Upcoming Meeting Dates

Educator Certification Compliance Letter

February 2013 Celebrations

BOE Members Only — Invitation to Rotary Luncheon, Monday March 11, 2013

UPCOMING MEETING DATES

February 11	4:15 PM – Policy Committee Meeting 501 Kings Highway East Superintendent's Conference Room
February 12	9:30 AM – Ad-Hoc Communications Committee Meeting 501 Kings Highway East Human Resources Conference Room
February 26	7:30 PM – Board of Education Meeting Regular Meeting 501 Kings Highway East 2nd Floor Board Conference Room

STATE OF CONNECTICUT
STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

January 25, 2013

Dr. David G. Title, Superintendent
Fairfield Public Schools (051)
501 Kings Hwy. East, Ste. 210
Fairfield, CT 06430-0220

Dear Dr.Title:

I am writing in regards to the 2012-2013 school year Educator Certification Compliance Report.

We have received your compliance report. Based on the corrections noted, I am pleased to inform you that your school district is in full compliance with Connecticut General Statutes, Sec. 10-145 (a) *(p. 176, Connecticut Education Laws as of January 1, 2009)*:

> *No teacher, supervisor, administrator, special service staff member or school superintendent shall be employed in any of the schools of any local or regional board of education unless such person possesses an appropriate state certificate, nor shall any such person be entitled to any salary unless such person can produce such certificate dated previous to or the first day of employment...*

If you have any questions regarding the Educator Certification Compliance Report, please contact Helen Jabs, Education Consultant at (860) 713-6770 or email helen.jabs@ct.gov.

Thank you for your continued cooperation with providing high quality teachers for all children in the state.

Sincerely,

Nancy L. Pugliese

Nancy L. Pugliese, J.D. Chief
Bureau of Educator Standards and Certification

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Celebrations of the Fairfield Public Schools

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Superintendent's Message

Dear Colleagues:
Now that we are mid-way through the school year, students and staff alike have been very busy contributing on many different levels. Please enjoy reading about the varied accomplishments that have taken place thus far in the Fairfield Public Schools, and thank you to all who provided such engaging content for this issue.

Cynthia Eckerdt, Jennings Strings teacher, was awarded a grant from the Fairfield Foundation for Education in the amount of $3500. A strings concert for parents and students will be held in April.

Eileen Roxbee, Sherman Principal, organized a *Sandy Relief Effort* to assist families displaced by the storm. Busing was arranged as well as a lunch program for Fairfield students. Donations came in from all Fairfield Public Schools as well as the residents of Fairfield and beyond.

Donna Schmardel, FPS Music Curriculum Coordinator, and the entire music staff received the *2012 Connecticut Arts Administrators Association's Award of Excellence in Arts Education.* Donna and the staff were honored in mid-November. Congratulations to all!

Linda McDonough, FLHS English teacher and *Prospect* advisor, announced that the student newspaper, *Prospect,* was awarded the silver medal in Columbia University's prestigious *National Journalism Competition* for 2012. Congratulations on this achievement.

School News

Burr - The Burr Roots & Shoots members and the Burr community raised over $3,000 to help *Simply Smiles* build a school for children in need in Oaxaca, Mexico.

Dwight - In a ceremony this past November, Dwight was honored in Washington D.C. for being a National Blue Ribbon School by the *US Department of Education*. Dwight held their own Blue Ribbon Ceremony in December, that was also attended by local media.

Jennings - Students, families and faculty participated in the Turkey Trot & Food Drive. Boxes of non-perishable food items were donated and delivered to the *Bridgeport Rescue Mission.*

Osborn Hill - The PTA chose to support Fairfield residents who had been directly affected by Hurricane Sandy. Families donated toys, stuffed animals, blankets, coats, cleaning supplies, etc. to the collection at Sherman School. Sherman then welcomed displaced families to come "shop" for items they needed or wanted from the donations.

Riverfield - The first annual *Riverfield Walk-a-thon* took place in October. It was led by Riverfield PE teacher, **Matt Narwold**. When the mile walk was over, **Brenda Anziano**, Riverfield Principal, revealed that the combined efforts from the school community donations and the local business donations raised over $33,000. The money will be used to help complete a portable computer lab for the school.

