



WEST DEPTFORD SCHOOLS

The Valedictorian for the West Deptford Class of 2017 is Ryan Zuzulock. Ryan is a remarkable young man who displays intellectual curiosity, leadership, and integrity. During his four years, he pursued our most rigorous academic program by enrolling in 20 Honors and Advanced Placement courses. His impressive grade point average of 108.11 demonstrates Ryan's love for learning and academic commitment. As a result of his hard work and dedication, Ryan was chosen to attend the reputable New Jersey Boys State program and was selected as Channel 6's "Best of the Class" from West Deptford. In addition, he was inducted into the West Deptford High School National Honor Society, as well as the National Art Honor Society and World Languages Honor Society.

Ryan has many amazing qualities, but one that stands out in particular is leadership. While managing to be extremely successful academically, he

also held various high-ranking positions in many of our extra-curricular activities. He was President of Student Council, Vice President of DECA, and Treasurer for the Class of 2017. Through DECA, he earned numerous 1st and 2nd place awards at the State and Regional levels and qualified this year for the National DECA competition. His involvement in athletics includes Cross Country, Winter and Spring Track, Soccer, and Tennis. His high energy and positivity allow him to remain committed to all that he does.

Ryan has a smile that is contagious and a sense of humor that can brighten anyone's day. He is personable, caring, and a friend to those in need - an inspiration and role model to those who have the pleasure of knowing him.

In the fall, Ryan will attend the University of Southern California and will major in Computer Science. This outstanding young man is the true definition of a leader and we wish him success in his future endeavors.

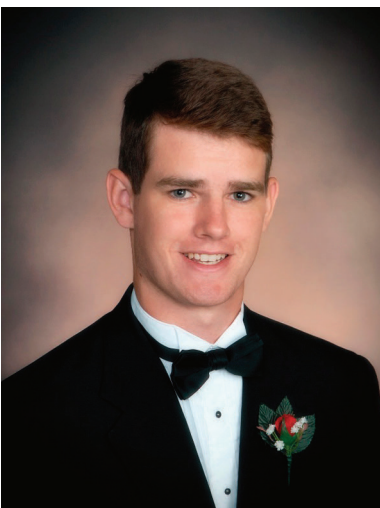
CLASS OF 2017 VALEDICTORIAN



Ryan Zuzulock



CLASS OF 2017 SALUTATORIAN



Ian Kruithof

The Salutatorian for the Class of 2017 is Ian Kruithof. Ian achieved this prestigious honor by his remarkable drive to succeed throughout his four years at West Deptford High School. He pursued one of the most rigorous academic programs, enrolling in nineteen Honors and Advanced Placement courses, earning a 107.05 grade point average. As a result of his outstanding academic performance, Ian was inducted into the West Deptford High School Chapter of the National Honor Society, the World Language Honor Society and the National Art Honor Society. In addition, Ian was selected as a delegate to attend the prestigious American Legion Jersey Boys State Program last summer held at Rider University.

Ian is a well-rounded individual, consistently earning A's in the High School's most difficult courses, while still finding time to participate in an array of activities in school and in the

community. As an athlete, Ian participated in soccer and basketball all four years and tennis for the past three years. He held leadership positions in each of these sports, often leading by example among his peers. In addition, he has been involved in DECA, Physics Olympics and Friends of Rachel where he assisted in various community events at the elementary schools. Ian fulfills his desire to help others by being an active participant in Clean Communities and Top Sports Baseball. In addition, he was a member of the West Deptford Leadership Council for fall sports which allowed Ian to participate in discussions on ways to improve the athletic programs. Ian's friendly demeanor, leadership ability and academic achievements have earned him the respect of his peers and faculty alike.

In the fall, Ian will attend Steven's Institute of Technology and will major in Engineering Physics. Congratulations to our Class of 2017 Salutatorian, Ian Kruithof.

