



Fun and Exciting Weekly Enrichment Courses at the
LBI Grade School, EJ School and on the Southern Regional Campus!

July 20th through August 13th
Weekly courses starting at \$50!

9:00 am to 12:00 pm
Open to all children ages 7 to 15.

For summer enrichment brochure and registration forms
log on to www.srsd.net or call 609-597-9481 ext. 4263.

Southern Regional High School District
105 Cedar Bridge Road
Manahawkin, NJ 08050

Non-Profit Org.
U.S. Postage
PAID
Manahawkin, NJ 08050
Permit No. 34

Postal Patron

SOUTHERN LIGHTS

The Official Newsletter of Southern Regional High School District



Vol. 52 No. 4

Southern Lights

June 2009



CONGRATULATIONS!

BOARD OF EDUCATION

- Mr. R. Scott Zoladz,
President
- Mr. Thomas W. Serpico,
Vice President
- Mr. Steve Berkheiser
- Mr. Kevin C. Lyons
- Mr. John Reilley
- Mr. Stuart Snyder, Esq.
- Ms. Rita Sweeney
- Mr. Christopher Taylor
- Mrs. Marilyn Wasilewski
- Mr. Keith Weidenhof

DISTRICT ADMINISTRATION

- Craig Henry,
Superintendent
- Daniel MacPhee,
Assistant Superintendent
- Lynn E. Shugars,
Business Administrator/Board Secretary

NEWSLETTER

- Carolyn S. Placa,
Editor

**New Jersey News
Showcases Performance of the
Jellybean Conspiracy**



On April 9th, the Southern Regional Improvisational Acting Class and students from the autistic and special education program performed The Jellybean Conspiracy for Classroom Close-Up, a New Jersey News Spotlight Program.

The Jellybean Conspiracy founded in 2001, is a not-for-profit agency that promotes a culture of kindness in which people with special needs are fully included in the community and recognized for their own unique contributions to the world.

continued on page 4

**School Resource Officers
Expand Intolerance Unit**

English teacher Cheryl Conley works hard to make the curricular material covered in class relative to the lives of her students. Sophomores recently studied a unit on intolerance that was based on the Holocaust as in the novel *Soldier Boys* and the movie *Swing Kids*. Students examined critical history and the plots and devices of literature and media. They also evaluated the magnitude of actions, words, and choices both in the literature and personally. Students defined roles such as perpetrator, victim, and bystander and applied them to incidents in the movie in order to understand how easily someone can slip into different roles. Students gathered current facts and statistics about hate crimes and dissect questions such as "Are we born knowing hate?" and "What constitutes a hate crime?". They later applied these statistics and inquiries to their own community and prepared questions for Officers Brummer and Perez.

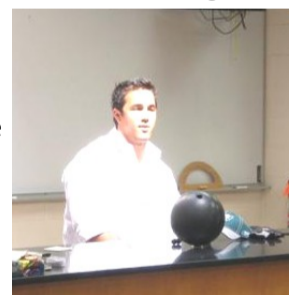


Officers Brummer and Perez define and discuss hate crimes.

continued on page 4

**Philadelphia Eagles
Linebacker Chris Gocong**

In March, junior Connor McMenamain logged onto the NJEA website and filled out the "Tackle Science" contest application, which was open to all New Jersey public middle and high school students. Connor simply stated, "The passion for science is unmatched in our class." Connor's application was personally chosen by Chris Gocong, which allowed not only Connor to meet the Philadelphia Eagle, but his entire science class received a lesson from the professional football player. A California Polytechnical State Institute graduate, Chris Gocong earned a degree in engineering and plans to work in biomedical engineering someday. Chris applies his engineering background to the football field. "Football is all about vectors, angles, and speed. It's pure physics. All football players know it, but just don't realize that fact." On May 13th, close to 30 students saw physics from a different perspective. "He provided students another point of view on the application of the various concepts taught in class," stated Michelle McMenamain, physics teacher and Connor's mother.



