

# Celebrations of the Fairfield Public Schools

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## Superintendent's Message

Dear Faculty and Staff:

Congratulations to all of our students and staff for their wide range of impressive accomplishments. I wish everyone a wonderful summer break and look forward to seeing you again in August.



**Fairfield Woods MS - Gary Rosato** was named *2014 Middle School Principal of the Year* at the Connecticut PTA Outstanding Administrators Award Dinner in April. He, along with other people in the State who have recently received awards, also attended a reception at the Governor's Residence in Hartford.

**Fairfield Ludlowe HS - Kim Longobucco**, Warner House Dean and Gymnastics Coach; **Chris Parisi**, Social Studies Teacher and Lacrosse Coach; and **Dave Schulz**, Athletic Director and Unified Sports Coach were named *Coach of the Year* in their respective sports by the *Connecticut High School Coaches Association*.

**Fairfield Ludlowe HS - Athletic Director Dave Schulz** coordinated the 7<sup>th</sup> annual visit of students from Denmark. He found 23 families to host 47 Danish students for 3 days. The students visited classes, went sight-seeing, and ended their stay with a scrimmage against the FLHS basketball team.



**Tomlinson MS - P.E. Teacher, Barbara Markelz** won a gold medal in basketball in the *Connecticut Masters Games*. Her team has qualified for the *National Senior Games* in Minneapolis 2015.

**Tomlinson - Grade 7 Science Teacher, Sania Werner** will be receiving the *Brian Fagan Grant Award* at this year's Annual Awards Celebration hosted by Fairfield Woods Middle School.



**Burr** - Grade 2 students raised money for *Guiding Eyes for the Blind*, which is an organization that trains guide dogs.



**Jennings** - To wrap up their reading incentive program in April, Jennings welcomed two wonderful authors. Thyra Heder visited K-2 students and author Lauren Tarshis visited grades 3-5. Both of these presentations were supported by the Jennings PTA. Young readers and writers were excited to hear from these talented women and will surely be inspired to read and write even more than they already do!



**Osborn Hill** - Osborn Hill held their annual *Family Fun Night* in March. Students and their parents enjoyed a great night of a variety of games. Attendees donated new pajamas for the Bridgeport Chapter of the *Pajama Program*. This program provides new pajamas and books to children in need, many of whom are waiting to be adopted. These children live in various situations including group homes, shelters and temporary housing facilities.



**Osborn Hill** - Osborn Hill held a dedication of a memorial bench for their former grade 4 student Grace Evanko who passed away last year. Students and staff wore pink or their "Smile for Grace" shirts in her honor. Every grade 5 student carried a pink balloon out to the bench which was released after they sang a rendition of Roar/Brave.

**Riverfield** - Author and Illustrator team Janet Tashjian and her son Jake Tashjian visited Riverfield to talk about their books and the writing process. Children learned about writing, revising and publishing from Janet, while Jake talked about illustrating the books. The visitors answered questions and signed books for children. Their works include Einstein the Class Hamster and the My Life as a Book series.



**Roger Sherman** - The kindergarten classes collected and donated 100 cans to *Operation Hope* to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school.



**Tomlinson MS - American technology writer and TV science presenter David Pogue** spoke to a full house of families this past March. Mr. Pogue is a personal technology columnist for *Yahoo Tech*, a tech correspondent for *CBS Sunday Morning*, a columnist for *Scientific American*, and the host of *Nova* now on PBS.



## Student News

**Jennings** - **Evan Beinstein**, grade 2 student, has been busy honing his acting skills! Evan has been cast in several television shows like "Law and Order" and "The Knick."

**Jennings** - Grade 3 student, **Lucas Coleman**, qualified to wrestle in the *CT State Wrestling Championship* in New Haven. Lucas won 3<sup>rd</sup> place in his weight/age class making him ranked #3 in the State of Connecticut of grade 3 and 4 students.



**Riverfield** - **Szylvia Cimino** won the *Fairfield Earth Day Contest* for her age group in the Literature category with a poem called "Human Heroes." She was presented with a gift card and certificate from First Selectman Mike Tetreau.

