

WEST DEPTFORD SCHOOLS

The Valedictorian for the Class of 2019 is Jonas Cameron. As a student at WDHS, Jonas pursued a rigorous Honors/Advanced Placement program. He has been enrolled in 9 Honors courses and 9 Advanced Placement courses and has a 107.24 GPA. As a result of his strong work ethic, he has been selected to our National Honor Society and was chosen to go to the American Legion Jersey Boys' State. Last summer he was selected to attend the prestigious New Jersey Governor's School in the Sciences. Jonas has achieved Principal's List and has earned many other awards and recognitions throughout most of his high school career.

In addition to his excellence in the classroom, Jonas has been a member of our Key Club, Gifted and Talented, Physics Olympics and our Academic Challenge Club. Jonas has been an integral part of the success within our music department, receiving Student of the Month in Fine

Arts as well as successfully auditioning and being accepted into the All-South Jersey Symphonic Band and Orchestra. Additionally, Jonas participated in the National Academy of Future Science and Technology Leaders Congress. Jonas has been an active member of his church, volunteering throughout high school in countless volunteer activities. His friendly, outgoing and altruistic manner has earned Jonas the respect and admiration of our entire faculty and student body. Jonas is a young man who has truly been an exceptional role model for our school. His contributions and achievements are wonderful testaments to his outstanding character and have made a lasting impression at West Deptford High School.

In the fall, Jonas plans to attend MIT (Massachusetts Institute of Technology), exploring his interest in the field of Mechanical Engineering.

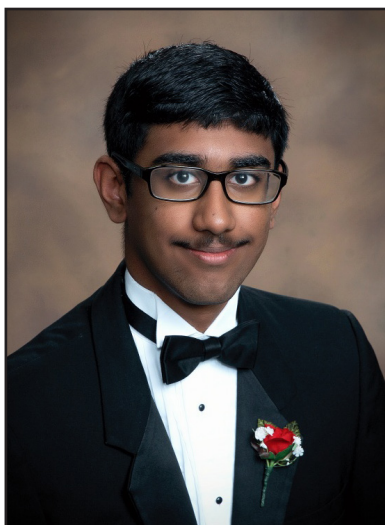
CLASS OF 2019 VALEDICTORIAN



Jonas Cameron



CLASS OF 2019 SALUTATORIAN



Sreeram Mandava

The Salutatorian for the Class of 2019 is Sreeram Mandava. As a student at WDHS, Sreeram pursued a rigorous Honors/Advanced Placement program. He has been enrolled in 10 Honors courses and 8 Advanced Placement courses and has a 106.62 GPA. As a result of his determination to challenge himself and his motivation to succeed, Sreeram has earned induction into West Deptford High School's Chapter of National Honor Society, World Language Honor Society, and has earned many other awards and recognitions.

Sreeram participated in a comprehensive and strenuous array of activities. He has been an active member of the Key Club, Academic Challenge, Renaissance Club, Gifted and Talented and the Physics Olympics. Outside of school, Sreeram was a member of the Junior Statesmen of America, a political debate club.

In addition, for the past three summers, he attended the SMART program at Rutgers University where he was not only a participant but also acted as a leader in group projects relating to research in biology. In Sreeram's free time, he worked at Kumon Math and Reading Center.

In the fall, Sreeram will be attending Rutgers University and majoring in Electrical and Computer Engineering.



West Deptford High School Class of 2019

SCHOLASTIC HONORS TOP 10% AWARDS

In Class Rank Order

Cameron, Jonas Nathaniel
Mandava, Sreeram
Stauffer, Juliana Elisabeth
Brady, Lily Ruth
Spector, Brian Walter
Van Fossen, Kelly Lynn
Bathurst, Rachel Rose

Policella, Natalie Amber
Gulisano, Alexis Concetta
Cairns, Justin Michael
Fabrigas, Onaizah Pan-Oy
Naphys, Kaitlyn Regina
Vitale, Jesse Steven
Filippone, Genevieve Christine
Fidell, Lillian R

Corsetti, Deanna Maria
Lim, Kenneth Seungju
Seas, Raymond
Masino, Anthony Joseph
Friel, Gabrielle Marie
Conaway, Mackenzie Kathryn
Ianniello, Bridgette Summer