Tomlinson MS - Tomlinson students raised approximately $23,000 in their annual PTA sponsored Walk-a-thon. This event is the PTA's major fundraiser. The money raised is then used to support programs for TMS students throughout the year. Students and staff wore a custom designed Tomlinson Walk-a-thon tee shirt created by Art teacher, **David Ward**.

Fairfield Warde HS – FWHS earned the #1 ranking in the *2012 Connecticut Statewide CTE Assessment* in the area of concentration of Textiles & Design. FWHS was honored for this achievement at The Connecticut Career & Technical Education Conference in November. Congratulations!

Burr - A room at the *Guiding Eyes for the Blind* training office in Patterson New York was dedicated to the second grade for raising money to support the organization.

Dwight - Students from **Jessica Kensek's** fifth grade class won *Beardsley Zoo's 5th Annual Scarecrow Contest.*

Osborn Hill - Girl Scout Troops collected leftover Halloween candy. The candy was donated to the *Daughters of Charity* in Bridgeport for their annual Children's Holiday Party for underprivileged children. The party hosts low income families in Bridgeport for a special holiday celebration.

Riverfield - Author Jake Halpern visited students to discuss his writing process. He explained how he was inspired to write his Dormia series based on his real life experiences. His storytelling motivated the students to add realistic details to their own work.

Sherman - **Grace Beccaria** with her brother **Anthony** (Tomlinson MS) and sister **Lauren** (Roger Ludlowe MS) collected food, blankets, toys and treats for the animals at the *Fairfield Animal Shelter*.

Roger Ludlowe MS - Bridget Yates has been selected as a 2012 *National Fine Arts Exhibit* winner by the *Boys & Girls Clubs of America*. Bridget's colored pencil drawing was selected as one of 37 national winners. Congratulations!

The American Math Challenge is a two day online mathematics competition where **Roger Ludlowe MS** students competed with students from the same grade around the world. The following four students made the distinction of placing in the top 100 students in the state of Connecticut: **Molly Reynolds** (9th place), **Jack Llewellyn** (29th place), **Kayla Shemesh** (38th place), and **Isabel Nikac** (64th place). In addition, the following students earned bronze medal certificates throughout the practice sessions: **Jack Adams**, **Ann Frances Fox**, **Henry Houghton**, **Peter Kryspin**, **Jesse Lanham**, **Michael Logan**, **Jack Lyons**, **Philip Nicholson**, **Isabel Nikac**, **Jack Owens**, **John Reynolds**, **Molly Reynolds**, **Kayla Shemesh**, **Kara Smith**, and **Jack Wheeler**.

Please congratulate FLHS photographers **Victoria Godfred**, who took first place, **John Cuccio**, **Glen Holzinger** and **Sasha McCay** for placing in the annual photo competition sponsored by *Moffly Media*. All of the winning photos will be printed in the January edition of *Fairfield Living* magazine.

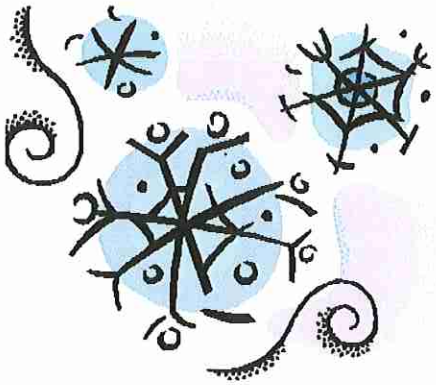
David Seuch, Fairfield Ludlowe HS student, received a merit award for his photo in the 2012 *Annual Easton Photo Competition.*

Fairfield Ludlowe HS - Drexel University recently announced the winners of their 2012 Drexel High School Photography Competition. This year there were over 1,825 entries from across the country. Please congratulate photographer, **Ashlee Beadle** for her winning photograph titled "Burned".

The following **Fairfield Ludlowe HS** students auditioned and were accepted into the Greater Bridgeport Youth Orchestra: **John Bookas**, **Kavya Boorgu**, **Meredith Brown**, **Benjamin Crosby**, **Rachel Cupp**, **Adela Fejzaj**, **Emily Fish**, **Ayana Jain**, **Anurag Kalra**, **Cosden Leahey**, **Bryan Page**, **Jeff Pearson**, **Mike Perlman**, **Elizabeth Reidy**, **Chelsea Varella-Lee**, **Sarah Wakefield**, **Alexander Yokokawa**, and **Kristen Young**.

