

# WEST DEPTFORD SCHOOLS

**T**he Valedictorian for the Class of 2022 is Jacob Cobb. Jacob has pursued the most rigorous academic program possible at WDHS, including 20 Advanced Placement and Honors courses. Jacob's extraordinary gift for learning, combined with outstanding drive and effort, has earned him an overall GPA of 107.77 on a 100-point scale. Jacob's particular talent and interest in computer science and mastery of multiple programming languages has made him a true stand-out in WDHS's computer science program.

As a result of his hard work and determination, Jacob has earned numerous academic honors, including induction into the West Deptford High School Chapter of the National Honor Society, induction into the WDHS Chapter of the World Language Honor Society, and Principal's List/Honor Roll for every marking period of his high school years.

In addition to his outstanding academic success, Jacob has distinguished himself as a talented athlete. As a distance runner, Jacob has broken twelve high school records and has

earned First Team All-Colonial Conference the last two seasons. In addition, Jacob has contributed to the varsity golf team for four years and has earned First Team All-Colonial Conference his junior year. Jacob has also demonstrated strong leadership abilities in both the academic and athletic realms. Jake currently serves as Secretary of WDHS's National Honor Society, Secretary of the World Language Honor Society, Captain of the Cross-Country team, Captain of the Winter Track team, and Captain of the Spring Track & Field team. Jacob's athletic prowess has earned him a record-setting 16 varsity letters!

Jacob has also made time in his busy schedule to volunteer for community service projects, participate in several high school clubs, and work part-time for the district as a network technician. In the fall, Jacob will attend MIT, where he has been accepted into their prestigious, interdisciplinary Computer Science, Economics, and Data Science program. We have no doubt that Jacob's standard of excellence, personal integrity, and commitment to success will serve him well.

## CLASS OF 2022 VALEDICTORIAN



Jacob Cobb



## CLASS OF 2022 SALUTATORIAN



Chloe Clark

**T**he Salutatorian for the Class of 2022 is Chloe Clark. During her four years at WDHS, Chloe pursued an incredibly rigorous academic program, including 18 Honors and Advanced Placement courses. Chloe's academic strengths are reflected in her overall GPA of 106.97 on a 100-point scale. She is a determined, independent learner who displays a work-ethic in the classroom that is second to none. Her outstanding efforts have earned her numerous academic honors including a Board of Education Soaring Eagle award, induction into the World Language Honor Society, and Principal's List/Honor Roll for every marking period of her high school years.

In addition to her exceptional academic achievements, Chloe has made time to participate in an array of extracurricular activities, including the Gifted & Talented Program, Academic Challenge Club, Athletic Leadership Academy, Safe Space Club, Stage Crew, Volleyball Club, as well as the WDHS Softball and Swim teams. Chloe has given unselfishly of her time to help with numerous community service events and projects, including the high school's

peer tutoring program, NJ Special Olympics, fundraisers for Cathedral Kitchen, and community clean-ups. Somehow Chloe also finds time to work a part-time job and mentor/tutor younger students.

Chloe is the epitome of a well-rounded individual. Her character, integrity, and broad-based experiences make her the true stand-out that she is. In the fall, Chloe plans to share her talents with Stockton University, where she will study Health Science with the goal of becoming a Physical Therapist. Chloe's passion for learning, along with her unmatched drive and determination, will serve her well. We wish Chloe much success and happiness in all her future endeavors.



# West Deptford High School Class of 2022

## SCHOLASTIC HONORS TOP 10% AWARDS

### In Class Rank Order

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|------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Jacob John Cobb           | 8. Rachel Ann Raggio        | 15. Meredith Anne Citrone  |
| 2. Chloe Elizabeth Clark     | 9. Karsyn Ryan Stetser      | 16. Abigail Claire Smedley |
| 3. Henry Battung Poblete     | 10. Emma Catherine Guzzetti | 17. Victor Marvin McCloud  |
| 4. Elizabeth Kay Raggio      | 11. Macayla Kelly Cook      | 18. Maura Rose Heineman    |
| 5. Aedan Eric Bonner         | 12. Makayla Quinn Sturgis   | 19. Ellie Rose Goldberg    |
| 6. Gianna Doris Ann Gulisano | 13. Hamza Zaheer Bhatti     | 20. Darby Elizabeth Blades |
| 7. Leah Nicole Slesinski     | 14. Lauren Marie Eagle      |                            |

