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TED-ED LIVE AT WARREN MIDDLE SCHOOL

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Prior to the start of the 2018 school year, Mrs. Christine Cirrotti, Warren Middle School (WMS) Language Arts Teacher collaborated with Dr. Susan Cooper, WMS E2 Teacher about the idea of bringing TED-Ed, a program for students, to WMS. Cirrotti met with Mr. George Villar, WMS Principal and Mr. William Kimmick, WMS Curriculum Director, to propose the idea of adding TED-Ed as a grade 8 elective. The new elective would follow a progression of already-established classes that Cirrotti teaches: Public Speaking for grade 7 students and Information Technology for grade 6 students.

TED-Ed supports students in identifying their passion, encourages public speaking, connects a global network of classrooms and shares student ideas in the form of short, Ted-style talks. Cirrotti felt that students having the ability to create their own Ted Talks would really be the culminating point of the progression of electives. Villar and Kimmick approved the idea and Cirrotti was off to the races.

During the summer of 2018, Cirrotti applied and became a TED-Ed club leader, a club dedicated to spark and celebrate the ideas of every young person in the word. Cirrotti worked throughout the summer to create a curriculum that leads students through the steps of creating ideas, researching, writing, revising, adding visuals, practicing and finally presenting the Ted Talk.

In September 2018, the first 6 week cycle of TED-Ed was completed and students greatly excelled in the class. Within a month and half, students were able to develop an idea worth sharing, research and gather data, create a presentation and deliver that presentation while being video recorded.



(above) Grade 8, Warren Middle School students: Angela Zhang, Cynthia Ming, Evelyn Logan and Emma Leung.

Photo by Warren Township Schools

As the program grew stronger, Cirrotti, with the help of Mrs. Cynthia Cassidy, WMS Library Media Specialist, decided to take things a step further. During the week of February 25, 2019, the first WMS TED-Ed Live was delivered by five grade 8 students in front of an audience of their peers, teachers, parents and various visitors.

These five students were extremely poised, articulate, well prepared and passionate about their presentations. Within 45 minutes the audience learned about the art of cursive writing, the importance of learning to code, the Affirmative Action policy and related controversy, how to be a friend to someone suffering from depression and the effects of bullying, and lastly creative writing.

Cirrotti was extremely proud of the five students who volunteered to present their Ted talk in front of a live audience. As the presentation came to a close, Cirrotti spoke directly to the students in the audience encouraging them to consider signing up for TED-Ed in the future.

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2018/19 INTRAMURAL BASKETBALL CHAMPS

Submitted by Amanda Altavilla

The 2018/19 Warren Rec Basketball Champions have been crowned for the Freshmen-Sophomore and Junior-Senior Divisions. Watchung Hills Regional High School teachers Joe Ascolese and Jon Bedi have been running this successful program for over ten years.

Rutgers is the 2019 Freshmen-Sophomore Warren Rec Basketball Champion. Team members include Justin Drews, Frankie Gaffney, Adam Cardoza, Luke Malfetti, Justin Defuria, Nikhil Mavinkirve, Christian Beisler, Blake Kominsky and Gene Chung. Rutgers defeated Stanford 61-48 for the Championship! Congratulations to both teams a well-played season.

UNC is the 2019 Junior-Senior Rec Basketball Champion. Team members include Ben Ant, Brad Pinho, John Seyda, James McKenna, Andrew Martins, Chris Meireles, Brendan Langenauer, Sebastian Leon, Evan Bujnowski, and Kevin Ryan. Undefeated #1 Seed UNC held off #2 Miami 55-53 in a very competitive back-and-forth championship game which came down

to the wire with Miami missing a potential game tying shot with under a second left in the game. Congrats to both teams on a fun and exciting season!



(above) Team UNC, the 2019 Junior-Senior Rec Basketball Championship winners.



(above) Team Rutgers, the 2019 Freshmen-Sophomore Warren Rec Basketball Champion team.



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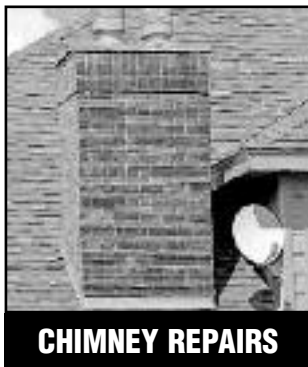
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WHRHS STUDENTS ENTERTAIN ON THE 'SMALL STAGE' AT WINTER CABARET

Submitted by Denis Kelly

The Watchung Hills Regional High School (WHRHS) Drama Department's Script and Cue program sponsored its 2019 Winter Cabaret on Tuesday, February 5, in the intimate, coffee-house-inspired "Small Stage" configuration of the school's Performing Arts Center.

