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SCHOOLS CONTINUES ITS TRADITION OF GIVING

Submitted by Mary Ann McGann

Whether creating holiday cards for senior care facilities, conducting food drives and collecting warm clothing for families in need, or donating masks and cleaning wipes to school staff, the Westfield Public Schools community continues its tradition of giving, despite challenges presented by COVID-19.

“During these very difficult times, the club has still managed to find ways to regularly perform acts of kindness in the community,” say Westfield High School Community Service Club advisers Gregory Bowers and Zorana Culjak. “We currently have over two hundred students who are actively and safely participating in the many activities we have initiated since the beginning of the school year.”

The WHS Community Service Club held its annual leaf raking fundraiser in November, raising \$1,070 for the WHS Helping Hands Fund to support members of the school community. Club members also recently collected food and warm socks for local charities, while making 200 lunches for Bridges Outreach, a non-profit Summit-based organization working to support homeless individuals.

The Parent Teacher Council (PTC) and individual school Parent Teacher Organizations (PTOs) have found creative ways to support the school community and individuals in need as well. The PTC raised over \$22,000 last spring and summer, purchasing grocery store gift cards to assist local families and continued its fundraising effort this fall.

School PTOs hold generous holiday food and toy drives every year. This year, the generosity remains, even as the process is different.

“We usually receive hundreds of toys and presents through our Holiday Drive which we donate to families through the Westfield Neighborhood Council,” says Washington School PTO co-president Kami Carulli. “This year, in an effort to keep things safe and simple during the pandemic, we asked our Washington community to donate gift cards to stores and restaurants as well as new toys.”

The schools have continued the weekly



Photos by The Westfield Foundation

(above) Members of the Westfield High School Community Service Club held a leaf-raking fundraiser in November, raising \$1,250 in donations to help members of the community in need.

tradition of donating extra lunches to area food pantries. In November, Carulli says the Washington community collected approximately 240 sandwiches, 2 dozen bagged sides, 15 bags of fresh produce, 20 bags of clothes/boots and a truckload of additional nonperishable items for a local food pantry.

There were plenty of virtual fundraisers, including Do-It-Yourself kits offered by area merchants for families to create an ornament, make a pizza, or bake and decorate a sweet treat.

“These DIY kits helped to create memorable family experiences while supporting our local Westfield stores and the Lincoln School PTO,” says Lincoln PTO co-president Elise Garfinkel.

Superintendent Dr. Margaret Dolan says these are just a few of the many ways that the school community is continuing its tradition of giving back.

“Our students, staff, and families have always been committed to community service,” says Dolan. “I am proud of the creative and safe ways they have found to meet the increased need created by COVID-19.”

“The pandemic has created many obstacles for all of us,” adds Bowers. “It is inspiring to see WHS Community Service Club members rise to the challenge and work to help so many people in the community. The work they are doing is as impressive as it is heartwarming.”

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RAKE AND HOE JUNIORS DONATE WREATHS TO FRONTLINE WORKERS

In September, the junior members of the Rake & Hoe Garden Club of Westfield visited The Miller Corey House and learnt how to make grapevine wreaths. The juniors then made their own wreaths and decorated them with dried and fresh plant material.

In late November, the Juniors visited the Shoprite in Garwood and presented the decorated grapevine wreaths to the Shoprite workers to thank them for working throughout the pandemic to keep them and their families fed.

The Juniors, meet monthly, after school during

the school year to work on projects focused on gardening, flower design, and community service.

The Rake & Hoe Garden Club is affiliated with the Garden Club of New Jersey and the National Garden Club, Inc. The club meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 12 p.m. at the Scotch Hills Country Club. Membership is open to residents of Westfield and surrounding towns. For more information, call Beth Siano (908-233-4150) or visit the club's website, (rakeandhoe.org) or Facebook page.



(above, l-r) Junior members of the Rake & Hoe Garden Club, Alissa Stumpf, Malissa Morabito, Arline Bound, Arabella Morabito and Lila Spadaro.