## CLASS OF 2022 FUTURE PLANS



**Daniel Abdmessih** ..... Rutgers University-Camden:  
Business Administration

**Joel Abraham** ..... Military:  
United States Air Force

**Aryana Aiken** ..... Rowan University:  
Computer Science

**Jada Allen** ..... RCSJ:  
Health Science-Nursing Pathway

**Cole Ambrosius** ..... Bridge Year

**Michael Amoriello** ..... RCSJ:  
Business Administration

**Nicole Anderson** ..... Neumann University:  
Biology

**Joel Assaro** ..... Employment

**Riley Axelrod** ..... RCSJ:  
Education

**Imani Baker** ..... Hampton University:  
Criminal Justice

**Dylan Barghorn** ..... Liberty University:  
Business Administration-Project Management

**Gabrielle Battle** ..... Georgian Court University:  
Business Administration

**Nicholas Beecroft** ..... RCSJ:  
Education

**Hamza Zaheerl Bhatti** ..... Rutgers University-Camden:  
Computer Science

**Joseph Bilodeau** ..... RCSJ:  
Business Administration

**Emma Black** ..... Military:  
United States Navy

**Darby Blades** ..... Thomas Jefferson University:  
Fashion Merchandising & Management

**Aedan Bonner** ..... RCSJ:  
Chemistry

**Allyson Bratton** ..... RCSJ:  
Computer Graphic Arts

**Alvin Brown** ..... Employment

**Camille Brown** ..... Military:  
United States Air Force

**Shane Byrne** ..... Coastal Carolina University:  
Exercise and Sports Science

**Matthew Cabaza** ..... Undecided

**Noah Calloway** ..... RCSJ:  
Education

**Katrina Caltabiano** ..... Employment

**Madison Camp** ..... RCSJ:  
Undeclared

**Carly Campbell** ..... Military:  
United States Air Force

**Mahogany Campbell** ..... RCSJ:  
Education

**Thalia Capela-Ferreira** ..... RCSJ:  
Arts & Sciences

**Courtney Carroll** ..... RCSJ:  
Health Sciences-Nursing Pathway

**Jonathan Castro** ..... Undecided

**Joshua Castro** ..... Undecided

**William Centeno** ..... Employment

**Julia Chiomento** ..... RCSJ:  
Arts & Sciences

**Meredith Citrone** ..... University of Massachusetts:  
Biomedical Engineering

**Chloe Clark** ..... Stockton University:  
Health Sciences, Pre-Physical Therapy

**Jacob Cobb** ..... Massachusetts Institute of Technology:  
Computer Science, Economics and Data Science

**Ivan Colon-Gonzalez** ..... Giving Better Lives Program

**Matthew Connelly** ..... Stockton University:  
Undeclared

**Macayla Cook** ..... University of Delaware:  
English

**Ashley Craig** ..... Camden County College:  
Pre-Nursing

**Connor Curcio** ..... Undecided

**Messiah Davis** ..... Employment

**Abigail Deal** ..... Nova Southeastern University:  
Health Science

**Arianna Della Ragione** ..... RCSJ:  
Business Administration

**Gina DeRocini** ..... Rutgers University-Camden:  
Psychology

<b>Jose Diaz</b> .....	RCSJ: Criminal Justice	<b>Nicholas Hatt</b> .....	RCSJ: Accounting
<b>Deanna DiFebbo</b> .....	Employment	<b>Maura Heineman</b> .....	Rowan University: Computer Science
<b>Courtney DiMarco</b> .....	RCSJ: Undeclared	<b>Brieon Henley</b> .....	Bankbridge Career Center
<b>Daniellel DiNuova</b> .....	PB Cosmetology Education Centre: Cosmetology	<b>Layna Herbin</b> .....	RCSJ: Arts & Sciences, Pre-Law Option
<b>Shane Dolan</b> .....	RCSJ: Undeclared	<b>Emily Hickman</b> .....	RCSJ: Psychology