Several of the WHRHS cast members of "Fiddler on the Roof," the 2019 Spring Musical performed in March on the big stage in the WHRHS PAC, were among some 15 student performers at the Winter Cabaret where they exhibited their range of skill, singing a variety of songs as soloists and in duets, some accompanied by music, others A Cappella.

Students Kayla Martins and Francesca Infante-Meehan acted as hosts for the evening. They also thanked student Giovanna DiSanto, who is the promotional officer for Script and Cue, for being so instrumental in organizing the event.

The line-up of performers at the Cabaret were: Paul Riedler, singing "Sunflower," by recording artist Post Malone; Giovanna DiSanto and Nina DiNorscio, singing "For Good," from the

Broadway Musical, "Wicked"; Christian Takleszyn, singing "Perfect," by recording artist, Ed Sheeran; Massai Shuler, singing "I Met a Girl," by country music recording artist, William Michael Morgan; and Giovanna DiSanto, singing "Fly Into The Future," from the Broadway Musical, "Vanities."

After an intermission, the House Band performed two songs, "Moondance," by Irish recording artist Van Morrison and "I Saw Her Standing There," by the legendary British recording artists The Beatles. The House band this night included, Ben Kosokowski, William Broder, Thomas Dardis, Altay Kabukcu, Sam Bouffard.

Kayla Martins sang "So Big So Small," from the Broadway Musical, "Dear Evan Hansen." Dana Wasserman sang "Happy To Keep His Dinner Warm," from the Broadway Musical, "How To Succeed in Business Without Really Trying." Summer Stuart sang "My Daddy's Son," from the Broadway Musical, "Ragtime." And Olivia Kider and Jack Melillo sang "Falling Slowly," from the Broadway Musical, "Once."



(above, left, l-r) Students Kayla Martins, left, and Francesca Infante-Meehan acted as hosts for the 2019 Winter Cabaret.
(above, right l-r) Giovanna DiSanto and Nina DiNorscio

(above, left) Christian Takleszyn
(above, right) Summer Stuart

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Five teachers have been recognized for their exceptional contributions to the students of Warren Township Schools as part of a district initiative to reward outstanding educators. The following teachers are this year's recipients of the Excellence in Education Award: Jan Brennan, School Nurse, Angelo L. Tomaso School; Lindsey LaNeve, Library Media Specialist, Central School; Michelle Barbagallo, Occupational Therapist, Mt. Horeb School; Nancy Braunstein, Reading Recovery/ASAP Reading Teacher, Woodland School; and Jennifer Benn, Social Studies Teacher, Warren Middle School.

Each award recipient was carefully selected

for her commitment to providing excellence in education, generating positive interactions with students, staff and parents, inspiring learning through creative and innovative lessons and cultivating an environment where each student is able to achieve their fullest potential.

Superintendent Matthew Mingle said, "Warren Township Schools benefit from the dedication of talented educators day in and day out. This year's recipients of the Excellence in Education recognition exemplify this commitment." 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, l-r) Lindsey LaNeve, Library Media Specialist, Central School; Michelle Barbagallo, Occupational Therapist, Mt. Horeb School; Dr. Matthew Mingle, Superintendent of Schools; Jan Brennan, School Nurse, Angelo L. Tomaso School; Jennifer Benn, Social Studies Teacher, Warren Middle School; and Nancy Braunstein, Reading Recovery/ASAP Reading Teacher, Woodland School.

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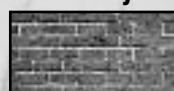
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WARREN TOWNSHIP EARNS TWO GRANTS FOR ELECTRIC CAR CHARGING STATION

Submitted by Evamarie Hode

The Township Committee is pleased to announce that they have received two grants to support their effort in providing an electric car plug-in station at The Municipal Complex. The Township has received a \$10,000 grant from Sustainable NJ, funded by the Gardiner Environmental Fund. The Township has also received a \$6,000 grant from NJ Department of Environmental Protection, funded by the Volkswagen Environmental Mitigation Trust.