CLASS OF 2019 FUTURE PLANS



Tyler Francis AbruscatoRowan College at Gloucester County:
Law Enforcement

Haven Lee AllenRowan College at Gloucester County:
Education

Shakira Marie Amaro Colon.....Rowan College at Gloucester County:
Equine Science; Pre-Veterinary Medicine Option

Brianna Lynn AndersonRowan College at Gloucester County:
Education

Jagger Duff AngelastroRowan College at Gloucester County:
Business Administration

Grace Sophia ArseneauRowan University:
Business; Marketing

Jazmyn Emily ArtuzRowan College at Gloucester County:
Arts & Sciences; Psychology Option

Cory Christopher BaileyEmployment

Brendan John Bainbridge Rutgers University, Camden:
Undeclared

Theresa M. BakerRowan College at Gloucester County:
Liberal Arts

William BargerEmployment

Rachel Rose BathurstDrexel University:
Marketing

Grace Elizabeth Becker Rutgers University, Camden:
Child Studies

Jeremy Abel Bello.....Rowan College at Gloucester County:
Liberal Arts

Kiera Eleanor BennettRowan College at Gloucester County:
Biology

Arissa Monte BeyRowan University:
Biochemistry

Samantha Lisa BickingRowan College at Gloucester County:
Arts & Sciences; Psychology Option

Kate Scarlett BilodeauRowan College at Gloucester County:
Pre-Nursing

Hailey Nicole BirneyRowan University:
Early Childhood Education

Madison Ann Blanchard.....Rowan College at Gloucester County:
Pre-Nursing

Lily Ruth Brady Rutgers University, Camden:
Biology

Branell Brian Brown.....Rowan College at Gloucester County:
Computer Science

Christopher Paul Budd.....Kutztown University:
Accounting

Amy Michelle BuscemiEmployment

Justin Michael CairnsRowan College at Gloucester County:
Environmental Science

Jonas Nathaniel Cameron ... Massachusetts Institute of Technology:
Mechanical Engineering

Jason Thor Campbell.....Rowan College at Gloucester County:
Criminal Justice

Victoria Rae Campo..... Gloucester County Special Services School
District: Bankbridge Career Center

Aidan Andrew CarrFairleigh Dickinson University, Florham:
Accounting

Jon Derek Carr.....Rowan College at Gloucester County:
Biology

Jalinette Casablanca-Perez ...Rowan College at Gloucester County:
Arts & Sciences; Psychology Option

Krislyn Lauren CassidyRowan College at Gloucester County:
Education

Xavier Francisco Castro Undecided

Cameron James Cervantes....Rowan College at Gloucester County:
Liberal Arts

Jamie Ann Cesaro Cabrini College:
Elementary Education

Lynzie Janae ChampionP B Cosmetology Education Center:
Cosmetology

Mason Charles Chaput.....Rowan College at Gloucester County:
Automotive Technology

Matthew Scott Charboneau ..Rowan College at Gloucester County:
Engineering Science