<b>Isabella Dolbow</b> .....	RCSJ: Undeclared	<b>Grace Holdstein</b> .....	RCSJ: Education
<b>Abbey Dreger</b> .....	Rowan University: Criminal Justice and Law	<b>Jaylen Holmes</b> .....	Rowan University: Radio, Television, Film
<b>Alaina Dunn</b> .....	RCSJ: Health Sciences-Nursing Pathway	<b>Leah Hughes</b> .....	RCSJ: Business Administration
<b>Angelina Dunn</b> .....	Kutztown University: Psychology	<b>Tyler Hunter</b> .....	RCSJ: Digital Marketing
<b>Nicholas Dunn</b> .....	Bankbridge Career Center	<b>Rashiem Jefferson</b> .....	Lincoln Technical Institute: Automotive Technology
<b>Lauren Eagle</b> .....	Neumann University: Elementary Education	<b>Elijah Jones</b> .....	Military: United States Marine Corps
<b>Aleah Fanslau</b> .....	RCSJ: Biology	<b>Jermar Jones</b> .....	Kean University: Business
<b>Jacqueline Fanslau</b> .....	Bankbridge Career Center	<b>Ryan Kelly</b> .....	Employment
<b>Lanier Ferrell</b> .....	Employment	<b>Kaitlyn Kennedy</b> .....	Undecided
<b>Annarose Fisler</b> .....	RCSJ: Biology	<b>Caitlin Kerr</b> .....	Montclair State University: Fashion Studies
<b>Jayshawn Folston</b> .....	RCSJ: Business Administration	<b>John Kerr</b> .....	RCSJ: Psychology
<b>Jalen Forbes</b> .....	Liberty University: Mechanical Engineering	<b>Thomas Koger</b> .....	Drexel University: Nursing
<b>Robert Fox</b> .....	Employment	<b>Madison Kolp</b> .....	Undecided
<b>Monet Frisby</b> .....	Salem Community College: Health Science	<b>Madison LaBreck</b> .....	Rutgers University-Camden: Nursing
<b>Savannah Gacha</b> .....	Undecided	<b>Anijah Lawrence</b> .....	Rowan University: Biological Science
<b>Ryan Gallagher</b> .....	Undecided	<b>Kelsey Lay</b> .....	GCIT: Cosmetology
<b>Evan Gibbs</b> .....	RCSJ: Computer Science	<b>Victoria Le</b> .....	Rutgers University-New Brunswick: Business Management
<b>Celeste Givin</b> .....	Rutgers University-Camden: Nursing	<b>Caitlyn Leeser</b> .....	Stockton University: Health Science, Pre-Physical Therapy
<b>Ellie Goldberg</b> .....	West Chester University: Biology	<b>Jack Levengood</b> .....	RCSJ: Undeclared
<b>Aidan Gordon</b> .....	Employment	<b>Ashlyn Lloyd</b> .....	RCSJ: Biology
<b>Logan Graham</b> .....	Pennco Tech: Welding	<b>Cristina LoMonico</b> .....	RCSJ: Paralegal Studies
<b>Sarah Groff</b> .....	PB Cosmetology Education Centre: Cosmetology and Makeup Certification Programs	<b>Margaret Regina Long</b> .....	RCSJ: Exercise Science
<b>Yahir Guijosa</b> .....	RCSJ: Automotive Technology	<b>Abigail Lopez</b> .....	RCSJ: Health Science-Nursing Pathway
<b>Gianna Gulisano</b> .....	Neumann University: Nursing	<b>Brian Loughery</b> .....	RCSJ: Business Administration
<b>Emma Guzzetti</b> .....	University of Delaware: Biomedical Engineering	<b>Jarrett Lundfelt</b> .....	RCSJ: History
<b>Jenna Haley</b> .....	RCSJ: Health Sciences-Nursing Pathway	<b>Ian Mader</b> .....	Military: United States Marine Corps
<b>Joseph Haley</b> .....	RCSJ: Criminal Justice	<b>Olivia Magee</b> .....	The College of New Jersey: Health and Exercise Science
<b>Kyle Harding</b> .....	RCSJ: Health Sciences	<b>Evan Matlack</b> .....	RCSJ: Undeclared
<b>Ryan Harris</b> .....	RCSJ: Undeclared		
<b>Jack Harverson</b> .....	RCSJ: Undeclared		

