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PATRIOT DAY AT ANGELO L. TOMASO SCHOOL

Warren Township Public Schools

On Friday, September 9, 2022, students and staff from Angelo L. Tomaso (ALT) School were encouraged to dress in red, white, and blue in observance of Patriot Day, the national day of service and remembrance of September 11.

During the student-led morning news show, students and staff were treated to a live performance of the Star-Spangled Banner by the school's music teacher, Ms. Alice Beals. Principal Christine Smith joined the morning show to explain the importance of Patriot Day.

ALT Prides itself on developing empathy, generosity, and gratitude among students, stated Smith. "Patriot Day is the perfect learning opportunity for our students to show their

appreciation for those who serve our community each day."

ALT students and staff would like to thank special guests, Detective Joseph Casorio from the Warren Township Police Department (WTPD), Officer Victoria Ciampa from the WTPD, Dante Verdun from the Washington Valley Volunteer Fire Company, and Daniel Lorimor, retired Police Office and current Security Compliance Manager for visiting ALT.

Casorio, Ciampa, Verdun, and Lorimor dedicated their morning to introducing themselves to the ALT students and describing their role as First Responders. The district would like to express gratitude for all essential emergency workers and the impact they have on their communities.



(above) Officer Ciampa with Mrs. Deanna DeRoner's class. (front row, l-r) Sania Mehta, Dean Vaile, Luke D'Ecclessis (second Row, l-r) Sarah Sullivan, Zachary Greaves, Noelle Figueiredo, Sydney Collman, Lilah Veiga, Capri Curtis, Tanush Mukherjee, Austin Wimbush (paraprofessional); (back row, l-r) Patricia Lospinoso (paraprofessional), Officer Ciampa, Nicolo Runfola, Sebastian Zielonka, Samvit Raina, Deanna DeRoner (teacher), Livia Pimentel, Teresa Kuprat (paraprofessional), Stella Ferreiro, Grace Lukacs, and Christine Smith (principal)

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The Somerset County Office of Volunteer Services is seeking individuals and groups to volunteer for its annual Fall Leaf Clean-Up project. Each year, on the weekend before Thanksgiving, volunteers rake leaves for the county's elderly and disabled homeowners who are unable to do their yard work.

Volunteering is a great opportunity for friends, families, church groups, sports teams, Girl Scouts and BSA Scout Troops, 4-H Clubs, high school clubs, or other groups to help their community. Sign up early so that plans can be made to serve as many residents as possible.

The annual leaf clean-up project is a one-day event that will occur on Saturday, November 19. Anyone who would like to volunteer but cannot make it on November 19 is welcome to schedule an alternative date and time through the Office of Volunteer Services.

Elderly or disabled Somerset County residents who need this service can call the Office of Volunteer Services.

For more information, or to sign up as a volunteer, call the Somerset County Office of Volunteer Services at 908-704-6301 or email VolunteerSvs@co.somerset.nj.us.



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STUDENTS BECOME ARCHEOLOGISTS FOR THE DAY

Warren Township Schools

On Friday, September 16, 2022, Warren Middle School students in Ms. Karen Balich and Mrs. Aneta Ferreira's 6th grade Social Studies classes became archeologists for the day.

As an introduction to the Early Man unit, students learned how archaeology helps uncover information about the past. The students participated in an excavation simulation activity

by excavating their artifacts or "chocolate chips" from their dig site, which was a chocolate chip cookie.

The students gained an understanding of how artifacts are excavated and the care that archeologists must take so as not to damage them. Although some students were disappointed, they were not permitted to eat their "artifacts," they enjoyed the activity.



(above) Sarah Lindy enjoys the Cookie Excavation project in her 6th grade social studies class.

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(above) Detective Casorio and Officer Ciampa visit with Kindergarten students Angela Lee, Ava Castagna, Lucie Butrico, Nicholas Meneguete, Ruihan Yuan, and Ethan Yi.



(above) ALT Live News anchors Mihika Mukherjee and Gavin Gartner deliver the morning messages.

