2010 GRADUATES PREPARE TO EMBARK ON NEW BEGINNINGS

Somerville High School, for the second consecutive year, was named one of the Top 1500 schools in the nation by Newsweek.
SOVERVILLE WELCOMES INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Dr. Thomas F. Butler joined the Somerville Public School district as interim superintendent of schools on July 1, 2010. Dr. Butler replaces retired superintendent of schools, Dr. Carolyn F. Leary, while the Board continues its search for a permanent replacement for the position.

An experienced and respected administrator with a Doctorate in Educational Administration and Supervision from Rutgers University, Dr. Butler has over thirty-three years of central office experience. For the last sixteen years he has served as interim superintendent for a variety of K-12, 9-12, and K-8 school districts throughout northern and central New Jersey. This is his sixth visit to Somerset County having previously occupied the role in Branchburg, Bridgewater-Raritan Regional, Montgomery, Somerset Hills Regional, and Watchung Hills Regional.

While in Somerville, Dr. Butler will continue to expand and enhance the district’s record of achievement. His role is to continue implementation of the Board of Education’s approved budgetary and educational plan. He will assist the school district in continuing its mission to nurture intellectual growth and civic responsibility.

Dr. Butler and his wife Donna have lived in Martinsville for the past thirty-six years. They are both life members of the Martinsville Rescue Squad after retiring two years ago after thirty years of service to their community. They have a married son and two grandchildren living in Carrabassett Valley, Maine, and a married daughter and two grandchildren living in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania.
Athletic Award: Thompson, Korri
Athletic Award: Thornburg, Kiley Ann
Athletic Award: Vargas, Dallas
Athletic Award: Vera, David
Athletic Award: Wernerspach, Kimberly
Athletic Award: Yu, Stephanie
B. Hoagland Class of 1955 Scholarship: Powser, Joanne
Bernard R. Johnson Vocal Music Scholarship: Bellucci, Katharine
Bernie Bray Memorial Award: Bellucci, Katharine
Branchburg Basketball Association Award: Demmer, Scott
Branchburg Basketball Association Award: Sumpter, Sahara
Branchburg Federation of Teachers: Lazauskas, Jennifer
Branchburg Fraternal Order of Police #14 Award: Bullock, Stephanie
Branchburg News Award: Alessio, Mineo
Branchburg PTO Scholarship: Kuszelewicz, Jessica
Branchburg PTO Scholarship: Healey, Troy
Branchburg Rotary Club Scholarship: Storge, Jeremy
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Branchburg Rotary Club Scholarship: DePirri, Danielle
Branchburg Travel Soccer Scholarship: Sullivan, Melissa
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Branchburg Woman’s Club Scholarship: Shah, Shiv
Branchburg Woman’s Club Scholarship: Ridarick, Kristen
Christine Pigott Memorial Award in History: Griffith, William IV
Claude Shappelle Memorial Award: Lewis, Nicole
Don Elliott Music Award: Rubin, Tyler
Edith Stern Award: Jaramillo, Pablo
Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholar: Brenn, Kaitlin
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Ethicon Scholarship: Khawar, Jibran
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Gerry Ryan Education Scholarship: Griffith, William IV
Girls Pioneer Basketball Award: Sumpter, Sahara
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Alumni Class of 72 Award | Tischler, Nanci |

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Boys Soccer Booster Club Award | Adkins, Justi |

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Boys Soccer Booster Club Award | Mineo, Joseph |

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Boys Soccer Booster Club Award | Nobbs, Gregory |

Somerville High School Choral

Music Booster Award | Verona, Veronica |

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Music Booster Award | Petties, Mizjayah |