<b>Kristina Mattie</b> .....	RCSJ:	<b>Raymond Reeve</b> .....	Employment
	Biology	<b>Collin Reeves</b> .....	Clemson University:
<b>Jaylin McCarney</b> .....	RCSJ:		Computer Science
	Undeclared	<b>Dianni Rey</b> .....	Undecided
<b>Victor McCloud</b> .....	Norwich University:	<b>Cihat Ocak</b> .....	Rowan College at Gloucester County:
	Studies in War and Peace		Liberal Arts
<b>Francis McDonald</b> .....	RCSJ:	<b>Nicholas Richardson</b> .....	Undecided
	Business Administration	<b>Jaelah Robinson</b> .....	RCSJ:
<b>Jacob McDonald</b> .....	RCSJ:		Undeclared
	Psychology	<b>Cecilia Rocco</b> .....	Gloucester County Police Academy
<b>Emily McElrea</b> .....	RCSJ:	<b>Miranda Rocco</b> .....	PB Cosmetology Education Centre:
	Health Sciences		Cosmetology
<b>Aubrey McLaughlin</b> .....	Camden County Community College:	<b>Daijour Rodriguez</b> .....	Employment
	Manufacturing Technology	<b>Justin Rosenfelt</b> .....	Employment
<b>Jaymis Miller</b> .....	Employment	<b>AnnaMaria Rossi</b> .....	St. John's University:
<b>Eric Mizner</b> .....	Military:		Criminal Justice
	United States Marine Corps	<b>Leah Sampson</b> .....	RCSJ:
<b>Sean Monaghan</b> .....	Military:		Health Science-Nursing Pathway
	United States Navy	<b>Justin Schlagle</b> .....	Albany College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences:
<b>Brandon Monahan</b> .....	RCSJ:		Doctor of Pharmacy
	Business Administration	<b>Nathaniel Schultes</b> .....	The Pennsylvania State University:
<b>Justin Monzo-Hull</b> .....	RCSJ:		Architectural Engineering
	Exercise Science	<b>Gavin Schutte</b> .....	Undecided
<b>Katherine Moore</b> .....	Rutgers University-Camden:	<b>Za'Lyn Scott</b> .....	RCSJ:
	Nursing		Psychology
<b>Mason Moorer</b> .....	RCSJ:	<b>Michael Seddon</b> .....	Connecticut School of Broadcasting:
	Radio, Television, Film		Broadcast Media
<b>Sergio Morell</b> .....	Employment	<b>Ryley Semon</b> .....	Employment
<b>Tasneem Mujahid</b> .....	RCSJ:	<b>Sophia Serano</b> .....	RCSJ:
	Health Sciences-Nursing Pathway		Education
<b>Michael Mundell</b> .....	RCSJ:	<b>Zachary Sims</b> .....	Undecided
	Radio, Television, Film	<b>Hope Siner</b> .....	Flagler College:
<b>Heba Nasir</b> .....	Seton Hall University:		Secondary Education: Mathematics
	Business Law	<b>Reese Skare</b> .....	RCSJ:
<b>Remi Newcomb</b> .....	Military:		Biology
	United States Air Force	<b>Matthew Skarupa</b> .....	West Chester University:
<b>Ethan Nizzardi</b> .....	Military:		Computer Science
	United States Air Force	<b>Leah Slesinski</b> .....	Rutgers University-New Brunswick:
<b>Leah Nolan</b> .....	Stockton University:		Engineering
	Environmental Science	<b>Abigail Smedley</b> .....	RCSJ:
<b>Justin Oppong-Asiedu</b> .....	Chestnut Hill College:		Marine Science
	Business Law	<b>Devon Smith</b> .....	Employment
<b>Alexandria Otero</b> .....	Widener University:	<b>Robert Smizer</b> .....	Employment
	Nursing	<b>Christopher Sooy</b> .....	RCSJ:
<b>Madison Ott</b> .....	Wingate University:		Biology
	Biology	<b>Alberto Soto</b> .....	Undecided
<b>Ryan Parker</b> .....	Military:	<b>Scott Spositi</b> .....	RCSJ:
	United States Army		Automotive Technology-Ford ASSET Pathway
<b>Gwen Patrick</b> .....	Immaculata University:	<b>Morgyn Staszak</b> .....	Immaculata University:
	Fashion Merchandising		Biology
<b>Jenna Pezzano</b> .....	Employment	<b>Karsyn Stetser</b> .....	Delaware Valley University:
<b>Henry Poblete</b> .....	SUNY Morrisville:		Animal Science, Pre-Vet
	Diesel Technology	<b>Makayla Sturgis</b> .....	Coastal Carolina University:
<b>Connery Press</b> .....	Rutgers University, New Brunswick:		Elementary Education
	Marine Biology	<b>William Sullivan</b> .....	Employment
<b>Tessa Quinto</b> .....	RCSJ-Cumberland:	<b>Grayce Sweeny</b> .....	LaSalle University:
	Art Therapy		Accounting
<b>Elizabeth Raggio</b> .....	Stockton University:	<b>Asia Sweet</b> .....	RCSJ:
	Marine Science		Health Science-Diagnostic Medical Sonography Pathway
<b>Rachel Raggio</b> .....	RCSJ:	<b>Caila Tagye</b> .....	Louisiana State University:
	Marine Science		Business
<b>Emma Redington</b> .....	RCSJ:	<b>Dominic Tate</b> .....	The University of Tampa:
	Arts & Sciences, Social Work Option		Forensic Science



