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Southern Regional Education Foundation Funds Mainsail Work Experience Program

Pete Rossi, Chairman of the Board of Directors for the Southern Regional Education Foundation (SREF), presented a check in the amount of \$500.00 to Mainsail teacher Don Graham in support of Mainsail's Work Experience Program (WEP). The WEP is a partnership with several local businesses designed to give students practical workplace skills and responsibilities while fulfilling core curriculum content standards.

The WEP began in 1992 with nine students working side-by-side two class periods each day with the Southern Regional Maintenance and Grounds crews. Since that time, students have explored other career interests on the Southern campus; in 2001 the program expanded to the Stafford Township business community. The school district provides transportation to enable the students to receive mentoring and job training from local businesses. More than 100 students have gained important job proficiencies from over forty Stafford Township and Southern Regional partnerships.

The mission of this program is to offer authentic, hands-on job skill training, supported by up-close learning and mentoring. The work skills instilled in these young people provide a base for future success as employees and often lead to initial employment opportunities. Students' lives are changed forever as they see themselves as worthy members of a workforce. The value of our community partners is priceless; their contributions go far in developing student potential.

The SREF is in its second year and works closely with the Southern Regional Alumni Association (SRAA) in generating funds and supporting Southern students and programs. Everyone associated with the SREF and the SRAA is a volunteer working in support of student programs and scholarships.

Top row from left to right: *Jason Eby, Robert Van Meter, Josh Leonard, Nick Pagano, Jarred Russell, Jake Rush (not pictured)*
Bottom row left to right, *Pete Rossi, Don Graham and Craig Henry*



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Spring Musical a Success

The Southern Regional Theatre Company presented the well-known classic folk tale *Cinderella* as this year's spring musical. *Cinderella* tells the story of unjust oppression and triumphant reward. The Enchanted Edition, chosen for this year's production, is based on the 1997 Whitney Houston and Brandi version.

Over 125 SRMS and SRHS students and staff members worked after school hours combining their skills in the areas of acting, singing, dancing, costuming, orchestration, lighting, sound, set design, set construction and ticket sales to produce the annual musical.

This year's cast included: Shane Barrett, Nick Bernard, Kara Bilgrav, Dylan Brierley, Courtney Cardinali, Jen Chrzanowski, Emily DeBiase, Bailey Doyle, Madison Ernst, John Freund, Melinda Goe, Karyn Warren-Gregory, Taj Harvey, Rob Jones, Sarah Levine, Michelle Lombarski, Courtney Lynk, Rachel Marino, Denise Medenilla, Marlena Mignano, Cynthia Morizzo, Justin Myhre, Jake Ongsiaco, Daniel Paco, Christopher Pickel, Hope Pitner, Natalie Reale, Samantha Reilly, Jenna Ritchie, Jasmine Rivera, Lauren Sheehan, Corey Smith, Taylor Sprague, Anthony Sutera, Tarah Trebino, Ricky Trovato, Lindsey Van DeBrook, Kim Vogel and Elizabeth Weidenhof.

Southern Regional Scholarship Program Celebrates 25 Years

The Southern Regional Scholarship Program celebrated its 25th Anniversary with a Kick-Off Breakfast on March 12. Thirty-nine donor organizations have been with the program since its inception in 1986. In addition, eleven donor groups have begun new scholarships. Superintendent, Craig Henry, began the morning event with a sincere thank you to all of the community members in attendance. "The community support for our graduating seniors is unprecedented," he stated.

Last year, 280 graduating seniors received 850 individual scholarships from 313 local donor organizations. The total scholarship money awarded to last year's graduates was \$489,000. Scholarship Night for the Class of 2010 is scheduled for June 10.

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2010-2011 Southern Regional School District Budget

RESOLVED, that there should be raised for the General Funds \$38,205,086 for the ensuing school year.

This is the statement that you will see in the voting booth or on your sample ballot during the upcoming school election on April 20. What does this statement mean?

The "General Fund" is the main operating fund for the district. Day to day expenses and operations are funded and tracked in this fund; everything from salaries, benefits, textbooks, electricity and fuel for the busses. The question that is posed to the voters in the voting booth is asking for approval of the tax levy needed to fund the general fund - or in other words - the day to day operations of the school district. There are two other funds that are typically part of a school district budget: the Special Revenue fund, for the tracking of federal and state grant dollars, and the Debt Service fund, for the payment of debt from previously approved bond referendums.

