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he Valedictorian for West Deptford's Class of 2021 is Jordan Cargill; she becomes one of the many motivated and enthusiastic graduates to attend our high school. When Jordan speaks about her drive educationally, she simply states "I love to learn." Jordan possesses an insatiable desire for learning. This is clearly demonstrated in Jordan's taking one of the most rigorous and demanding courses throughout her four years at West Deptford.

During Jordan's four years of high school, she pursued our most rigorous academic program by enrolling in 18 honors and advanced placement courses and earned Principal's List and Honor Roll every marking period. She is graduating with an impressive grade point average of 107.14. Despite these tremendous achievements Jordan carries herself with a modest and humble nature. Along with her academic accomplishments, Jordan has been a part of our marching band for five years while earning strong leadership positions of Brass Captain, Assistant Drum Major, and Drum Major. In addition to her dedicated commitment to our band, Jordan has been involved with our Key Club, Physics Olympics, Academic Challenge, Jazz lab, and our annual school musicals.

Her commitment to her education along with her extracurricular activities has made Jordan an extremely well-rounded young adult and a well-respected role model throughout our high school. Her selection to our National Honor Society and World Language Honor Society are well-deserved accomplishments for Jordan's contributions to our school, both in and out of the classroom.

Jordan plans to attend the University of Wisconsin-Madison and study Biochemistry. Jordan hopes to use her interest in biochemistry to become a plant geneticist. There is no doubt that when Jordan sets some of the highest standards for herself she will accomplish them. She continually did this in high school and we are confident this extremely accomplished young adult will continue her success throughout college and beyond.

#### *CLASS OF 2021* VALEDICTORIAN



Jordan Cargill

#### *CLASS OF 2021* SALUTATORIAN



Thomas Thomasson

The Salutatorian for the West Deptford Class of 2021 is Thomas Thomasson. Thomas is a remarkable young man who displays intellectual curiosity,

leadership, and integrity. During his four years of high school, he pursued our most rigorous academic program by enrolling in 18 honors and advanced placement courses. Through unparalleled work ethic, he is graduating with an impressive grade point average of 106.43. As a result of his hard work and dedication, Thomas was inducted into the West Deptford High School's National Honor Society.

Thomas has not only demonstrated that he was a leader in the classroom, but also through involvement in a broad range of extracurricular activities. He held high-ranking positions of Class Treasurer, President of the Renaissance Club, Team Leader for the Physics Olympics, and Cross-Country Team Captain. In addition to his challenging academic program and vital leadership roles, he was an active member of Friends of Rachel, Gifted & Talented, STEM Club, Golf, Cross Country, and Winter and Spring Track.

Thomas has earned numerous awards for his academic ability, amazing character, and athletic talent. He was a 4-time Team State Qualifier in Cross Country, competed in Stockton's Computer Science Coding Competition, and won 1st place in the Boomerang Competition at the Physics Olympics.

In the fall, Thomas will attend Rutgers University in New Brunswick and will major in Computer Science. He has been an outstanding role model and valued contributor to the West Deptford High School and community. We are confident about his future success, and we wish him the best!



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### West Deptford High School Class of 2021 SCHOLASTIC HONORS TOP 10% AWARDS In Class Rank Order

Cargill, Jordan Antoinette Thomasson, Thomas Harding, Forrest Robert Akins, Ronnasia Lateefa Witherspoon, Megan Grace Wright, Lindsey Jeanne Iannello, Virginia Samantha Rhoda, Zachary John Palumbo, Adriana Nicole Flynn, Allison Clendaniel, Jenna Leigh Arseneau, Erika Ann Brolly, Anna Grace Bhatti, Eman Zaheer Engle, Emma Jade May, Olivia Nancy-Dawn Ferrara, Mikaela Rose Sepulveda, Natalia Nali Eastlack, Devon Elizabeth Abbott, Nicole Marie Corino, Avery Celeste