<b>Riley Thurston</b> .....	RCSJ:	<b>Jared Watkins</b> .....	Employment
	Radio, Television, Film	<b>Julia Way</b> .....	Undecided
<b>Kyle Tidabock</b> .....	RCSJ:	<b>Daniel Weer</b> .....	Employment
	Health Science	<b>Keith Wehman</b> .....	Rowan University:
<b>Dawson Tilghman</b> .....	Elizabethtown University:		Finance
	Undeclared	<b>Jahni White</b> .....	RCSJ:
<b>Doron Tinsley</b> ...	Northeastern Oklahoma A&M Community College:		Arts & Sciences
	Undecided	<b>Ryan Whitehouse</b> .....	Arizona State University:
<b>Trevon Tinsley</b> .....	Undecided		Computer Science
<b>Kasey Todd</b> .....	Elizabethtown University:	<b>Stephen Wilkinson</b> .....	Undecided
	Undeclared	<b>J'Covi Williams</b> .....	Florida Memorial University:
<b>Nicholas Tomasetto</b> .....	Bridge Year		Business Administration
<b>Samia Uddin</b> .....	Rowan University:	<b>Jaeda Williams</b> .....	Employment
	Environmental Science	<b>Sulaiman Williams</b> .....	Rutgers University-Camden:
<b>Bryana Urena-Davis</b> .....	Lincoln Tech:		Business Administration
	Practical Nursing	<b>Dominique Wood</b> .....	Rowan University:
<b>Daniel Varela</b> .....	Rowan University:		Elementary Education
	Civil Engineering	<b>Krista Yarusso</b> .....	York College of Pennsylvania:
<b>Julian Vellutato</b> .....	RCSJ:		Nursing
	Automotive Technology-Ford ASSET Pathway	<b>Demeri Zwart</b> .....	Neumann University:
<b>Dominick Walton</b> .....	Atlantic Cape Community College:		Business Administration
	Culinary Arts		

## WDMS Closing Ceremony

WDMS had a very successful 8th Grade Closing Ceremony on the evening of Thursday, June 16th. Parents, staff, and students were overjoyed to be able to have this collective experience in our traditional format. The WDMS choir provided us with a beautiful acapella rendition of "Lean on Me," and the WDMS band played both the procession and National Anthem. Mr. Podolski, in his first closing ceremony as Principal of WDMS, proudly presented the WDMS Class of 2026 to WDMS Principal, Dr. Brian Gismondi. After the ceremony, students and families convened in the cafeteria for refreshments and received their 8th grade gift. We were also able to livestream this event to accommodate those who could not attend.

The following students were recognized as recipients for individual awards during the ceremony:

The Billy Maschke Award:

- Isabella Renee Javadi

Perfect Attendance:

- Jadon Diep
- Chase Eagle

Principal's Award:

- Brady Cobb
- Chase Eagle
- Jacob Everson
- Allison Fahy
- Lily Fleming
- Jason Hartman
- Isabella Javadi
- Sydney O'Loughlin
- Sienna Struzynski
- Michael Walsh

Mr. Podolski, and the entire WDMS staff, are proud of and excited for the class of 2026 as they embark on their High School journey!





## Green-Fields' 4th Graders Spend a Day at Tall Pines



Fourth grade students from Green-Fields Elementary School recently had an opportunity to spend a school day at camp. As part of the end-of-the-year activities, these “soon to be 5th graders” traded their desks and chairs for paddle boats, water slides, and ping pong balls. Camp Tall Pines is a wonderful little hideaway located in Williamstown, NJ, and just about a 45-minute bus ride from school. It’s a trip that our fourth grade students look forward to, and certainly a fantastic way to end the school year. In fact, it’s the first time we’ve been back in 2 years due to COVID-related restrictions.

