Parents and Children Enjoy Kindergarten Orientation

Randolph's Class of 2030 drew pictures, toured classrooms, listened to the book “Look Out Kindergarten, Here I come,” and even got the chance to ride a big yellow school bus around the neighborhood to help them transition to kindergarten in the fall.

The children and their parents enjoyed kindergarten orientation programs at Center Grove, Fernbrook, Ironia and Shongum Elementary Schools April 18-21. “I am so excited to go to kindergarten because I have never been to kindergarten before,” Mikayla Cherry told her future classmates at Ironia. “I like the kindergarten classroom and the bus ride was fun.” While the soon-to-be kindergartners played with Legos and cooked in toy kitchens, their parents attended programs in the schools, met principals and other school officials, and learned about everything from the kindergarten curriculum to transportation to childcare to the school nurse.

Board of Education Recognizes Teachers

The Randolph Board of Education recognized National Teacher Day on May 9, 2017 with a special proclamation.

Board of Education President Al Matos and Superintendent Jennifer A. Fano presented the proclamation to Randolph Education Association President Eric Schaberg at its April 25 business session.

Each school PTO has planned special events for teachers for the occasion.

(Right, Board President Al Matos and Superintendent Jennifer A. Fano present teacher Eric Schaberg with a copy of the proclamation.)
Earth Day Celebrations!

Randolph students are learning the importance of protecting the environment by recycling, protecting endangered species and planting flowers and trees.

In honor of Earth Day, Randolph High School biology students organized activities for Fernbrook School third graders on April 21, teaching students about the importance of recycling through special games and built instruments from recyclables. Below, left, Eldhose Cheruthottil and Veer Patel plant zinnia seeds in cups. Below right, Reesha Mantha and Arianna Alqueza create sea turtles and said they learned not to throw garbage in the ocean.

Center Grove Kindergarteners, pictured right, presented a special Earth Day concert April 21 for their families and friends and sang songs about protecting the Earth. Earth Day was on Saturday, April 22.

Randolph High School Students Presented One Act Night

The Randolph High School Drama Club presented its annual One Act Night showcasing six student-written, student-directed and student-performed plays. This year’s lineup of playwrights were all female.

(Below left, Caleigh Lawlor as Kathy gets ready for soccer and talks to siblings “Marty” played by Ariana Foster and Molly played by Kayla Bachrach in “About Time” by Julia Einfeldt. Julia wrote the play about her family, which she said, is always somewhere with three kids and multiple sports schedules. Below right, Haley Ornstein is Miss Harriet and reacts when a student faints in detention in the one-act play “Until Next Saturday” by Sabrina Hajso. The student who fainted is played by Hannah Creighton and the other students are portrayed by Noah Berg and Chiara Rupero, who are standing.)
Many current and future elementary school families enjoyed orientation programs at each of the four elementary schools. Top left, Mrs. Maureen Frio reacts when a future student shows her a dinosaur at Fernbrook. Above left, the kindergarten teachers at Fernbook welcome parents. Top right, Shongum Principal Cliff Burns welcomes the new Nguyen family who moved to Randolph. Above right, Center Grove kindergarten teacher Brittany Dungan leads an activity with Playdoh. Below left, Ironia Principal David Kricheff greets parents at the orientation. Below right, future kindergarteners Braiden Ascone and Gracie Gannon display the pictures they colored at Ironia.

Book Publishing Party

Center Grove second graders in Mrs. Lori Nields class each wrote a passage in the class book “All of a Sudden” which Mrs. Nields read to students and parents in a special Book Publishing Party celebration. (Right, Aide Helen Bachman smiles as Mrs. Nields reads the book during the celebration on March 29.)
RHS Boys Soccer Donation

The Randolph High School Boys Varsity Soccer Team sold t-shirts and bracelets to raise $1,500 for the Lung Cancer Alliance as part of a special service project. “This fundraiser is a way to give back to the community and show our support for those affected by the disease,” captain Evan Miele said.

(Pictured left, Coach George Mousis and right, Athletic Director Jeff DiLollo and the varsity boys soccer team present a check to the Lung Cancer Alliance (center).