Jessica Lee Chiomento.....Rowan College at Gloucester County:
Education

Luke Gaetano ColellaRowan College at Gloucester County:
Business Administration

Jason A. Collier University of Pittsburgh:
Civil Engineering

Mackenzie Kathryn ConawayMontclair State University:
Music Therapy

Christopher Cori United States Marine Corps

Deanna Maria Corsetti University of Delaware:
Criminal Justice

Emily Marie DavisRowan College at Gloucester County: Criminal Justice	Nickolas Robert Granville Employment
Michayla Kathleen Dayoc-BriggsCamden County Community College: Arts & Sciences; Biology Option	Nicholas Pasquale GrassiaRowan College at Gloucester County: Education
Ian Gill Della CioppaUndecided	Vincent James Gray Undecided
Patrick Colin DeMareo Rutgers University, Camden: Business	Michelle Francis GroverRowan College at Gloucester County: Liberal Arts
Kevin Allen Demarest East Stroudsburg University: Athletic Training	Alexis Concetta Gulisano Neumann University: Nursing
Kody Paul DeuterRowan College at Gloucester County: Engineering Science	Madelyn Elise Guzzetti St. John’s University: Marketing
Dawson DickmanCollege of Southern Maryland: Sports Management	Justin Michael HahnImmaculata University: Business Management
Jason Dorrell Diggs Gloucester County Institute of Technology: Automotive Technologies	Frank John Harrold United States Air Force
Michael John DiRienzo Arcadia University: Forensic Science	Joseph Robert Hartman Undecided
Daniel Patrick DobbinsRowan College at Gloucester County: Computer Graphic Arts; Print Design Option	Charles James Heineman Rowan University: Radio, Television & Film
William Matthew DobbinsRowan College at Gloucester County: Computer Science	Angelena Nicole HenissRowan College at Gloucester County: Marine Biology
Ian Cody EndRowan College at Gloucester County: Computer Science	Abigail Rose HicksWest Chester University: Education
Onaizah Pan-Oy FabrigasRowan College at Gloucester County: Computer Graphic Arts: Game/Interactive Design	Matthew John HiresRowan College at Gloucester County: Arts & Sciences; Psychology Option
Brian Thomas FahyRowan College at Gloucester County: Business Administration	Melissa Joan Hires Kean University: Psychology
Taylor Caitlyn FanslauRowan College at Gloucester County: Pre-Nursing	Hayden Aaron Holmes Undecided
Alexandria Dominique FaralliRowan College at Gloucester County: Arts & Sciences; Communication Option	Alli Irene HornRowan College at Gloucester County: Education
Angela Victoria FelicianoRowan College at Gloucester County: Health Science	Matthew James Howard Rowan University: Undeclared
Madison Lee Fenuto Monmouth University: Biology	Taylor Joseph Hoyt Widener University: Pre-Physical Therapy
Lillian Rose FidellRowan College at Gloucester County: Computer Science	Hannah Elizabeth HunterRowan College at Gloucester County: Arts & Sciences; Digital Photography Option
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Genevieve Christine Filippone Montclair State University: Fashion Studies	Justin Hutchinson Neumann University: Biology
Jacob Thomas Finger Camden County College: Automotive Technology	Mariah Lee Hyndman Undecided
Gabriel Robert FinocchiMisercordia University: Business Administration	Bridgette Summer Ianniello Rowan University: Biochemistry
Corey W. FischerRowan College at Gloucester County: Criminal Justice	Bobbie JaremaRowan College at Gloucester County: Equine Science; Pre-Veterinary Medicine Option
Ryan William Fishman Employment	Sarah Christine Jenne Rutgers University, Camden: Biology
Catelyn Marie Fowler Camden County Community College: Social Services	James Demetrius Jennings Employment
Carson David FrameRowan College at Gloucester County: Criminal Justice	Raheem Shawn Johnson Employment
Victoria Paige FrantzenRowan College at Gloucester County: Liberal Arts	Dylan John-Donner Jones Employment
Gabrielle Marie FrielRowan College at Gloucester County: Equine Science; Pre-Veterinary Medicine Option	Pearce Joseph Jones Employment
Robert Lee Frisby Employment	Danielle Alexis KearsRowan College at Gloucester County: Arts & Sciences; Radio, Television and Film Option
Vittoria Ashley GambinoRowan College at Burlington County: Fashion Design	Jordan Jordan KellyRowan College at Gloucester County: Business Administration
Christian Daniel GazelleUniversity of Colorado, Boulder: Electrical Engineering	Shane Patrick KellyRowan College at Gloucester County: Equine Science; Pre-Veterinary Medicine Option
Riley Kathleen Goggin Kutztown University: Special Education	Thomas John KellyNew Jersey Institute of Technology: Electrical Engineering
	Jeffrey Patrick KenneyRowan College at Gloucester County: Digital Marketing
	Jacquelyn Danielle KephartRutgers University, Newark: Education
	Ryan Thomas KerriganRowan College at Gloucester County: Liberal Arts