Eagles Football Player, Chris Gocong presented physics lesson.

In This Issue

Southern SPOTLIGHT	2
Community Connection	3
Scholarship Program	3
38th Adult School Graduation	3
Did You Know?	4
Grants Awarded	4
Musical Notes	4
Sports Corner	4

Surflight To Go & The Science of Skating

On May 4th the boys and girls of the middle school viewed two different presentations. Female students watched a performance of *Reviving Ophelia*, based on the book by Dr. Mary Pipher and performed by "Surflight to Go." The program was funded



by a grant from Bank of America. It is a play based on the lives of four girls from 1st through 12th grade.

"We thought it would be an opportunity for the girls to see something that was specific to them and provide the boys with a science related skateboarding assembly," stated Lorraine Airey, middle school principal.

Male students participated in "The Science of Skating" assembly. Officer Chris Fritz opened the program by discussing helmet safety when riding a bicycle or skate board. This was followed by a presentation from *Wondergy*. Charles Bowman and Ken Fink performed science demonstrations that touched on distribution of force, center of mass, balancing and inertia. To help explain further some of these scientific concepts,

students watched as professional skateboarder Dan Morrin performed jumps and tricks live.



The Induction Ceremony of the World Language Honor Societies

This spring the German, Spanish, French, Japanese and Latin Honor Societies inducted over 100 students into their respective chapters.



L to R: Joe Graziano, Sarah Ward, Josh Broadbent, Joe Amico.

Cardio-Room Gets A Workout

This spring the students in Irene Hughes' Anatomy and Physiology classes utilized the Cardio Room as part of their exercise physiology unit. "It was sparked by questions asked by the students following the cardiology SOCH lecture by Dr. Orlando," stated Hughes. During various exercises using different muscle groups, students charted the differences in blood pressure. Students learned the proper way to take blood pressure readings from various subjects as they were exercising on the treadmill, bike and other equipment. "The blood pressure responses give insight into how vasculature responds to exercise and why certain protocols are indicated for people with heart disease," said Hughes.

"This room is a wonderful facility to use and a great introduction for students entering the allied health professions. I can't wait to incorporate more labs and expand on the exercise physiology and cardiopulmonary units," said Hughes.

Southern Celebrates the Art of Teaching

As the school year came to a close, the Art of Teaching was celebrated to acknowledge staff who guided students along the path to academic success. Special awards were given to the following staff members: Princeton University Distinguished Teacher- Sharon Faith; Governor's Teacher Recognition Award - Scott Cooper and Jackie South; Ocean County Superintendents' Staff Member of the Year Award- Jason Lister; NJ State Teacher of the Year Award- Jim McCabe; First Year Teacher Award- Jaime Chavan; Custodial and Maintenance Award- Sue McCarthy; Professional Assistant Award- Dolores Lodge; Support Person of the Year- Kitty Snyder.



Superintendent Craig Henry with Jason Lister, Ocean County Superintendents' Staff Member of the Year Recipient.

Renaissance Fair Program

The Freshman English classes participated in a Renaissance Fair organized by the Honors 9th grade English students. "The students chose to present the fair for their fourth quarter project. They have been working hard for over a month to put the fair together," said Sheila Sledden, English teacher.

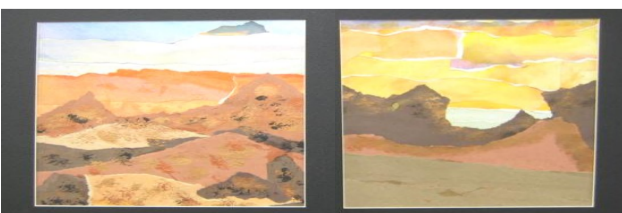
Over 500 ninth grade students participated in the event which opened with the coronation of the king each class period. Students then moved onto various stations and activities. "We had Renaissance music playing all day, dancing around the Maypole and a Market Place where we sold Elizabethan snacks and crafts," stated Sledden. Students had the opportunity to participate in peasant fishing, peasant dressing, a potato plunge, bear baiting and even a human chess board. Participants also enjoyed the talents of Shane Nugent, a Renaissance actor from the New York Renaissance Faire who showed off his jousting, dueling and acting skills. As students participated in the various activities they earned extra credit tokens. "It was a great day and the students really enjoyed participating in the different activities. We are looking forward to scheduling this event again next year and will add even more live acts to the line-up," said Sledden.