RMS Students Selected for All-State Intermediate Orchestra

Two Randolph Middle School students have been selected for the New Jersey All-State Intermediate Orchestra and will perform at its concert at Summit High School on May 13 at 3 p.m.

Seventh grader Shoshana Zeiger and eighth grader Priscilla Peters will play the violin and represent Randolph in the prestigious group. (They are pictured below left.)

“These wonderful musicians make Randolph Middle School proud,” said RMS Orchestra Director Hsiao-yu Lin Griggs.

Both students are members of the Con Brio Select Orchestra, an audition-based ensemble open to RMS orchestra students in grades 6-8. This is the second time Priscilla was selected for the group, she said. “You get inspired to play music with people who love music as much as you do,” Priscilla said. Shoshana said she is excited to play with so many talented musicians.

Register for Randolph Community School Programs

The Community School is accepting registration for its summer camps for children entering grades K-8 in the fall: Camp Discovery for grades 5-8; Camp Summer Stars for grades 2-5 and Camp Summer Kids for grades K-1. Registration is also open for Summer Strings Piano & Guitar and the Summer SAT prep course on Monday and Wednesday evenings at Randolph High School.

Families may also register for summer half-day Young Rembrandts drawing workshops, half-day Super Science workshops, NEW half-day Black Rocket digital arts and creative sciences programs and a NEW Summer Gardening Camp.

The Community School offers a new convenient online registration program. Please register at https://register.capturepoint.com/RandolphCommunitySchool. For information, call (973) 361-0808 ext. 8603 or visit rtnj.org and click on the Community School channel bar.

Childcare registration for the 2017-18 school year begins July 1!
Center Grove Kindergarten Zoo!
Center Grove kindergarteners in Ms. Erica Rossmann’s class transformed their classroom into a zoo, decorating the walls with paintings and creating animals out of recyclables and paint. Kindergartener Ryan Wolff said he enjoyed learning about and making a sea otter for his project.
(Pictured left, Ms. Rossmann with Mackenzie Hutner and Kimmie Jewell and their zoo animals).

Randolph Summer Academy
There is less than one month to register for Randolph Summer Academy courses. Students can earn credit in Algebra I, Geometry or Personal Finance this summer. Students also have the option of combating summer slide by attending the Algebra I refresher, a week-long math tutoring course for $150. Randolph Summer Academy offers unique opportunities for students to get ahead. Updated information about courses can be found on our website here. Registration is open until May 15. (Eighth graders learn Algebra I at Randolph Middle School, above.)

PTO Council “All IN”
Randolph parents and staff enjoyed a fun-filled evening at the Hanover Marriott April 21 with dinner, a concert by the Nerds, wine pull, chocolate tasting, cigar roll and several raffles including a basket raffle. (Guests check out the basket raffle, pictured above, and above left, Director of Secondary Education Jonathan Olsen and his wife Andrea enjoy the event with Special Services Director Walter Curioni and his wife Nicole).

RMS Author Day!
American author Neil Shusterman visited Randolph Middle School on March 31 for the school’s author day. The RMS PTO organized the event and invited Shusterman to spend the day at RMS where he conducted writing workshops and read from his new book “Dry”.

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RHS Student Selected for All-State
Randolph High School sophomore Monique Bourgeois will perform the cello in the New Jersey All-State Orchestra with the best musicians in New Jersey next fall in concerts in Atlantic City and at NJPAC. (Monique is pictured with her cello left.)

Fernbrook Tricky Tray
The Fernbrook PTO organized a bingo night and tricky tray fundraiser at Randolph High School. (PTO volunteer and former president Theresa Fogel and event co-chair Tracy Drazek sell 50/50 tickets, left. Below, Fernbrook Vice Principal Kristin Mueller and Principal Dr. Michelle Telischak show some of the big prizes.)