The \$16,000 in grants will be utilized to fund the installation of the Level II EV electric car charging station that the Township had previously purchased for \$3,284.

Deputy Mayor and liaison to the Environmental Commission, Mick Marion, stated that "the installation of the electric charging station continues the Township's commitment to energy conservation in order to provide for an environmental-friendly Warren Township."

Mayor Gary DiNardo welcomes the receipt of the grants as the funds will provide a cost-effective way to enable Warren Township residents to have a local site to charge their vehicles.

The Township anticipates the completion of the project by June 2019

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Mondays 6-10 p.m. from September to June at Warren Middle School. Warren, Watchung and Green Brook residents welcome. Email Eric Cheshire at echesh37@aol.com.

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The second session of 6-week classes will start the week of May 13. These lessons are open Warren, Watchung and Green Brook residents ages 4 to adult and costs \$100 per session. The deadline to register is May 13 at 10 a.m.

Annual Fishing Derby

will take place on May 18
from 11:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
(hard rain date only May 19).

This is a free event open to Warren Residents only. Prizes for ages 5-14. Free hats for the first 200 participants by Warren PBA and free food provided by the Warren Blue Ridge Sportsmen's Club. NJ Fish & Game will be bringing the Show & Tell Tank.

Summer Camp registration

begins April 1, 9 a.m. for Warren residents. Warren residents who register early will receive a \$10 discount on the Summer Playground Program & Teen Camp until May 6, 11 a.m. Watchung and Green Brook residents may register after May 6, 11 a.m. Register early as camps fill up fast! No refunds.

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Summer Playground Program

June 25 - July 27 M-F 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.,
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Summer Teen Camp

July 1- August 2, Monday-Friday,
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WARREN RECREATION'S UPCOMING EVENTS AND PROGRAMS

Adult Chair Yoga: Session 9 begins on Thursday, April 4. The session runs for 16 weeks on Thursdays from 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. at the Warren Rescue Squad Meeting Room. Cost is \$50 for Warren Residents and \$55 for out of town. Jillian Keller is the instructor for this program.

Summer Camp Registration: Warren Residents can start registering on April 1 starting at 9 a.m. for the Playground Program, Teen Camp, Little Kids Camp and Lego Camp. Early registration discount for Warren Residents of \$10 only for the Playground Program and Teen Camp. Watchung and Green Brook residents can start registering May 6 at 11 a.m. For more information about the camps including dates, time and cost please visit our website at warrennj.org/youth-2.

Jr Warriors Field Hockey Clinic: Open to

children in grades 1-9 from the Watchung Hills Regional High School Sending District. The clinic will be split by grades; Grades 1-4 from 8:30 - 9:20 a.m. (cost \$50) and Grades 5-9 from 9:30 - 11:00 a.m. (cost \$75). The clinic will be taking place on Sundays, June 2, 9, 16 & 23 all at the Duderstadt Turf Field at 16 Dubois Road in Warren; except on June 2 which will take place at the WHRHS Mountain Ave Field #2. WHRHS Field Hockey Coach Maureen Kelly will be running the clinic. Registration opens on April 15 at 9 a.m.

Save the Date for the 34th Annual Fishing Derby, May 18.

To register for all of our programs you may register online, in person or through the mail. For instructions on how to register please go to warrennj.org/recreation/register.

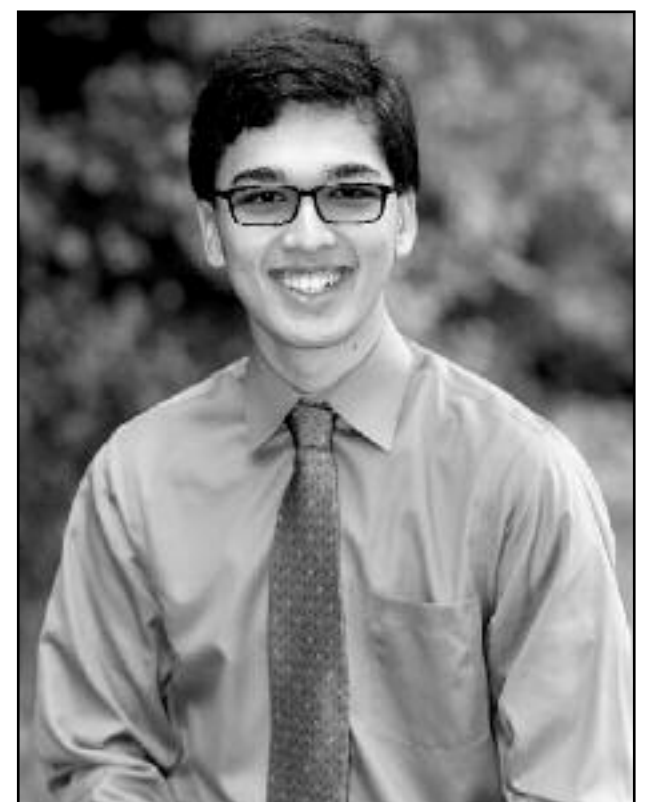
WARREN SENIOR IS CANDIDATE IN U.S. PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARS PROGRAM