West Deptford High School Class of 2017

SCHOLASTIC HONORS TOP 10% AWARDS

Ryan Philip Zuzulock
 Ian James Kruithof
 Brianna Marie Sanchez
 Tyler Patrick Barna
 Lori-Ann Johnson
 Samantha Lyn Spence
 Kyra Alexis D'Costa
 Isabelle Christine Nicholas

Gillian Raye Purvenas
 Abigail Shay Brous
 Jacob Dunne Jackson
 Aubrey Cris Gelisanga
 Ryan Christopher MacAdams
 JessicaAbdmessih
 Arina Maier
 Ethan Charles Todd

Alexia Nicolette Benson,
 Chan'tel Tania Fair
 Tyler Robert Stauffer
 Kathleen Lauren McLaney
 Sarah NicoleCabello
 Hannah EmilyKustera
 Ryan Nicholas Phifer

CLASS OF 2017 FUTURE PLANS



Jessica AbdmessihRutgers University - New Brunswick:
 Animal Sciences

Madison Diana Accardi Rowan College at Gloucester County:
 Education / History

William Acevedo.....Employment

Zachary Scott AhrensRowan College at Gloucester County:
 Engineering Science

Hailey Nicole Albinson Drexel University: Nursing

Lindsay M Allen Employment

Francesca G Amoriello.....Rutgers University - Camden:
 Marketing and Finance

Natalie Rose AsseltaSt. Joseph's University:
 Interdisciplinary Health Services

Ryan Joseph Baglivo.....Rowan College at Gloucester County:
 Law Enforcement

Tyler Patrick Barna Rutgers University - New Brunswick:
 Astrophysics

Trisha Elizabeth Baud West Chester University: Marketing

Gino BeneventoRowan College at Gloucester County:
 Undeclared

Madeline Loretta BennettRowan College
 at Gloucester County: Art and Sciences

Alexia Nicolette Benson..... University of Redlands:
 Music Composition

Kimberly Alexis Bergholz.....Rowan College
 at Gloucester County: Marine Science

Nina Kathryn BerryBerkeley College: Criminal Justice

Willow Allyse Bethke Stockton University: Criminal Justice

Amy Ann BiscogliaRowan College at Gloucester County:
 Pre-Nursing

Steven Richard BoboRowan College at Gloucester County:
 Education

Jackson Adelo BoisvertStockton University:
 Communication Studies

Jonathan Adam Brady Undeclared

Abigail Shay Brous Rowan University: Health and
 Exercise Science; Health Promotion and Wellness Management

Christopher William BrownUnited States Air Force

Richard Joseph Brown....Rowan College at Gloucester County:
 Business

Thomas Dalton BrownRowan College at Gloucester County:
 Arts and Sciences; History Option

Abigail Maria ByersRowan College at Gloucester County:
 Arts and Sciences; Psychology Option

Sarah Nicole Cabello..... Rutgers University - New Brunswick:
 Undeclared

Nina Marie Cafasso East Carolina University: Undeclared

Carson Tyler Calloway....Rowan College at Gloucester County:
 Computer Science

Jonell H CarterCamden County College: Arts and Sciences;
 Psychology Option

Emily Paige Champion ...Rowan College at Gloucester County:
 Art and Sciences; History Option

Ashlee Ann ChandoRutgers University - Camden: Nursing

Dale Edgar ChristmanUnited States Marine Corps

Allison Nicole Churchill Cedar Crest College: Biology

Jordan Paige Clark..... East Carolina University: Nursing

Ricky Michael Clark.....Rowan College at Gloucester County:
 Information Technology

Brandon Thomas Cleary Employment

Shatira C Clinton Virginia Union University: Social Work

Desmond Antonio Colon..... Undecided

Isael Cosme..... Employment

Brian Jacob Covely..... Employment

Sophia Ann CranmerPB Cosmetology Education Centre:
 Skin Care

Samantha Rae Curll Undecided

Matthew James Curran Employment

Anaya Janae Curtis Widener University: Biology

Sydney Nicole D'AngeloStockton University: Nursing

Kyra Alexis D'Costa University of Maryland: Nutrition and
 Food Science; Dietetics

Charles Frederick Dankel Undecided

Robert Tyler DannenhauerRowan College at
 Gloucester County: Automotive Technology