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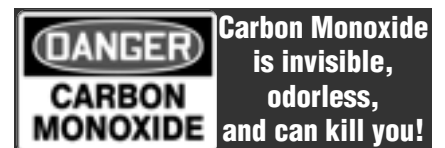
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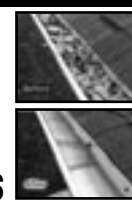
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CENTRAL STUDENTS ENJOY ROBOTICS LESSON

Warren Township Schools

Central School’s grade three students from Mrs. Nicole Evins’s class filed into their modernized library on Thursday, September 8, for their first Innovation and Design class of the school year with Dr. Susan Kline, one of the



(above) Aanika Parikh and Joseph Gawkowski are proud to display their finished Lego Robotics project.



(above) Amelia Sagumeri and Alexander Shoback, grade 3 Central School students, investigate their robotics kits.



(above) Dr. Kline takes a moment to review the blueprint with Vlad Stefanyshyn and Brandon Battista.

Photos by Warren Township Schools

district’s REACH teachers.

As the students took their seats and Kline introduced their first lesson on Lego Robotics, the children promptly expressed their excitement with high fives and smiles. Seated in pairs, the group listened carefully as Kline reviewed the guidelines and goals of the activity. The students were going to program a motor that would eventually push a small Lego boat into a simulated body of water.

Kline emphasized the importance of sharing the responsibilities of the programming project. One student per group was assigned to the Materials Manager role while the other became the Builder. The Materials Manager had to review the blueprint and select the correct pieces for their design, while the Builder was responsible for assembling the structure.

Kline circulated the room, encouraging the

students to follow their blueprints carefully. As the period progressed, group by group, the students eagerly raised their hands to display their finished products.

Robotics is integral to the next evolution of Warren Township Schools Innovation & Design program. According to Dr. Kline, “It is rare to find a modern-day, man-made device that does not contain a computer-controlled element. Intelligent products are oftentimes more efficient, greener, and convenient. Our students need to understand how to design modern-day products and know when and how to integrate appropriate coding to make them operate.”