#### CLASS OF 2021 FUTURE PLANS



Nicole Marie AbbottRowan University:
Anthropology
Ronnasia Lateefa Akins Stevens Institute of Technology:
Computer Science
Ronya Lateef Akins
Undeclared
Gabriel John Allen Camden County College:
Addictions Counseling
Jason Cody Allen-RoometUniversity of the Sciences:
Pharmacology and Toxicology Erika Ann ArseneauRutgers University-New Brunswick:
Human Resources Management/Psychology
Chase Phillip AustinRowan College South Jersey:
Criminal Justice
Ryan Nicholas BainbridgeUndecided
Stephanie Violet BargerUniversity of the Sciences:
Doctor of Physical Therapy
Jaylee Anne BarqueroRowan College at Gloucester County:
Liberal Arts
Bryce MacKenzie BartleyStockton University
Social Work
Madison Marie BattleGeorgian Court University:
Undeclared
Kyle K. BelbinRowan College South Jersey:
Engineering Science
Alexandra BenitoRowan College South Jersey:
Undeclared
Nathaniel James Benton
Undeclared
Eman Zaheer BhattiRutgers University-Camden:
Finance
Jeffrey Thomas Bilger Employment
<b>Robert Raymond Bishop</b> Automotive Training Center:
Automotive and Hi-Performance Technology
Kaitlyn Megan BradleyRowan University:
Biology
Anna Grace BrollyRowan University:
Biology

Connor Michael Brosius	SRowan College South Jersey:
	<b>Business Administration</b>
Ryan Christopher Brosi	usDrexel University:
	Computer Science
Tyler Andrew Brosius	. Rowan College South Jersey-Cumberland:
	Justice Studies: Forensics and Technology
Alvin James Brown	Employment
	Employment
Taylor Renee Bunting	Rowan University:
	Human Services
	Undecided
Eric Michael Campo	Rowan University:
	Communications
Jordan Antoinette Cargi	ill University of Wisconsin-Madison:
	Biochemistry
Zaniyah Nazy'Rai Mari	e Carr Rowan College South Jersey:
	Equine Science, Pre-Veterinary Option
Kristin Lincoln Catando	La Salle University:
	Nursing
Jenna Leigh Clendaniel	University of Florida:
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	Accounting
Avery Celeste Corino	.University of Maryland-Baltimore County:
	Pre-Physician Assistant
Nicholas John Corsetti	
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Gabrielle Maree Cox	Rowan College South Jersey:
	Digital Photography
	batchEmployment
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Dalton James Damon	Rowan College South Jersey:
	Undeclared
Karleigh Helen Darragh	Rowan University:
	Exploratory Studies
Avery E. Davis	Rowan College South Jersey:
	Elementary Education
Jackson M. Davis	United States Coast Guard

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Victoria Faith DeFazioRowan College South Jersey	
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Kyle Michael Dugan	
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Health Science	_
Devon Elizabeth Eastlack	_
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Sean Oscar Fleming	_
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Allison Flynn	
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Erynne Sovann Ford	
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Thomas Edwin FranklinGloucester County Institute of Technology	
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Architecture and Sustainable Design	
Brian Dennis GallagherRowan University	_
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	Nursing
Jacob Daniel Keegan	Rowan College South Jersey: Business Administration
Hailev Autumn Kephart	Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University:
	Aerospace Engineering
Madison Lynn Kinsley	Rowan College South Jersey:
Makavla Ann Knott	Biology Rowan University:
·	Health and Science Communication
Taylor Rae Latch	Rowan College South Jersey:
Allison Filgen I gwrence	Criminal Justice Rowan College South Jersey:
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	Rochester Institute of Technology:
	can Sign Language/English Interpretation Rutgers University-Camden:
Jackiyii Grace Lee	Nursing
Elizabeth Florence Leonar	dEastern University:
	Criminal Justice
	Rowan College South Jersey: Elementary Education/Special Education
	Undecided
	Immaculata University:
Cody Lowronce Longdoue	Nursing
Cody Lawrence Longdaue	Veterinarian Technician
	Temple University:
	Business Administration & Management
Owen Charles Marple	Camden County College: Vocational Training Program
Jordan Amanda Masino	
	Psychology
Olivia Nancy-Dawn May	D'Youville College: Occupational Therapy
Ryan Edward McCormick	Rowan University:
·	Law & Justice Studies/Chemistry
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	Stockton University:
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Juliana Grace Mikulski	Ramapo College of New Jersey:
Ravmond Michael Milano	Psychology Undecided
	Immaculata University:
	Biological Science
Andrew John Monahan	Temple University: Undeclared Health Professions
Frank Mark Montana	
	Engineering Science
Samirah Bint Mujahid	Moore College of Art & Design:
Emily Anne Munvon	Fashion Design Rowan College South Jersey:
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Navya Raj Nair	Montclair State University:
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James Robert Oxley	Employment
Adriana Nicole Palumbo	West Chester University:
	Public Health
Peter Konstantine Papahanges	Rowan College South Jersey:
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Christopher Angelo Pascale	Stockton University: Psychology
Sanjeev Rajendra Patel	
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Marissa Anne Peachey	
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	Employment
Lexus Alliyah Pizzutillo	Rowan College South Jersey:
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Damian Handriy Quasada	
Dannan Henurix Quesaua	Arts and Sciences
Caiden Edward Randolph	United States Navy
	<b>Business Administration</b>
Aliya Banu Rembelinsky	Rowan College South Jersey:
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Zachary John Rhoda	
Ava Nicole Rollins	
	History and Secondary Education
	Pennco Tech:
	Electrician Program
Alec Paul Roselli	Immaculata University:
	Accounting
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Carinine Louis Sager	Exercise Science
Dalton Anthony Samartino	Employment
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Guadalupe Santos Landero	Rowan College South Jersey:
	Cybersecurity
Mercedes Santos Landero	
Maddison Katrina Seher	Employment
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Natalia Nali Sepulveda State U	University of New York at Oswego:
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Jacob Ryan-widses Shutman	Gloucester County Institute of Technology:
	Electrician Program
Domenique Billy Sileo	
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Arwyn Jade Smith	Undecided