Jackson Lubke, a Warren resident and a senior at The Pingry School, has been named one of approximately 4,500 candidates in the 2019 U.S. Presidential Scholars Program. Pingry has two candidates in total.

Now in its 54th year, the program was established to recognize some of the country's most distinguished seniors. The candidates were selected from nearly 3.6 million students expected to graduate from U.S. high schools this year.

Scholars are selected on the basis of superior academic and artistic achievements, leadership qualities, strong character, and involvement in community and school activities. One of Pingry's top scholars, Jackson is passionate about global affairs, founded Pingry's Foreign Affairs Club, and is a member of the Student Diversity Leadership Committee. He has also performed in the School's Fall Play and Winter Musical, and been recognized for his talents as stage manager for the school's theater productions.

A distinguished panel of educators will select 600 semifinalists in early April. The Commission on Presidential Scholars—a group of up to 32 eminent citizens appointed by the President—will select the finalists, and the U.S. Department of Education will announce the Scholars in May.



(above) Jackson Lubke

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SOMERSET COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM PARTNERS WITH ROLLING THUNDER TO HELP PRESERVE VETERAN MEMORIES



(above) Zabohonski (second from the left) in 1968/1969 in Bình Định Province, Vietnam alongside fellow military comrades.

The Somerset County Library System of New Jersey partnered with Rolling Thunder®, Inc., an organization that focuses on advocacy for prisoners of war and persons missing in action, to help preserve the collective memories of veterans and their families through a digitization event made possible through a grant from National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH).

“We have been honored to work with Artie and Elaine Muller to preserve the history of Rolling Thunder®, Inc., the organization, and of the members of their community,” said Rebecca Sandoval Sloat, grant coordinator and SCLSNJ technical services manager. “In preserving the history of our veterans we are bringing honor to their memories and paving a way for their stories to live on for future generations.”

Thirty-two items were digitized or photographed during the meeting including: an award from the French president, an oversized group shot of Rolling Thunder®, Inc. members in front of the Lincoln Memorial, and the

Taekwondo gi (uniform) of a veteran who was awarded for his skill in the martial art. The digitized items will be integrated into SCLSNJ’s common heritage initiative which will make the contributed items available for research and use by future generations by adding these items to Rutgers University’s New Jersey Digital Highway, by making them available in our Library’s online catalog, and by submitting them to the Digital Public Library of America (DPLA).

In addition to partnering with Rolling Thunder®, Inc. for this special event, the Library will continue to host monthly digitization days. During the digitization days Somerset County residents are encouraged to add their family’s most prized possessions to the Library System’s catalog including: historic photographs, letters, or documents; sketches, paintings, or other artwork; family heirlooms including recipes; jewelry or decorative arts; textiles such as quilts, samplers, flags, or uniforms; antique toys; or something uniquely your own.

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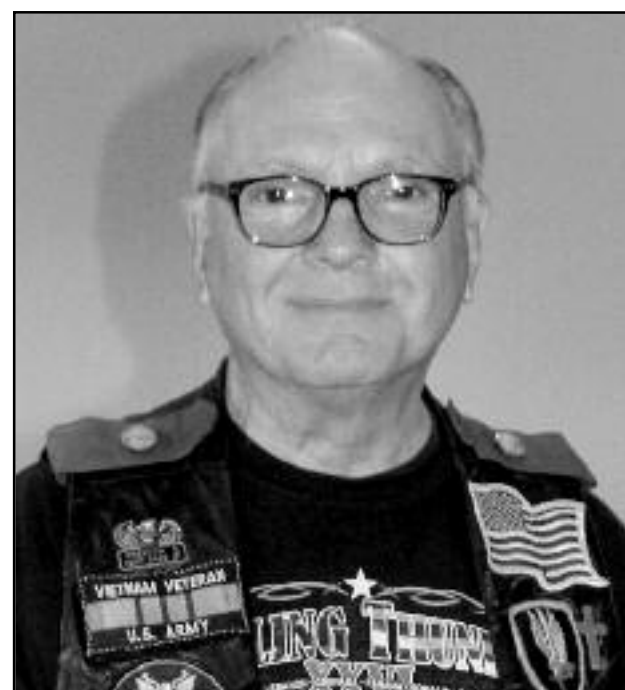
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(above) Pictured is a side-by-side photograph of Rolling Thunder®, Inc. member Ted Zabohonski in 1968/69 in Bình Định Province, Vietnam (left) and Zabohonski on February 17, 2019 at the Rolling Thunder®, Inc. meeting.