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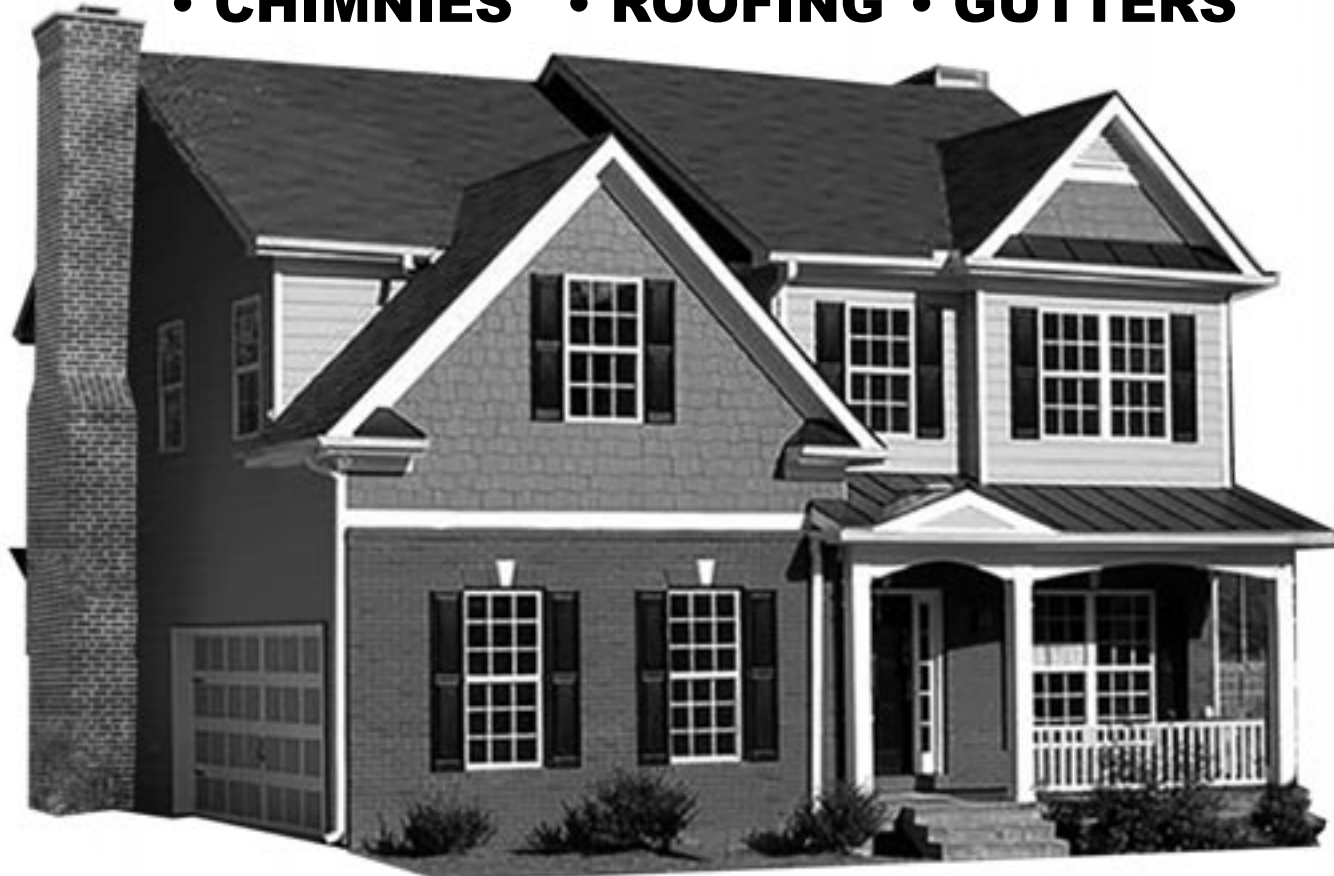
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TROOP 228 HAS FUN AT CAMP WINNEBAGO

Submitted by 1st Class Scout, Drew Connolly, 7th grader at Warren Middle School

During the last week of July, Boy Scout Troop 228 had a ton of fun at Camp Winnebago. This year’s theme was “Get Back To Scouting.”

The days started off by getting up and raising the American flag and listening to any morning announcements. After that, we headed to the dining hall for breakfast. The chefs and staff made the food, but every Troop organized and assigned scouts to waiter. This meant that you had to set the tables and also put the food on the table. Cleaning up all the tables at the end of the

meal was the hardest part. After meals, Scouts had the option to rest at camp or attend merit badge classes. A sample of merit badges that could be completed were Swimming, Welding, Rifle, Shotgun, First Aid, Fingerprinting, Art, and many more. After lunch, you also had a lot of fun activities to try. Some of these were zip lining over the lake, swimming in the lake, open shooting at the range, or working on other merit badges. Ethan Hammond, First Class Scout, said “it was super fun.”

In the evening, Scouts could complete the Fire Watch Badge. This included watching the campfire and making sure it didn’t extinguish overnight. Some of the younger scouts participated in the Dan Beard Program. This program allowed them to complete necessary rank requirements.

Kieran Mungekar, Scout, commented that “[the] Dan Beard [program] was a blast.”

Overall, the Scouts had a blast at Camp Winnebago and can’t wait to go back next year!





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(above) The Scouts of Boy Scout Troop 228 had fun at Camp Winnebago while earning merit badges this summer.

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WOODLAND STUDENTS PARTICIPATE IN THE EGG DROP CHALLENGE

Warren Township Schools

Each year, grade five students at Woodland elementary school in Warren Township, NJ, participate in an Egg Drop Activity to promote student teamwork and cooperation.

For the 2022-2023 school year, Mrs. Nicole Panos, grade 5 teacher, was inspired to bring the Egg Drop activity to a higher level. Panos coordinated with the Washington Valley Volunteer Fire Company to have a bucket truck at the event.