Bradley Walter SmithStockton University:	Samantha Nicole Walker Rowan College South Jersey:
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Nathan Bradshaw Steward Employment	English and Secondary Education
Ashlynn Alyse Stout GCIT Career Center	Jackson Francis Wilde Employment
Matthew SuarezUnited States Navy	Sarah Kaitlyn Wilder Rowan College South Jersey:
Bailey Renee SwietanskiRowan College South Jersey:	Criminal Justice
Health Science	Gavin Christopher Williams Rowan College South Jersey:
Anthony Bernard Taraschi Employment	Business Administration
Brooke Marie Thomas Greenville Technical College:	Jaeda Ahjae Williams Undecided
Surgical Technology	Megan Grace Witherspoon Rochester Institute of Technology:
Madison Grace ThomasEastern University:	Biomedical Sciences
Exercise Science	Virginia Diamond Wood Gloucester County Institute of
Thomas ThomassonRutgers University-New Brunswick:	Technology:
Computer Science	Welding
Lauren Michelle ThompsonStockton University:	Lindsey Jeanne Wright Franklin & Marshall College:
Exercise Science	Biology
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Business Administration - Entrepreneurship Studies	Computer Graphic Arts - Game/Interactive Design
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Olivia Elizabeth ViereckRowan College South Jersey:	Kyle Justin Yulo Employment
Business Administration	Nicole Taylor Ziegler Stevenson University:
	Psychology

### **WDMS Together Again**

Our ever-changing 2020-2021 school year ended on an exciting high note, as we were able to invite our students back to full day in-person instruction, as well as host our traditional in-person end-of-year activities. Our 6th graders had an amazing time at Camp Ockanickon on May 26th! Students had the opportunity to try boating, rock climbing, high ropes, archery, and swamp activities, while team building and making memories. It was a fantastic day, and we were grateful to provide our students with this experience.

Six Flags Great Adventure is an amusement park themed around superheroes, but the real superheroes were the students and staff of WDMS and their ability to overcome adversity faced through the uncertainty of this instructional school year. Hot, humid, and the chance of rain would not stand in the way of our 8th graders and their trip to Six Flags! The rain held off, the kids were great, and we are very thankful for the many chaperones and volunteers who helped make this day happen.

We were excited to try a new approach to our annual grade level ceremonies this year! Students were in-person to receive their awards while the ceremonies were filmed, and the link was sent home for recipients' families to view and share.

All grade levels had gorgeous weather for their individual field days. Each grade level enjoyed a day of fun with an outdoor field day, including an icy treat of ice cream, water ice, or shaved ice! Students in 5th and 7th grade also had a Fun Day which included a treat from Kona Ice, courtesy of the WDMS PTO!