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Dr. Somma has been in practice in Union and Middlesex counties for over 20 years, with an emphasis on excellence and compassion for his patients. He has served as the physician for the Elizabeth Fire Department, the Board of Health of Hillside and has served the Board of Education for Woodbridge NJ. He was granted the Humanitarian of the Year Award by Trinitas Health Foundation in May 2014, for his dedication to the community and his outstanding service to the goals of the Foundation.

Dr. Somma has special interests in various fields of Internal Medicine, including diabetes, obesity, cardiovascular diseases and arthritis/rheumatology. He has represented to major pharmaceutical companies, such as Schering-Plough and Pfizer, in a consulting and educational role for his peers. Dr. Somma has been a clinical educator for Seton Hall's Physician Assistant Program as an Associate Professor of Medicine for their Internal Medicine program.

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KIWANIS CLUBS JOIN FORCES TO REMEMBER VETERANS

Submitted by Susan Dougherty
The Kiwanis Clubs of Greater Westfield and Clark combined forces to write thank you notes to the veterans who are residents of the NJ State Veterans Home at Menlo Park, NJ to let them know they were being praised and remembered for their service to the country. Over 600 heartfelt notes, letters, and artwork were dropped off at the facility on November first so that the veterans' rooms and lunch trays could be filled with correspondence from grateful folks in Union County. This has been an ongoing project of the area Kiwanis Clubs under the presidencies of John-Michael Jones (Westfield) and Cara Hund (Clark).

The artwork notes were supplied by the children in the Westfield Y under the direction of Kiwanis member Susan Morton. The preschoolers colored outlined pictures of a helmeted soldier and their teachers attached the printed thank you notes. High School students from the A.L. Johnson High School Key Club hand wrote or typed letters of appreciation under the urging of Key Club adviser Ellen Zamboni. The adult clubs participated in the annual event with Westfield club's Rev. Richard Burdett designing and producing a collectible, colorful card commemorating all branches of the armed forces.

Clark President Cara Hund collected handwritten notes from her membership and thanked them all "for taking the time to once again to remember the people who have helped to keep America free."

For more information about the Kiwanis Clubs and their high school, middle school, or elementary school clubs, contact Susan Dougherty at 732-382-5367. Kiwanis is an international organization that helps the world one community, one child at a time.



(above) Over 600 heartfelt notes, letters, and artwork were dropped off by the Kiwanis Clubs of Greater Westfield and Clark to the veterans who are residents of the NJ State Veterans Home at Menlo Park, NJ.



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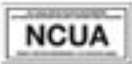
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- Surgery requires lost time from work and typically requires a regimen of rehabilitation and medications.
- With surgery, there is always a risk for unwelcomed complications. And you could be back to where you started, or worse.
- Medications will be required for relief from surgery and you have been down that road before. Addictions to these pain medications can cause potential side effects, something you do not want to experience.
- Rehabilitation can take years.

Consider This Alternative To Surgery

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Submitted by Virginia Waters, PhD
and Patti Williams, RN

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(above) Westfield Area YMCA instructor Natalie Adams leads a real-time Zoom Kickboxing class.

with options to accommodate a wide range of fitness needs and levels. Current class offerings include: Ageless Grace, Barre, Body Sculpt, Cardio Sculpt, Cycle & Strength, Dance Fitness, Delay the Disease: Exercise to Fight Parkinson's Symptoms, HIIT, Kickboxing, Pilates, Project Healthy Bones, R.I.P.P.E.D., Senior Fitness, TRX/Sculpt, Yoga, and Zumba!

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OPTIMIST AND ROTARY CLUBS ANNUAL HOLIDAY FOOD DELIVERY PROJECT

Submitted by Danielle Walsh

On Saturday, December 19, members of the Westfield Optimist Club and Rotary Club again demonstrated their commitment to community service by providing holiday food to Westfield area families in need and several local food pantries. Due to current health and safety concerns and restrictions, food gift cards were distributed to families instead of food baskets.