The following FLHS students achieved "Commended Scholar" status in the National Merit Scholarship program: **Margaret Bonnell**, **Luke Donohue**, **Emily Fish**, **Anna Keleher**, **Matthew Macoy**, **Genevieve McNamara**, **Thomas Romano**, and **Cheslea Varella-Lee**.

Jennings student **JoAnna Moomjian** and Fairfield Woods MS students **Hannah Landesberg**, **Michaela Murdock** and **Haley Sepot** are part of a Pop Warner team of Cheerleaders who have earned the right to compete at the *2012 Pop Warner Super Bowl and National Cheer & Dance Championships* at the ESPN Wide World of Sports complex at Walt Disney World Resort.



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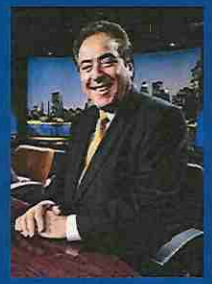
Please join The Fairfield Rotary Club as our guest for lunch at the:

10th ANNUAL CELEBRITY LUNCHEON

featuring **Sal Marchiano**



Monday, March 11, 2013 *
11:15 A.M. to 12 Noon – Reception
12 Noon – 1:30 P.M.
Luncheon & Speaker

Fairfield University
Barone Campus Center Dining Hall

*(SnowDate: Tuesday March 12, 2013: Same time and place)

Sal Marchiano was a television sports anchor and reporter on New York outlets for 41 years. The Brooklyn native and 1963 Fordham University graduate first worked in radio in New York on WNEW and nationally on the Mutual Broadcasting System. He began his television career in 1967 working at CBS News as a national correspondent and at WCBS-TV as the weekend sports anchor and weekday reporter for Frank Gifford, the main anchor. In 1971, Sal moved on to WABC-TV in the same positions and also was a contributing correspondent for ABC's Wide World of Sports. He anchored an early morning sportscast on the ABC Radio Network. In 1980, he was an original cast member for the new sports network ESPN. He was an anchor on Sportscenter and hosted all of the boxing programs.

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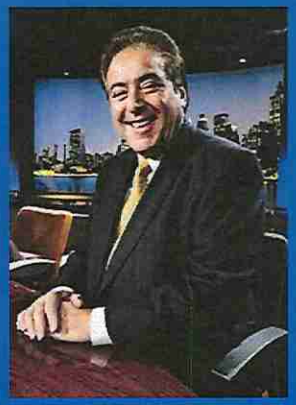

Sal has covered World Series, Super Bowls, championship fights and major thoroughbred racing. He is old enough to have interviewed Casey Stengel. His favorite assigment was The Thrilla in Manila, the third championship fight between Muhammad Ali and Joe Frazier.

Sal wrote a memoir "In My Rear View Mirror" which includes profiles of Ali, Vince Lombardi, Mickey Mantle, Joe Namath and Howard Cosell.

His daughter Sam followed him in sports reporting and worked for Fox Sports, The Major League Baseball Network and now the NFL Network.
Sal lived in Westport and Fairfield for a combined 32 years and retired in 2008, happily ending his commuting on the Metro North.

The Celebrity Luncheon is sponsored by the Fairfield Rotary Club and is the Club's major fundraiser of the year. The purpose of this luncheon is to have fun and to raise as much money as possible for Rotary-supported activities, such as the Gift of Life program, Polio Plus, Follies, scholarships, grants to local programs such as Operation Hope and the Bridgeport Rescue Mission, projects in India, Brazil and Zanzibar, and much more.

As our guest, your lunch has already been paid for. What we are asking you to do is to "tip" well. Typical donations range from $50 to $150. All donations go to support the important programs of the Fairfield Rotary Club. Please make your tax-deductible check payable to The Fairfield Rotary Foundation, a 501(c)(3) organization.

Please R.S.V.P. on or before March 5th to the host who sent you this invitation or Email Bill Llewellyn at bill@universalprinting4u.com

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HOST TELEPHONE NUMBER (____) _____

HOST EMAIL ADDRESS_____