Students dance the Maypole outside of the 9/10 Building.

Middle School Art Exhibit

Jennifer Miller and Megan Lister's middle school art students displayed their work at the art exhibit in the media center. Over 250 pieces were displayed for public viewing. The variety of work consisted of high quality 2-D and 3-D drawings, clay, sculpture, and paintings. "The students work really hard and deserve the opportunity to display their projects," said Jennifer Miller, art teacher.



Middle school students Chase Leahy and Teddy Mishura display their work at the art exhibit.

Ramsey Awards

The Modern Media program enables students to experience television production through a professional and hands on environment. Students are taught various components of pre-production planning with group brainstorming, script writing, storyboards, and location scouting. Students are expected to produce projects that consist of elaborate camera work, direction and group cooperation. All of this is done under the guidance and supervision of the modern media instructors Heather Clarey and Craig Sackett. The Modern Media program presented the second annual "Ramsey Awards" on May 26th. Students earned "The Best In" projects such as, News Brief, Music Videos, Public Service Announcements, Commercials, Silent Movies, "How-To" Demonstrations and Production Elements.



Child Development Lab Celebrates 30 Years!

Twelve three-and four-year olds arrived at Southern Regional in April, 1979. They were the first of hundreds of preschoolers to attend the popular Child Development Learning Lab. Preschoolers were taught by high school students enrolled in the Child Development Class and supervised by teachers. The success of the program, initially established through a state grant, quickly expanded into two sessions.

Today, the Learning Lab has two preschool classes, each still taught by high school students enrolled in one of the three levels of the child development courses. Preschoolers attend the morning or afternoon session for two hours on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Children are provided with a wide variety of learning experiences and activities in a clean, safe, nurturing environment.

continued on page 4

Wall of Books

Throughout the school year, Marissa Reynolds, English teacher, had assigned her students the task of independently reading 50 pages of literature a week and writing letters about their readings in a literature log book. After the second marking period, the total number of books came to 555! Reynold's was impressed with her students' accomplishments that she decided to show them how much they had read by painting one brick on the wall for every book title that was read.

Spanning three walls in her room, she continued to challenge her students into the third and fourth marking periods and added a personal touch on each brick. "I asked students to put their thumbprint on all of the bricks that hold titles they had read this school year. That way, when they move on to the high school, they are leaving behind a little imprint of themselves and are showing my future 8th graders what it means to have PRIDE and to have such a strong desire to read good literature," said Reynolds.





Senior Class Service Day

Southern seniors served the community in their annual "Senior Service Day." Students were assigned different areas within the community to "clean-up." A number of students were assigned to different groups that tackled the clean-up effort on different ocean and bay beaches as well as areas on the Southern Regional campus. "Let's make sure we provide the service to the community first," wrote Kathy Cornelius, co-advisor for the 2009 class. Students gathered later at Bay View Park for some lunch, fun and sun!

Fashion through the Decades Belle De Jour



Barbara Simovic walks the runway modeling clothes from Freedom Surf Shop.

The Fashion Merchandising Class hosted its annual runway fashion show on April 30th. Throughout the year, the class studied many aspects of fashion promotion. Every year, students' hard work comes alive on stage in the full runway show that incorporates local and community stores. "Our stores are supporting us and we are supporting them," stated Patricia Penn, teacher of Fashion Merchandising. Area retailers that participated in the show were: Island Bridal, Barnegat Bridal, Mandeas, Feet First, Sur la Plage, Tula, Faria's Surf & Sport Shops, Tascio, Freedom, Surf Shack, Uniformity and Pearl. Locally designed garments by Jetty and Lucid were featured as well as two alumnae of the Southern's Fashion Merchandising Class Lindsey Larson of Wink in Surf City and Carey Hahl of Pearl in Manahawkin. Jessica Peyton and the Brick vocational students completed the fashionable look with make-up and hair design.

