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## SCHOOLS GET TWO NEW ASSISTANT PRINCIPALS

### *Kenilworth Public Schools*

School's out, but two new assistant principals are in at Kenilworth Public Schools.

Veteran Kenilworth child psychologist Carol Carrara has been hired for the position at Harding Elementary. Madelyn Witchel, the new assistant principal at David Brearley Middle-High School, is a newcomer to the district who most recently worked as a middle school science coordinator and eighth-grade science teacher at Bridgewater-Raritan Middle School.

The two new administrators share some skill sets, including a background in using data-driven instruction. They each had a key role on their respective schools' Pandemic Response Teams. Kenilworth leaders expect both educators to make significant contributions to advance district goals, particularly in future-ready learning and enhanced intervention programs.

"We're familiar with Carol, but that's not why we recommended her for the assistant principal position. She works tirelessly to enhance programs, advise teachers and make sure students have all the resources they need for their education and well-being," said Harding Principal Ron Bubnowski.

Brearley Principal Jeremy Davies noted that Witchel was chosen from a competitive pool of 172 applicants.

"We're so excited about Madelyn joining the Brearley team. She brings enthusiasm to educating students, and champions inclusivity and achievement. As Brearley opens its Technology Lab this fall and expands its STEM curriculum, Madelyn's science background will be an incredible asset."

Here are more details about the district's newest leaders:

**Carol Carrara, Harding Elementary School**

Carrara, a school psychologist with the district since 2002, had a key role in the development of the social and emotional framework at Harding. She also facilitated the school's Pandemic Response Team. Harding will call on her mental-health expertise as the district navigates the return to full-day, in-person instruction in September.



(above, l-r) Carol Carrara is the new assistant principal of Harding Elementary School, and Madelyn Witchel was hired for the same role at David Brearley Middle-High School.

Carrara collaborated with teachers to enhance early childhood programs and spearheaded the new kindergarten screening process. She took an interactive approach by working alongside teachers in the classroom to offer student-assistance strategies. Carrara formed the Bilingual Parent Advisory Committee to help ensure all parents have access to school resources.

Carrara applies data-driven methods to improve instruction and student outcomes, and will train staff members in these techniques.

**Madelyn Witchel, Brearley Middle-High School**

Witchel spent most of her career in the Bridgewater-Raritan Regional School District, where she led the middle school science department. She also was an eighth-grade Earth and Space Science teacher at the middle school since 2014, and worked in classrooms for nine years. Her varied leadership experience includes providing professional development, interviewing teaching candidates, and serving on school improvement and science program evaluation committees.

As a member of her school's Pandemic Response Team, Witchel trained staff in use of digital tools, created virtual school events, and designed protocols to support social distancing and contact training.

Witchel has routinely used student data to shape instruction. Her analysis helped her measure growth, suggest curriculum changes, and target improvement in student understanding and skills. Her responsibilities with the science department included organizing extracurricular opportunities such as the Science Bowl Team and Junior Solar Sprint.

The Kenilworth Board of Education approved the appointments of Witchel and Carrara at its June 23 meeting.

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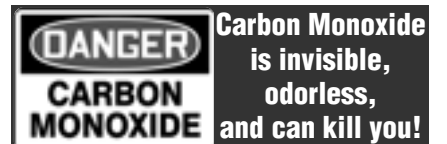
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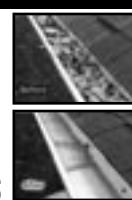
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## COMMUNITYWIDE GARAGE SALE - OCT 9 AND 10

*Submitted by Shirley Boyden Maxwell*

A Communitywide Garage Sale will be held in Kenilworth on Saturday, October 9 and Sunday, October 10. This major annual event, sponsored by the Kenilworth Historical Society, will take place, rain or shine, between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. each day. There are usually nearly 200 participating residences.