During these very difficult economic times the District's goal was to cut costs and minimize the impact on tax payers. Unfortunately, an unexpected decrease of state aid in the amount of \$2,656,889 which equates to 85% of the aid the district receives from the state, has made it very difficult to continue the District's practice of lowering or freezing taxes as it has done for the past two budget years. The district did not, however, exceed the State recommended property tax cap of 4%. The 2010-2011 General Fund budget is \$1,293,859 less than the 2009-2010 General Fund budget. The overall 2010-2011 School District budget is \$2,350,802 less than in 2009-2010.

Despite the 4% increase in the general fund tax levy, three municipalities will see a decrease in their tax overall tax levy: Barnegat Light, Beach Haven and Ship Bottom. This is due to a shift in their 'municipal share' of the tax levy. The State of New Jersey annually determines the municipal share of each constituent municipality and slight shifts in elementary or regional enrollments can have a significant impact on each town's tax levy share, even in a year such as this one when the district is decreasing the overall tax levy.

Southern Regional School District continues to provide a comprehensive and diverse academic program that results in 87% of Southern graduates attending college after graduation. Southern's High School Proficiency Assessment scores are above state average and in the top three in Ocean County. Also, Southern has implemented an in-district Autism program that provides a superior educational setting and opportunities for autistic children at a considerable savings to the district. The extracurricular and athletic programs provided by Southern serve thousands of its students.

Please take time to review the enclosed information. Additional information can be found on the Southern Regional School District website www.srsd.net or by contacting the Superintendent's office at (609) 597-9481.

Questions and Answers

How many budgets am I voting on? TWO!!

On each sample ballot and in each voting booth you will find a budget question for Southern Regional. You will also find a budget question for your community's elementary district: Long Beach Island Consolidated, Beach Haven or Stafford Township. Please be sure to consider each question carefully and vote on both the REGIONAL school district budget and the ELEMENTARY school district budget.

How is the rate and municipal share of each constituent district determined?

This is the result of a rather complicated state formula which annually allocates shares of the regional district for tax purposes. It should be noted that the STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION and NOT the Southern Regional School District calculates the regional apportionment formula. The regional apportionment formula takes two factors into consideration: equalized real estate valuations and the total elementary and high school enrollment in each community. Small changes in enrollment may cause dramatic shifts in the tax burden. The "Percentage Share by Town" chart shows how the municipal share has fluctuated over the past five budget years.

PERCENTAGE SHARE BY TOWN

Municipality	2006-07	2007-08	2008-09	2009-10	2010-11
Barnegat Light	6.26%	6.34%	6.09%	6.28%	5.38%
Beach Haven	10.35%	10.77%	10.97%	10.84%	10.36%
Harvey Cedars	7.37%	6.21%	5.98%	5.99%	6.76%
Long Beach Twp.	40.54%	39.56%	39.72%	39.56%	39.81%
Ship Bottom	6.72%	6.61%	6.43%	6.73%	5.79%
Surf City	9.06%	9.72%	9.37%	8.93%	10.15%
Stafford	19.70%	20.78%	21.43%	21.67%	21.75%

What is the tax impact of the proposed budget?

Tax impact varies among constituent districts and overall the tax levy supporting the budget will be increasing by \$1,382,653. The "Tax Levy Comparison" chart shows the tax impact in each constituent district.

TAX LEVY COMPARISON

Municipality	2009-2010			2010-2011		
	Levy	% Share	Rate Per \$100	Levy	% Share	Rate Per \$100
Barnegat Light	2,448,613.00	6.28	0.228	2,172,660.00	5.38	0.201
Beach Haven	4,225,243.00	10.84	0.259	4,183,319.00	10.36	0.255
Harvey Cedars	2,335,276.00	5.99	0.171	2,729,452.00	6.76	0.199
Long Beach Twp.	15,425,391.00	39.56	0.209	16,072,791.00	39.81	0.216
Ship Bottom	2,624,055.00	6.73	0.241	2,388,363.00	5.79	0.213
Surf City	3,485,239.00	8.93	0.245	4,097,372.00	10.15	0.269
Stafford	8,451,490.00	21.67	0.197	8,784,003.00	21.75	0.202

For more budget information visit www.srsd.net

How does Southern Regional fund its budget?

The "Revenue" chart below shows where Southern gets the funding to support the budget. The district continues to receive little State aid in support of the budget.