RHS Science Honor Society Students Work with Girl Scouts
Members of the Randolph High School Chapter of the National Science Honor Society conducted five different science experiments with members of the Center Grove Girl Scouts Brownie Troop 96247 at one recent girl scout meeting. RHS Science Honor Society Advisor Kirstin Germinario said the society wanted to help students earn their science badge. (Below, RHS juniors Brooke Olsen and Terri Gish conduct an experiment with Emma Maqsudi, a Center Grove Girl Scout.)

FCCLA Conference
Members of the RHS Family, Career and Community Leaders of America received gold, silver and other medals at the state conference last month in Cherry Hill. (From left to right, winners Daria Mostek, Grace Williams and Alina Wolfenson at the competition.)
Randolph Musical Groups Recognized

Several Randolph High School music ensembles were recently honored for their achievements at the Region 1 Concert Band Festival hosted by Randolph High School last month. The RHS Symphonic Winds received a gold rating and the woodwinds section an outstanding section award. (Pictured bottom left, Patrick McNamara and Victoria Rama of the group.) The RHS Wind Ensemble received a gold rating and its bass clarinets an award on Incantation and Dance. (Pictured right, wind ensemble members Jeff Putlock Jr., Kat Arenas, Andrew Flynn and Katherine LaBold.) The RHS Concert Band received a silver rating. (Pictured bottom right, concert band members Kendyll Holder, Sutton Todd, Ryan Fuertes and Abraham Guerrero.)

Biology and Anatomy Students Enjoy Animal Presentation

Snakes-N-Scales made a special presentation for Randolph High School biology and anatomy students earlier this month. Students got up close with a water monitor and a 13-foot-long boa constrictor. Six students got to hold the gigantic snake. Snakes-N-Scales owner Bill Boesenberg made the presentation to students at RHS. (Boesenberg is pictured with a water monitor.)

Fernbrook Observes Autism Awareness Month

Fernbrook Elementary School observed Autism Awareness Month earlier this month with a school-wide assembly outside on the playground where children blew bubbles.

Principal Dr. Michelle Telischak told students “we are all unique and wonderful in our own way at Fernbrook Elementary School just like the bubbles we blow today.” (Fernbrook students blow bubbles for Autism Awareness Month right.)
Board of Education Honors Winter Sports Captains

The Randolph Board of Education recognized winter sports captains at its April board meetings. Board President Al Matos and Superintendent Jennifer A. Fano presented certificates to captains at the April 4 and 25 board meetings and commended the students for their leadership and sportsmanship. Some coaches also attended. Athletic Director Jeff DiLollo thanked the board and Ms. Fano “for the recognition and support for our captains. They are absolutely tremendous leaders.”

(Board members, captains, Superintendent Jennifer A. Fano and Athletic Director Jeff DiLollo are pictured above right and left.)

RHS Student Musician Wins Concerto Competition & Music Camp Scholarship

Randolph High School junior saxophone player Chris Mantell is the winner of the Ridgewood Concert Band Youth Soloist Competition. He will perform with the Ridgewood Concert Band at its Annual Generations Concert May 12 at 8 p.m. at the West Side Presbyterian Church in Ridgewood.

The Hanover Wind Symphony has also named Chris as the recipient of its first Summer Music Camp Scholarship. He will attend the Rutgers Symphonic Wind Band & Chamber Music Camp this summer and will also perform with the Hanover Wind Symphony this fall.

“Winning first place is a fantastic feeling,” Chris said. “Performing with the Ridgewood Concert Band and Hanover Wind Symphony will help me grow as a musician.”

REF Next Practices Grants

The Randolph Education Foundation has awarded Next Practices Grants to Diana Rodriguez and Linda Andrews at Ironia, Natalie Ernstes at Shongum, Dominique Musacchio, Amanda Connolly and their 4th grade class at Fernbrook and Diane Wisniewski at Randolph Middle School. (Pictured below, Mrs. Ernstes receives her grant, pictured right, Mrs. Rodriguez her grant.)

(Pictured above left, Mrs. Andrews receives her grant. Pictured below center, Ms. Musacchio, Ms. Connolly and their Fernbrook 4th grade class. Below, Mrs. Wisniewski at RMS.)