After leaving school around 9:35am, six busloads of excited boys and girls began their ride through the suburbs of South Jersey on the way to this fun place they’ve only heard about from their older brothers or sisters. Arriving safely, students gathered in the main assembly area to learn a bit about Tall Pines and the activities of the day. Following this short introduction, and after

placing their belongings in a designated location, students were free to experience four hours of uninterrupted fun.

So, what did they do? Well, here’s the list...swimming, basketball, ping-pong, mini golf, Gaga, open playgrounds, hiking, paddle boats, water slides...and lunch, including water ice. This is certainly different from a normal day at school, but a well-deserved reward for our fourth grade students who have done so well at Green-Fields for the past two years.

We would like to thank the Elementary PTO for arranging all the fun and the teachers and parents who served as chaperones for the day. It is well noted that all of the adults present had plenty to occupy their time as well; especially Mr. Corbitt, who when speaking of his golfing skills, was quick to mention that he defeated Mr. McKeown by at least six strokes. That said, the day eventually came to an end, and we all returned to Green-Fields with memories to last a lifetime.





# Hip, Hip, Hooray...Oakview's School Trips Created Such a Fun Day!

After two years without school trips due to COVID-19, the students and staff of Oakview Elementary School were so excited to resume the wonderful opportunities and learning experiences that trips provide beyond the classroom walls. This year, our first grade students explored the naturehood of the Philadelphia Zoo. The Philadelphia Zoo has a 42-acre campus filled with a variety of animal exhibits that provided our students with an up-close and personal experience. The students were observed making text-to-world connections as they related their observations at the zoo to their readings done in school.



Our kindergarten students' school trip allowed them to tour the wide variety of arthropod collections at the Philadelphia Insectarium. The students extended their learning of the life cycle of a caterpillar when exploring the 7,000 square foot Butterfly Pavilion that is filled with live butterflies and tropical plants. In the pavilion, students were also able to peer into the chrysalis chamber to witness the miraculous transformation from a chrysalis to a butterfly. As we made our way through the museum to the second floor, our students and staff got to learn about and HOLD cockroaches, tarantulas, stick insects, and observe other insects and arachnids in their aquariums. This educational experience was an excellent connection to the wide variety of literature in our Entomology unit from the American Reading Company.



The preschool students enjoyed the beautiful weather and fun-filled day at the Field of Dreams in West Deptford. The students were immersed in a variety of sensory activities that provided them with the opportunity to learn through interactive play. Preschool students had the opportunity to engage with peers from other preschool classes, giving them the opportunity to expand their social skills and make connections between school and the "real-world." We look forward to continuing these wonderful learning opportunities next year!





# Red Bank Student Appreciation Week 2022

The last full week of the school year was dedicated to celebrating our Red Bank students. We followed a similar framework as Teacher Appreciation Week; after all, the students are the reason why we are all here. Each day brought a new surprise and our Red Bank families helped us keep this week a secret.

Day #1–The entire staff met outside of the building to give students a very warm welcome celebration as they entered the building. This was a complete surprise, and the various reactions were so much fun to observe. Every student and staff member received a T-shirt with our daily announcement mantra, “If you can’t find the sunshine, BE the sunshine” and sunglasses to wear throughout the week.

Day #2–Field Day–Ms. English and Mr. Harvey collaborated to create a Disney-themed field day for both our 2nd grade students and our preschool students. The weather was perfect, and the kids had a blast.



Day #3–Our 3rd day was much more laid back with “Fine Dining Wednesday” followed by a Movie & Popcorn Event.



Day #4–We surprised our students Thursday with a bouncy obstacle course for 2nd graders and a bouncy house for our preschool. After a day of bouncing, students and staff were treated to Kona Ice. After a day in the sun, the nice cold treat really hit the spot.



Day #5–The grand finale of student appreciation was the Ultimate Glow-in-the-Dark Dance party. The one common thread this past year was our students’ love for dancing, so this surprise definitely was the favorite of the week. It was the perfect way to end an awesome year!





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# Parading Out of Preschool 2022

Celebrating the end of Preschool can be a wonderful way to recognize an important milestone, celebrate learning, and give students a sense of pride. It can also create an opportunity to help ease our youngest learners through the transition into kindergarten in a fun and engaging way.