The Holiday Food delivery has been an annual

community service project for the Optimist Club of Westfield for the past 30 years. This project is made possible through the generosity and funding from the Optimist Club and the Rotary Club of Westfield and contributions from members and friends.

The involvement of volunteers from both the Optimist and Rotary organizations contribute to the success of the annual project, which reflects the goals of both organizations in helping those

in need and assisting members of our community. The time and efforts of volunteers speaks volumes about caring for the neediest among us. This annual project is an illustration of what Optimists and Rotarians do to help the community.

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STUDENTS RECEIVE VIRTUAL VISIT TO EXPLORE CULTURE AND IDENTITY

Submitted by Mary Ann McGann

Author David Good recently paid a virtual visit to a Humanities class at Westfield High School to explore themes of culture and identity.

Good is the author of "The Way Around: Finding My Mother and Myself Among the Yanomami" and the son of an American anthropologist and a tribeswoman from a distant

part of the Amazon. He spoke to the students about his own self-discovery as he reunited with his mother and her remote tribe in the Amazonian jungle 20 years after she left New Jersey and the family because she could not fully adapt to the Western lifestyle.

"We are very fortunate to have established this relationship with David Good. He has been a visiting guest speaker for many years. Students always find his story engaging and interesting," says K-12 Supervisor of Social Studies Andrea Brennan. "David spoke eloquently to a group of 9th grade Humanities students about his lived experience growing up as a product of two very different cultures. David linked major course themes to his personal story, and in doing so truly brought history to life. Students could see how struggling to develop a sense of self is a common experience. A powerful part of David's message is the joy he experienced when he recognized his

authentic self and learned to celebrate, not hide, his cultural roots."

WHS Humanities teacher Kimberly Leegan said that she hopes her students, after hearing Good's story, "will become inspired to not only embrace all parts of their own identity but to expand their cultural competency and learn all they can about the indigenous peoples of our world."

"We love having David Good in to speak to our class because while his story is certainly unique - a man from New Jersey discovering his Yanomami roots - it is also a universal one," says Leegan, who thanked the Westfield Education Association for sponsoring Good's virtual visit. "His story reminds us of the power that comes with discovering our identity and the common humanity that binds us all."

For more information on the author and his journey, visit davidgoodamazon.com.



(above) Author David Good and his mother travel to the United States to reunite with other family members. Photo by Elius Kim



(above) Author David Good reunites with his mother in 2011 in the Yanomami village of Irokai-teri.

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ENVIRONMENTAL CLASS PAYS VIRTUAL VISIT TO SEA TURTLE HOSPITAL

Submitted by Mary Ann McGann

Westfield High School 11th and 12th graders in Jennifer Sirman's environmental science class made a recent virtual field trip to a sea turtle hospital in Florida as part of a classroom ecology unit. Students were given a virtual tour, meeting "Galapagos," "Justice Ginsberg," and other rehabilitating sea turtles named, by hospital staff, after places and people in history.

“The average lifespan of a sea turtle is 80-100 years old,” said Lindsay French, STEM Education Coordinator at the Loggerhead Marinelife Center in Juno Beach. “We have 100 sea turtles on average here each year.”

French said hospital staff treat loggerhead, green, and leatherback sea turtles for a variety of injuries caused by shark bites, fishing lines, boat

propellers, and other hazards. The center also rescues and releases sea turtle hatchlings into the ocean, who may have become disoriented by nearby lighting, heading toward the lights rather than the sea.

“In our ecology unit, we discussed ecosystems and food chains/webs,” says Sirmans. “During our introduction to environmental science, we also touched on broad topics, including biodegradability and pollution, and, as we continue through the year, we will focus more on these topics, specifically plastics during a unit on waste.”

Sirmans says her students greatly enjoyed the virtual field trip on November 24 and, as a class, “adopted” a male loggerhead sea turtle named Brady who is being treated for wounds and

internal injuries he suffered after becoming entangled in a fishing line.