Somerville High School

Color Guard Booster Award | Coco, Rachel |

Somerville High School

Color Guard Booster Award | Schlom, Catherine |

Somerville High School French Club Award | Lester, Kathryn |

Somerville High School French Language Award | Mineo, Alessio |

Somerville High School French Language Award | Weinman, Erin |

Somerville High School Girls Soccer

Booster Club Award | Sullivan, Melissa |

Somerville High School Instrumental

Music Booster Award | Kristjansen, Rene |

Somerville High School Instrumental

Music Booster Award | Orlando, Ashley |

Somerville High School

Media Center Award | Russomano, Alexandra |
Scholarship & Awards Recipients

Somerville High School Most Improved Choral Award. Davidson-Piedra, Amanda
Somerville High School Most Improved Instrumental Award. Schiom, Catherine
Somerville High School Music Council Awards of Distinction. Coffin, Hannah
Somerville High School Music Council Awards of Distinction. Ammons, Elizabeth
Somerville High School Music Council Awards of Distinction. Healey, Troy
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Somerville High School Yearbook Award. Brown, Kaitlyn
Somerville High School Yearbook Award. Coco, Rachel
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Somerville High School Yearbook Award. Warn, Nicole
Somerville High School Yearbook Award. Strand, Stacey
Somerville High School Yearbook Award. Lewis, Nicole
Somerville High School Yearbook Award. Reckenbeil, Emily
Somerville History Club Award. Crow, Jennifer
Somerville Kiwanis Scholarship. Russomano, Alexandra

Somerville Metro Lions Club Scholarship Award. Garcia, Mateo
Somerville PBA Local #147 Award. Hinson, Thomas

Somerville Principals and Supervisors Association Award. Coffin, Hannah
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Stewart H. Schenck, Jr. Art Scholarship. Powser, Joanne
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Susanna DeLaurentis Memorial Scholarship. Kirchner, Kelsey

Swim Team Booster Andrew Colditz Memorial Award. Lewis, Nicole
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Swim Team Booster Andrew Colditz Memorial Award. Koenig, Kyle
The Alison M. Rodecker Memorial Scholarship. Kurinzi, Layla
The Dessert Plate Scholarship. Bryden, Kelly
The Jessica Melore Student Achievement Award. Ridarick, Kristen
The Joanne Vargas Commemorative Scholarship. Vera, David
The Meghan Rose Bradley Scholarship. Kirchner, Kelsey
The Meghan Rose Bradley Scholarship. Sacchi, Kimberly
The Meghan Rose Bradley Scholarship. Koddenberg, Bridget
The National Girls and Women in Sports Day Award. Sumpter, Sahara
The Thomas and Gary Wilson Memorial Award. Kieffer, Megan
The Valkyrie Award. Crowe, Jennifer
The Valkyrie Award. Diamond, Ryan
The Wilma B. Matyszew - Branchburg Education Foundation Scholarship. Lewis, Nicole
Theodore & Revel V. Wright Memorial Trust Scholarship. Blair, Micah
Visual Art Award. Powser, Joanne
Visual Art Award. Smith, Quiandra
Wegmans Scholarship. Bolomey, Gregory
William F. Lawrence Scholarship. Maharjan, Anil
William F. Lawrence Scholarship. Minoz, Alessio
William McPherson Award. Diamond, Ryan
The following students were on the High Roll/Honor Roll for at least three of the four marking periods in 2008/09.

**SENIORS**

**FOURTH YEAR**
- Brene, Lisa
- Callander, Lindsey
- Dakwahene, Abena
- Nevar, Laura
- Pascual, Sarah
- Pontier, Luke

**THIRD YEAR**
- Reddy, Kedav
- Reynera, Eleni
- Snyder, Matthew
- Winstead, Robert
- Richard, Samantha
- DeVoe, Nicole
- Frasier, Danielle
- Maher, Scott
- Patel, Rushita
- Phibbs, Stephanie
- Russell, Jennifer
- Vargas, Maria
- Vellucci, Michael
- Estvez, Connor

**SECOND YEAR**
- Garfi, Salvatore
- Goodman, Corinne
- Hutzel, Alexandra
- Rea, Britanny
- Richard, Samantha
- De Voe, Nicole
- Farj, Gabriel
- Frank, Jennifer

**JUNIORS**
- Honeyn, Simon
- Miles, Andrew
- Seifi, Ali
- Smith, Sam
- Tom-Wolveton, Leigh

**FRESHMEN**
- Beaver, Christophers

The following students have been on the High Honor/Roll Honor for the first three marking periods of this school year, and are eligible for the FIRST YEAR HONOR AWARD.