Residents who register and pay a \$12 fee to hold garage sales at their homes anytime during the October 9/October 10 weekend will receive a certificate representing the Borough's permission to proceed and will benefit from the Kenilworth Historical Society's statewide advertising of the communitywide event via major newspapers, websites, Facebook postings and prominently placed signage and fliers. The registration deadline is Friday, October 1.

The addresses of registered participating residences will be included in a Kenilworth Communitywide Garage Sale listing and map that will be available in quantity, free of charge, at various local sites after October 7. The listing also will be posted on the Borough of Kenilworth website ([kenilworthborough.com](http://kenilworthborough.com)).

Communitywide Garage Sale registration forms with instructions may be obtained at the Kenilworth Borough Clerk's Office/Borough Hall, Public Library, Especially Yours Florist and on the Borough of Kenilworth website

([kenilworthborough.com](http://kenilworthborough.com)). The \$12 Garage Sale registration fee may be paid by check (payable to the Kenilworth Historical Society) or in cash (exact amount required). As outlined in the instructions, payment may be made by mail (to the Kenilworth Historical Society) or in person at the Borough Clerk's Office or at Especially Yours Florist. For further information, please call 908-709-0434.

The Kenilworth Historical Society is sponsoring the Communitywide Garage Sale as a service to the community. Any proceeds after advertising and other related costs are paid will benefit the Oswald J. Nitschke House "living history" museum and cultural arts center by helping defray operating expenses, including the cost of an elevator that makes the site fully accessible to everyone.

The Kenilworth Historical Society is an independent, volunteer-based, non-profit, tax-exempt, 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to the research, preservation and interpretation of the historic Oswald J. Nitschke House (c. 1880), local history and culture.

Further information about the organization, the Nitschke House and other upcoming events may be found on the organization's website ([kenilworthhistoricalsociety.org](http://kenilworthhistoricalsociety.org)) and Facebook page.



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"While it was a disappointment to cancel the event last year, we knew it was the right call. This year, we're excited to get back out there, bring the community together and have a great day in support of the veterans we serve. Our event has a lot to offer so whether someone is a golfer or not, they can participate in some capacity," said Sgt. Brett D'Alessandro, President, Backpacks For Life.

The outing will be held at one of New Jersey's premiere golf courses, North Jersey Country Club located in Wayne, NJ. The event kicks off with the veteran owned business brunch featuring a variety of local veteran owned businesses including The Mobile Cigar Lounge, Backward Flag Brewing and Black 6 Coffee.

The event continues with a round of 18 holes as well as on course activities.

"Each year we try to bring something new and exciting from within our veteran community for others to experience. With the veteran owned business brunch and our cocktail reception, we're able to highlight incredible veteran owned small businesses and help them after what was a challenging year for all. It's an honor to share the stories of successful veteran entrepreneurs," said Alexa Modero, Executive Director, Backpacks For Life.

The evening concludes with a cocktail hour reception sponsored by Bond Street Mortgage. This portion of the event is open to the public, golfers and nongolfers alike. The reception features food and beverage, a silent auction and guest speaker, US Navy SEAL veteran, Anthony Page.

For all event details, tickets and registration, visit [backpacksforlife.org/golf](http://backpacksforlife.org/golf).

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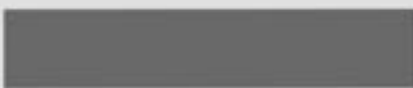
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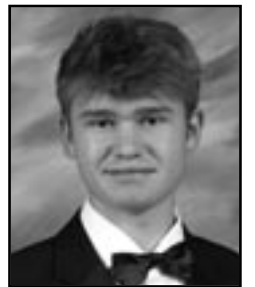
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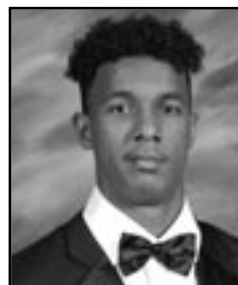
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## Kenilworth Public Schools

As the school year winds down, many districts are beginning to confront the realities of learning loss. Kenilworth School District isn't one of them. That's because the K-12 Union County district has been tackling the academic gaps related to COVID since the start

of the school year.