Brittany Lynn DeckerRowan College at
 Gloucester County: Arts and Sciences; Psychology Option

Justin Jeffrey DeLia.....Rowan College at Gloucester County:
 Undeclared

Connor Stephen DeMareo Rutgers University -
New Brunswick: Mechanical Engineering

James Valentino DePrince Undecided

Dylan Michael Di Fonzo ..Rowan College at Gloucester County:
Undeclared

Adriana Di NapoliRowan College at Gloucester County:
Undeclared

Olivia Patricia DiSimoneRowan College at
Gloucester County: Nursing

Anthony Edward DockeryRowan College at
Gloucester County: Business Administration

Ariel Taylor Dolan Undecided

Donald Joseph Dolbow Undecided

Lauren Elizabeth DolbowUnited States Air Force

August George DonahueRowan College at
Gloucester County: Marine Science

Quran Basile DozierMonroe College: Business;
Sports Management

Emily Rose EnglesStockton University: Health Sciences

Chan'tel Tania FairRowan College at Gloucester County:
Undeclared

Shayne Edward Fallon University of Scranton: Finance

Nicholas Robert Fennimore United States Navy

Abigail Jill Fenton Widener University: Nursing

Dennis Guido Feriozzi.....Rowan College at Gloucester County:
Undeclared

Maximillian Dante FinocchiHofstra University:
Computer Science

Dylan Thomas FischerRowan College at Gloucester County:
Pre-Nursing

Michael Patrick Flaherty Rowan College at Gloucester County:
Arts and Sciences; Communication Option

Justin Peter Foster Employment

Jacob Paul FranksUnited States Marine Corps

Ryan Michael FrielThe Career Center at GCIT

Joshlin Edward Gall ..Camden County College Career Institute:
Internet Technician

Ciara Sinead GallagherUniversity of New Haven:
Forensic Science

Laura Eileen GalloUniversity of Toronto: Political Science /
International Relations

Kyle Brennen Garrison College of Charleston: Undeclared

Christos Constantinos Gekas Wilmington University:
Undeclared

Aubrey Cris GelisangaRowan College at Gloucester County:
Health Sciences

Maddison Taylor GeorgaklisRowan College at
Gloucester County: Pre-Nursing

Alexandria Jayde Giglio..Rowan College at Gloucester County:
Accounting

Brianna Gilbert Employment

Brandon Taylor Gilliam ..Rowan College at Gloucester County:
Arts and Sciences; Communications (Radio, Television, Film)

Joseph John Giorgianni Employment

Giovanni Dominic Gismondi .. Widener University: Undeclared

Bailey Elizabeth Gotchel ...James Madison University: Biology

Travis Pierson Sockwell Hack.....Rowan College at
Gloucester County: Undeclared

Sydney Ann HaleyPennsylvania State University:
Undeclared

Melanie Jeanelle Harrison..... Widener University: Nursing

Avery Kenneth HennequantRowan College at
Gloucester County: Health Sciences

Noah Wayne HingleyRowan College at Gloucester County:
Undeclared

Christian Bryan Hoedt....Rowan College at Gloucester County:
Business Administration

Alexandra Nicole Hoffman Employment

Matthew Tyler Holcombe Undecided

Lauren Elizabeth Hulmes.....Pennsylvania State University:
Psychology

Elizabeth Ann Hutchinson Saint Joseph's University:
Undeclared

Julia Joke Imoobe.....Howard University: Biology

Danielle Maria Inverso ...Rowan College at Gloucester County:
Arts and Sciences; Psychology Option

Jacob Dunne Jackson..... Rowan University:
Mechanical Engineering

Kristina Marian JakubowskiHigh Point University:
Undeclared

DaNaya Lazarrie JamesRowan College at
Gloucester County: Arts and Sciences; English Option