REVENUES

	2010-2011	% of Budget
General Fund		
Budgeted Fund Balance	\$4,778,932	8.84%
Local Tax Levy	\$38,205,086	70.68%
Tuition	\$6,982,051	12.92%
Transportation Fees	\$675,000	1.25%
Unrestricted Misc. Revenues	\$130,000	0.24%
State Aid	\$485,499	0.90%
Total General Fund	\$51,256,568	94.83%
Special Revenue Fund		
State Grants	\$7,742	0.01%
Federal Grants	\$613,456	1.13%
Total Special Revenue Fund	\$621,198	1.15%
Debt Service Fund		
Budgeted Fund Balance	\$151	0.00%
Local Tax Levy	\$2,172,874	4.02%
Total Debt Service Fund	\$2,173,025	4.02%
TOTAL BUDGET	\$54,050,791	

APPROPRIATIONS

General Fund		
Fund 11 (General Operating)	\$50,480,239	93.39%
Fund 12 (Capital Outlay)	\$776,329	1.44%
Fund 13 (Special Schools)	-	0.00%
Total General Fund	\$51,256,568	94.83%
Special Revenue Fund		
State Grants	\$7,742	0.01%
Federal Grants	\$613,456	1.13%
Total Special Revenue Fund	\$621,198	1.15%
Debt Service Fund		
Payment of Principal	\$1,660,000	3.07%
Payment of Interest	\$513,025	0.95%
Total Debt Service Fund	\$2,173,025	4.02%
TOTAL BUDGET	\$54,050,791	

WHERE DO YOU VOTE?

STAFFORD TOWNSHIP

DISTRICT #1 & #15

Stafford Township Fire Company #1
133 Stafford Avenue

DISTRICT #2 & #17

Saint Mary's Parish Center
179 South Main Street

DISTRICT #3 & #4

Stafford Township Community Center
1199 Mill Creek Road

DISTRICT #5

Fawn Lakes Community Center
6 Sycamore Road

DISTRICT #6, #8, #9 & #12

Ocean Acres Community Center
489 Nautilus Drive

DISTRICT #7, #10, #11, #19 & #20

Ocean Acres Elementary School
Multi-Purpose Room
489 Nautilus Drive

DISTRICT #13

Jennings Road Recreation Center
385 Jennings Road

DISTRICT #14

Atlantic Hills Clubhouse
98 Atlantic Hills Boulevard

DISTRICT #16

Perry's Lake Clubhouse
4 Princeton Drive

DISTRICT #18

Marine Academy of Technology &
Environmental Science Center
195 Cedar Bridge Road

LONG BEACH ISLAND

Long Beach Twp. Public Safety Building
Brant Beach

First United Methodist Church

Beach & New Jersey Avenues
Beach Haven Terrace

Long Beach Island Art Foundation

120 Long Beach Boulevard, Loveladies

Barnegat Light Fire House

Barnegat Light

Harvey Cedars Municipal Building

Harvey Cedars

Ship Bottom Borough Hall

Ship Bottom

Surf City Fire House

Surf City

Beach Haven Town Hall

300 Engleside Avenue, Beach Haven

VOTING HOURS 1:00 PM – 9:00 PM

The color version of the newsletter
plus district information is available at
www.srsd.net

COMEDY NIGHT FUNDRAISER

to benefit the

Southern Regional Alumni Association

and the

Southern Regional Education Foundation

Saturday, August 7, 2010

Holiday Inn, Rt. 72, Manahawkin

Doors open at 8pm – Show starts at 9pm

\$25/person in advance

\$30/person at the door

For more information please call

(609) 597-9481, ext. 4209

Haitian Student Grateful for Aid

Southern Regional junior Medyne Juste was born in Haiti in 1992; she lived there until she was 8 years old. In 2000 she moved to New Jersey with her mother and brother to join her father who had been working in the U.S. to provide a better life for his family. Many family members remain in Haiti.

The recent earthquake has been very upsetting for the entire family. Medyne explained, "Sometimes I can't even watch the TV. It is so sad to see my country destroyed. We have family in Haiti missing. Some are hungry. It is really nice to see so many people trying to help."

Along with the SRHS Amnesty International Club, Medyne and her friends spearheaded fundraising efforts. Collection jugs and a "Kiss a Pig for Haiti" competition took place during March Madness Spirit Week (March 15 - 19).

The Middle School organized a fundraiser for UNICEF called "With These Hands." The idea was that students were "hands-on" in their efforts. Fundraising included a penny drive, the sale of colored beads, a collection of clothes and lollipops and culminated with a dance in February.



Service Clubs Unite

The SRHS Key Club and the SRMS Builder's Club worked together to assist the Kiwanis of LBI serve breakfast to and complete crafts with children from the preschool programs of Ocean Acres and Oxycoccus Schools in Manahawkin.