Similar to previous years, the students worked in small groups to design contraptions made from

materials such as balloons, bubble wrap, cotton balls, foam, cloth, and paper plates to protect the egg from breaking when dropped from a fifteen-foot ladder.

On the morning of September 8, students had the opportunity to test their egg projects in their classrooms. Out of the seventeen experimental drops, all but three eggs survived the first experience.

Recognizing an opportunity to reinforce a Growth Mindset lesson, homeroom teachers Ms. Alexa Barber, Mrs. Melanie Morales, Mr. Adam Yenish, and Panos encouraged their students to

adjust their projects and try again.

That afternoon, thanks to Jim Devizio, Captain of the Tower, and Fire Chief Charlie Bochen of the Washington Valley Volunteer Fire Company, the students had the opportunity to have their egg projects raised by the bucket truck and dropped from as high as seventy feet! Eleven of the seventeen eggs survived the drop.

According to Panos, the entire event was a success. "Woodland School really appreciates the participation and enthusiasm we received from Washington Valley Vol. Fire Co. We hope to make this an annual event with them."



(above) Evelyn Seda, Michelle Zhang, Joao Pedro (JP) Camacho, and Kieran Melia participate in the Woodland School Egg Drop activity on September 8, 2022.



(above) Yuliana Cespedes, Chase Phillips, and Chase Surbrug.2022.



(above) Alana Sarcevic and Jae Vespucci.

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MIA KOLB OF WARREN AWARDED SCHOLARSHIP

The Sharing Network Foundation's Hearts for Emma Partner Fund has awarded a scholarship to Mia Kolb of Warren, NJ, for her passion and dedication to raising awareness of organ and tissue donation. Kolb was presented with her scholarship award at NJ Sharing Network's headquarters in New Providence during a ceremony with her family members in the Landscape of Life Meditation Garden.

Kolb, a 2022 graduate of Gill St. Bernard's School, plans to attend the University of Notre Dame in the Fall. Her powerful connection to organ and tissue donation and transplantation began nearly 14 years ago when her younger brother, Christopher, was born with a tumor that caused him to be placed on critical life support in dire need of a heart transplant.

"We were powerless to do anything except hope and pray that a donor would be found in time," said Kolb. "Thankfully, he received the gift of life and is now a thriving teenager."

Shortly after she turned 12 years old, Kolb began volunteering with NJ Sharing Network to educate others about the importance of organ and tissue donation. As president of the Gill St. Bernard's Donate Life Club, Kolb coordinated guest speaker presentations to encourage her

classmates to register as organ and tissue donors. She also organized several donor registration drives and fundraisers to support the Sharing Network Foundation. Kolb is currently focused on earning the Girl Scout Gold Award for her outreach efforts in supporting NJ Sharing Network's life-saving mission.

"I strive to educate those in my community about the importance of organ and tissue donation so that our family's miracle can become a reality for other families," said Kolb. "Registering to be an organ and tissue donor should be an easy choice, but there is an abundance of misinformation that hinders many from making this decision. Some people worry that doctors will not try to save their lives if they are registered donors. I am working to help dispel these myths. By sharing my family's experience, I have been able to influence others to make the right choice to register as donors."

The Sharing Network Foundation's scholarship program provides an opportunity to recognize and award graduating high school seniors who advocate for and/or whose lives have been touched by organ and tissue donation and transplantation.

The Hearts for Emma Partner Fund, a program of the Sharing Network Foundation, was created in recognition of the successful heart transplant of Emma Rothman of Cranford. It supports the production and distribution of educational materials and programs to help promote the importance of organ and tissue donation. The Fund has raised nearly \$80,000 since its inception and has helped educate more than 100,000 students about donation and transplantation through NJ Sharing Network's high school outreach program. Last year, Rothman celebrated the 10th anniversary of her life-saving heart transplant and graduated from Syracuse University with a degree in Food Studies. Rothman remains humble and always thankful for her donor who gave her the gift of life and made her achievements possible.

