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## FOUR WHRHS ATHLETES SIGN LETTERS OF INTENT



(above) Four senior athletes-athletes at Watchung Hills Regional High School (WHRHS) signed letters of intent on Wednesday, November 14, "Fall Signing Day," to play sports for the Division I or Division II universities they plan to attend next year. The four who signed are (seated, l-r) Madelyn Murphy, Kelly Fitzgerald, Kaylee Donnelly, and Lindsay Wolf. Standing behind them are WHRHS Principal George Alexis, left, and Girls Soccer Coach, Brian Fugueiredo.

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"Congratulations to the WHRHS student-athletes who have signed their National Letter of Intent," said both WHRHS Athletic Director Daniel Root and Principal George Alexis.

The four who signed are: In Girls Soccer, Kaylee Donnelly, who plans to study at Bucknell University; Kelly Fitzgerald, at the University of Rhode Island; and Lindsay Wolf, at the University of Massachusetts (UMass), Amherst; and in Girls Lacrosse, Madelyn Murphy, at Monmouth University. Bucknell, URI, UMass, and Monmouth are all Division I schools.

"All student-athletes who have an NLI (National Letter of Intent) are being recognized during the Fall Signing Session, except football, which will be handled at the Winter Signing Day, Wednesday, February 6," said Athletic Director Daniel

Root. "Based on the NCAA's recommendation, studentathletes with a commitment to a Division I or Division II Institution that does not offer NLIs, for example the Ivy League and the Service Academies, will be invited to participate. The Fall Signing day will be for all sports, except football."

"All student-athletes who will be continuing their athletic careers at a Division III school will be recognized during the Spring Signing Day session on Wednesday, May 1," Root said. "In addition, Division I and Division II student-athletes who committed after the fall and winter signing dates will be invited to participate in May.

The last day of this kind of recognition will be Wednesday, June 5.

"In early June, a photograph of all future college studentathletes will be taken," Root said. "This will be a final celebration for all our student-athletes who will be competing in an NCAA sport at the Division I, II, or III level."

Photo by WHRHS



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On Tuesday December 11th, 2018, 1st graders vinegar. They used their creative writing skills to write about a way to make the Grinch smile. Using their problem solving skills they solved Grinch themed math word problems.

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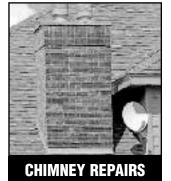






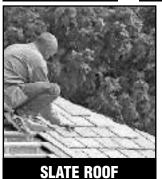
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Submitted by Frank Reilly

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The exercise allowed the firefighters to simulate a difficult rescue, where the overturned car and small doors made getting to the injured passengers and evacuating them very challenging. The members of the two fire departments working cooperatively, used various types of equipment and stretchers to extricate the injured and move them to a triage area.

After a few hours of very realistic training, the firefighters and first aid members thanked the NJ Transit Police & Heavy Rescue training team for a very enlightening and valuable training exercise, one whose procedures are easily transferred to rescuing people from buses and other incidents.

Stirling firefighters who participated in this training were Chief Kevin Phillips, Assistant Chief John Whitmore, Captain Randy Wojtech, Mike Batog, Dawher Castro, Jack Dede, Frank Reilly, Steve Remington, and Jack Remington.



(above) Firefighters from Stirling and Basking Ridge participating in a training to rescue passengers from an overturned railroad passenger car.







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Hudson Way Immersion School was started in 2005 and now has 2 campuses, one in New York City and the other in Stirling, a relocation of their Summit campus. They offer Mandarin immersion in New York, and Mandarin and Spanish immersion in Stirling for children from preschool to grade 5. They are committed to "producing bilingual, flexible and creative thinkers," said

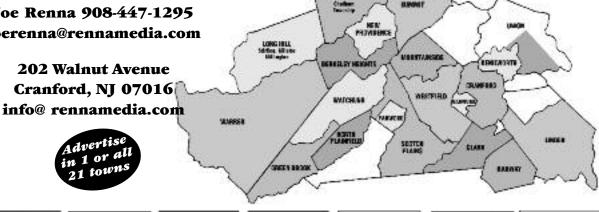
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> "The Long Hill Chamber of Commerce is proud to have Hudson Way Immersion School as one of our members," said Michelle Cavett, Chamber President and Program Director at Soo Bahk Do Karate of Gillette. To learn more about Hudson Way Immersion School, visit hwis.org or call (908)598-8088. To learn more about the Long Hill Chamber of Commerce and how your business can become a member, visit longhillchamber.com.

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## STUDENTS MEET AUTHOR OF SCHOOL-WIDE READ

One of the highlights of the first part of the year are to help the school build a stronger 2018-2019 School Year at Watchung Hills Regional High School (WHRHS) was the opportunity for students to meet, hear from, and ask questions of novelist Hilary Reyl, author of the "school-wide read," "Kids Like Us."

Reyl, of New York City, spoke to students during assemblies held in the school's South Auditorium this fall.

Reyl's appearance was made possible by Nicolle Anthony, a Community Business Development Manager with Barnes and Noble, Inc. It was she who suggested the possibility of having Reyl visit WHRHS to speak to students and teachers, Aquavia said.

#### **DEALING WITH BEING ON THE AUTISM SPECTRUM**

Kids Like Us is Reyl's second novel, published in 2017 by Farrar Straus Giroux Books for Young Readers, an imprint of Macmillan Publishing Group, New York.

#### THE SCHOOL-WIDE READ

English Supervisor Aquavia explained the goals of the school-wide read.

"This book was assigned to all students," Aquavia said. "The school-wide read must appeal to readers of multiple grade levels and provide a shared experience that readers can value and remember. It helps readers gain insight and, through discussion, develop community. Kids Like Us has been that for us this year, and we are delighted to have read it as a school community."

The assemblies intentionally included students from a broad array of English classes, from English 1 classes for first-year students, right up to Senior AP Literature classes.

Other objectives of the school-wide read every

community environment, one marked by greater tolerance for all people at WHRHS. The thought was to not just read the book, but to have the chance to discuss it, learn from it, and possibly have a chance to speak to its author.

"We hoped that the discussions would get at some of the stereotypes students may have about anyone on the Autism Spectrum or, for that matter, anyone who may be different in any way. We hope to start to break down stereotypes, and to develop more understanding, empathy and individual respect for each other," Aquavia said.°



(above, l-r) Watchung Hills Regional High School (WHRHS) students Shioli Banerjee, of Millington and Ian Martin of Warren Township and WHRHS English Supervisor James Aquavia, right, welcomed Author Hilary Reyl to the school's South Auditorium on Wednesday, October 17. Reyl wrote this year's "schoolwide read," the coming of age novel, "Kids Like us," and she spoke to students and staff, sharing her perspectives both on her book, and on writing as a profession, at two assemblies. The experience was one of the highlights of the first part of the 2018-2019 School Year.

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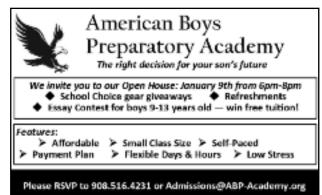


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