William Charles KimmeyRowan College at Gloucester County: Arts & Sciences; Digital Photography Option	Kaitlyn Regina NaphysPennsylvania State University, University Park: Undeclared
Christine Elizabeth KirkRowan College at Gloucester County: Liberal Arts	Natalie Ann NoltaRowan College at Gloucester County: Criminal Justice
Camryn Alyssa KupseyRowan College at Gloucester County: Liberal Arts	Merissa Erika O'NeillRowan College at Gloucester County: Equine Science; Pre-Veterinary Medicine Option
Destiny Marie Laboy DeshieldsRowan College at Gloucester County: Pre-Nursing	Cihat OcakRowan College at Gloucester County: Liberal Arts
Quamere Andre Harold LamourRowan College at Gloucester County: Arts and Sciences; Radio, Television and Film Option	Gabrielle Marie OlimpoRowan College at Gloucester County: Education
Kaleigh Nicole LangeElizabethtown College: Environmental Engineering	Courtney Elizabeth Olsen Undecided
Brandon Edward LeddickRowan College at Gloucester County: Business Administration	Zyhir Zaki John OveidaRowan College at Gloucester County: Liberal Arts
Katherine Elizabeth Lee Widener University: Nursing	William J. OwenRowan College at Gloucester County: Business Administration
Shane Michael LepofskyRowan College at Gloucester County: Engineering Science	Jacob Robert Paratore Rowan University: Computer Science
Kevin Patrick LevengoodRowan College at Gloucester County: Pre-Nursing	Bryan Matthew Perri Employment
Jessica Victoria Levy Gloucester County Special Services School District: Bankbridge Career Center	Maxwell Jacob PhillipsRowan College at Gloucester County: Business Administration
Kenneth Seungju LimPrinceton University: Civil and Environmental Engineering	Savon Anthony Phillips-Archie Employment
Tyler William LopezRowan College at Gloucester County: Criminal Justice	Vincent Joseph Pierce Thomas Jefferson University: Landscape Architecture
Dylan I. LucasRowan College at Gloucester County: Criminal Justice	Natalie Amber Policella Rowan University: Biological Science
Casie Ann Madrack Rutgers University, Camden: Biology	Courtney Gail Poupard Rowan University: Undeclared
Elijah MalloyUndecided	Patrick Michael PressRowan College at Gloucester County: Business Administration
Sreeram MandavaRutgers University, New Brunswick: Electrical and Computer Engineering	Camryn Nikya Pulley Stockton University: Psychology
Hunter John MarpleUndecided	Andrew Pyle Employment
Aryana Jeanae MarquezRowan University: Biochemistry	Manuel Antonio Quinones United States Marine Corps
Anthony Joseph MasinoDrexel University: Biomedical Engineering	Antoinette Frances RasoRowan College at Gloucester County: Environmental Science
Lily Rose MaskaRowan College at Gloucester County: Education	Jared Christopher RayRowan College at Gloucester County: Liberal Arts
Miranda Nicole MasonRowan University: Law and Justice Studies	Joseph Charles Redrow United States Marine Corps
Megan Elizabeth McCafferyStockton University: Exercise Science	Deena Marie ReeseP B Cosmetology Education Center: Cosmetology
Trevor J. McDonald Employment	Hailey Marie ReichartRowan College at Gloucester County: Liberal Arts
Zachary Thomas McGuireUndecided	Regina Rae RiessRowan College at Gloucester County: Liberal Arts
Tyler Thomas Meitzler Rutgers University, Camden: Health Sciences	Diamond Marie RodriguezRowan College at Gloucester County: Paralegal
Roberto Enrique MelecioUndecided	Gabrielle Marie Rue Employment
Jason Howard MellohuskyUndecided	Alekzander Jozef Ruszkai Neumann University: Psychology
Nia Kee-Lin MercerRowan College at Gloucester County: Liberal Arts	Souleymane SallRowan College at Gloucester County: Computer Science
Robert Xavier MetzRutgers University, New Brunswick: Marine Biology	Donovan Jordan Santana-Stone Rutgers University, Camden: Biology
Matthew MilesRowan College at Gloucester County: Education	Ryan Warren Sawyer Thomas Jefferson University: Management
Luca Marcello Mingrino Rutgers University, Camden: Marketing	Makey Sawyer-Smith United States Air Force
Scott Joseph MonahanRowan College at Gloucester County: Business Administration	Andrew J. Schrader Rutgers University, Camden: Psychology
Jack William Murphy Rutgers University, Camden: Finance	William Thomas Schramm Employment
	Gabriella Alexis SchultzRowan College at Gloucester County: Education
	Raymond C. Seas University of South Carolina: Computer Science/Computer Engineering

