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SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM

Kenilworth Public Schools

Brearley Middle School's "Back 2 Basics" summer enrichment program can best be described as a scenario where summer camp meets school.

But the free program offered through Kenilworth Public Schools is much more than that: the fun educational activities are designed to address learning loss as well as students' social and emotional needs. Back 2 Basics also supports the district's accelerated learning goals; students who feel more comfortable after making connections and spending time in the school building will start the year ready to achieve.

Around 65 students attended the half-day program that ran Monday-Thursday through July. Open to all seventh- and eighth-grade students, Back 2 Basics pairs learning with fun through science experiments and a variety of design challenges. Crafts and sports are also in the mix. The program, held at the Middle School, is led by eight teachers and one enrichment coordinator.

"Our instructors have been eager to get back to in-person learning and forge in-person relationships with students, so they created team-building, problem-solving activities that would allow students to work collaboratively in person once again," said Brearley Principal Jeremy Davies.

The program's STEM activities apply critical thinking skills to simple concepts. For example, students were challenged to build the tallest tower they could out of marshmallows and uncooked pasta. Students also investigated burning questions such as "are Double Stuf Oreos really double stuffed?" In a twist on summer reading, students were introduced to contemporary short stories and asked to produce visual poetry using elements of typography.

The measure of Back 2 Basics' success? Students actually like coming to school in the summer. Incoming ninth-grader Josue Concha explained what he enjoys about the science activities.

"The teacher embraces failure as part of the learning. We're always observing science and taking guesses as to why what's happening is happening. There's no wrong answer, we just try to figure out the science," said Concha, who added that he can't wait to be back in school with all of his friends in September.

Students in Back 2 Basics have a head start in reconnecting with their peers and building new friendships. In fact, the program kicked off with "ice breakers" and crafts as students rotated to different classrooms.

"Students are socializing with their peers, they're engaging with their teachers in a slightly different setting, and they're excited for September," said Davies. "They're so much more connected to school than they were even a month ago. You can see their curiosity piqued through the different classroom activities! It truly is an acceleration of learning, priming the pump for the Fall."

Federal emergency relief funds to help students rebound from the pandemic helped support the Back 2 Basics program. Brearley already is planning to bring the program next year.

"This has been a perfect opportunity to ease everyone's nerves, both students and staff, about getting back to normal in September," Davies said.



(above) Examples of an arts and crafts project completed by students



(above) Students participate in collaborative learning activities during Brearley's summer program.

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The food trucks are coming to town! The David Brearley High School Class of 2022 is hosting a "Food Truck Festival" on Sunday, September 12. The event will be held from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Harding Elementary School parking loop located on the Boulevard. It will feature a variety of food trucks, including an ice cream truck. There will also be a live DJ, and a kids area with activities.

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Law Enforcement Against Drugs (L.E.A.D.), a national nonprofit organization committed to protecting children from the risks of drugs and bullying, recently awarded Retired Police Sergeant Anthony Manderichio from Kenilworth, NJ, its 'L.E.A.D. Lifetime Achievement Award.'

"We want to congratulate Sergeant Manderichio on his tremendous dedication toward instructing officers on the L.E.A.D. curricula, Too Good for Drugs and Too Good for Violence," said Nick DeMauro, Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer of L.E.A.D. "Sergeant Manderichio is a dedicated member of our family, and we commend him on demonstrating lifetime achievement in promoting school-based policing and police community relations."

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Sergeant Manderichio spent five years training police officers throughout the U.S. for L.E.A.D. He asserts it is the best program in terms of preventing children from becoming addicted to drugs and violence.

"It is a program that is not only accepted by

police officers, educators and parents but by the children it is being taught too as well," Sergeant Manderichio said.

He also explains how L.E.A.D. is crucial in the sense of allowing children to develop a rapport with their local police officers.

"By having a meaningful experience with police officers due to L.E.A.D., children are more likely to talk to them about problems they are going through or even just become less afraid," he said. "While students K-12 take up a large part of the program, children's teachers and parents become involved as well, which also helps to change their outlook on the police force in a positive fashion."

Sergeant Manderichio says that being able to stay involved has been one of the most rewarding aspects of training police officers for L.E.A.D. Ultimately, he is elated that the program allows police officers to show the purposeful impact they are capable of having on children, parents and teachers, more now than ever.