"Hearts for Emma is focused on educating present and future generations to ensure everyone understands the importance of organ and tissue

donation and transplantation," said Nancie Rothman, Emma's mother and Founder and President of Hearts for Emma. "Mia serves as a perfect example of what it means to take an active role in supporting these important outreach efforts."

Scholarship applicants were measured on academic achievement, community and volunteer efforts, extracurricular activities and advocacy for organ and tissue donation. The application process included a thorough review by Nancie Rothman and JoAnne McGovern, Recording Secretary of Hearts for Emma, as well as members of the Hearts for Emma scholarship committee and the Sharing Network Foundation's Board of Trustees.

"We are grateful for the generous support of the Hearts for Emma Partner Fund and their ongoing commitment to rewarding students who share a commitment to our life-saving mission," said Amanda Tibok, Interim Executive Director, Sharing Network Foundation. "We know that Mia and all of our scholarship recipients will continue as strong leaders educating others about donation and transplantation throughout their college years and beyond."

According to United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS), there are over 100,000 Americans – nearly 4,000 of whom live in New Jersey – waiting for a life-saving transplant. Just one organ and tissue donor can save eight lives and enhance the lives of over 75 people. To learn more, get involved and register as an organ and tissue donor, visit NJSharingNetwork.org.

ABOUT NJ SHARING NETWORK

Currently celebrating its 35th anniversary, NJ Sharing Network is the federally designated non-profit organization responsible for recovering donated organs and tissue in the Garden State. Last year, 233 generous individuals in New Jersey gave the gift of life, an all-time high for a single year. In addition, 42,112 eye and tissue donations healed and enhanced the quality of life for those in need. With headquarters in New Providence, NJ, the organization has been recognized by NJBIZ as one of the state's "Best Places to Work" for five consecutive years.



(above, l-r) Mia Kolb of Warren, NJ, receives a scholarship award from Amanda Tibok, Interim Executive Director, Sharing Network Foundation; Sandy Erwin, Sharing Network Foundation Board Member and Chair of the Programs and Initiatives and Scholarship Committees; and Nancie Rothman, Founder and President of Hearts for Emma.

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If Knee Surgery Sounds Scary, It Should

Have you have been told you are facing knee replacement surgery? Have you been told about all the downsides you could be facing? First and foremost, there are NO guarantees that knee replacement surgery will be the answer to your pain, but let's look further:

- Surgery is costly, regardless of the percentage of services covered by insurance.
- 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

Northeast Spine & Wellness Center offers you a real opportunity and a painless way to say goodbye to your knee pain without any surgery. Here are just a few of the important benefits you should consider?

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- Guided fluoroscopic injections are virtually pain free, unlike blind injections.
- No lost time from work or family.
- No expensive or time consuming rehabilitation.
- No potentially addictive prescription medications.
- Recovery time is almost instant, not months or years.

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Do you Suffer from any of these Symptoms?

There are a number of reasons why you developed Osteoarthritis pain. It can develop with age or because of heredity. It could be from repetitive stress from a job or some glory days in athletics. Of course your concern is with the symptoms you face daily and how to make them end, hopefully without surgery or the use of potentially addictive medications. **Northeast Spine & Wellness Center** understands the symptoms you have been living with and can help. If you have any of the symptoms below, please call us today. Relief is a phone call away.

- **Pain** - Whether it's a sharp aching or maybe a burning sensation, the pain can range from irritating to debilitating.
- **Swelling** - This can cause tenderness and soreness to the entire knee area, making walking or going up and down stairs painful, getting in and out of bed or bathtubs difficult and dangerous just name a few activities affected by swelling.
- **Stiffness** - Getting up out of bed or after sitting for a period of time gets more and more difficult. This loss of mobility can be more than a hindrance. It can be dangerous if you need to move quickly.
- **Loss of muscle strength** - This can lead to balance issues and the strong possibility of falling.
- **Joint deformity** - Not just unsightly, but painful as well.
- **Creaking Joints** - Can be painful and a sign of more discomfort to come.
- **Sleepless nights** - Losing sleep over your suffering is not just irritating, but potentially dangerous because of so many other health concerns that can be affected by loss of sound sleep.