Brandon Anthony Serano United States Marine Corps
Joshua Donald ShafferRochester Institute of Technology:
 Computer Science
Madelyn Marie ShiversRowan College at Gloucester County:
 Education
James Louis SimpkinsRowan College at Gloucester County:
 Arts & Sciences; Criminal Justice Option
Michael SkartadosUndecided
Benjamin David SmithRowan University:
 Management
Jaden Julia SnyderRowan College at Gloucester County:
 Criminal Justice
Joshua Isaac SnyderRowan College at Gloucester County:
 Liberal Arts
Giuseppe Paolo SparacioRowan College at Gloucester County:
 Business Administration
Brian Walter SpectorStevens Institute of Technology:
 Quantitative Finance
Madison Leigh Staszak Employment
Juliana Elisabeth StaufferRutgers University, New Brunswick:
 Environmental Sciences
Madison Haley StempleRowan College at Gloucester County:
 Arts & Sciences; Social Work Option
Lucas Christopher StengelUndecided
Devin Catherine Sullivan Thomas Jefferson University:
 Undeclared
Leigh Marie SwietanskiRowan College at Gloucester County:
 Education
Jasmine TamousWidener University:
 Biomedical Engineering
Wyatt Joseph TaylorRowan University:
 Exploratory Studies
Joseph Keith TitanoRowan College at Gloucester County:
 Biology

Briana Luvenia Tolbert-Fitzgerald Rowan University:
 Music Industry
Joseph Donald Tulk-Mizner ..Rowan College at Gloucester County:
 Education
Kelly Lynn Van FossenRowan College at Gloucester County:
 Business Administration
Alejandra Cristina Vega Toledo Employment
Macey Nicole Vidas Rutgers University, Camden:
 Health Science
Jesse Steven VitaleRowan College at Gloucester County:
 Health Science
Anthony Joseph VodopijaRowan College at Gloucester County:
 Liberal Arts
Dylan Robert Wakeley Rutgers University, Camden:
 Undeclared
Sunny Noel Walters The University of Tampa:
 Criminology and Criminal Justice
Kyaira Ayaana WatfordRowan College at Gloucester County:
 Business Administration
Emily Jordan WeberRowan College at Gloucester County:
 Marine Science
Brian Vincent WeisserRowan College at Gloucester County:
 Computer Science
Breanna Nicole WhiteRowan College at Gloucester County:
 Education
Matthew Quinn Wilson McDaniel College:
 Kinesiology
Anna Leigh Wright The College of New Jersey:
 Health and Exercise Science
Gabriella Lois YoungRowan College at Gloucester County:
 Pre-Nursing
Nehemiah Mekhi YoungRowan College at Gloucester County:
 Equine Science; Pre-Veterinary Medicine Option

WDMS Earns Promising Practice Award

West Deptford Middle School is honored and proud to be a 2019 recipient of the Promising Practice Award selected by Character.org! The Promising Practices are awarded to schools across the nation that have successfully implemented a unique character practice that aligns with one or more of the Character.org's 11 Principles of Character Education. WDMS specifically focused on Principle 2 (the school defines character comprehensively to include thinking, feeling and doing) and Principle 4 (the school creates a caring community). Our goals are to educate and empower young individuals to be conscientious, engaged and compassionate citizens.

WDMS STUDENT COUNCIL IS HOSTING PAJAMAS FOR HUNGER

WHEN: Tuesday, February 19, 2019

HOW TO HELP: Donate a new box of cereal or oatmeal and wear your PAJAMAS on 2/19 to show your support!

WHAT TO DONATE: New, unopened boxes of cereal, oatmeal, and/or instant noodle soup. All donations will be accepted. All donations will help feed children and adults of all ages.

WHO DOES IT HELP: The South Jersey Dream Center assists local families with food, clothing, training and more. Donations will be given to South Jersey Dream Center.

OUR GOAL: For each student and staff member to bring in at least ONE unexpired item. If we reach our goal, we will have over 1000 items to donate to the South Jersey Dream Center!

DID YOU KNOW THAT...

- 1 in 9 NJ residents are struggling with hunger every day.
- The number of students receiving free or reduced breakfast at school is up 73% to almost 300,000 students statewide.
- Senior citizens and young children are particularly vulnerable to hunger.
- Almost 900,000 people statewide rely on food banks.