WDMS had a very successful 8th Grade Closing Ceremony on Thursday, June 17th. This year's ceremony was a balance of tradition and accommodation. Our traditional ceremony took place in the WDMS gym, with staff, parents, Administration, and Board of Education members in attendance. The WDMS choir provided us with a beautiful rendition of "The Best Day of My Life," and Mrs. Trampe presented the WDHS Class of 2025 to WDHS 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 all that could not attend.

Parents, staff, and students were overjoyed to be able to have these collective experiences in our traditional format.



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Summer 2021

## Green-Fields 4th Graders Celebrate the End of Elementary School in Style!



It seems just like yesterday when our Green-Fields 4th graders began their elementary experience as Kindergarteners back in the Fall of 2016. Although the journey ended in a somewhat unusual manner due to a global pandemic, it didn't stop us from celebrating in a big way as our oldest students head over to WDMS in September.

A party at the end of the year isn't an unusual occurrence since we've traditionally spent a fun day at Tall Pines Day Camp as a ceremonial send off. However, due to COVID restrictions, the facility was closed for the year. Nonetheless, some very creative people in our building, along with some helpful parents, came up with a fantastic idea. Why not spend the day right here in our own backyard? Cue...Green-Fields Swim Club.

It was a beautiful day as over 200 students and staff avoided anything resembling a school bus, and embarked on a seven minute, four block hike down Meadow Lane and across the tracks to their destination. Crossing the street was a breeze thanks to the help of our West Deptford Police, and our students were excited as we arrived at our local oasis for the day.

Where to begin? After settling in, and reviewing the directions for our visit, students were set free to enjoy the activities of the day. Our 4th graders had the option of two pools, kickball, football, soccer, ping pong, basketball...and as much free space as they needed to relax away from school. Not to be left out of the fun, our teachers and staff enjoyed the break and the open nature of the day while supervising our students. The fun and laid-back vibe was obvious from the start, and it was wonderful being this close to home while enjoying the benefits of a faraway facility.

After a brief lunch together, students were free to continue the activities of the afternoon which included an awesome water balloon battle, a visit from a cool guy named Matt who drove up in the Kona Ice truck, and more time in the pool. Finally, it was time for the big group photo to document our fun day. However, there was a twist as it turns out that it was simply Mrs. Hansbury's sly scheme to get everyone together to watch a completely spontaneous event. Following the quick photo, Mrs. Hansbury gained the attention of the crowd and uttered these unexpected words..."Why don't we dare Mr. Corbitt to jump off the high-dive?" Well, it seems that our principal was stuck in an unavoidable moment, and quickly gave in to the cries of an entire grade level. It was a fun moment, and fortunately, Mr. Corbitt surfaced in the deep end without any major injuries.



All good things must end however, and we gathered our things for what seemed to be a much longer walk back to school. Yes, our students were tired, but filled with the memories of a wonderful day. A special thanks to our Green-Fields Staff who came up with a fantastic idea, our parents who made it happen, our local West Deptford Police, the staff of Green-Fields Swim Club, and our 4th grade students for making it a perfect way to end the year.

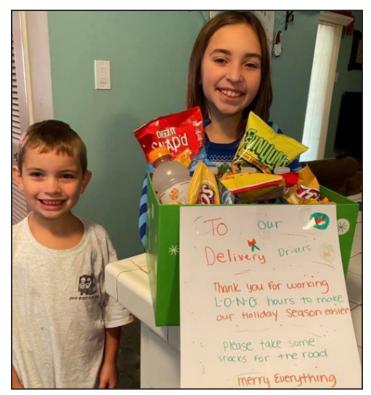


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## Character.org Presents Oakview with the Promising Practice Award