Matthew Richard Jarosiewicz.....Rowan College at
Gloucester County: Undeclared

Daniel James Jefferson Pennco Tech: Electrician Training

Aariona JohnsonRutgers University - Camden:
Business Administration

Lori-Ann JohnsonThe College of New Jersey: Nursing

Kyle Andrew Jones Widener University: Accounting

Ramire Tyrone Johnson Undecided

Ronald Jones III.....Rowan College at Gloucester County:
Business

Ryan Michael JupinRowan College at Gloucester County:
Undeclared

Zachary Ryan KaminskiRowan College at
Gloucester County: Arts and Sciences; English Option

Julia Nicole KaneRowan College at Gloucester County:
Marketing and Management

John Michael Keegan..... Rowan University: Biology

Jamal Hyatt Keith ...Rowan College at Gloucester County: Law
Enforcement

Julian Noah KellyRowan College at Gloucester County:
Undeclared

Madison Nicole KellyRowan College at Gloucester County:
Undeclared

Nicholas Michael Kerr ... Seton Hall University: Diplomacy and
International Relations / Economics

Charles Aldaye KingRowan College at Gloucester County:
Computer Science

Ian James Kruithof.....Stevens Institute of Technology:
Engineering Physics

Hannah Emily Kustera ...Rowan College at Gloucester County:
Undeclared

Garrett Thomas LaMartina Widener University:
Environmental Science

Woo Seok Lee..... Rowan University: Electrical and
Computer Engineering

Madison Lee LentzRowan College at Gloucester County:
Arts and Sciences; Art Option

Christopher James Leporati.....Rowan College at Gloucester County: Arts and Sciences; Communications (Radio, Television, Film)

Gianna Elaine LoMonicoRowan College at Gloucester County: Education

Matthew David LongCamden County College: Emergency Medical Technician Training

Mark Gayed LukaRutgers University - Camden: Biology

Brandon Robert Lutz..... Employment

Nicholas Joseph LynchRowan University: Athletic Training

Ryan Christopher MacAdams Rowan University: Computer Science

James Robert MacMichaelStockton University: Health Sciences

Kyle Joseph MageeRowan College at Gloucester County: Business

John Francis Maguire Rowan University: Business Management

Arina MaierStockton University: Health Sciences

Gregg Taylor MarcellRowan College at Gloucester County: Undeclared

Adrian William Mason....Rowan College at Gloucester County: Health, Physical Education and Recreation

Rachel Nicole Matlosz..... Camden County College: Health and Wellness; Dental Hygiene

Antonio Matteo.....Employment

Ashley Raven-Tempest MayStockton University: Health Sciences

Allison Celeste McCormick Kutztown University of Pennsylvania: Biology

Dylan Thomas McDonald.....Rowan College at Gloucester County: Business Administration

Katelyn M McIlhennyRowan College at Gloucester County: Law Enforcement

Kathleen Lauren McLaney.....Stockton University: Health Sciences

Joseph John McMichael..Rowan College at Gloucester County: Computer Graphic Arts; Game/Interactive Design

Ryan Michael Mehaffey Rowan University: Finance

Carlie Rose MercadoRowan College at Gloucester County: Arts and Sciences; Art Option

Charles Edward Miles Jr United States Army

Alexander Stuart Misbah Rowan University: Law and Justice Studies

Shelby Ann Monaghan..Rutgers University - Camden: Business

Christian Graeme Murphy IVRowan College at Gloucester County: Criminal Justice

Connor Joseph MurtaughRowan College at Gloucester County: Arts and Sciences: Psychology Option

Ebrahim NasirRowan College at Gloucester County: Biology; Bioscience Technologies Option

Noel Eve NeceRowan College at Gloucester County: Arts anSciences; Social Work Option

Rebecca Lynne NeelySnow College: Automotive Technology

Isabelle Christine Nicholas James Madison University: Musical Theatre

Dustin Tyler NiebishRowan College at Gloucester County: Arts and Sciences; Criminal Justice Option