SOCH Presentations to Students

In the second and third installments of a three part series, Dr. Jason Wong, orthopaedic surgeon at SOCH, and Dr. James Orlando, Medical Director of the Cardiac Catheterization Lab at SOCH and the Shore Heart Group, in conjunction with the SOCH Center for Health Sciences, presented two impressive lessons at SRHS for students in the AP Biology and Anatomy and Physiology classes. Dr. Wong is a former Assistant Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery at Temple University and currently a member of the Institute of Orthopaedic Surgery and Sports Medicine. Dr. Orlando is Board Certified in Internal Medicine, Cardiology and Interventional Cardiology.

Through this series, students obtained an inside look into the fields of oncology, orthopaedics and cardiology, inspiring many to go into health-related fields. Supervisor of Science, Mr. Joseph Medica, spoke of the importance of these presentations. He stated, "It not only gives students the chance to be hands-on with actual equipment, but also informs them about the varied careers in medicine...few high schools offer the chance to learn from this type of experience."

Dr. Wong began his presentation by explaining the rigors of pursuing medicine as a career, highlighting his fourteen years of medical training after high school before setting up his own practice. He addressed a variety of procedures from minor injuries to major joint replacements. Also in attendance was Mike D'Alessio. Mr. D'Alessio assists in the operating room, providing technical support. His company, Smith and Nephew, provides orthopaedic implants.

The culmination of the day was an opportunity for students to simulate an actual knee replacement procedure. The students wore authentic surgical garb and used actual surgical instruments to drill, saw and hammer the artificial knee implants into place. Dr. Wong instantly connected with the students. He commented, "I love teaching the kids....I hope this will inspire students about medicine and its extended careers."



Dr. Jason Wong assists Angela Trovato in simulating a total knee replacement as Neha Sahay looks on

In session three, Dr. Orlando presented a comprehensive explanation of the physiology of the heart and how outside factors and lifestyle can affect its proper function. He explained in detail the dangers of caffeine, smoking and energy drinks. Furthermore, he emphasized, "Heart disease is the #1 cause of death, killing more people than all the cancers and auto accidents combined." His practice requires him to make instant decisions on the most effective treatment of patients in cardiac emergency.

The highlight for students was a video presentation of Dr. Orlando performing cardiac catheterization, balloon angioplasty and insertion of a cardiac stent (while the heart continued to beat), clearing a blocked artery for one of his patients in a life-threatening cardiac emergency. Senior Nicole Siberry noted, "It was amazing to realize how something so small [the size of the instruments used] could save your life."

Dr. Orlando summarized, "I see these presentations as an opportunity to raise awareness for heart disease and inspire students. I was fortunate enough to attend a similar presentation in high school that inspired me to go into cardiology."



Dr. Orlando shows students Jeff Stedden and Kaitlyn Bradley the inner workings of the heart

Did You Know?

Freshman Wins Statewide Essay Contest - Taylor Arcieri, a 9th grade student in Mrs. Katherine Baker's Honors English class, was awarded 1st Place out of 150 participants for her submission in the Rally for Respect essay contest sponsored by the New Jersey Statewide Self-Advocacy Network and the New Jersey Self-Advocacy Project of the ARC of New Jersey. As part of the national observance of National Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month, Taylor was honored at the Rally for Respect on March 23 at the Rutgers University Busch Campus Center.

Sophomore Competes in Thailand for World Sailing Championship - Kayla Ellis, a member of the High School Sailing Team and Brant Beach Yacht Club, qualified for this championship based on her finishes at U.S. regional and national regattas over the past year. Kayla traveled on April 1 to compete in the Laser 4.7 Youth World Championship. Kayla is the only student from this area and one of only seven in the country to compete.



Kayla Ellis competing at the Brant Beach Yacht Club

Middle School Students Win Elks' Essay Contest - The Manahawkin Elks Lodge 2340 sponsored an essay contest on Americanism. In the 7th and 8th grade Division II, the winners were **James Loftus** (1st Place), **Victoria Mancini** (2nd Place) and **Nicolas Larstanna** (3rd Place). **James Loftus** also placed 1st in the Southeast District, thus, qualifying to compete in the Elks' New Jersey State competition.

Project Cheer - The Middle School Lightning Team participated in Project Cheer, sending handwritten greeting cards, letters and jokes to service members in Iraq and Afghanistan.



15th Annual Chocolate Competition Held at Southern Regional - 1st Place, **Emily Polyard**, 2nd Place - **Kaitlin Miller** and 3rd Place - **Molly McElwee**. The competition was held on February 18. **Emily Polyard** competed again at the Restaurant School at Walnut Hill College in Philadelphia on March 27.



Contestant Morgan Rana plates his cake as winner, Emily Polyard, explains her cake to the judges.