The evening's program was a group project designed and developed by students and provided a "hands-on" educational tool for the Fashion Merchandising students. The show also helped to promote area fashion retailers and raise money for The Family and Consumer Sciences Department Scholarship.

National Honor Society Hosts Annual Blood Drive

Over 240 students and staff members signed up for the National Honor Society Blood Drive on April 3rd. "We are very proud of the students giving blood, especially the students that are donating for the first time. They are here for the right reasons and that is really special," stated Ruth Tummey, National Honor Society Advisor.



Andrew Anderson presented the Anderson Agency Scholarship to Megan Maschal.

The Southern Regional Scholarship Program Awards \$489,934!

On June 8th the Scholarship Program presented 850 scholarships to 280 students, totaling \$489,934! Since its conception in 1985, the program has enabled students to attend some of the most prestigious colleges and universities in the country while also providing help to students whose desire it is to attend local colleges, technical and trade schools. The success of the program is due to the community support. 313 donors worked tirelessly to raise funds and provide our students with opportunities that may not have otherwise been available. It is from this community support that the Southern Regional Scholarship Program continues to flourish and grow. Any interested party is urged to contact Cheryl Barrett at 609-597-9481, Ext. 4412 if they need more information on this wonderful program.



L to R: Kevin Moninghoff, Helene Koseff, Raymond Ciccone, Jennifer Hogson and Andrew Wright.

Honorary Jazz Educators Award

At the annual District Jazz Banquet on May 20th, Raymond Ciccone and Helene Koseff were honored with Honorary Jazz Educators Awards. "They have devoted a tremendous amount of time and energy in the aggrandizement of jazz education at Southern," stated Kevin Moninghoff, music teacher and Jazz Band Director.

Yearly, these community members are in the forefront of organizing the Sea Oaks Gala Benefit, which raises money for the Southern Ocean County Hospital as well as for the students of Southern. "It has developed into one of the most prestigious and well attended benefits held in Stafford Township," stated Moninghoff. Each year, a doctor and a nurse are awarded with honors, while entertainment is provided by Southern Jazz musicians. All funds raised for Southern are utilized for jazz education and scholarships for graduating seniors.

The Middle School Veterans' Appreciation Breakfast

The annual Veterans' Appreciation Breakfast was held on May 8th. The program consisted of patriotic essays, music and student-created projects that honored local veterans. The breakfast was designed to help students make a connection with local community members that have helped change the course of American history. Eighth grader Nick Munafa spoke of the meaning of freedom and stated, "Freedom is the everyday thing that allows people to perform to the best of their ability."

Greenbriar Oceanaire Clubs Donate to Mainsail Program



Superintendent Craig Henry, Betty Ryan, Robin Craig, Aaron Shapiro, Tom Tascano and Mainsail Teacher Don Graham.

Representatives from Greenbriar Oceanaire Women and Men's Club donated \$1,000 to the Mainsail Work Experience Program, in which students job-shadow work mentors from the Stafford Township business community.

Relay for Life Raised Over \$124,000!

Over 800 participants, 170 cancer survivors and 58 teams participated in the American Cancer Society Relay for Life event held on May 29-30 at Southern Regional High School.

Intergenerational Council

Intergenerational celebrated another year of trips and activities with their annual picnic. "Students and adults spent another year of sharing in each others company. Adult members imparted their life experiences and provided an understanding of history and tradition," wrote Rosemarie Tamarato,



advisor. If you are interested in joining the Intergenerational Council, please call 597-9481 ext. 2311.