Nicholas John Novak West Virginia University: Biology

Michael Jeffery Oldt University of Delaware: Mathematics

Mary Rose Elizabeth Olimpo..... Rizzieri Aveda School: Cosmetology

Gavin Robert OrrRowan University: Athletic Training

Evan Edward PaceUnited States Coast Guard

Nicholas Paul PaleseRowan College at Gloucester County: Marketing and Management

Amanda Rose Patch..... St. Petersburg College: Psychology

Franklyn Joseph Pennell Employment

Jessica Lynn PerriRowan College at Gloucester County: Arts and Sciences; Psychology Option

Ryan Nicholas Phifer Rowan University: Math Education

Keirsten Renae Pickering..... ASI Career Institute: Medical Assisting

Keith Patrick Pisel..... Employment

Elijah T Pratt Undecided

Georgia Proffitt West Chester University: Kinesiology

Gillian Raye Purvenas University of Vermont: Business Administration

Justin Eric Roane..... Rutgers University - Camden: Business

Kenny Rodriguez Perez..... Camden County College: Automotive Technology

Christopher John RoetzRowan College at Gloucester County: Arts and Sciences; Music Option

Skylar Devin RonkettyRowan College at Gloucester County: Undeclared

Sabrina Jade Rychlicki ...Rowan College at Gloucester County: Biology

Jamie Rose SampsonRowan College at Gloucester County: Arts and Sciences

Brianna Marie Sanchez Rowan University: Biological Science

Ashleigh SandsRowan College at Gloucester County: Criminal Justice

Dominic Michael Santarelli Employment

Matthew Paul SauroRowan College at Gloucester County: Computer Graphic Arts; Game / Interactive Design

Christian Alexander Savin..... Employment

Michael A Schrader Gloucester County Institute of Technology: HVAC

Joseph Stephen SchrammRowan College at Gloucester County: Biology

Angelo Gerard ScoleriWest Chester University: Exercise Science

Anthony John Seas ... Rowan University: Business Management

Christopher Cameron Donald SeedsUnited States Marine Corps

Chloe Margaret Senatore Kean University: English; Writing Option

Hannah Dawn Shook Employment

Thomas Anthony Short ...Rowan College at Gloucester County: Health Sciences

Gabrielle T Sileo..... Kutztown University: Special Education; Visual Impairment

Jonathan Samuel SmithRowan College at Gloucester County: Automotive Technology; Ford Asset Program

Kyle Alexander Smith Stockton University: Criminal Justice

Matthew Ryan SmithRowan College at Gloucester County: Law Enforcement

Corinne Elizabeth Snyder	Neumann University: Nursing	Matthew T Velasquez	University of Delaware: Physics
Samantha Lyn Spence	Rutgers University - Camden: Nursing	Allison Marie Vergilio	Rowan College at Gloucester County: Pre-Nursing
Nicholas Anthony Squillace	Employment	Alexis Marie Vincente	Employment
Tyler Robert Stauffer	Rutgers University - New Brunswick: Exercise Science; Sports Management Option	Luke Richard Walsh	Rowan College at Gloucester County: Computer Graphics Arts; Print Design Option
Ashley Marie Storey	Undecided	Annette Wanjiku	The College of New Jersey: Biomedical Engineering
Savana Patricia Storms	Undecided	Ryan Patrick Ward	University of the Sciences: Physical Therapy
Morgan Elise Stroup	Employment	Christopher Phillip Watts	Rowan College at Gloucester County: Pre-Nursing
Michael Edward Sullivan .	Connecticut School of Broadcasting: Sports Broadcasting	Tyler Joseph Weckerly	Rowan College at Gloucester County: Emergency Medical Technician Training
ShayNell Nicholle Taylor	Rutgers University - Camden: Social Work	Ashley Bridget Weer	Employment
Sierra Nicole Taylor	Undecided	Amanda Diane White	Employment
Abdul-Azeem Taque Thomas	Employment	Christina Ann White	Rowan College at Gloucester County: Education
Zachary Harold Thomasson	Automotive Training Center: Automotive Technology	Brett Anthony Wicker	Rutgers University - New Brunswick: Finance
Caitlin Joan Thorson	Rowan College at Gloucester County: Arts and Sciences; Art Option	Andrew Daniel Wilden	University of Maryland: Undeclared
Spencer Joseph Tighe	Camden County College: Computer Science	Emily Elaine Willett	York College of Pennsylvania: Secondary Education; History
Lauren Nicole Tighe	Stockton University: Environmental Science	Lauren Ann Willett	Montclair State University: Sustainability Science
Ethan Charles Todd	University of Delaware: Biomedical Engineering	Elizabeth Eve Williams	Undecided
Sophia Lorraine Tosti	Rowan University: Biology	Francis Joseph Wilson IV	Undecided
Sean Andrew Urie	Pennco Tech: Automotive Technology	Mia Campbell Wilson	McDaniel College: Education
Rebecca Mae VanDorick	Rowan College at Gloucester County: Arts and Sciences	James Michael Young	Rowan College at Gloucester County: Biology
Dana Marie VanFossen	Rowan University: Biomedical Engineering	Ryan Philip Zuzulock	University of Southern California: Computer Science
Nyashia Renee Vazquez	Florida Southwestern State College: Undeclared		