WDMS STUDENT COUNCIL IS HOSTING PAJAMAS FOR HUNGER

On sale during homeroom
March 25th- 29th

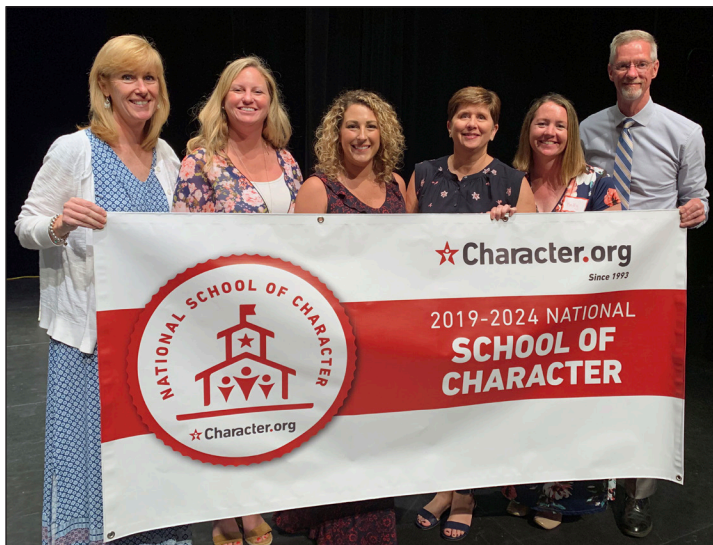
Wear your Bandana on
March 29th, 2019!

Banding Together for a Brighter Future
 To Benefit Teens with Cancer & Other
 Life-Threatening Illnesses

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Through the efforts of our WDMS students, staff and families, we continue to foster a caring community through various projects and activities. Over this past school year, WDMS was involved in several local and national charitable initiatives such as the Alicia Rose Victorious Foundation, Pajamas for Hunger, Wounded Warriors, Jeans for Troops, Thanksgiving Food Donations and Operation Blessing. WDMS staff and students work together to build relationships within our community. Throughout this year, students spent time with residents of the Shepherd's Farm Senior Center, as well as visited Red Bank Elementary School to assist with their carnival. Through such actions, our students continue to build on their character, core values and continuously grow as individuals. By working together, we instill a sense of purpose and unity among our students, staff and families. Keep up the great work WDMS, we are so proud!

Green-Fields Named as National School of Character



Character.org is proud to announce that Green-Fields Elementary School has been named a 2019 National School of Character.

Washington, D.C. (May 10, 2019) — Character.org, a national advocate and leader for character in communities including schools, families, workplaces and sports, today designated 88 schools and 3 districts in 24 states as National Schools of Character, as well as 1 school as a China School of Character for 2019. Since Character.org's School of Character program's inception, the process has impacted nearly 3 million students, staff, parents and other community members. Each year, Character.org certifies schools and districts at the state and national level that demonstrate a dedicated focus on character development, which has a positive effect on academic achievement, student behavior and school climate. Schools and districts announced today are joining the ranks of Character.org's highest distinction – National Schools of Character. “We

are pleased to announce the 2019 National Schools and Districts of Character today,” said Doug Karr, Character.org's President & CEO. “These schools' representatives, including educators, parents and students, are working together to create stronger communities focused on character. We are honored to validate their efforts and continue coaching them along their journeys.”

Green-Fields has made a conscious and deliberate effort over the years to emphasize quality character through specific daily practices and routines. Criteria for the designations are based on Character.org's 11 Principles of Effective Character Education, which includes providing students with opportunities for moral action, fostering shared leadership and engaging families and communities as partners in character-building efforts. “You can feel the positive climate in these schools the minute you walk through the door. The students, staff and community are respectful and care about each other, and the academic scores improve,” states Nina Kemps, New Jersey Schools of Character Coordinator.

The Green-Fields Character and Climate Committee is made up of a combination of teachers, parents, administrators, and our Guidance Counselor. The members for this year include Guidance Counselor, Kelly Hansbury, teachers Kim Dupper, Jodi Purvenas, Lauren Uzdavinis and Jill Schwantes, parent Joanne Kintzing, and building Principal, Mr. Corbitt. Many hours of preparation and discussion went into the application process and the committee should be commended for their efforts on behalf of Green-Fields School. This team will also attend the National Character Forum in Washington, DC in late October where Green-Fields will be honored for this achievement.

Congratulations once again to the staff and students of Green-Fields Elementary School for their hard work and commitment to quality character through their words, acts of kindness and daily practices.

Little Free Libraries...Take a Book & Share a Book

We are excited to announce the new addition of Little Free Libraries at both Oakview and Red Bank Schools. Thanks to the generous donation from our community partners at the Woodbury Breakfast Notary Club, we were able to purchase these awesome mailboxes to be installed outside both schools.

Little Free Library is a nonprofit organization that inspires a love of reading, builds community and sparks creativity by fostering neighborhood book exchanges around the world. Through Little Free Libraries, millions of books are exchanged each year, profoundly increasing access to books for readers of all ages and backgrounds. Little Free Libraries play an essential role by providing 24/7 access to books and encouraging a love of reading!

