCHOOL STUDENTS VISIT LIBRARY

The Clark Public Library invited all K-5 students to visit the library for a night of fun. Parents and children participated in many exciting activities including a scavenger hunt, which helped students learn about the different parts of the library. The scavenger hunt ended with a celebratory dance party. A Bookmark Decorating Contest was held, where students were given time to decorate and enter their own bookmarks. During the night, raffle prizes were also given to the students. The culmination of the night was story time with storyteller Judy England-McCarthy. The children were entertained with a story and participated by assuming the roles of the featured characters.



(above) A parent and several children are searching for clues during the scavenger hunt.



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Join us for the LEGO® Club at the Clark Public Library! Create your own lego structures. Legos are provided by the library. Creations are displayed in the Children's Area. For children in grades K - 5. No registration required.

### Frog Hollow Players Present "The Farm"

Saturday, January 20 at 10 a.m.

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### Tinker Tuesday

Tuesday, January 23 at 3:30 p.m.

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Thursday, January 25 at 10 a.m.

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Tuesdays at 10 a.m.

Stories, songs, nursery rhymes, and movement. Geared toward babies and toddlers under 2 years old with caregiver. 30 minutes of open play follows.

### Stories & More

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# CLARK PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT HOLDS PARENT UNIVERSITY PAINT NIGHT



The Clark Public School District held its first Parent University Community Education Session, "Paint Night with Mr. Peitz." The event, open to parents and students in the district, was held in the ALJ cafeteria on December 14. Led by Carl H. Kumpf Middle School art teacher Mr. Peitz and student assistants, the group painted a scene of a winter wonderland. Peitz stated, "I love finding ways to bring art into the schools, so I was excited when Mrs. Broski approached me about Paint Night."

Christine Casale Broski, Supervisor of Educational Initiatives and organizer of the event, stated, "We would like to thank all of the parents and students who attended Paint Night. It was a great night that brought the school community together."

Paint Night is part of the district's Parent University program, which will include other community education nights in addition to parent teas and two larger assembly-type programs. The program also includes virtual sessions that can be found on the district's website under Parent University as well as on the district's Facebook and Twitter pages.



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## 5TH GRADERS LEARN ABOUT COLONIAL AMERICA



(above) Web activity.

Thanks to a generous grant from the Clark Education Fund, the Museum of Early Trades and Crafts turned back the clock to the 1700s for the fifth grade students of Hehly Elementary School in Clark. The museum's program Tradesman & Community, visited the school giving students an opportunity to discuss the trades, materials, methods, and products of Colonial America.

To learn about the need for a strong community and local trade, students participated in a group activity. Students explored the "community web" and the roles and contributions of Early American tradespeople. Seated in a

circle, each student assumed the identity of a tradesperson, such as apothecary, cooper, harness maker, and confectioner. The students were asked to think about how each tradesperson depended upon others for his or her livelihood as well as the natural resources available. Using a long string to link the tradespeople, a web was created demonstrating that a strong community was necessary for survival.

In addition, students became "apprentice" tinsmiths and completed a punched-tin craft, using iron nails and handmade hammers to complete their designs to take home.

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## ANNUAL HOLIDAY SENIOR LUNCHEON

The Clark Seniors enjoyed their Annual Holiday Luncheon at the Gran Centurions on December 7th. Over 250 residents enjoyed delicious food, music and entertainment provided by Melody and Presley. Of course Santa made a visit (Steve Kulbaba) and took photos and gave out candy canes. A great time was had by all.



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## 3RD GRADERS WINTER WRITING ACTIVITY

Third grade students at Hehnly Elementary School in Clark kicked off the season with a writing activity called "If I Were Trapped in a Snow Globe." The students used their imagination and told a story of how they got trapped. After the story was written, their picture was taken showing how they would look if trapped. Artificial snow and a plastic lid were put over their pictures creating a snow globe. Stories are displayed on classroom bulletin boards. Students also made snowflakes to hang over their writing creating a winter wonderland. Mary Jo Baker, third grade teacher, stated, "The students did a great job composing their stories. They showed creativity and applied the writing strategies we learned about."



## CLARK STUDENT PERFORMS IN LONDON NEW YEAR'S DAY PARADE

*Submitted by Ms. Hamilton*

Arthur L. Johnson High School in Clark, New Jersey was one of more than 650 high school cheerleaders and dancers from across the U.S. invited to present Varsity Spirit in the world-famous London New Year's Day Parade.

The individuals invited to perform in the parade qualified for the trip after being selected as an All-American at a summer camp hosted by one of the Varsity Spirit camp brands, which include Universal Cheerleaders Association (UCA), Universal Dance Association (UDA), National Cheerleaders Association (NCA), National Dance Alliance (NDA) and United Spirit Association (USA).

All-Americans are selected to try out based on superior cheerleading, dancing, and leadership skills at camps across the country. Only the top 10 percent of the more than 325,000 cheerleaders and dancers who attend the 5000 Varsity Spirit summer camp sessions earn the chance to march in the holiday spectacular.

Kelsey Marques was among parade performers from all over the world. The theme of this year's parade was "Showtime!" and celebrated the greatest shows on earth. Cheerleaders, dancers, marching bands, acrobats and more will made up the 10,000 performers representing 20 countries worldwide in the 2018 parade. Established as one of London's biggest events, the parade is seen by nearly 300 million people around the world. In addition to cheering in the parade, All-Americans were able to celebrate the holiday's European style with the chance to tour some of London's most historic sites during their seven-day stay.