To celebrate this milestone, the West Deptford School District Preschool classrooms held a Parading Out of Preschool event. This was an end of the school year event that helped to recognize and support our families' year-long efforts to create a learning environment beyond the school setting. Families worked at home with their children to create a shoebox "float" for a favorite stuffed animal. They had the freedom to use whatever materials they had available to them to create their float, and then added a string or rope as a way for the children to pull the box. The at-home project was showcased at an end of year parade at each elementary school. Families were invited to watch as the children pulled their floats in a parade-like format at each of their home schools.

Immediately following the parade was a family picnic, at which the teachers and families could meet, mingle, and reconnect before the summer break. While the children snacked, teachers distributed an arrangement of end of year portfolios, class gifts, and photos which represented a small sample of all that the students accomplished throughout the year. The Preschool program hopes that the success of the event paves the way for a new annual tradition.



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## NOTICE TO RESIDENTS OF WEST DEPTFORD TOWNSHIP INFORMATION CONCERNING PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION ~ 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR

**REGISTRATION FOR PRESCHOOL** will be completed online and in-person. Please contact the West Deptford Preschool office via email ([preschool@wdeptford.k12.nj.us](mailto:preschool@wdeptford.k12.nj.us)) or phone (856-848-4300 ext. 6221) to begin the registration process. In-person document submission appointments will be scheduled with the West Deptford Preschool office.

### ENTRANCE CRITERIA

The child must be 4-years-old on or before October 1, 2022. An official state birth certificate is required at the time of registration along with parent identification. Please note there are limited slots available for our Preschool program. If the district goes over the available Preschool slots, a lottery will be enacted.

#### The following documents can be uploaded to the registration online:

- **MEDICAL RECORDS (signed by the doctor)**

The Medical and Physical Examination forms can be downloaded from the registration website.

- o DTap (4 doses)
- o Polio (3 doses)
- o Hib (1-4 doses; one must be administered after the 1st birthday)
- o Pneumococcal (1-4 doses; one must be administered after the 1st birthday)
- o MMR (1 dose after 1st birthday)
- o Varicella (1 dose after 1st birthday)
- o ANNUAL Flu shot (1 dose each year between Sept. 1 and Dec. 31st, if under age 5)  
*Flu shots administered before September 1st will not be accepted for the current school year.*

Also, please submit a PHYSICAL EXAM [must have been conducted within the last 365 days prior to the first day of school].

- **PROOF OF CUSTODY (if applicable):** Please bring custody papers, domicile papers, a copy of the court order, state agency agreement, etc.
- **PROOF OF RESIDENCY (2):**
  - o **Property Owners:** Property tax bill or Deed **AND** a utility bill
  - o **Renters/Lessee:** Lease contract with a current date **AND** a utility bill.
  - o If living with a relative, the relative must meet the residency requirements.

We THANK YOU for your interest and look forward to learning and growing alongside you and your child!

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# CHILD FIND

## SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM

A wide variety of special education programs are available for students between the ages of 3 and 21 who require specialized instruction and/or related services such as speech/language services, occupational therapy and physical therapy in order to meet their educational needs. Educational program options include: instruction in a general education class with all the necessary and appropriate supports, supplemental instruction, resource center programs, special class programs within the school district, special education programs in out-of-district public or private schools, individual instruction at home, in medical institutions or other appropriate facilities.

## PRESCHOOL DISABLED PROGRAM

The Preschool Disabled Program provides appropriate educational experiences for youngsters between the ages of 3 and 5 who experience developmental delays in the areas of speech and language, motor development, cognition and/or social/emotional functioning. The school district offers an educational program, related services, and curb-to-curb transportation at no cost to parents. The children are placed according to individual needs and developmental levels. In the preschool programs, they are encouraged to explore new materials, develop emerging skills, and interact in a social setting. Speech/language therapy and occupational therapy are offered as an integral part of the classroom program and/or on an individual basis as needed.

If warranted, other services such as physical therapy may be initiated.

**If you have any questions about either of the programs described above and feel that your child may require services, please call the Director of Special Education and Related Services, Dr. Kim Seifring, at (856) 848-4300, ext. 4208.**

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## SOARing Through Summer - July 2022

During the month of July, the students in Preschool through Grade 4 had the opportunity to participate in the SOARing through Summer program which was held at Red Bank Elementary School. Each day, the students participated in activities that focused on reading, writing, and math skills. The excitement of the students and the staff was seen and heard as you walked around the school. It was great to see and hear all the wonderful things the students were doing on a daily basis. We look forward to seeing everyone in September!