**SENIORS**
- Casucci, Aleksandr
- Crespo, Samantha
- Davis-Kleppingen, Paige
- Davis-Kleppingen, Tai
- Frank, Emily
- Glassman, Rio
- Hollingsworth, Matthew
- Jordan, Meredith
- Kristjansen, Rene
- Osorio, Sthefany
- Taylor, Christine

**JUNIORS**
- Blair, Mical
- Dzwonczyk, David
- Healey, Troy
- O’Donnell, Shaun
- Rich, Thomas
- Timko, Jason

**FRESHMEN**
- Abes, Arienna
- Aiiken, Sara

**JUNIORS**
- Anthony, Julia
- Auffenmore, Sarah
- Bacon, Ellen
- Barber, Emily
- Barrow, Emily
- Bateman, Kate
- Behr, Daniel
- Bietz, Gregary
- Boggan, Bruna
- Bowby, Elizabeth
- Breidenburch, Kirsten
- Brennan, Drew
- Carman, Devin
- Cassidy, Tara Rose
- Cavagnaro, Amy
- Cheng, Ray
- Ciecwiz, Ryan
- Cimino, Caitlin
- Conforti, Deni
- Contino, Christopher
- Cummello, Marisa
- Daly, Kimberly

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- Brink, Alysson
- Cassidy, Shannon
- Cruz, Dylan
- Darling, William
- Fitzpatrick, Kelly
- Gafri, Steven
- Keisentwan, Jordan
- Mohamed, Kristal
- Oertelna, Daveny
- Collins, David

**SENIORS**
- Baczek, Ariaf
- Barberio, Antonio
- Basile, Nicole
- Bastani, Soheyl
- Betchek, Lauren
- Bocking, Kelsey
- Callander, Lauren
- Candare, Nicholas
- Ciecwiz, Alyssa
- Cienski, John
- Dallesso, Nicole
- Day, Kyle

**THIRD YEAR**
- Becker, Zachary
- Delaney, Collen
- Douglas, Rachel
- Douna, Ryan
- Franchik, Alexander
- Gallo, Christopher
- Georgiev, Ekrn
- Gorick, Alexander
- Nacht, Brandon
- Nagl, James
- Groh, John
- Hart, Shannon

**HOLDENBERG A, Alexander**
- Ibe, Crystal
- Johnson, Kyle
- Kapa, Sarah
- Kaplan, Jared
- Karg, Dillon
- Kelton, Conor
- Kharw, Myra
- Labuda, Jasmine
- Laut, Alexander
- Lockwood, Lindsay
- Long, Alexandra
- Mazurkiewicz, Thomas

**SENIORS**
- Chmiel, Jessica
- Coffin, Hannah
- Coffin, Madelyn
- Curtis, Maria
- Demmer, Scott
- DelPre, Danielle
- Diamond, Ryan
- Emmmons, Elizabeth
- Garcia, Mateo
- Hawkinson, Cole

**FRESHMEN**
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ATHLETIC ACHIEVEMENTS

FALL TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Girls Tennis – Raritan Division Champions

Gymnastics team earns a top 10 ranking statewide.

FALL INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

Boys Soccer
All Skyland Conference (Raritan Division)
1st Team – Justin Adkins, Joe Mineo, German Arita, Carlos Alvarez
All Somerset County
1st Team – Joe Mineo

Girls Soccer
All Skyland Conference (Raritan Division)
1st Team – Cara Poole, Danielle Deserio, Megan Rossomando

Field Hockey
All Skyland Conference (Raritan Division)
1st Team – Madelyn Coffin, Dana Fortune, Kelsey Kirchner, Gillian Raposo, Korri Thompson

Football
All Skyland Conference (Valley Division)
1st Team – Johnny Betz, Nick Ulassin, Tim Laub, Derek Sierzchio, David Vera, Marc Roche, Tyler Sanchez
All Somerset County
1st Team – Nick Ulassin, David Vera
Nike Super 100
Nick Ulassin

