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## ROCKTOBERFEST CELEBRATES RECORD-BREAKING SUCCESS

The Millburn Education Foundation is delighted to announce the smashing success of the 2023 Millburn Rocktoberfest, a charity event held in support of Millburn Public Schools. The 7th annual celebration of music, food, and community, organized by the Millburn Education Foundation and led by event co-chairs Micole Cohen Richter and Joanna Parker-Lentz, brought together residents and visitors for a day filled with rock 'n' roll, family fun, and a vibrant showcase of local and regional businesses.

This year's Rocktoberfest surpassed all expectations, attracting an impressive crowd of over 5,000 attendees. Under mostly clear skies and in spite of a short-lived bout of rain, the event resonated with the spirit of unity and celebration that Millburn is renowned for.

Highlights of the event included:

**Outstanding Musical Performances:** Local and regional bands took the stage throughout the day, mesmerizing the audience with electrifying performances. The diverse lineup catered to music enthusiasts of all ages and tastes.

**Delicious Culinary Delights:** A wide variety of food vendors served up a range of delectable dishes and beverages, offering something for every palate. Attendees savored gourmet treats from local restaurants and food trucks.

**Kid-Friendly Activities:** Families reveled in a dedicated Kids Zone with rides, games, face painting, balloons, and other exciting activities, ensuring that Rocktoberfest was a day for all generations to enjoy.

**Vendor Showcase:** Local businesses and artisans showcased their products and services, allowing attendees to explore the vibrant Millburn business community.

**Community Spirit:** The event fostered a strong sense of community, with residents, businesses, and non-profits joining forces to celebrate the start of the school year while raising essential funds for Millburn Public Schools.

Deepa Krishnan and Joe Smith, Co-Presidents of the Millburn Education Foundation, expressed their gratitude, saying, "This year's Rocktoberfest was an extraordinary testament to the resilience and spirit of our community. We want to thank all the attendees, performers, vendors, volunteers, and sponsor for making this event a resounding success."

The success of Rocktoberfest as a fundraiser wouldn't have been possible without the generous support of our sponsors, including Elvis sponsor Stella Artois, Nirvana sponsors Coldwell Banker Realty and the Millburn Deli,



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As we look ahead to next year, the Millburn Education Foundation is excited to build upon this year's success and continue to bring the magic of Rocktoberfest to our beloved town while supporting educational excellence in Millburn.

For more information about the Millburn Education Foundation and upcoming events, please visit [millburneducationfoundation.org](http://millburneducationfoundation.org) or follow us on social media @millburneducationfoundation.

About the Millburn Education Foundation: The Millburn Education Foundation is a non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing the quality of education in Millburn Public Schools. Through various events and initiatives, the foundation raises essential funds to support innovative programs and educational excellence in the Millburn community.



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## MILLBURN BOARD OF EDUCATION APPOINTS ASAF FARASHUDDIN TO FILL VACANCY

The Millburn Board of Education has selected Asaf Farashuddin to fill the seat vacated by Agnes Sym. Mr. Farashuddin was sworn in at the Board of Education meeting held on September 18, and he will serve as a member of the Board of Education from September 18, 2023 through December 31, 2024.

The Board received letters of interest from nine candidates. At a special meeting on Wednesday, September 13, 2023, 8 Millburn residents, Andy Demesier, Asaf Farashuddin, Brian Ruddy, Subadhra Sridharan, Nidhi Thakur, Howard Wachtel, Jodi Wiseman and Raymond Wong, made statements in support of their candidacy. (The 9th candidate, Steve Taylor, was not available, but his statement was read by the Board Secretary.)

The Board selected Farashuddin for his continuing interest in serving on the Board of Education, and his balanced approach and emphasis on collaboration. Farashuddin has two children, one currently at the High School. He is a Senior Vice President in the Insurance Services Office for Verisk, Inc. in Jersey City. In his letter of interest, he shared his “proven track record of inspiring a broad set of stakeholders to rally around a common cause.”

Board members thanked all of the candidates for their interest in serving the students and residents of our community. Each Board member commented on the talented pool of candidates who stepped forward, and said they represented an “embarrassment of riches.” Board President, Louie Shen, said, “Any candidate selected would be a welcome addition to the Board, and I encourage all of them to continue volunteering and working towards providing the best education and environment for our children.

In looking forward to his work with the Board Mr. Farashuddin said, “Millburn School District delivers a miracle to our community every year.



*(above) Asaf Farashuddin was sworn in at the Board of Education meeting held on September 18, and he will serve as a member of the Board of Education from September 18, 2023 through December 31, 2024.*

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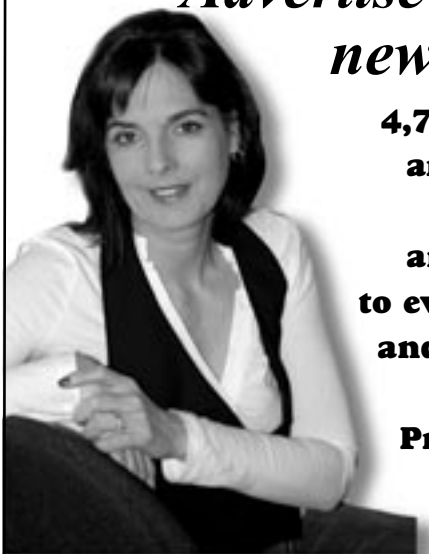
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On Thursday, October 19th from 6:30-8:00 p.m. Imagine, A Center for Coping with Loss will offer a Bullies to Buddies workshop at their Mountainside center at 244 Sheffield Street in Mountainside. There is no cost for this program. Children and youth, third grade and older are welcome to attend along with adults who wish to help the children in their lives gain skills for responding to bullying behavior. Young people attending will have an opportunity to role play techniques taught throughout the session.