On June 1, 2021, Character.org proudly presented Oakview Elementary School with the Promising Practice Award. Character. org, a national advocate and leader for character in schools and communities, awarded 170 Promising Practices to schools and organizations across the nation. This award celebrates the creative approaches that a school puts in place to help children understand, care about, and consistently practice the core values that will enable them to flourish in school and as citizens. As a school community, Oakview Elementary School focused on Principle 5 of the 11 Character.org principles. This principle focuses on the development of good character through varied opportunities to apply values such as compassion, responsibility, and fairness in everyday interactions and discussions, as well as through community service. Through a variety of service-



learning initiatives that embrace a sense of belonging, Oakview Elementary School continuously comes together to benefit the students, school, and community for the greater good. Through our actions and expressive words, we have created a culture of mutual respect within our community knowing that our selfless deeds are centered around our school's core values. Through our service learning projects such as the #UnSelfie Project, food collections, Operation Blessing, Valentine's Day cards for first responders, Pennies for Patients, Alex's Lemonade Stand, and several others, our students have a voice and choice regarding the impact they can make on their community. We are so proud



of the community we have created for our youngest learners and their families. Character.org will honor each of the 2021 Promising Practice recipients at its National Forum in the Fall of 2021. Keep up the great work Oakview, we cannot wait to see what the 2021-2022 school year brings!



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### **Red Bank Awarded Title of Promising Practice School**

Red Bank is proud to announce that it has been selected by Character.org as a recipient of the 2021 "Promising Practice" School Award. Our Learners Today, Leaders Tomorrow program chose to focus on Principle 5 of the 11 Principles Framework for Schools; to provide students with opportunities for moral actions.

Our goal is to create a school culture based on the philosophy that children need to be immersed in activities that build teamwork, celebrate responsibility, and identify and resolve community struggles. We believe that students learn best in handson situations, and actions become meaningful through doing. Our service-learning projects reflect the learning of new ideas regarding community service, and are inclusive of preschool, second grade, and special education students. Engaging our young learners in service learning will increase the capacity for a smooth transition from school to home to community to adulthood.

A sense of community is achieved through the enrichment and celebration of positive character consistently on a daily basis. Our SEL Choose Love unit of "Compassion Action" brings an awareness to the needs of others and how we all make a difference by helping those around us. Despite the challenge of the past year, we generated new service-learning projects such as the #UnSelfie Project, Caring Kits for Vets, Honor Guard, and Valentine "shout outs" to thank our community helpers. Past activities have included Project Linus, Holiday Lasagna Trays for local shelters, and the Eagle Buddies mentoring program.

Not only learning the value of generosity and responsibility, but developing a deep understanding of the positive contributions our students are making to the world around them is the biggest impact our practice is having on our school. Involvement in creating and delivering service-learning projects broadens our students' scope of understanding and acceptance of their world. They are learning that everyone can make a difference, no matter how big or how small. They are learning that acts of kindness are necessary to teach lessons of empathy. Through the combination of our SEL curriculum and family/community involvement, our students are applying what they are learning to real world situations. They are developing the intrinsic motivation that will encourage them to continue to volunteer and serve to make the world a better place. Our Red Bank students are learning that through our community service projects and activities, they are becoming more confident, kind, and caring citizens.



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## **Preschool End of the Year Memories**

The end of the year is always filled with lots of fun and exciting events for the students. This year, the Preschool classes participated in two very exciting events. In the month of May, each of the classes took a Virtual Field Trip to the Philadelphia Insectarium & Butterfly Pavilion, and in June, each school had their annual Field Day.

During the Virtual Field Trip, the students were able to view various arthropods and interact with and ask questions of the tour guide. The students enjoyed their virtual adventure and asked great questions about each of the insects they were shown. The fun did not stop there! In addition to the virtual field trip, each of the elementary schools held their annual Field Day where each of the Preschool classes had the opportunity to participate in various activities. Seeing the students interacting during their field day activities was a great way to begin the journey to the end of the year.

We are so proud of the accomplishments the Preschool students have made and cannot wait to see them in September when they enter the doors of Oakview as Kindergarteners!



Philadelphia Insectarium and Butterfly Pavilion



Field Day Fun!



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## **Camp IDEA Takes Over West Deptford!**



Did you ever measure how big a Megalodon was? Do you want to create and design your own Japanese Kokeshi doll? Ever feel like trying your hand at some Street Art or Street Music? Do you have some theories about what happened to the crew of the Mary Celeste? Just ask some of the West Deptford students who attended Camp IDEA!

Learning doesn't stop just because it's summertime - so the Camp IDEA Crew partnered with some amazing West Deptford teachers to create a summer enrichment program that is truly "out of this world." Camp IDEA has been a regular part of summer for many students in the area for the past eight years and is happy to have landed in West Deptford this year for Kindergarten through 8th graders! IDEA stands for Imagine, Design, Explore, and Achieve - and each of our classes is specially designed to meet one of those categories. Students are either exploring new **ideas**, creating original **designs**, using their **imagination**, or strengthening their skills to **achieve** even higher!