Girls Basketball
All Skyland Conference (Raritan Division)
1st Team – Sahara Sumpter

Wrestling
All Skyland Conference (Raritan Division)
1st Team – Micah Blair, Nick Wahba, Frank Lazauskas, Paul Kirchner, Quaezer Featherson, Dan Naples
Somerset County Tournament
Champion – Paul Kirchner, Micah Blair
District Champions
Paul Kirchner, Micah Blair, Nick Wahba
Region Champions
Micah Blair
State Place Winners
Micah Blair – 4th

Girls Fencing
All Skyland Conference (Raritan Division)
Roxanne Rosinski

Boys Track
All Skyland Conference (Delaware West Division)
1st Team – Brandon Steward, Brandon Mehnert, Eric Grohn, Connor Grunwald

Boys Tennis
All Skyland Conference (Raritan Division)
1st Team – Harsha Honasoge, Adam Morris, Austin Rose

SPRING TEAM CHAMPIONSHIPS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

McKenzie Loughlin joins the 100 goal club with the Girls’ Lacrosse team

Boys Tennis
Team wins the Skyland Conference Raritan division title
Alexis Appezzato breaks the school record in the javelin and places 3rd in the meet of champions

SPRING INDIVIDUAL AWARDS

BASEBALL
All Skyland Conference (Raritan Division)
1st Team – Chris Keisel, Tim Coy, Joe Marchifava, Tom Mazurkiewicz

Girls Lacrosse
All Skyland Conference (Raritan Division)
1st Team – Amanda Harney, McKenzie Loughlin, Caroline Stires

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Ian Gallagher; Jessica Neuhauser

A $50 savings bond offered by Johnson & Johnson Management Information Center to the girl and boy in eighth grade who have shown the greatest keenness, most worthwhile initiative, and who has the highest average in American History.

Ian Gallagher; Emily Tomaske

A $50 savings bond offered by Ethicon, Inc. to two eighth grade students meeting these standards in instrumental music - musical ability above and beyond requirements, c) responsibility, d) loyalty, e) leadership and f) demonstration of a real desire for improvement musically.

Ian Gallagher; Karen Ruano

A $50 savings bond offered by Ethicon, Inc. to the eighth grade student demonstrating superior ability in French and to the eighth grade student demonstrating superior ability in Spanish.

Rodine Borja; Serene Farj

A $50 savings bond offered by Ortho-McNeil Pharmaceutical and Ethicon, Inc. to two girls and to two boys in grade eight who have excelled in mathematics during the year.

Dominic Bierwisch; Serene Farj; Ian Gallagher; Precious Makiling

A $50 savings bond offered by Ortho McNeil Pharmaceutical and Ethicon, Inc. to girls and to boys in grade eight who have excelled in the study of science during the year.

Dominic Bierwisch; Precious Makiling

The presentation of dictionaries by the Somerville Civic Middle School Awards — Grade 8

MIDDLE SCHOOL AWARDS — GRADE 8

A $50 savings bond offered by R.W. Johnson Pharmaceutical Research and Development to the girl and the boy in grade eight who have excelled in mathematics during the year.

Dominic Bierwisch; Serene Farj; Ian Gallagher; Precious Makiling

A $50 savings bond offered by R.W. Johnson Pharmaceutical Research Center to the student who has exhibited significant leadership in the area of art.

Christine Arbustini; Alexandra Cardona; Michael Castaneda; Peter MohammeD

BAND BOOSTERS’ AWARD

The Bob Peake Memorial Award (a $200 savings bond) to two Middle School Band leaders who display an exceptional positive, encouraging and helpful attitude toward all the ensembles and all facets of the band program.

Ian Gallagher; Karen Ruano

CITIZENSHIP AND LEADERSHIP AWARDS

A $50 savings bond offered by Ethicon, Inc. to the student who shows improvement in the area of citizenship during the three years as a student in the Somerville Middle School.

Serafina Genise

A $50 savings bond offered by the Somerville Parent-Teacher-Teachers Organization to the eighth grade students who for their cooperation and efforts throughout the three-year period.