Bullying is a challenge for many students, but children and youth who are grieving are more likely to be bullied or become bullies. The Bullies to Buddies method fosters resilience by showing how to respond to verbal aggression. Children from 3rd grade and up, parents, school staff members and any interested community members are welcome to attend whether or not they have been recently impacted by a loss.

The training will be offered by Connie Palmer, LCSW who is a Grief Education

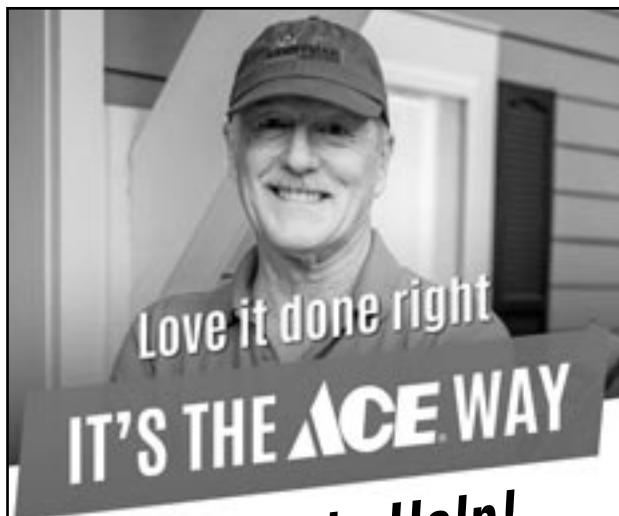
Consultant for Imagine. Connie is a former school social worker, therapist and is a Certified Bullies to Buddies Trainer.

If you and/or your kids are interested in attending, please register by scanning the QR code below or visiting Imagine's website at [imagineinnj.org](http://imagineinnj.org). Pizza dinner is available prior to the workshop at 6:15 p.m. Please indicate your interest in coming early for pizza when you register. We hope you can join us at Imagine for this timely and beneficial workshop!

Imagine is a 501c3 nonprofit that offers free year-round grief support groups for children ages 3-18 and young adults 19-30 who are coping with a loss due to death. Concurrently, support groups are available for the parents and guardians of the children in the groups and offered in English and Spanish. Imagine also offers grief and loss education and training to the community. For more information please contact Imagine at 908-264-3100 or [info@imagineinnj.org](mailto:info@imagineinnj.org).



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St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Millburn hosted twenty campers at its 11th annual Drumming Camp on August 21-25. The week's activities included drumming, singing, dancing, arts and crafts, playing games, making and eating s'mores, and getting soaked with water balloons! The theme of the program and the week, "Seeds of Change - Together," was based on a book about Dr. Wangari Maathai, a woman from the Kikuyu people of Kenya who became a well-respected scientist and leader for environmental justice. Dozens of family members, parishioners, and friends gathered for the campers' closing program on Friday, which was led by Côte

d'Ivoire native Yah'Ya Kamate. After enjoying a cookout together with their families, each child carried home a backpack stuffed with school supplies, a shopping bag filled with snacks, and their craft creations from the week. And, as they have every year, campers left knowing that they can make a positive difference in their communities and the world. When asked by a staff person, "What's one thing you can do to make our world a better place?", Cindy, a returning camper responded, "We can volunteer and help somebody who needs help." And Shakinah, who was a former camper and volunteered this year, talked about entering

college in the fall, with a goal of one day starting a non-profit organization to provide healthy and nutritious food to those in need.

The 5-day camp experience is led by a core staff of experienced teachers and counselors, as well as an array of volunteers from the parish and surrounding area who assist in a variety of ways, including preparing and serving snacks, dinners purchased at local restaurants – Oscar's Deli, La Strada Restaurant, and Vinnie's Pizza – and dessert each day. Two of the counselors who worked with the children this year were themselves former campers from years past.

The camp was established in 2013 in partnership with the Diocese of Newark Prison Ministry, which advocates for restorative justice, interfaith programs, and personal healing for prisoners, their families, and communities. This year it was expanded to include the children of refugee families sponsored by two Episcopal parishes. The camp is free for all participants and is funded by charitable contributions from friends, parishioners, and the St. Stephen's of Kansas Charitable Trust.

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church is located at 119 Main Street, Millburn, NJ. For more information about St. Stephen's Drumming Camp and other ministries at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, you can visit the St. Stephen's website at [ststephensmillburn.org](http://ststephensmillburn.org).

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18 Quaker Rd	4	3.2	2	\$1,825,000	\$2,025,000	7
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