Let Me Show You Targeted Relief From Your Knee Pain

Every day, I see patients suffering from knee pain due to arthritis, osteoarthritis, sports injuries or other conditions. Many have been told that they are in need of knee replacement surgery. Other patients say they have been prescribed various prescription medications to deal with the pain.

Something else I see almost every day, are patients that have tried viscosupplementation knee injections elsewhere and found it to be a painful and ineffective experience because the injections were not administered using fluoroscopic guidance. Instead of using the incredibly accurate diagnostic fluoroscopy we use at **Northeast Spine & Wellness Center** these patients experienced a blind injection technique, which can be as inaccurate as playing pin the tail on the donkey.

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October 21 - 8 p.m.

Jackie DiMaggio pays tribute to legendary Connie Francis. Joined by Doo-Wop groups The Mello-Kings, Bobby D'Andrea's The Knockouts, and Gene DiNapoli.

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WATCHUNG HILLS WARRIORS HAVE A STELLAR SPRING & SUMMER SEASON

In April, after three years replete with COVID-19 challenges, the Warren Baseball & Softball league enthusiastically welcomed the Warren and Watchung communities back to the diamond. Despite those challenges, the Watchung Hills Warriors and Wolverine town travel teams exemplified the resilience and dedication we all cherish in our youth athletes. Their drive and determination produced some record wins this season, ones this town's league has not seen in a while.

The WBSI and the Watchung Little League are excited to put the Watchung Hills Warriors on the map as a significant, competitive program. Shaun Fine, Co-Director of the WBSI Travel program says, "We look forward to growing our town travel program, and producing young athletes proud to represent Watchung Hills and embody what it is to be a Warrior."

To learn more,

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Notable 2022 season wins for the Warriors:

7U BLUE BASEBALL

- Undefeated (13-0) in the summer season with the New Providence Green League
- NPGL 7U North Division Champions

8U BLUE BASEBALL

- 2nd Place in the USABL American League Spring 2022 season
- 3rd Place in the Cal Ripken District Tournament

NPGL GOLD 8U WEST DIVISION CHAMPIONS

- 3x USABL Tournament Champions: Memorial Day Classic, East Coast Clash and July Showdown
- Top Ten in the NJ state USABL World Series

10U BASEBALL

- NPGL Green 10U Division Champions

12U BLUE BASEBALL

- USABL Memorial Day Classic Tournament Champions
- Played in Cooperstown Dreams Park Tournament



(above) 7U Warriors - Summer 2022 NPGL Division Champs. (front row, l-r) Ethan Addvensky, Logan DiMeo, Wyatt Dealaman, Liam Patwa, Andreas Saketos, Nafi Moccia; (middle row, l-r) Cameron Baran, Chase D'Annunzio, Zach Kwak, Joseph Sullivan, Patrick Jackson, Jason Snider; Coaches: Dan Sullivan, Nick Saketos, Mike DiMeo, Chris D'Annunzio, Bill Jackson, Dev Patwa, Adi Addvensky



(above) 12U Blue Warriors played teams from across the country in Cooperstown, NY this summer. Players: Alexander Checchio, Tyler Slepokura, Ryan Sackett, Jared Finkelstein, Aarav Raju, Roshan Sekhar, Kylan Patel, Finn Byrne, Henry Bisignano, Jacob O'Sheal, Danny Mendoza

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(above) 10U Warriors - Summer 2022 NPGL Division Champs. Front row: Christian Fazio, Dylan Walters, Hunter Slater and Brian Videla; Back row: Tyler Zissu, Owen Dealaman, Lyrik Shonibare, Eric Graham, Chase Surburg, Nicholas Guerra, Asher Valenzuela, Coaches: Charles Fazio, Terry MacConnell, Troy MacConnell