Serafina Genise; Stacy Henry

A $50 savings bond offered by Ethicon, Inc. to the two eighth grade students who have demonstrated consistent discipline and effort towards academic achievement in reading over a three-year period.

Matthew Axmann; Nadia Saez

A $50 savings bond offered by Ethicon, Inc. to two eighth grade students who have demonstrated consistent cooperation, courtesy, commitment and pride towards academic achievement over a three-year period.

Ian Gallagher; Precious Makiling

A $50 savings bond offered by Ethicon, Inc. to the two eighth grade students who have exemplified outstanding effort in their classwork.

Serafina Genise; Stacy Henry

A Barnes & Noble gift card and book presented by the friends of Somerville Public Library to the eighth grade student who has exemplified the love of books and the value of the library in the furtherance of his education.

Alexandra Cardona

A $50 savings bond in memory of Mr. S. Thomas Oakley offered by the Friends of the Theater Arts to two eighth grade students who exhibited outstanding achievement in the field of drama.

Alexandra Cardona; Serafina Genise

A $50 savings bond, donated in memory of Victoria C. Garcia, to the eighth grade boy or girl who has demonstrated a superior understanding of the concepts of arts and is considering this area as a possible future vocation.

Alexandra Cardona

A $100 savings bond, donated in memory of Michael G. Ryan, to the eighth grade boy and girl who exhibit the qualities of good character and who are living their lives in the mold of an educator and person like Michael G. Ryan.

Stacy Henry; Michael LaCosta

SOMERVILLE EDUCATION ASSOCIATION AWARDS

Lucy Stump Award — Karen Ruano

Christopher C. Strong Award — Giullian Gauna

Alfred Spitalito Award — Precious Makiling

Stewart Thomas Oakley Award — Ian Gallagher

PRESIDENTIAL EDUCATIONAL AWARDS

The President's Award for Educational Excellence recognizes academic success in the classroom. Students recognizing this award have earned an "A" average. School personnel may also consider as part of the criteria activities in which a student demonstrates high motivation, initiative, integrity, intellectual depth, leadership qualities and exceptional judgments.

Matthew Axmann; Theodore Baez; Dominic Bierwisch; Connor Blakeley; Rodine Borja; Yerlin Burgos; Lucas Chin; Sharon Chryssopoulos; Hannah Dela Cruz; Connor DePace; Serene Farj; Ian Gallagher; Tanja Dela Cruz; Rajshreel D’Souza; Jeanette decidio; Karen Ruano; Nadia Saez; Jacqueline San Jose; Josephine Tan; Emily Tomaske; Nicole Tommaso; Benjamín Torres; Yerlin Burgos; Yerlin Burgos; Serene Farj; Karen Ruano; Lesleigh Tuigol; Ian Gallagher; Adriana Galyon; Alex Noriega; Karen Ruano

The President’s Award for Education Achievement recognizes students that show outstanding educational growth, improvement, commitment and intellectual development in their academic subjects.

Christine Arbustini; Alexandra Cardona; Michael Castaneda; Peter Mohammed

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A $100 savings bond offered to the students who embrace literacy and demonstrate a passion for reading and writing.

Trevor Ache; Connor Blakeley

A $100 savings bond offered to the students who utilize their research skills to expand their knowledge base and fuel their curiosity for learning.

Dominic Bierwisch; Alexandra Cardona; Alex Noriega

The Somerville Education Foundation Middle School Award of a $50 savings bond given to the eighth grade students who exemplify academic excellence, personal growth, and good character.

Dominic Bierwisch; Precious Makiling

Somerville Middle School gratefully acknowledges the donation by Ethicon, Inc. (a Johnson & Johnson Company) for their generous funding.
On June 13, 2010, TEAM GREEN, a fund raising collaboration, hosted a community dedication ceremony at Brooks Field to recognize and honor the generosity of donors who made the dream of state-of-the-art athletic turf fields at SHS a reality. Special honorees were Jeff Vanderbeek and the Vanderbeek family, whose donation was memorialized by the Somerville Board of Education’s resolution to officially name the SHS fields the Gus Vanderbeek Athletic Complex. Pictured are the Wall of Fame and Walk of Champions that was unveiled at the dedication ceremony to acknowledge donations from the community.
Mrs. Francesca Bardes, a reading specialist at Van Derveer Elementary School, has been teaching for five years in the Somerville Public School district.