Those supportive strategies continue, but Kenilworth is also developing summer enrichment programs where middle schoolers can pursue "passion projects," touting the success of expanded interventions, and talking up plans to accelerate learning.

"Accelerated learning has such an optimistic ring to it," Superintendent of Schools Kyle Arlington said. "Educating our students during the pandemic has inspired us to become even more creative in our instruction and more collaborative in our work. As we prepare for summer programming and the next school year, we're excited about new opportunities.

"At the same time, we're working hard to make sure our students have mastered skills and

are prepared for the next grade level."

Largely because of these 2020-21 academic interventions, Kenilworth doesn't buy into the sense of inevitability regarding widespread learning loss.

## EMOTIONAL SAFETY NETS

Early on, Kenilworth recognized that students would need a high level of emotional support when they returned in the fall.

## ACADEMIC STRATEGIES

As students settled into the school year, Kenilworth's interventions evolved to include more of an academic component.

## SUMMER PREVIEW

Kenilworth will leverage federal emergency funds to extend summer programming to more students across all grade levels.



(above) Mrs. Skiff's kindergarten students use a hands-on activity from the Orton-Gillingham reading program to practice and remember their letter sounds.

Photos by Kenilworth Public Schools



(above) Despite the challenges of this school year, the Kenilworth School District has persevered with new programs and innovative lessons. Mrs. Campanile's sixth-grade students took on an Engineering Design Challenge to learn about wildlife crossings and what goes into making them effective for both animals and humans.



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### Boogie Woogie Babies

Tuesday, August 3 at 10:30 - 11:00 a.m.

Registration Begins Tuesday, July 27

Ages: 0 - 4. Babies, toddlers and young children will enjoy an interactive musical program presented by Tiffany Taylor.

### Musical Celebration with DJ Charlie O

Monday, August 9 at 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

For all ages. (Rain Date: August 13 at 11:00 a.m.) Participants will enjoy a fun-filled interactive musical celebration with raffles, prizes and giveaways.

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### 2021 Summer Reading Club

Monday, June 28 - Friday, August 13

Children ages 2 - 12 years old may continue to register for the summer reading club concluding on Friday, August 13. The Reading club is open to children and teens ages 2 - 18.

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## AUGUST WEEKLY PROGRAMS

### Lap Sit for ages 0 - 2 years

Tuesday, August 10, 10:30 - 10:50 a.m.

### Toddler Time for ages 2 - 3 years

Wednesdays, August 4 & 11

10:30 - 10:50 a.m.

### Story Time for ages 3 and up.

Thursday, August 5 & 12, 10:30 - 11 a.m.

### Crafts held outdoors for ages 4 - 9 years

Fridays, August 6 & 13, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. and 12:00 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

### "Yarnies"

Every Thursday from 2:00-4:00 p.m.

In the library's Activity Room. All participants must wear a mask. This program is recommended for adults and teens. This is a free program.

### "Paper Pals"

Tuesdays, from 2:00-4:00 p.m.

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(above) Rizzo's Wildlife recently visited the Kenilworth Public Library. Children and their families had an opportunity to learn about various animals and how to protect the environment for the safety of all wildlife. This program has been funded by a Clean Communities Grant given to the Borough of Kenilworth. To register for the Summer Reading Club and upcoming events, please call the library at 908-276-2451 or visit 548 Boulevard.

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## EDYTHE CLAIRE FRANK 100 YEARS OLD AND 90 YEARS WITH GIRL SCOUTS

The blaring of a fire truck's siren as it approached a party, cars honking horns as they drove by, letters, cards, proclamations, flowers, and dozens of relatives and friends were part of a surprise yard party on Saturday, June 26 celebrating the 100th birthday of Edythe Claire Hansen Frank of N. 12th St., Kenilworth, NJ. Also stopping by were Mayor Linda Karlovitch and Councilman Louis De Mondo who extended personal congratulations to the birthday girl as did her minister, Father Andy Kruger, of Trinity Episcopal Church, Cranford. Edythe's actual birthday was the next day, having been born in Jersey City on June 27, 1921 to William E. and Laura Jane Silvers Hansen.