“I hope my students make the connection of how damaging little things we do every day – like using and throwing away plastic water bottles, plastic bags, plastic utensils, and straws – can be to sea turtles and other living organisms,” says Sirman when asked what she hopes her students take away from this experience. “This could spark a change and make them more conscious of their decisions to use certain products over others.”



(above) 11th and 12th graders in Jennifer Sirman's environmental science class "adopted" a sea turtle named Brady after making a virtual field trip on November 24 to the Loggerhead Marinelife Center in Juno Beach, Florida.

Photo by Loggerhead Marine Life Center



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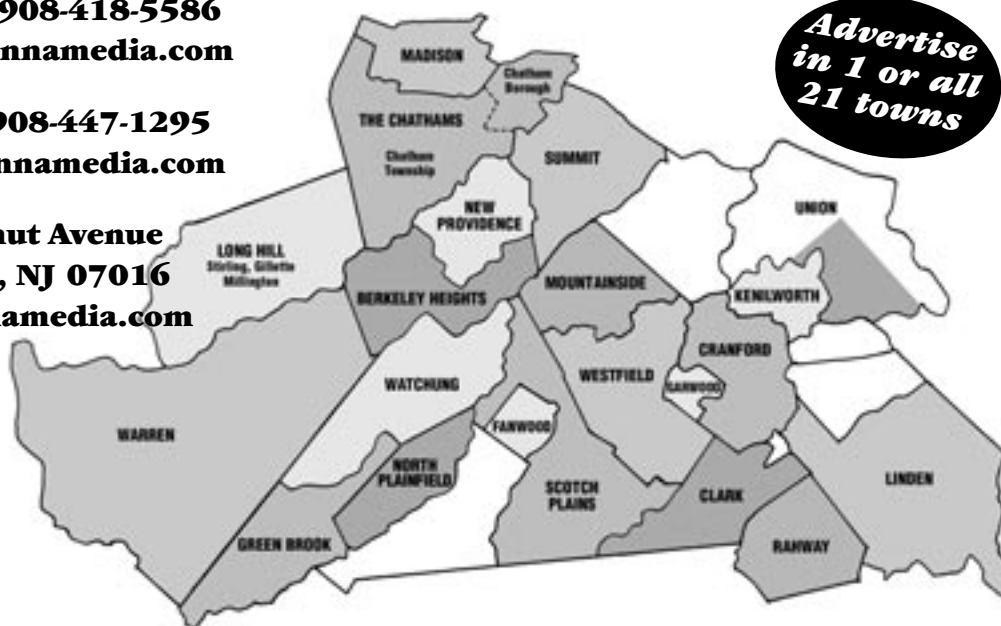
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STUDENTS CELEBRATE TEACHERS THROUGH THE ARTS

Submitted by Mary Ann McGann

Whether teaching life lessons using quotes of famous people, spreading Math cheer, encouraging creative writing, or being a good listener, teachers in Westfield Public Schools were lauded by their students who used poetry, essays, song, and art to thank the educators during this time of COVID.

“The Parent Teacher Council (PTC) recently asked students to submit a story, poem, or drawing highlighting how their teachers have gone above and beyond this year,” says Kristen Sonnek-Schmelz, who with Christine Fernandez and other PTC members spearheaded the community initiative. “Our smiles grew bigger and bigger as we read through the more than 80 entries from across all 10 schools. Each submission reinforced how blessed we are to be part of such an amazing teaching and learning community.”

Two submissions from each school were selected and were on display in downtown Westfield’s storefront windows for the month of December. The submissions were beautifully mounted by Wilson mom and graphic designer Tracey Edelstein.

“Mr. Latessa makes virtual learning fun,” writes Jefferson School 5th grader Abigail Drennan in her winning essay about her teacher, David Latessa. “Learning through a computer screen is hard, but Mr. Latessa always shares his energy through the screen.”