(above) 8U Blue Warriors are shown in one of their three USABL tournament wins of the 2022 season. (front row, l-r) Sebastian Ditta, Brandon Battista, Mario Armenti, Cameron Fine, Lincoln Skierski, Jeff Bubnowski; (middle row, l-r) DeMarco DelForno, Nico Volante, Thomas Hauck, Ewan Cove, Zander Williams; Coaches: Mark Volante, Dave Bubnowski, Shaun Fine, Dave Ditta, James Williams

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Kids enjoyed checking out emergency vehicles like the Somerset County Prosecutor's Office Forensic Lab Truck, Warren Township Fire Department Truck, and the Somerset County Emergency Response Team Truck. K-9 demonstrations were performed throughout the event by Officer Hort and his K-9 partner Nikita. Spectators were able to meet Nikita, see a lesson in obedience training, and watch her perform both an article search and apprehension. The event finished with a landing demo of the New Jersey State Police helicopter.

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WHRHS STUDENT CREATES THE BUDDY-UP PROGRAM TO HELP THE ELDERLY

Anmol Bhatia, a Watchung Hills Regional High School junior, created the Buddy-Up Program at Abingdon Care & Rehabilitation Center in Green Brook to help give lonely residents someone to chat with.

Anmol has always been passionate about helping the most needed in healthcare. While volunteering in the activities department last summer at Abington, he realized that most activities were canceled due to Covid, and many residents were very lonely and had few visitors. Bhatia created the Buddy-Up Program to keep lonely residents company by having them chat with community volunteers online.

Anmol's goal of connecting students to residents was a huge success. Community members and students offered to chat with the lonely residents on 30 minute Zoom calls through iPads provided by the center. "It makes you feel

good to help someone else in your community," says Bhatia, who has raised funds to purchase more iPads. "We've had fifty-five volunteers sign up, and nothing but positive reviews from the residents."

Bhatia recently collected funds to purchase three new iPads for the program but is always looking for more volunteers and donations. To sign up as a volunteer, send an email to buddyupprogram@gmail.com, or you can donate funds to purchase more iPads, at <https://gofund.me/df476cc5>.



(above) Anmol Bhatia, the program Founder and Director presenting iPads to Love-E Raynes, the Activities Director, and Dr. Patricia Barsanti, the Medical Director at Abingdon.

Courtesy photo



(above) A resident chatting with a volunteer over zoom.

VIRTUAL LIBRARY PROGRAMS

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A Virtual Tour of Lizzie Borden's House

October 10, 7-8:30 p.m.

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Planet Palm - How Palm Oil Ended Up in Everything and Endangered the World

October 11, 7-8 p.m.

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The Garden State Parkway Murders - A Cold Case Mystery

October 12, 7-8 p.m.

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Captivating Cuba -

Yesterday, Today and Tomorrow

October 13, 7-8 p.m.

sclsnj.libnet.info/event/6076727

The History of the Hershey Chocolate Company

October 17, 7-8 p.m.

sclsnj.libnet.info/event/6393183

Pirates, Ghost Ships, and

Seafaring Superstitions

October 18, 7-8:30 p.m.

sclsnj.libnet.info/event/6603873

Grim(m) Tales

October 19, 7-8:30 p.m.

sclsnj.libnet.info/event/6333008

Lights Out, Everybody - Mystery and Horror During the Golden Age of Radio

October 20, 7-8 p.m.

sclsnj.libnet.info/event/6292981

Stay on Track - Presented by the Greater Raritan Workforce Development Board

October 21, 2-3 p.m.

sclsnj.libnet.info/event/6679512

Edvard Munch -

So Much More than "The Scream"

October 24, 7-8 p.m.

sclsnj.libnet.info/event/6301262

The Trial of Lizzie Borden

October 26, 7-8 p.m.

sclsnj.libnet.info/event/6384326

The Polling History of Roe vs Wade - The Correlation of Public Opinion and the Supreme Court

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