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(above, l-r) Police Officer Ryen Hennelly, Retired Captain Kim Lucas, Betsy Manderichio, Retired Sergeant Anthony Manderichio and Retired Police Officer Joseph Sitty
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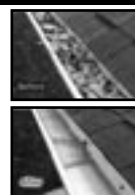
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(above) 8th Grade Patriots Pen Scholarship: Nico DeLuca, Michael Ondrey, Anthony Orlando and Erinn Lonergan (not pictured)



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While using NJ Transit's "Transit to Trails" map, users will be able to search for their prospective destinations by park name or view a virtual map of the state with different park locations. Each destination has clickable access points comprised of park entranceways, parking lots or meeting areas. Service options for each of these individual areas, managing agency



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ZOO ANIMALS VISIT LIBRARY



(above) Cloverland Petting Zoo recently visited the Kenilworth Public Library. Children had an opportunity to meet and greet several farm animals. Al the Alpaca was joined by rabbits, chickens, ducks, goats and sheep. Funded by The Friends of The Kenilworth Public Library.

LEMONADE STAND BENEFITS VFW

Declan Jeans set up a lemonade stand on day this July. He decided that half of his profit would go to VFW Post #2230 where his grandfather, Robert Jeans, Sr., is the Commander.



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National Night Out, a national community-building campaign that promotes police-community partnerships, was held at Police Headquarters on Tuesday, August 3rd from 6 to 8 p.m. The event was sponsored by the Kenilworth Police Department Community

Police Unit. The free community event was well attended. It featured giveaways, demos, games, exhibits, food, music, and more. National Night Out culminates annually on the first Tuesday in August. National Night Out enhances the relationship between

neighbors and law enforcement while bringing back a true sense of community. Furthermore, it provides a great opportunity to bring police and neighbors together under positive circumstances. For more information visit natw.org.



(above) The Estrella & Obien families enjoyed the ice cream truck.



(above) The Kenilworth Rescue Squad offered tattoos.



(above) The Kenilworth Police Department table offered free pizza.



(above) The Kenilworth Fire Department allowed children to climb in their fire truck.

(above) Kenilworth Patrolman Rob Rueger with his dog Jaguar.

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Kenilworth Historical Society

The Kenilworth Historical Society has just released a new virtual program highlighting the fascinating story of the Pack Horse Library Project of Eastern Kentucky, a unique initiative which between 1935 and 1943, brought packhorse-riding librarians, books and hope to isolated, impoverished Kentuckians living in the remote, mountainous areas of the state that were among the hardest hit by the Great Depression. The project is considered to be one of the most innovative programs of the Works Progress Administration (WPA), which was created in 1935 by President Franklin D. Roosevelt, under the New Deal relief initiative, to create paid jobs for the unemployed and to promote social and cultural awareness in the years following the Depression. The Kenilworth Public Library, completed in 1936, was among the many beneficial public works/construction projects carried out by the WPA, which in 1939 was renamed the Work Projects Administration.

The Kenilworth Historical Society's Pack Horse Library Project video features a brief introduction to the project and a reading, by board member and historical interpreter Karen DeMaio, of the fictional story *That Book Woman*, written by Heather Henson, with pictures by David Small, and published by Atheneum Books for Young Readers. While geared toward children, the book's message is relevant, enlightening and meaningful for all age groups.

This newest presentation in the Kenilworth Historical Society's "Keeping History Strong" virtual programming series was introduced on

August 9 in celebration of National Book Lovers Day. It is available for viewing, along with other virtual offerings, in the Historical Society's "Keeping History Strong" series, via the organization's website (kenilworthhistoricalsociety.org, Resources/Videos tab) and Facebook page.

The Kenilworth Historical Society's Pack Horse Library Project program was filmed at the Oswald J. Nitschke House museum, in the home office of former Kenilworth Mayor Oswald J. Nitschke (1867-1934), with equipment funded by a recently awarded New Jersey Historical Commission COVID-19 grant. The generous grant additionally is providing for products and services that will help ensure the safe reopening of the Oswald J. Nitschke House "living history" museum and cultural arts center in October.

To view and/or learn more about the "Keeping History Strong" video series and other planned events/activities, please follow the Kenilworth Historical Society on Facebook, visit the organization's website or call 908-709-0434.

The Oswald J. Nitschke House is one of Kenilworth's few remaining original 19th-century farmhouses. Notably, it is the only museum of its kind in the area to portray and interpret everyday life in the early 1900s, particularly the inspiring story of late 19th-/early 20th-century immigrants in a developing suburb.