SPORTS CENTER.....

High School Winter Sports Recap

Boys' Winter Track - 2nd Shore Conference, 7th Group IV South Jersey; Senior **Matt Valeriani** excelled in the 3200m: 1st Ocean County, 1st South Jersey Group IV, 2nd State Group IV and 4th in the NJ Meet of Champions with the 8th fastest time in the country; Senior **Christian Bok** excelled in the pole vault: 1st Shore Conference, 2nd South Jersey Group IV, 3rd State Group IV and 4th in the Eastern States Championship

Girls' Winter Track - Group IV Relay Champions and Group IV Track Champions

Boys and Girls' Swim Teams- Individual qualifiers for their respective State meets

Ice Hockey- State Finals

Boys' Basketball - A South Division Title

Girls' Basketball - South Jersey Finals

Wrestling - 2nd Place District; three District Champions: **Mike Case, Kyle Casaletto** and **Jeff McElwee**; **Kyle Casaletto**: Regional Champ, 2nd place in the State

Middle School Winter Sports Recap

Girls' Basketball - 8th grade 10-9; Outstanding players: **Virginia Kretschmer, Allison Spaschak, Katie Elassar, and Alexis Brown**; 7th grade 15-1

Boys' Basketball - Varsity 17-3, winner of the Turkey Festival Tournament; key contributors: **Mike Gesicki, Cody Schmutz, John Furlong, Grant Bissey, Richie Lyons** and **Logan Sheehan**; JV 19-0, winner Rams Classic Tournament

Wrestling - Undefeated 11-0; four 1st Place Ocean County Champions: **Zack Wilhelm, Andrew Tonnesen, Gerardo Jorge** and **Christian Albino**

Murals with a Message - Taking their lead from Mrs. Lenore Aceto who has painted many of the murals in the classrooms and hallways, students continue to volunteer their time to help beautify the school.



Allison Hanford, Stephanie Lotz, and Megan McGraw painted this classroom mural.

PAWS (Pets Assisting Willing Students) Program Makes a Difference - Teachers Katherine Baker, Leslie Gardner-Longo and Vasiliki Matthew volunteer their time for this innovative program. Therapy dogs can increase positive student behavior, alleviate stress for students and contribute to a successful academic environment. The dogs (Brody, Sage and Dusty) have become a part of everyday life at SRHS. PAWS is a part of the Crisis Intervention & Management Team and works with autistic and special education students. Students can take part in the after-school BARK (Books And Reading with K-9's) reading program with the therapy dogs in the Middle School Media Center. The therapy dog handlers collaborate with teachers to create in-class presentations and lessons on the uses and applications of therapy dogs. During the teachers' lunch breaks and prep time, they can be found walking through the buildings with the dogs. It is easy to see the calming effect the dogs have on students and faculty alike.



Musical Notes

Students Make All-State Honors Band - Two Southern Regional High School students played in the NJ All State Concert that was held in February at the NJ Performing Arts Center. The students performed in two rigorous regional and state auditions, competing for positions in two bands - the Symphonic Band and the Wind Ensemble. Students **Taryn O'Keefe** and **Victoria Tamburro** were ranked second in the State on their respective instruments; **Taryn** played first tenor sax in the Symphonic Band and **Victoria** played second horn (baritone horn) in the highest level Wind Ensemble.

Indoor Color Guard & Drumline Score Big - Southern Regional's Indoor Color Guard & Indoor Drumline competed at the Bensalem Tournament Indoor Association Competition on March 6. Congratulations to both groups; they took home 1st Place awards!

Marching Band Performs in Disney - In their 2009 fall season, Southern Regional's Golden Rams Marching Band finished 4th out of sixteen bands from three different states in the American Conference of the Cavalcade of Bands Circuit. The band performed in the "Celebrate a Dream Come True" parade in the Magic Kingdom on March 14.



The Southern Regional Marching Band

Varsity Cheerleaders Compete in Disney - At the National High School Cheerleading Championships held in Disney World in February, Southern's cheerleaders placed 14th in the nation in Large Varsity Division 1. They advanced to the semi-final round and represented Southern with spirit and pride.

World Language Honor Society Induction - On March 23, students were inducted into the National Honor Societies for French, German, Japanese, Latin and Spanish. One hundred eight students were inducted this year, including two honorary foreign exchange students.

Preschool Students Celebrate Dr. Seuss - The SRHS Child Development Learning Lab celebrated *Read Across America* on March 9 to commemorate Dr. Seuss' birthday. The preschoolers ate green eggs and ham, read books, sang, danced and played games.