Not only does Edythe have the distinction of being a centenarian but she very well may be the oldest, and longest dues-paying Girl Scout in the United States. In 1931 at age nine she became a Brownie Scout and in 1935 a registered Girl Scout.

One of three children, Edythe married Sgt. George J. Frank on Armistice Day, 1943 while he was on short leave from the US Army during WWII. She said, "He came home on short leave and we got married." During the war she tried to enlist with the Navy, Coast Guard, and Marines and they were not taking people at that time. The Army indicated they would take her but her parents and husband asked her to reconsider. Eventually she decided to remain at home.

After WWII they lived in a Millburn apartment and ran a luncheonette. They soon had two children – George (aka "Stretch") and Laurie-Jo. The couple bought some building lots in Kenilworth on N. 12th St. for a few hundred dollars and began to erect their own home with their own labor and that of relatives and friends. Edythe remarked, "I handed him the cinder blocks and he added the mortar." At last, in 1949, they moved in and later had two more children – Sue-Ellen and Donna-Claire. George passed way in 2012 at age 91 after 68 years of marriage.

Both Edythe and George were part of Kenilworth scouting – he with the Cub Scouts



(above) Edythe Frank gives a toast at her 100th birthday party.

Photos provided by the family of Edythe Claire Frank

and she with the Brownies and then the Girl Scouts. They were scout leaders for their own children and many more from town. Edythe started out as a Brownie leader and as her daughters grew older, she became a Girl Scout leader spanning a period of 14 years from 1957 to 1971.

Edythe recalls trips to Camp Wild Cherry and the old Girl Scout cabin at the end of N. 18th and N. 19th streets adjacent to Black Brook Park. She mentioned, "There was really nothing around there at the time. There was a lot of open space." She reminisced about the wild cherry trees, poison ivy, dirt, and dust. Edythe stated, "We couldn't wait to wash off all of the dirt from camp. When we got home after day camp, the first thing we did was to shower to get rid of the dirt."

In 1995 Edythe was honored by the

Washington Rock Girl Scout Council with a 60-year service pin and again in 2005 with a 70-year pin. Still a dues-paid Girl Scout after 90 years, Edythe indicated a few years ago, "Everyone worked nicely together at Camp Wild Cherry. We really were sincere about following the Girl Scout Promise and Law. I still follow it today."

A special highlight of the day was the attendance of Natasha Hemmings, CEO of Girl Scouts Heart of New Jersey. Ms. Hemmings announced that Edythe had been awarded the distinct honor of "Life Time Girl Scout," and noted that among other benefits, was that no longer would Edythe need to pay dues. With a smile, Edythe said, "So glad to be a Life Time Girl Scout as at times I was late in paying my dues. Now I don't have to worry about it."

The hostess of the party was Edythe's granddaughter, Dionne Frank, who resides next door. She is one of Edythe's 10 grandchildren. Edythe also has 12 great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

The celebration continued over to the following day with continued surprises as more relatives and friends arrived. On Sun., July 11, a third get together with old friends visiting was held in Ocean Beach, NJ where Edythe and her late husband, George, husband, had a home for over 30 years. Edythe concluded, "I never had any idea about the surprise party. I was pleased to see so many people."

Granddaughter Dionne, commented, "As a family, we are very blessed to have her with us, in good mental and physical health. Edythe is the true matriarch of the Frank Family and is always ready to dole out love and humor. The entire weekend was a surprise for Gramma so every person who walked up the driveway to greet her, made her more excited and filled with love and joy."