Southern Holds 38th Adult School Graduation Ceremony

The Adult School Program conducted its 38th Graduation Ceremony on June 11th. Adult school principal, Jan P. Kristbergs, directed the event, which was highlighted by an address from Superintendent Craig Henry emphasizing how proud Southern was to supply such a tremendous learning opportunity. He accepted the Class of 2009 and stated, "Now you are forever a Ram." Graduate and Delconte Award winner, Rebecca Anne Ward concluded the ceremony by saying "I'm extremely grateful to be here today. Southern has opened doors for me that I thought had closed a long time ago. Thank you for guiding us, defending us and loving us."

Seventeen graduates were awarded diplomas and were presented achievement and scholarship awards from the Long Beach Island Rotary Club and the Southern Regional Home and School Association. Board of Education member, Stuart Snyder, Esq., addressed the group and joined Mr. Henry, members of the administration, Adult School Advisory Committee, and Adult School staff and faculty in presenting the diplomas and awards. Additional award presentations were made to students in the GED and ESL instructional programs which were offered in partnership with the Ocean County Adult Basic Skills Consortium led by St. Francis Educational Support Services. The awards and gifts were provided by generous support from a variety of donors including, Mr. Scott Hanula, Mrs. Sharon Osborn, Mrs. Carolyn Westberg, and the SR Home and School Association.



Rebecca Anne Ward was presented an LBI Rotary Scholarship from Peter Maschal, LBI Rotary Club President.



Southern Regional Education Foundation

Southern Regional Education Foundation has filed trademark protection in preparation for the marketing of Southern Regional gear. The Foundation will be offering a full product line of Southern Regional t-shirts, sweatshirts, flip-flops, hats and jackets. This enterprise will utilize the marketing education classes who will analyze and evaluate retail potential through this "real-life" scenario.



Jellybean Conspiracy Cont.

Jellybean is a theatre show that brings young artists with and without disabilities together in a life-affirming creative environment where everyone can learn what it takes to build healthy communities and a more civil society. The vision of the Jellybean Conspiracy is a world of caring that respects and includes the creative gifts of students with disabilities.

"Theatrically it is a really good show. The students speak the truth and come together like pieces of a puzzle. The performers really touch the audience because they care about the show and each other," said Jim McCabe, Director. Jellybean uses theatre to change attitudes towards children and young adults with disabilities. This is a show where kids with special needs find a place to belong and all students learn the arts of compassionate action and thoughtful inclusion. It is a warm and affectionate anthology of music, song, poetry, dance, and mixed media, featuring original work by local students from the high school's departments of theatre, special education and music.

PROJECT A.S.P.I.R.E

(Actively Seeking Placement in Real-Life Employment)

Project A.S.P.I.R.E is an unpaid structured learning program designed to foster vocational skills for students' ages 16-21, with multiple disabilities and autism in a community-based employment setting. For more information please call 609-597-9481 ext. 4538 or email aspire@srsd.net.

Did You Know?

◆ Fifteen cadets from the JROTC program embarked on a KC-135 Stratotanker airplane where they flew to Virginia and out to the Atlantic Ocean to refuel the Air Force's newest fighter craft, the F-22 Raptor.

◆ The Southern Regional campus chapter of Habitat for Humanity participated in a ground breaking ceremony on March 29th in Little Egg Harbor.



◆ The 9/10 Library hosted a Summer Reading Fair on May 22nd. Students were invited to peruse the books on grade-specific lists as well as additional titles. Students who participate in the summer reading program must complete an assignment in order to receive 3% points added to the 1st marking period grade.

◆ The Social Studies Department hosted Dr. Robert Scott for an in-service program on April 28th. Dr. Scott is an Assistant Professor of Economics in the Monmouth University Department of Economics and Finance.

◆ On May 28th, over 30 graduating seniors participated in the S.T.Y.L.E. Transitions Program. The workshop was geared to provide valuable information about transitioning into college after high school.