Board of Education Appoints New Superintendent



The Board of Education, at their meeting held on June 12, 2017, appointed Mr. Steven Crispin as their new Superintendent of Schools. Mr. Crispin will replace Mr. Tom Schulte who has been serving as the District's Interim Superintendent for most of the 2016-2017 school year. It is anticipated that Mr. Crispin will begin his tenure as the West Deptford Superintendent of Schools starting on July 1st.

After graduating from Villanova University with a Bachelor of Arts degree, with a concentration in the areas of Math and Science, Mr. Crispin accepted a position at Glassboro High School (his high school alma mater) where he taught math for seven years. In addition to his teaching responsibilities, Mr. Crispin also coached multiple sports including basketball (State championship in 1981) baseball, football, soccer and track. While teaching at Glassboro High School, Mr. Crispin attended Rowan University (Glassboro State College) where he received his masters degree in secondary school administration.

Mr. Crispin accepted his first administrative position as

the School Business Administrator for the Barrington School District located in Camden County in 1987 and shortly thereafter was offered the position as School Business Administrator for the Clearview Regional High School District where he served for thirteen years. In 2001, Mr. Crispin was appointed Superintendent for the Mantua Township School District where he served for another thirteen years before moving to the Audubon School District where he currently is employed as their Superintendent of Schools. With close to 30 years as a central office administrator, Mr. Crispin brings a wealth of experience to the superintendency position.

On a personal level, Mr. Crispin resides in Pitman with his wife of 38 years, Sue, who is a retired middle school music teacher. They enjoy spending time with their four children and nine grandchildren. Mr. Crispin continues to coach basketball through various youth camps and clinics.

When asked to comment on his new position, Mr. Crispin stated, "I have always held the West Deptford School District in the highest regard and I consider it an honor and privilege to be appointed into this position. I look forward to collaborating with the Board of Education, staff and community as we work to enhance the wonderful educational opportunities offered to the students of West Deptford."

Oakview Values the Importance of Community

Despite being home to our District's youngest learners, Oakview students and staff realize the importance of involving the local community in the learning process. On numerous occasions throughout the school year, classrooms organized service-learning projects to support organizations and teach our students the value of giving back to others in need.

First grade classrooms led campaigns for Alex's Lemonade Stand, Caps for CURE, Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Angels of God Clothing Closet, Operation Blessing, Puppies and More, Repauno Preschool, and recycling. Kindergarten classes focused their efforts on Pennies for Patients for the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society. Preschool classes led snack box drives to raise money for charities and a canned goods drive to support the Emanuel Cancer Foundation. Pre-K students emphasized the importance of protecting the environment by picking up trash around the property, as well as working with the Gloucester County Nature Club to build bluebird houses. These students also organized care packages for local Armed Forces agencies. Finally, Mrs. Cobb arranged fundraisers for Jeans for Troops Days and Ms. English ran our annual Jump Rope for Heart event for the American Heart Association where students worked hard and participated in physical activities, raising almost \$8,000!