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they catch a tagged fish up to the deadline that tags will be received. You may donate and sponsor a fish for this event. Download our form online at nbfcc.org or we can mail one to you.

The Newark Bait and Flycasting Club was founded in 1907 and remains the oldest fishing club in the nation. We are listed on Amazon Smile and are a recognized 501(c)3 nonprofit. We provide outings to support veterans, adults and children as well as people with disabilities which

focus on environmental education, fishing knowledge and practice.

We are always looking for new members, donations, and volunteers if anyone would like to get involved.

Our monthly meetings are held at the Kenilworth VFW, located at 33 S. 21st St., Kenilworth, NJ, on the first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. (except July and August). There is no fee to attend a meeting.

For more information visit nbfcc.org or contact Bob Jones: BJonesJRNJ@hotmail.com, 908-272-3545.



(above) The Annual Youth Fishing Derby will be held on Saturday April 13, 2019 at Echo Lake in Westfield, NJ.

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WARREN TOWNSHIP SCHOOLS START WITH HELLO

Students in each of the Warren Township Schools participated in “Start with Hello” week held in February. Sandy Hook Promise, a national non-profit organization based out of Newtown, Connecticut created this program in an effort to protect children and reduce social isolation.

“Start with Hello” is a program that teaches children and teens how to be more socially inclusive and connected to each other. The program follows three simple steps - if you see someone alone, ‘reach out’ and help, ‘start with hello’. The program provides tools for students, teachers and school leaders to break the ice, break down barriers and get to know one another.

Students and staff at Woodland School, Mt. Horeb School, Central School and Angelo L. Tomaso School began their week with a simple exercise of wearing name tags for “Say Hey” day. The purpose of this activity was to encourage students to simply say hello to one another. Students and staff happily greeted each other throughout the day, creating a chain reaction of smiling faces.

On Tuesday, elementary students and staff were encouraged to wear neon colors as a reminder to brighten someone’s day. In addition to the fluorescent reminder, students were asked to fill out pledge cards. The central question of the pledge card being “why do I start with hello?” Cards were filled with responses like, “I start with hello to make people feel included” and “I start with hello to let the person know that I care about them.”

Mid-week, students at Warren Middle School (WMS) viewed a special presentation given by the WMS School Counselors on simple ways to reach out to someone who might need help.

School Counselors helped students think about where social isolation can be found, what social isolation might look like and what can be done to help someone who is feeling alone. On the same day, students throughout the district participated in an ice breaker activity during their lunch periods. Small pieces of paper with varying topics were spread out on the lunch tables in each school to prompt conversation. The lunch rooms were filled with smiles and laughter as students, teachers and visitors learned new and interesting facts about each other.

On Thursday, positive messages were displayed throughout each of the five Warren Township Schools for everyone to enjoy and on Friday, students were encouraged to “Disconnect to Connect.” School Counselors asked students to stay off of their electronic devices to connect with those around them.

Warren Township Schools are among as many as 15,000 schools nationwide that have



(above) Woodland students Ethan Rajan and Gustavo Russo - learning new facts about each other during the ice breaker activity.

participated in “Start with Hello Week.” Director of Special Services, Mrs. Candie Hengemuhle stated ““Start with Hello Week” was a district-wide initiative this year to highlight the importance of our students connecting with all of their peers and promoting an inclusive culture in our schools. Our students learned they have the power to make a difference in the life of others, simply by saying hello, making a connection and, thereby planting the seeds to eliminate social isolation in their schools.”



(above) Central student, Emily Slepokura showing her pledge card.

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