"I am honored to be the first Johnson cheerleader awarded Top All American Cheerleader and to participate in New Year's Day Parade in London. I am passionate about cheerleading and traveling the world to experience new cultures and meet new people and I am ecstatic to have the opportunity to do both in this trip," stated Kelsey Marques who has cheered since she was 6-years-old with Clark Pop



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"This is the thirtieth year we've been able to bring these talented cheerleaders and dancers to London, where they can showcase their skills to a very enthusiastic international audience, and explore the rich cultural heritage of this great city," stated Mike Fultz, the International Event Coordinator for Varsity Spirit.

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## TARA OLIVEIRA NAMED "VISIONARY ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL OF THE YEAR"

Clark resident, Tara Oliveira, Assistant Principal of Governor Livingston High School in Berkeley Heights, has been named as the Visionary Assistant Principal of the Year – Secondary Level by the New Jersey Principals and Supervisors Association (NJPSA).

Mrs. Oliveira has served as Assistant Principal at Governor Livingston since August 2012. She first joined the faculty at Governor Livingston in September 2011 as a Teacher of English after having taught in Pennsylvania for nearly seven years.

"From our first day as colleagues, it was evident that Mrs. Oliveira had that special quality that would endear her to everyone with whom she would come in contact," stated Robert Nixon, Principal of Governor Livingston High School. "Her skill set features an exceptional blend of intelligence, work ethic, compassion,

determination, logic, and competitiveness. Mrs. Oliveira has the ability to administer discipline and counsel staff and students with an understanding smile. She is a relentless worker who not only expects the best, but delivers the best. I cannot imagine an Assistant Principal more deserving of this honor."

Mrs. Oliveira has played a key role in the implementation of numerous technological advances at Governor Livingston - including the transition to Google Classroom, the 1:1 student iPad initiative, and the establishment of "GL Admin Folder" – all of which have enhanced teaching, learning, and communication at the high school.

"We are so excited that Mrs. Oliveira has been selected as the New Jersey Assistant Principal Visionary Award winner," stated Judith A. Rattner, Berkeley Heights Superintendent of

Schools. "She is a dynamic administrator who is an integral part of our administrative team and is respected by the students because of her care and concern for them and their experiences."

Mrs. Oliveira earned her Bachelor of Arts Degree in English from Lehigh University in addition to a Master of Education Degree in Secondary English Teaching and a second Master of Education Degree in Educational Leadership, also from Lehigh University.

"Mrs. Oliveira's vision has helped drive change not simply for the sake of changing, but for the sake of improving how we operate as a high-achieving school," added Mr. Nixon. "In an educational culture where many resist change, she has not only embraced it, but she has helped create an environment where the change had a substantial positive impact and was supported by the staff."



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Absolut (regular)	750ml	\$19.09
Absolut (regular)	1.75L	\$29.09
Belvedere Vodka	750ml	\$27.99
Belvedere Vodka	1.75L	\$44.99
Ciroc (all types)	750ml	\$29.99
Ciroc (all types)	1.75L	\$57.99
Finlandia	750ml	\$15.99
Finlandia	1.75L	\$24.99
Grey Goose	750ml	\$26.99
Grey Goose (all types)	1.75L	\$49.99
Ketel One	750ml	\$19.99
Ketel One	1.75L	\$39.01
Lukusowa	1.75L	\$22.99
Majorska	750ml	\$ 8.99
Majorska	1.75L	\$13.99
Pinnacle (all types)	750ml	\$12.99
Pinnacle (80 proof)	1.75L	\$15.99
Sky	1.75L	\$21.99
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Smirnoff Vodka (80 proof)	1.75L	\$19.29
Sobieski	750ml	\$11.99
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Soplica	750ml	\$ 9.95
Stolichnaya (all types)	1.75L	\$29.09
Svedka (all types)	750ml	\$11.99
Svedka (all types)	1.75L	\$19.29
Tanqueray Sterling	750ml	\$19.99
Tanqueray Sterling	1.75L	\$29.99
Three Olives (all types)	1L	\$19.99
Three Olives (all types)	1.75L	\$24.99
Traveler's Vodka	1.75L	\$11.99

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Bailey's Irish Cream	750ml	\$21.99
Bailey's Irish Cream	1.75L	\$39.99
Kahlua	750ml	\$19.99
Kahlua	1.75L	\$36.99
Krupnik	750ml	\$13.99
Licor 43	750ml	\$20.99
Licor 43	1.75L	\$39.99
Patron XO Café	750ml	\$22.99
Patron XO Café	1.75L	\$29.99
Southern Comfort	750ml	\$19.99
Southern Comfort	1.75L	\$28.99

RUM

Bacardi Light & Gold	750ml	\$11.99
Bacardi Light & Gold	1.75L	\$19.19
Captain Morgan Spice	1.75L	\$25.99
Malibu	750ml	\$17.99
Malibu	1.75L	\$25.99

TEQUILA

Avion Silver	750ml	\$38.99
Casa Noble Silver	750ml	\$34.99
Deleon Blanco Tequila	750ml	\$29.99
Deleon Blanco Tequila	1.75L	\$59.99
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Jose Cuervo	1.75L	\$33.99
Patron Silver	750ml	\$39.99
Patron Silver	1.75L	\$82.29

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Bud and Bud Lite loose bottles	24pk	\$18.99
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Coors Lite/Miller Lite	30pk	\$21.99
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Corona/Corona Lite loose bottles	24pk	\$27.99
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