Mrs. Bardes is a committed and knowledgeable reading specialist who strives each day to meet the diverse learning needs of the students with whom she works. Mrs. Bardes’ firm understanding of the teaching of reading promotes the attainment of literacy skills. In addition to her work with students, Mrs. Bardes is a valued expert within the educational community. She serves on several committees within the school and district and supports initiatives that create a community of readers and writers. Mrs. Bardes is a respected and highly regarded member of Van Derveer Elementary School.

Mrs. Bardes states, “Teachers share their love of learning with their students, who then carry that sense of wonder with them in everything they do. The true nature of our profession is to nurture students to believe in themselves. I am honored to be one among many dedicated teachers who share our talents with the children that parents and guardians entrust us with each day. As John Dewey once stated, ‘A teacher is a guide and director; he/she steers the boat, but the energy that propels it must come from those who are learning.’”

Mrs. Jennifer DePace, a sixth grade social studies teacher at Somerville Middle School, has been teaching for three years in the Somerville Public School district.

Mrs. DePace is a highly valued member of the Somerville Middle School community. She is an innovative teacher whose creativity, professionalism, and dedication are valued by students, colleagues, administrators, and parents alike. Mrs. DePace’s lessons tap into each child’s learning style as she encourages students to embrace history, utilize technology, and expand knowledge of the world around them. Her compassion is evident in the manner in which she encourages every student to achieve and to flourish academically, socially, and emotionally. Mrs. DePace provides a classroom that is nurturing, supportive, and child-centered. The students in her charge develop the confidence to set goals and succeed. Mrs. DePace takes an active role as a contributing member of her sixth grade teaching team. Mrs. DePace collaborates with colleagues and community members in the planning of the annual sixth grade multicultural day program.

Mrs. DePace states, “I believe in the ability of every student to learn, to contribute positively, and to succeed academically. When given the tools and encouragement to succeed, students reach their potential and exceed expectations. I am very proud of the middle school students and it is a pleasure to watch them develop into productive citizens of our community.”

Ms. Bernice Husk, a French teacher at Somerville High School, has been teaching for nineteen years in the Somerville Public School district.

Ms. Husk is an outstanding teacher. She is a motivated, energetic, and dedicated educator who endeavors to ensure that each student has the opportunity to reach his or her maximum potential. As a teacher of French, Madame Husk teaches the language and culture and uses her musical talent to enrich her lessons. On occasion, Madame Husk is seen playing her guitar while her students are engaged in song. In addition to her French classes, Ms. Husk also teaches an Introduction to Education course. The teaching accolade awarded to Ms. Husk is well deserved as she encourages students to prepare to enter the world’s noblest profession: teaching.

Ms. Husk states, “Teaching is a wonderful profession. The opportunity to guide and instruct young people is truly rewarding. That I am able to share my love of French with my students makes this position even more gratifying. I feel very fortunate not only to teach, but also to teach in Somerville. The students are enthusiastic and my colleagues are dedicated to providing the best possible education for those who are enrolled in our classes.”
“IMPOSSIBLE BLOSSOMS” EXHIBITED AT SHS

Somerville High School art students created an “Impossible Blossoms” winter exhibit in the school’s outdoor courtyard, which was inspired by the artistic style of contemporary artist, Sandy Skoglund. Art and Photography Club members, along with SHS art students, designed tissue paper flowers under the direction of staff members, Lynn Bielicky, Lisa Conklin, and Susan Shelton.

The project was completed in two phases. During February, Photography Club members, in support of the school’s character education program, delivered colorful tissue paper bouquets to neighbors. What a surprising spring-like experience on a cold winter’s day!