In addition to all of these awesome efforts,

Oakview also welcomed many community partners into our school to provide authentic learning experiences for students. Miss West Deptford, Rose Cairns, along with the West Deptford Junior Women's Club and 4H, volunteered to read to our students as a part of Read Across America. Gina Ciconte from Safe Haven at Keneva Farms in Mullica Hill, Ciconte's Italian Restaurant and Joe's Pizza sponsored our school-wide reading challenge. West Deptford Public Works led an interactive recycling magician assembly for Earth Day. The Sambulance Program conducted a special needs safety education presentation and the

NJ Department of Health led a dental and healthy living assembly. Lastly, our wonderful PTO arranged exciting, educational assemblies throughout the year including a prismatic laser light show that taught students about different ecosystems.

We are so proud of all these wonderful events and activities, which have helped create such a positive school culture and taught our students so many valuable life lessons. We are extremely thankful for the overwhelming support from our Oakview families and greatly appreciate your generosity! Way to go TEAM OAKVIEW!

Green-Fields' Kindergarten Visits Storybook Land

In spite of the fact that it was a long ride, a little cool, and quite rainy, our Green-Fields' Kindergarten students had a great time on their recent trip to Storybook Land. Loading our busses early on a cloudy day, our youngest students were super excited about their planned adventure as our teachers, parent chaperones, and drivers can attest. It had been a long and productive year, and our kiddos were ready to kick back, relax and enjoy a day away from Green-Fields.

Once the tour of the back roads of South Jersey was complete, we arrived at our destination where our students were greeted by a very nice group of people. It seems as though they were waiting just for the Green-Fields' group and welcomed us with warm smiles, kind words, and very clear directions. Everything was in place for a wonderful day.

So, what did we do? In addition to the obvious themes of Storybook characters and creative rides, students ran, played,



took pictures, explored, ate, hung out with their friends and enjoyed the fact that there was no school work for the day. Yes, they did get wet. But the rain didn't seem to dampen the spirits or excitement of the day. In fact, it added to the adventure.

Of course, all of this activity led to a much quieter bus ride all the way back to West Deptford. Yes, some talked quietly, some slept, and others just seemed to enjoy the scenery of the ride. All in

all, it was a great end to a fantastic day. A special thanks to our teachers and parent chaperones who helped make this a very memorable experience for our Kindergarten kiddos!

West Deptford Middle School's People's Choice Awards

West Deptford Middle School rolled out its "green carpet" on Wednesday, May 31, 2017 to host the tenth annual People's Choice Award Ceremony. The staff members of West Deptford Middle School set the criteria for this one-of-a-kind honor. The coveted award is given to students for a wide range of noteworthy accomplishments, including academic achievement, personal improvement, demonstration of excellent character, and even for simply brightening the days of others. In a time when so much focus is placed on the negative actions of teens, it is an evening dedicated to praising those students who have exemplified compassion and goodness in their daily lives.

For this year's award ceremony, forty-six West Deptford middle school staff members participated in the event. Staff members could nominate one student from the Middle

School for a People's Choice Award, and each award presentation was uniquely personalized with the specific reasons for the staff member's selection. The nominations were secured in complete confidence leading up to the big event, leaving the award recipients eagerly anticipating the announcement of their names. The ceremony was distinguished by grinning students, proud parents, emotional staff members, and, of course, perfectly timed comic relief from the ceremony's entertaining hosts.

Students, staff, and family members gathered for a brief reception at the conclusion of the award show to enjoy refreshments and take photographs together. It was truly an unforgettable evening. These award winners will now be retired in the PCA Hall of Fame, honorably cemented in West Deptford Middle School history.