Research provided by Walter E. Boright, Ed. D., historian, and Irene Laki for the Girl Scouts. Persons with inquiries about this or other aspects of Kenilworth history may contact Dr. Boright at drbori@aol.com or 908-256-5200.



(above) Edythe and family, ca. 1958  
(top, l-r) Edythe; George, Sr.; and George, Jr., ("Stretch");  
(bottom, l-r) Sue-Ellen; Laurie-Jo; and Donna-Claire.



(above, left) Edythe joined the Brownie Scouts in 1931. (right) Edythe C. Frank Brownie Troop 855, 1959 Clockwise: Edythe, Jackie Clark, Sue-Ellen Frank, Peggy Curtis, and Laurie-Jo Frank Photos provided by the family of Edythe Claire Frank

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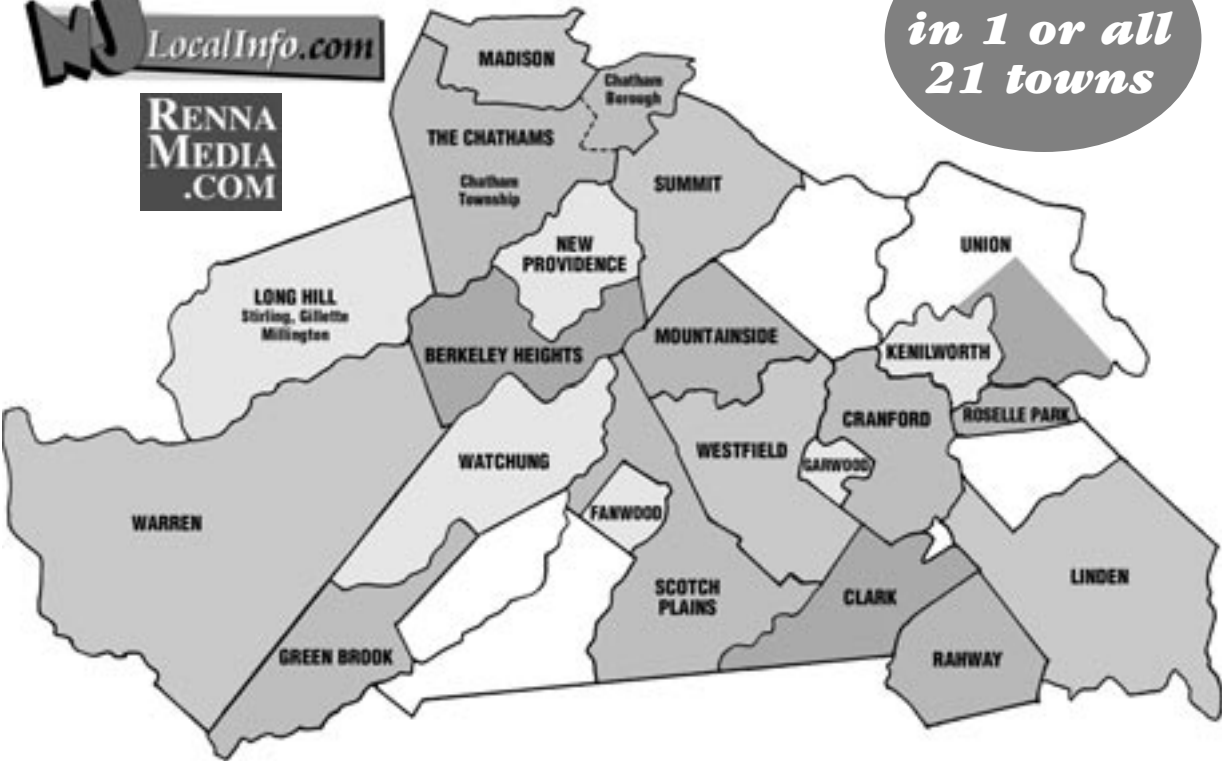
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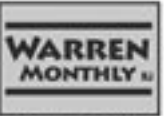
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