In March, students transformed the high school’s exterior courtyard space into a temporary sea of spring blooms created by installing hundreds of handmade tissue paper flowers. The temporary exhibit was a visual masterpiece enjoyed by the entire Somerville High School community.

DEMOCRACY IN ACTION AT VDV

As the adults of the community were casting their budget votes, Van Derveer students cast ballots of their own to choose a special school-wide activity. During the school budget vote in April, the teachers at Van Derveer Elementary School captured the “teachable moment” to educate students about our voting system. Lessons focused on civic responsibilities, the voting process, and the importance of exercising the right to vote.

The voting result was a school picnic. On May 28, 2010, the school community took to the Van Derveer fields to celebrate Memorial Day. Students sported sunglasses and towels as they enjoyed a picnic lunch and fun-filled day in the sun. The voting experience and sense of school community illustrated democracy in action.
SMS PROUDLY SHOWCASES STUDENTS’ ARTISTIC TALENTS

This spring, Somerville Middle School students once again showcased their artistic and creative talents at county and state events and gatherings. In May, the Select Chorus and Jazz Band were featured at the Somerset County Teen Arts Festival, where Somerville students’ works of art were displayed in the exhibit gallery. Students’ writing samples were included in the anthology distributed to participants. Workshops and seminars provided students with hands-on opportunities to gain personal insight into expanding their talents in the fine arts, performing arts, and creative writing.

SMS Jazz and Symphonic Bands won their respective categories at the annual Music in the Parks Band Competition that took place in June, marking seventeen consecutive years of outstanding achievement.

Congratulations to Angelique Sandi for being named top soloist in a competition among 1,000 performers.

At its annual Effective Practices Conference held on June 11, 2010, the New Jersey Department of Education showcased the SMS Jazz Band. The band performed for more than 400 guests at the event’s luncheon and was recognized with a standing ovation.

Congratulations to our students for developing their talents and expanding their creativity through hard work, commitment, and dedication.

VDV GIRLS ON THE RUN

On June 7, 2010, the weather was cool and sunny for the thirty female students who ran the 5K distance to the finish line at Colonial Park in Franklin. Sponsored by New Balance™, the race culminated a 10-week character-building program at Van Derveer Elementary School. Staff members, Jennifer Osborn and Danielle Schweers, coached students as they trained for the race while providing life lessons focusing on nutrition, communication, and healthy lifestyles. Parents, friends, and teachers celebrated the girls’ accomplishments at a healthy eating party on June 15, 2010.

RUTGERS RECOGNIZES SHS FRENCH TEACHER

Congratulations to Victoria Kessler, Somerville High School Teacher of French, on her recent completion of a two year course of study that resulted in her attainment of Master Teacher of Holocaust Education status. Ms. Kessler was selected as one of twenty teachers from the state of New Jersey to participate in the intensive training presented by the Master Teacher Institute in Holocaust Education of Rutgers University. Highlights of the training included workshops presented by experts in the field of Holocaust and genocide studies from colleges and universities throughout the nation, as well as a trip to the Museum of Jewish Heritage. Ms. Kessler presented her final project titled “Human Conscience” at the culminating event held on May 12, 2010 at Rutgers University and plans to use what she has learned as part of her Holocaust and genocide units in French classes during the upcoming school year.
CULTURES AND TRADITIONS
CELEBRATED AT THE PRESCHOOL

From Thailand to Holland, India to Peru, preschool students enjoyed learning about new places and cultures during the month of April. Thanks to parent volunteers who shared their cultures, preschool students were able to learn about the geography, climate, history, and people of the nationalities represented by their classmates. Students sang to the music of other lands, danced the traditional dances, feasted on the cuisine of over a dozen different nations, and read about cultures and traditions of people around the world.

District Policies
Available On Website

Parents/guardians can now access selected district policies on the district website at www.somervillenjk12.org.

Amendments to the district’s policies are subject to periodic changes required by the State of New Jersey and will be posted on the district’s website.

Pictured above from L-R are Aditya Raj, parent volunteer, Mrs. Pitucco, Selena Chong, Mrs. Andreotta, and Ciara McGill, dancing the Tarantella, a popular folk dance of Italy.