We are proud to announce the following award-winning students of the 2017 People's Choice Awards, along with their respective nominating staff members: Ronnasia Akins (Ms. Manzano), Ronya Akins (Mr. Cottone), Christopher Andujar (Mr. Britt), Stephanie Barger (Mr. Badt), Cierra Brown (Ms. Baldwin), Lynell Collins (Ms. Schwering), Matthew Connelly (Ms. Zola), Macayla Cook (Mr. Shown), Avery Corino (Ms. Stephens), Dalton Damon (Mr. Stanwood), Jordyn Dolan (Mr. Becker), Amber Downs (Ms. Cardillo), Gavin Epstein (Ms. Rooney), Jacqueline Fanslau (Ms. Sanker), Dean Goldberg (Ms. Lee), Aidan Gordon (Ms. Gottschling), Joshua Guzzetti (Ms. Breece), Michael Harrold (Ms. Bonner), Ryan Hicks (Ms. Paterna), Shyanne Hill (Mr. Jerome), Izabella Kalnas (Ms. Donahue), Isabella Kwashek (Ms. Moyer), Allison Lawrence (Ms. Porter), Trent Luck (Ms. Leaf), Grant Luma (Mr. DiLorenzo), Isabella Mackey (Ms. Huepfel), Jacob McDonald (Ms. Seher), Shelby McGovern (Mr. Malone), Aubrey McLaughlin (Ms. Argo), Julianna Mikulski (Mr. Brian Cross), Gabrielle Miller (Ms. Esposito), Anthony Orama Martinez (Ms. Sandy), Bradley Orth (Ms. Donocoff), Natalie Pilaitis (Ms. Redkoles), Lexus Pizzutillo (Ms. Trampe), Henry Poblete (Mr. Greene), Mercedes Santos Landero (Ms. Cech), Hailley Sepsey (Ms. Anderson), Brennan Shivers (Mr. Jakubowski), Gianna Strano (Ms. Mason), Sarah Tamous (Ms. Dearlove), Maurice Taylor (Ms. Lecher), Thomas Thomasson (Ms. Melcher), Lauren Thompson (Ms. Thurston), Doron Tinsley (Ms. Mullin), and Jaeda Williams (Ms. Proffitt).



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“May is Made for Memories” at Red Bank

May was a very busy month at Red Bank Elementary School. Our second graders will be moving on to third grade at Green-Fields Elementary School next year, but not before spending every last minute with their friends and teachers making memories that will last a life time.

Miss Bradshaw outdid herself this year by producing and directing the Red Bank musical “At the Bandstand.” She found a way to have every single student from kindergarten to second grade participate in the production. Parents, grandparents, and family members danced in their seats and swayed to the music of the 50’s as our future actors and actresses reenacted the era of the radio and dance shows. There may even be some Broadway stars in our midst. It was amazing watching our little guys perform two shows before a packed “standing room only” crowd.



Field trips and field day were also memories made in May. Our kindergartners visited the Discovery Museum where their creative imaginations came alive. Pretending to be pizza makers, veterinarians, fishing boat captains, and future Philadelphia Flyers made for an exciting day. The second graders visited the Adventure Aquarium where they got the opportunity to cross the rope bridge over an open pool of sharks and interact with penguins and stingrays. Of course, the end of the school year just wouldn’t be complete without field day. Thanks to Ms. English and many parent volunteers this year’s

was a huge success.

The highlight of the end of the school year was the 2nd Annual Red Bank “Student Appreciation Week.” We take time out to honor teachers, nurses, and administrative assistants, but where would we all be without our students? Red Bank staff decided to celebrate the most important people in the school - our students. The week kicked off with a staff greeting of pom poms, cowbells, and clappers as the kids walked through a human tunnel of cheers. The PTO provided the students with a small surprise gift each day: sunglasses, pencils, erasers, key chains, and a bouncy house obstacle course day. The walls were lined with photo posters of pictures of the students from the past two years and the hallways became the Red Bank “Walk of Fame.” This year’s culminating activity was a Classroom Carnival. Each teacher designed a carnival game. Parent volunteers escorted the students through the school and on the playground to participate in each activity. There was mini-golf, guess the baby picture, rubber ducky races, dice elimination dance party, and human ring toss to name a few. The day ended with a water ice social donated by the Deptford Skating Center. Special thanks to our own West Deptford High School’s Mrs. Sanford and her Friends of Rachel Club who made both field day and carnival day extra special. It was a great year at Red Bank. Enjoy the summer; we can’t wait to do it all again in September.