## 21st Century Scholars Camp

The 21st Century Scholars Camp is back again by popular demand. This enrichment level camp is dedicated to challenging West Deptford's inquisitive learners. Our enrollment continues to grow as students eagerly join us for what one of our returning second graders describes as "fun school." The majority of our campers range in age from 7-10 and typically thrive in an academic setting.

The Scholars Camp offers multiple sessions with various enrichment opportunities. Students this summer will be mathematicians, marketing executives, game show contestants, veterinarians, architects, and engineers! They build 21st Century Standards related to teamwork, collaboration, critical thinking, and problem solving. Each week students will be challenged to complete projects and build on skills they already possess. Students in this group feel the success of completing higher order tasks and the accomplishment of persevering through difficult challenges.

New this year is a service project component! Each class starts with a few minutes of packaging place settings and creating placemats for Cathedral Kitchen in Camden. This gives the students an opportunity to demonstrate compassion, as well as their creative and organizational skills.

In addition to the student participants, we have alumni middle school helpers join the fun. Campers enjoy interacting with the older students. Some campers even look forward to the day they can join us as a helper because everyone involved in this camp has an innate desire to learn something new.





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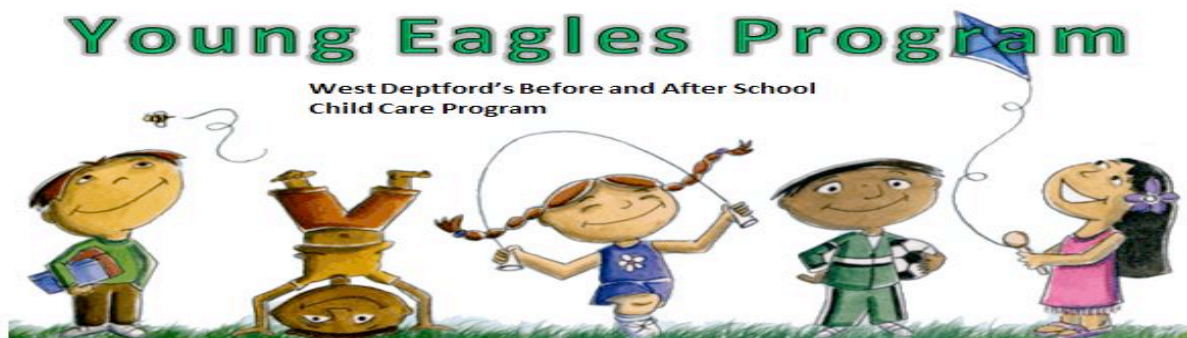
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POSTAL CUSTOMER



The West Deptford Young Eagles Program is a fully licensed Child Care Center located at all three elementary schools. During the 2022 – 2023 school year, we will be offering care to West Deptford residents in kindergarten through sixth grade. Children will have the opportunity to participate in a variety of activities, including arts and crafts, games, homework time, and indoor/outdoor play. Breakfast and snack are provided daily. Program options and hours of operation are listed below.

AM Sessions: 6:45 AM to start of the school day. PM Sessions: School dismissal to 6:30 PM	
2022-2023 Program Options and Pricing: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• AM only \$47.50 per week/per child</li><li>• AM plus Half Days - \$55.00 per week/per child</li><li>• PM only - \$74.00 – per week/per child</li><li>• Full Program \$121.50 per week/per child</li></ul>	Drop-In Voucher Program: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• AM Drop-In Care Booklet - \$70.00 (5 Vouchers/5 Sessions)</li><li>• PM Drop-In Care Booklet - \$100.00 (5 Vouchers/5 Sessions)</li><li>• PM Drop-In Care on Half Days will require two PM Drop-In Care Vouchers to be turned in.</li></ul>

A \$75.00 non-refundable registration fee per family is required. Registration will open on Monday, July 18, 2022. THE DEADLINE FOR ENROLLMENT IN ORDER TO BEGIN YOUNG EAGLES ON THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL is Friday, August 26, 2022. Please note that any child registered after August 26, 2022, will not be guaranteed to begin the program on the first day of school. If you have any questions, please contact Denise Redstreak at (856) 848-4300 extension 3212 or dredstreak@wdeptford.k12.nj.us