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, local history and culture.



(above) Kenilworth Historical Society board member and historical interpreter Karen DeMaio is shown here at the Oswald J. Nitschke House living history museum and cultural arts center, where she conducted a presentation and reading of *That Book Woman*, a fictional story about the Pack Horse Library Project of Eastern Kentucky.

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(above) Dimiana Ibrahim, Elizabeth resident and former Teen Volunteer at Trinitas, poses at Princeton University, where she has joined the Class of 2025.

Trinitas Regional Medical Center offers teenagers with an interest in healthcare several opportunities to test-drive their dreams. Dimiana Ibrahim, an Elizabeth resident, followed her dream of becoming a doctor to Princeton University to join the Class of 2025. What helped make the decision to study medicine were her experiences as a volunteer and a Medical Explorer at Trinitas.

As a high school sophomore, she entered the Teen Volunteer program, run by Lisa Liss, Director of Volunteer Services at Trinitas. "I wanted to be further exposed to the hospital setting to see if medicine was really the right path for me," Dimiana says. "Volunteering on the maternity floor allowed me to observe the ins and outs of how a hospital floor works. Helping different varieties of patients exposed me to how different and equally important each patient's story is. I was exposed to real-world hardships, celebrations, and stories that I would've never been able to see otherwise. It taught me the great importance of patience and compassion in the field, which is something you really have to feel and not just read about in a book."

Then Dimiana joined the Medical Explorers Club, for those interested in healthcare, nutrition, physical therapy, and nursing, among other careers. "Although short-lived due to COVID, it was an overall really fun and educational experience for my friends and me. I learned a lot

about different specialties in the hospital, like anesthesia and dialysis. It showed me how truly excited I felt learning about medicine. It helped me realize that this is the excitement I aspire to have my entire life when it comes to my chosen field. These experiences, along with many others, helped me achieve the self-reflection and discovery needed to not only find my career path, but to recognize how I intend to get there. Attending Princeton University will be one of my first of many steps towards becoming a physician."

Liss, who also oversees Nurse Camp for high school students and the Collegiate Medical Mentor program for college students, says, "I'm always thrilled to hear about students taking their experiences at Trinitas and running with them. Dimiana was a shining example of how enriching these programs can be for students who may either be on the fence about healthcare as a profession and figure out that they definitely want it, or know for sure they want to study medicine at some level and can't wait until college to get started. Dimiana took advantage of what we have to offer and we hope to see her in our Collegiate Medical mentor program as she excels at Princeton."

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Have you ever noticed how many of our town's streets speak to us about our nation's history? This is no happenstance. It was planned that way well over 120 years ago by the founders of New Orange in the 1890s – which became the Borough of Kenilworth in 1907.

COLUMBUS AVE. is named for Christopher Columbus who "sailed the Ocean blue in 1492." Hidden away, go up N. Michigan Ave past the water tower, then turn left onto Mark Rd.

CONCORD and **LEXINGTON AVES.** commemorate the "shot heard 'round the world" when colonists first fought British troops at the Battle of Lexington and Concord on April 19, 1875 in Massachusetts. Lexington Ave. is off S. Michigan, a block past the blinker light. But you won't find Concord Ave. It ran east to west in the north end of town through what is now part of Black Brook Park. It was never constructed but appears on early maps.

WEBSTER AVE. was a block long and was to run between N. 19th and 20th streets near the water tower, but it, too, was never constructed. It honored Daniel Webster, a US Senator (MA) who is credited with forging the Compromise of 1850 concerning slavery in the territories.

LAFAYETTE AVE. is a tribute to Marquis de Lafayette of France. In 1776, at age 19, he was commissioned a major general to aid America in its War for Independence.

SHERIDAN AVE. recognizes the service of Philip Sheridan, a Union Army Civil War general. He later had much to do with setting aside Yellowstone National Park.

MONROE AVE. bears the name of America's fourth president, James Monroe. Famous for the "Monroe Doctrine" warning against foreign interference in North and South America.

FRANKLIN AVE. honors statesman Benjamin Franklin. It was to run from N. 7th to

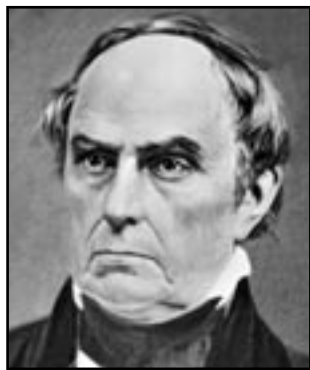
N. 14th St. A one-block portion exists between N. 13th and 14th streets, just south of Monroe Ave.