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On Tuesday, June 4, 2019, we had an official ribbon cutting ceremony to open our library and get students excited about this new opportunity! Thanks to our literacy coaches Mrs. Cirone and Mrs. Zlatkin, as well as support from our Central Office Administration and members of the Rotary Club, for supporting this great cause. Our Kindergarten students loved being able to fill the mailbox with books and to be a part of this new initiative. In addition, we had a brief school-wide assembly to provide all students with knowledge of the Little Free Library organization and how the exchange of books process works. Most importantly, we wanted to motivate students to read and use our new library to have access to books every day, especially over the summer! Here is how our Little Free Library works:

1. TAKE BOOKS: If you see something you would like to read, take it. When you are finished, share it with a friend, bring it back here, or leave it in another Little Free Library.

2. SHARE BOOKS: It is up to everyone to keep this library full of good reads! Bring books to share when you can, and continue being a friend of Little Free Libraries everywhere!

Please help us spread the word about West Deptford's new Little Free Libraries... Tell your family, neighbors and friends!

May: The Month of RB Field Trips

The end of the school year is always lots of fun. Summer is approaching and the students begin the daily countdown to sun and fun. One thing that made this time of year even more exciting for our students was that May was going to be the month of field trips.

This year the Red Bank Literacy Coaches wanted to celebrate the tremendous progress being made by their students. They came up with a great idea. After reaching out to the West Deptford Public Library, they arranged a morning visit and tour. The students explored all the different resources provided, enjoyed a read aloud by the children's librarian, and received a souvenir goody bag. The best news of all was hearing how many of those students rushed home and asked parents to take them to the library for their very own library card.

Next up, a trip to Washington Township Theater Works to see Charlotte's Web on stage for all 2nd graders. Since the teachers used this classic story as a read aloud, it was exciting to experience the students' excitement as they watched it come alive on stage.

Kindergarten enjoyed a morning that sparked their curiosity and creativity while visiting the Garden State Discovery Museum. Having the chance to spend time and play with all their Kindergarten friends made the day even more special.

This year, the 2nd graders went on an exploration of nature at Scotland Run Nature Preserve. To guarantee all students

had the opportunity to benefit from the hands-on nature of the trip, second grade was broken into two smaller groups and went on two separate days. A nature hike, the science center and lake study were all part of the adventure. There were frogs, dragonflies, geese and snakes a plenty...yes, snakes! Students fished for tadpoles and reached in the water for snails. This field trip aligned perfectly to our science curriculum, habitats.

Speaking of habitats, our first PreK class visited PAWS nature farm. Our youngest learners had the opportunity to observe a butterfly farm, pet some farm animals, and pick their own strawberries. You know it is a great imagination day when one of the little ones told us he saw a gorilla! There is nothing like the true innocence and wonder of our youngest learners.

In addition to the amazing experiences gained from these out of school adventures, students also participated in a very successful field day. Ms. English organized a day of fun games, teamwork and laughter. This year's theme was Passport Around the World. Not only did the students engage in great team-building activities, Ms. English exposed them to music from the different countries as well. Of course, Mexico and Japan were the favorite countries because they included water!

The end of the school year is always bittersweet, but our Red Bank students will be jumping into summer with so many wonderful memories and an abundance of new friendships.



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Eagle Educational Foundation

The West Deptford School District is pleased to announce the formation of the Eagle Educational Foundation.

The Eagle Educational Foundation (EEF) is non-profit organization used to augment or supplement the existing West Deptford school system curriculum. The EEF will help enhance the educational experience in the West Deptford school system, while broadening community support of our public schools. The Foundation has its roots going back several years, but was formally registered in 2018.

This 501(c)(3) non-profit is part Endowment Fund and part Yearly Fund. Donations can be made to either account, or to both. The Endowment portion is a permanent, self-sustaining fund that will ensure continued excellence in our school system. Any disbursements from that fund will be transferred to the Yearly Fund on an annual basis. Separately, Yearly Fund donations will be distributed each calendar year, as determined through the Foundation by-laws.

The Eagle Educational Foundation is made possible through donations and fundraising from the community. Your tax-deductible donations are invested in programs that educate, enrich and inspire our kids. What is good for our kids is also good for our community. If you have interest in becoming involved as a Trustee or Officer please contact bkgotchel@verizon.net or visit us at our website at <https://www.eagleeducationfoundation.com/>.