**Roger Sherman** - **Max Conley**, **Connor Mahoney**, **Jack Mahoney**, **Matthew McManus**, **Luciano Paoletta** and **Giuliano Paoletta**, won 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the *2014 Winter Grand Prix Series Chess Tournament*.



**Jack Mahoney** took an individual trophy in that series.

**Roger Ludlowe MS** - The 16<sup>th</sup> Annual RLMS National Geographic Bee was held in the Team Room at RLMS. 10 of the best geography students squared off to see who is top geography dog! For the 2<sup>nd</sup> straight year, **Brendan Daly**, took the championship. Brendan will now have the chance to compete at the State Finals.



**Roger Ludlowe MS** - The following students had a successful showing at the *National History Day District Competition for Fairfield County*: **Jack Adams**, **Caroline Dayton**, **Sophia Garbarino**, **Sophie Jalkut**, **Jack Llewellyn** and **Mackenzie Llewellyn**. They advanced to the State competition. Congratulations!

**Tomlinson MS** - **Owen Shelov** is the winner of the *Eunice Dennie Burr Chapter DAR American History* essay contest. Owen's work was entered at the state level where he read his essay and received an award.

**Tomlinson MS** - The following students represented Tomlinson at the *Fairfield County String Festival*: **Harry Graney Green**, **Charlotte Hickey**, **Pranav Mahesh**, **Brian Nam** and **Jack Patterson**. The Festival took place at Western Connecticut State University.



**Fairfield Warde HS** - The Debate Team hosted a competition featuring debate teams from 16 Connecticut high schools. The team of **Brandon Campbell** and **Sarah Gleysteen** placed 2<sup>nd</sup> overall and Sarah won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the *Individual Speakers Competition*.



**Fairfield Warde HS** - **Abby Ulman** participated in the *World Food Prize Global Youth Institute* with students from 26 states and 6 countries to address the many issues related to world hunger. Abby presented her research paper "Ending Hunger in Our Lifetime: A Call to Action."

**Fairfield Ludlowe HS** - Students **Isabel Chediak**, **Brett Dammeier**, **Evan MacGuffie** and **Billy Moeder** placed 1<sup>st</sup> at the annual *Junior Achievement Business Challenge* held at Fairfield University. They competed against teams from 14 Connecticut high schools. **Tom Reindel**, Business Teacher, was the advisor. Each student was awarded a \$1,000 scholarship.

**Fairfield Ludlowe HS** - Original prose by five students was selected for publishing in the 26<sup>th</sup> issue of *Connecticut Student Writers Magazine*. **Hannah Sharpe** and **Clare Burhenne** won the competition for their grade. **Eduard Miska**, **Julia Gerbasi**, and **James Pushner** received honorable mention. They all were honored in May at the Jorgensen Center for the Performing Arts at the University of Connecticut. In addition, Clare was selected to read her piece at the recognition event.



**Fairfield Ludlowe HS** student, **Jack Maffucci**, won 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Photography/Printmaking category at this year's *Stamford Art Association's Annual High School Art Competition* while **Fairfield Warde HS** student, **Elizabeth Brown** took 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Mixed Media category. **Carolyn Yates** was awarded 2<sup>nd</sup> place for her painting.

The following FPS students were Connecticut *PTA Reflections* winners for 2014: **Kiara Burns**, **Gianna Pulito**, **Aydin Eyikan** and **Vivian Petrecca** for Dance; **Alexis Maresca**, **Danielle Hazelton**, **Mitchell Yeoh**, **Vincent Ohe**, **Artem Bogatikov**, **Jorge Rojas** and **David Burton** for Film; **Emma Vahey**, **Noah Giglietti**, **Reed Childers**, **Isabel Levi**, and **Krushangi Maisuria** for Literature; **Liam Farrell**, **Madeline Baer**, **Rohan Agrawal**, and **Danna Ponce** for Music; **Monique Laflamme**, **Christopher Becker**, and **Reed Martinsen** for Photography; **Lillian Garbe**, **Diana Rose Smith**, **Emily Brennan** and **Patricio Salomon-Mir** for Visual Arts. The theme this year was "Believe, Dream, Inspire." Congratulations to all!