The Camp IDEA staff takes pride in a special kind of "sneaky" learning - students practice reading, writing, math, science, and social studies skills while exploring topics that they enjoy. For example, Kindergarten and first grade students taking "Ice, Ice Baby" have learned and read about arctic animals, practiced walking like penguins, worked on their fine motor skills by building castles out of "ice" cubes, learned songs, and played games - all around the theme of Ice! Older students taking "Disastrous Journeys: Oregon Trail and Titanic" learned the geography of the trip, the culture and history of the time, completed some science experiments investigating the demise of the ship, and participated in simulations where they must make decisions as if they were actually on the Oregon Trail (hopefully avoiding the Dysentery)! Classes range from "Down on the Farm" and "Camp Out" to "The Physics Olympics," "The Science of Roller Coasters," and "Music and the Movies." Students are having so much fun with these topics that they do not even realize that they are strengthening important skills to get geared back up for school in September.

Camp IDEA is bigger than ever this year. Over the course of four weeks, a total of 96 different classes were offered to over 475 students. The enthusiasm of the teachers is contagious, the excitement of the children is overwhelming, and the smiles we are rewarded with as they learn new and exciting things are the <u>best</u> type of smiles. We are so very happy to be here and hope that all students enjoyed their time with us!

For more information, follow us on Facebook and Instagram @campideanj



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## **21st Century Scholars Camp**

Math, trivia, critical thinking, and problem solving come together in our district's annual elementary enrichment summer program. After a one-year hiatus, the program is back with a new name: 21st Century Scholars Camp. The name may be new, but the energy and enthusiasm driving the young learners to devote summer hours to academic pursuits is not. The camp aims to serve our academically advanced population as they enter Kindergarten through fifth grade. The philosophy behind the program is that learning can be fun for students when it is presented through games and projects that engage their sense of curiosity. The staff of 21st Century Scholars Camp believe that active hands-on learning can promote teamwork and collaboration skills while building lifelong learners.



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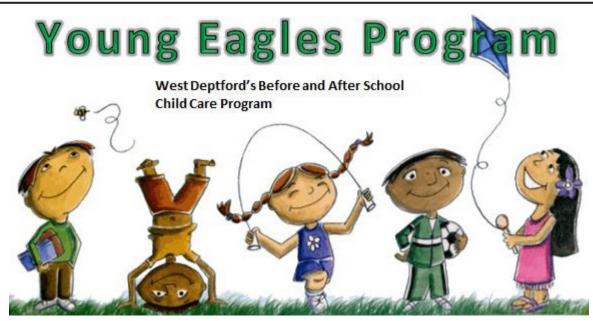
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The West Deptford Young Eagles Program is a fully licensed Child Care Center located at all three elementary schools. During the 2021-2022 school year, we will be offering care to West Deptford residents in **kindergarten thru sixth grade**. Children 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. We are excited to be able to add back in the option of drop-in care during the 2021-2022 school year. Program options and hours of operation are listed below.

<b>AM Sessions:</b> 6:45 AM to the start of the school day. <b>PM Sessions:</b> school dismissal to 6:15 PM.		
<ul> <li>2021-2022 Program Options and Pricing:</li> <li>AM only - \$45.00 per week/per child</li> <li>AM plus Half Days - \$65.00 per week/per child</li> <li>PM only - \$67.50 per week/per child</li> <li>Full Program - \$112.50 per week/per child</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Drop-In Voucher Program:</li> <li>AM Drop-In Care Booklet - \$65.00 (5 Vouchers/5 Sessions)</li> <li>PM Drop-In Care Booklet - \$90.00 (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, August 9, 2021. **THE DEADLINE FOR ENROLLMENT IN ORDER TO BEGIN YOUNG EAGLES ON THE FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL is Friday, August 27, 2021**. Please note that any child registered after **August 27, 2021 will not be guaranteed to begin the program on the first day of school.** 

If you have any questions, please contact Denise Redstreake at (856) 848-4300 extension 3212 or dredstreake@wdeptford.k12.nj.us.

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