WASHINGTON AVE., one of our widest thoroughfares, salutes George Washington – head of the Continental Army, our first president, and "Father of our Country."

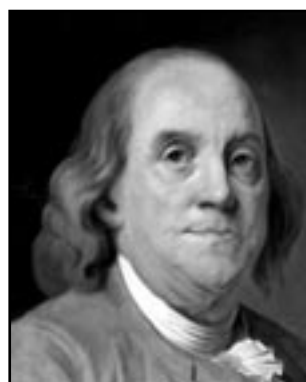
JEFFERSON AVE. commemorates Thomas Jefferson, known as the primary author of the Declaration of Independence, our third president, and acquisition of the Louisiana Purchase.

FEDERAL AVE. speaks to the determination of the "Founding Fathers" to have a strong federal (national) government with many powers remaining with the states.

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(above, l-r) Christopher Columbus - Columbus Ave., Daniel Webster - Webster Ave.
Marquis de Lafayette - Lafayette Ave., Philip Sheridan - Sheridan Ave.



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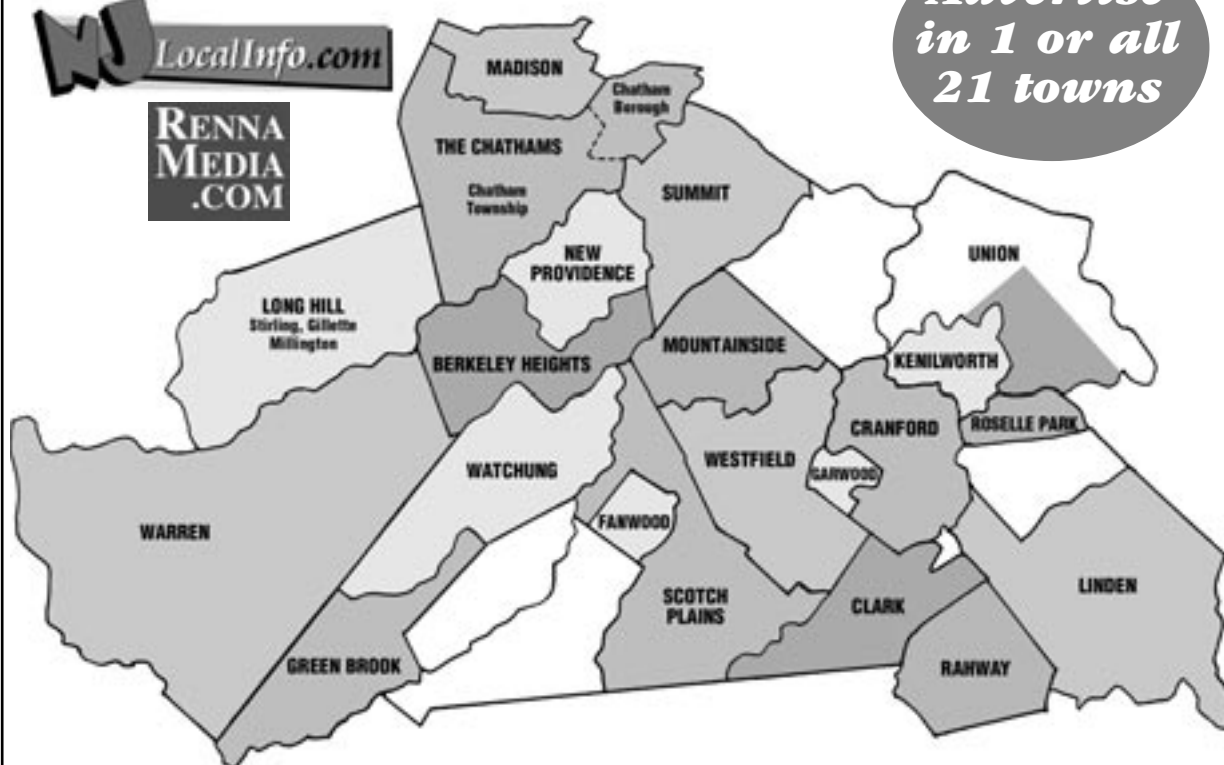
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