



# Celebrations: Successes in Our Learning Community

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## Superintendent's Message

Dear Colleagues,

It doesn't seem possible, but this is my last edition of Celebrations. I want to take this opportunity to thank you for all you have done for the students and their families, and to tell you it has been an honor working with you.

We have all faced budget issues in recent years and I know that many of you have been spending your own money to enhance curriculum and instruction in your classes, departments and schools. In the fall, you will receive information about the Fairfield Foundation for Education, which will be granting funds to enable you to try new things, enhance and enrich the curriculum, and so on. I hope you will be interested in applying for a grant.

I wish you all the best for much happiness and continued success in all you do.

All the best,

*Ann Clark*



**Fannie Conley**, Tomlinson MS PE teacher, organized the *Thunderbird Golf Open*, pairing students with adults in a tournament at Fairfield's par three course. Students chose parents, grandparents or teachers as partners.



**Chuck Jeffries** and **Anna Lawlor**, Tomlinson MS Band directors, proudly led TMS's Marching Band in the Memorial Day Parade.

**Becky Miller**, McKinley Social Worker, invited parents to order helmets for their children to wear while riding bikes and skateboarding. Almost 100 orders were received and filled, many supported by grants and donations.



**Lenny Moitoso**, Roger Ludlowe MS Social Studies teacher, has been selected as part of *People Magazine's All Stars Among Us* campaign. Lenny was nominated by his fiancée and is now part of an online ballot to be selected to be part of the Major League Baseball's All Star Game in Anaheim, California. He is hoping that if he wins, he can draw even more attention to the humanitarian efforts of *Ludlowe Corps*, a group started here by himself and other Geography teachers at RLMS, on a national level.



**Dave Schulz**, Fairfield Ludlowe HS Athletic Director, will be one of five people who are being inducted into the *FCIAC Hall of Fame* during the end-of-the-year celebration.

**Brian Zukauskas**, Roger Ludlowe MS Grade 8 teacher, had two drawings displayed at the *Art Students League* show in NYC during the week of May 10th.



The **Sherman Staff** hosted a Volunteer Tea to thank all of the parents and friends who help make Sherman such a wonderful school!

Many members of the **Music Department Staff** participated in the June *Solo Festival*. Adjudicating the Festival were: **Jeff Albright**, **Cindi Eckhardt**, **Faith Ferry**, **Debbie Graser**, **Susan Jimenez**, **Bernie Klinger**, **Gjorgj Kroqi**, **Vickie Kuan**, **Cheryl Labrecque**, **Loretta Lazaris** and **Donna Tanana**; working the registration table were: **Donna Schmardel** and **Barbara Thumm**.



**McKinley** - McKinley School organic garden is fully operational. The garden was designed and maintained by **Betty Blackwell**, McKinley School Nurse, along with students from the school. Each grade level has a specially designated raised bed for growing produce related to the district grade level curriculum. The work to prepare the soil and to install the fencing was donated by the Kellerman family and the *Connecticut Tank Works*. Additional funding for tools and seeds were provided through mini-grants.



**Osborn Hill** - The school held *Poem In Your Pocket* day. Students and staff members carried around a favorite poem of theirs to share with each other throughout the day.



Osborn Hill had their annual *Field Day*. Each class wore a different color t-shirt and participated in a variety of relay races.

**Riverfield** - On the weekend of May 14<sup>th</sup> Riverfield had their annual *Spring Carnival* along with the *50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration*. The fair was a huge success as was the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. The school was opened for any alumni to come have a tour and some lunch. Many of Riverfield's former teachers and students attended! It was a fantastic weekend all around.

The Riverfield *Beautification Department* was extremely busy this month. **Laura Bernaschina, Sheri Bilyard, Sue Cronin, Lisa Davy, Nora Fanning, Johanna Farrell, Julie Fortunato, Diane Giumento, Mindy Kupec, Jill Littig, Kevin Metcalf, Robin Phillips, Hank Rosenbaum, Danielle Rothe, Christine Russo, Margaret Santamaria, Maureen Sawyer and Pam Ziegler** worked extremely hard on the front of the school. Beautiful new shrubs and flowers have now been planted.



**Sherman** - The organic garden is blooming! All grade levels participated in this PTA sponsored project. The classes have finished planting and the garden is now filled with flowers: lupines, marigolds and clematis; herbs: oregano, rosemary, parsley, basil and thyme; and vegetables: cucumbers, tomatoes, squash, corn and beans. The students did an excellent job of growing from seed and planting the seedlings. The garden looks great!

## Student News

**Burr** - Burr fifth Grade *Odyssey of the Mind* Team won first place at the *State Odyssey of the Mind Competition*.



They went on to compete in the Nationals and placed 13<sup>th</sup> out of 803 teams! The team members are: **Kendall Brown, Matt Brown, Julia Crews, Jackie Kaiser and Kristian Segerberg.**

**McKinley** - Sixty students from the *McKinley Cross Country Team* participated in town wide meets at Holland Hill and McKinley School this month. They also participated in the elementary *Connecticut State Marathon* at Cheshire High School as the culminating event for their team this year. McKinley PE teacher, **Janice Mayeran** is the faculty advisor for the cross country team.



**Sherman** - **John Paul Salerno** helped prepare some food for the *Fairfield Homeless Shelter*. This was done in conjunction

with Operation hope. John walked with his mom to the shelter and helped provide food for 30 people that night.

**Roger Ludlowe MS** - The following students were on the *All Star Baseball Team*: **Patrick Calacrese, Tripp McGarrie, Seamus O'Rourke and Chase Pasiuto.**



**Fairfield Ludlowe HS** - Congratulations to the FLHS the *Odyssey of the Mind* team on their recent win of the Division III competition and their new title of Connecticut State Champions! The team members include: **Brad Cryan, Kevin Cryan, Alexi George, Hope Korte, Hugh MacNamara, Brendan Ross and Carrie Weintraub (FWHS).**

**Carolyn Sohmer**, was the *National Reflections Contest* winner for her entry in the literature category for, *The Beauty of Scars*.

**Fairfield Warde HS** - Congratulations to the *Girl's Varsity Tennis Team* for winning the Class L State Championship in a hard fought battle of 4-3 over Greenwich. FWHS stopped Greenwich from winning their 5<sup>th</sup> straight State Championship! Team members are: **Tara Babushkin, Maggie Giambalvo, Caroline Gallucci, Carly Mappa, Abbie O'Hara, Christie Schneider, Haley Smola, Marysa Walsh, Emily Weiner, Jen Weiss, Haley Wolf and Lauren Wroblewski..**



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