◆ 48 students, making up eight teams' participated in the annual Physics Olympics event on April 3rd. Students were given instructions on various scientific tasks and challenges which earned them points for different awards.



◆ On June 2nd, the middle school physical education department held athletic mini-camps. These camps were designed to allow high school athletes to work with middle school students during physical education classes to teach some of the skills and drills used by our high school athletic teams.

◆ May 29th marked the inaugural "Beating on the Beach" surf fishing tournament between the Southern Regional Fishing Rams and the Barnegat High School Fishing Club.

◆ 97.5% of our regular education first time test takers passed the High School Proficiency Assessment. This is a higher passing percentage than last year!

◆ The Mainsail Manufacturing Class constructed nine greenhead flytraps for the Township of Long Beach Department of Public Works.



◆ The Autism Program helped beautify the Southern Regional campus by planting spring flowers. As part of a classroom project, students grew the flowers from seedlings.

◆ Contribution forms for the Ram Brick Walkway are posted at www.srsd.net website. For a \$50 contribution you can write a two line inscription of 15 characters on a 4" x 8.5" brick.

◆ The English Department hosted an *Interactive Poetry Workshop* for high school students on April 28th. Peter Murphy, author of two books of poems, introduced strategies that helped students unlock and discover the power of poetry.



◆ The high school history department continued its living history programs through History on Wheels, Holocaust survivor Clara Kramer and Jeff Brown's World War I presentations.

◆ Since the implementation of its energy conservation program in October 2007, Southern Regional has had a 34% reduction in energy consumption! The district has received national and state recognition and is dedicated to continue its ongoing efforts to conserve energy and make everyday Earth Day!

School Resource Officers Cont.

Students benefitted from this unit through personal connections and with a new understanding about hate crimes. Learning to be tolerant and respectful to all is the right choice to make everyday.

Grants Awarded...

Joseph Begonia was awarded the Dodge Foundation Visual Artist/Educator Fellowship. He will receive \$7,000 to integrate visual arts across the curriculum.



Jeff Brown was awarded an Associated Antique Dealers of NJ Educational Outreach Grant. The goal of the grant is to introduce and have young people work with and touch antiques.

The following staff members received grants from the Southern Regional



Home and School Association: Jason Hoch-Trout in the Classroom, Lori Sefcik-Digital Photography Technology in Science, Patricia Penn- FCCLA pillows for ConKerr Cancer Organization, Michel Benson- STYLE Leadership Training, Holly Kropinack-Child Development Learning Lab, Johanna McCauley-SRMS Media Club, Energy Education Earth Day Program.



Musical Notes

◆ The Winter Guard earned a Silver Medal at the All-Indoor Championships in Wildwood, NJ this May.

◆ The High School Select Choir earned the *Outstanding Achievement and Musical Recognition* at the Ocean County Teen Arts Festival.

◆ Members of the wind ensemble played with the South Jersey Area Wind Ensemble in a side by side concert held at Stockton State College on April 27th.



Superintendents' Roundtable Recognition Breakfast

The Superintendents' Roundtable Recognition Breakfast honored the pictured recipients (L to R): Caryl Garrison and Jeffrey Boye- Ocean County Association of School Administrators Scholarship, Matthew Paul Little- Ocean County Mayor's Association Scholarship and Eric Wilhelm, high school principal.

Child Development Lab Cont.

On May 19th, during the end of the year program, the Child Development Lab celebrated 30 years. Alumni of the program were present. Performances were given by both the AM and PM classes. Teacher Holly Kropinack, one of the developers of the lab was honored. "Mrs. Kropinack has truly been dedicated to this program since its conception. Her joy and pride is reflected when her former preschoolers come back as high school students in her child development classes and then as parents of a new class of preschoolers," said Latshaw.

Sports Corner.....



2008-2009 Shop Rite Cup Winner!

- 2009 Boys Volleyball State Champions!
- Boys Track Team A-South Champions!
- Girls Track Team A-South Champions!