Roosevelt Intermediate School 6th grader Molly McDermott reworked the wording of “Twas the Night Before Christmas” to describe the difficulties of learning a new school under COVID rules and protocols. “As I met Mr. Knight I knew there was nothing to dread, and soon all my worries left my head,” she rhymes in her poem about teacher Jeffrey Knight.

Westfield High School teacher Jeffrey Robbins earned poetic praise from 11th grader Steve Hess: “In times so bleak, where it all reeks of gall, this hard worker has given it his all. His passion to show, to help others know, has made my respect for him grow. It must be hard to teach through a screen, to endow youth with knowledge in ways never seen.”

“She brightens our day as we play, opening our minds and teaching us to be kind,” write 1st grade twins Ahad and Wahid Aslam about their Tamaques Elementary School teacher Linda D’Onofrio. “Thank you for bringing us through. Can’t wait to see you.”

“Owl’ never forget you, Miss Cristiano!,” kindergartner Daphne Giordano writes in perfect lettering accompanying an intricately colored picture of an owl.

Members of the PTC, along with the individual school PTOs and PTSOs, “extended a huge thank you” to the more than 80 students who submitted “heartwarming stories and drawings honoring their teachers” in the recent Teacher Appreciation Contest.

“Our hearts are filled with the utmost

gratitude for the extra time and energy each and every one of our teachers has shared to ensure our children feel safe and excited to learn despite this year’s challenges,” the PTC said in a statement, encouraging members of the community to take a moment to enjoy the student work as they shop locally.



(above) McKinley School 2nd grader Cece Lyons poses fwith her winning artwork showing her teacher, Dana Passananti.

Photo by The Lyons Family



(above) Abigail Drennan, a 5th grader at Jefferson Elementary School, praises teacher David Latessa for making virtual learning fun.

Photo by Kelly Drennan



(above) Jefferson School 1st grader Lucas Perlmutter and his teacher, Jamie DeNicola.

Photo by Jodi Perlmutter

“RINGING IN THE NEW YEAR” WITH THE WESTFIELD TOWN BELL

Submitted by Carol Goggi

The Westfield Historical Society held a raffle fundraiser where the 1st prize winner would get to ring the town bell 21 times to mark 2021 (and say Goodbye to 2020) at midnight on New Year’s Eve. The Town Bell is located at the Reeve House. The winner was Nicole Bresnahan. In addition to the privilege of ringing in the New Year and a new decade, Nicole also won a \$100 Gift Certificate courtesy of Chez Catherine Restaurant and a bottle of champagne.

The Westfield Town Bell originally hung in the Prospect Street School from 1869 to 1921 where it also served as the town’s fire bell. The bell rang at armistice and at the end of WW I. From 1922-1985, it hung in the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Chapel’s steeple and subsequently became property of Presbyterian Church which later donated it to the Westfield Historical Society. During 1993-1994, it was restored with funds raised by the Westfield Historical Society, with the help of Jack R. Panosh (Town Bellmaster), Ralph H. Jones (Town Historian) and Richard Edge, of the

Westfield DPW, for the Westfield Bicentennial in 1994. It was originally made by Vickers Sons & Co. Limited, Sheffield (England) in 1869 of cast steel.

For many years, the bell was displayed and rung during the Westfield Memorial Day parade and stored by the Westfield Historical Society. In 2019, a stone monument was erected by Alexander McGrail for his Eagle Scout Award project. The monument currently displays the bell on the grounds of the Reeve House. Recently, a roof and column structure was built by the Society to protect the bell for future generations to enjoy.

The Westfield Historical Society celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2018. Since 1968, the 501(c)(3) non-profit has worked to preserve, interpret and encourage interest in history, Westfield, and its residents through educational efforts and community outreach programs.

For more information on the Westfield Historical Society and their events, visit westfieldhistoricalsociety.org; follow on Instagram and like on Facebook.



(above) Nicole Bresnahan, pictured with her daughter Abby, won the First Prize in the Westfield Historical Society’s “Ring in the New Year” fundraiser raffle and won the privilege to ring the Westfield Town Bell 21 times on New Year’s Eve.

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