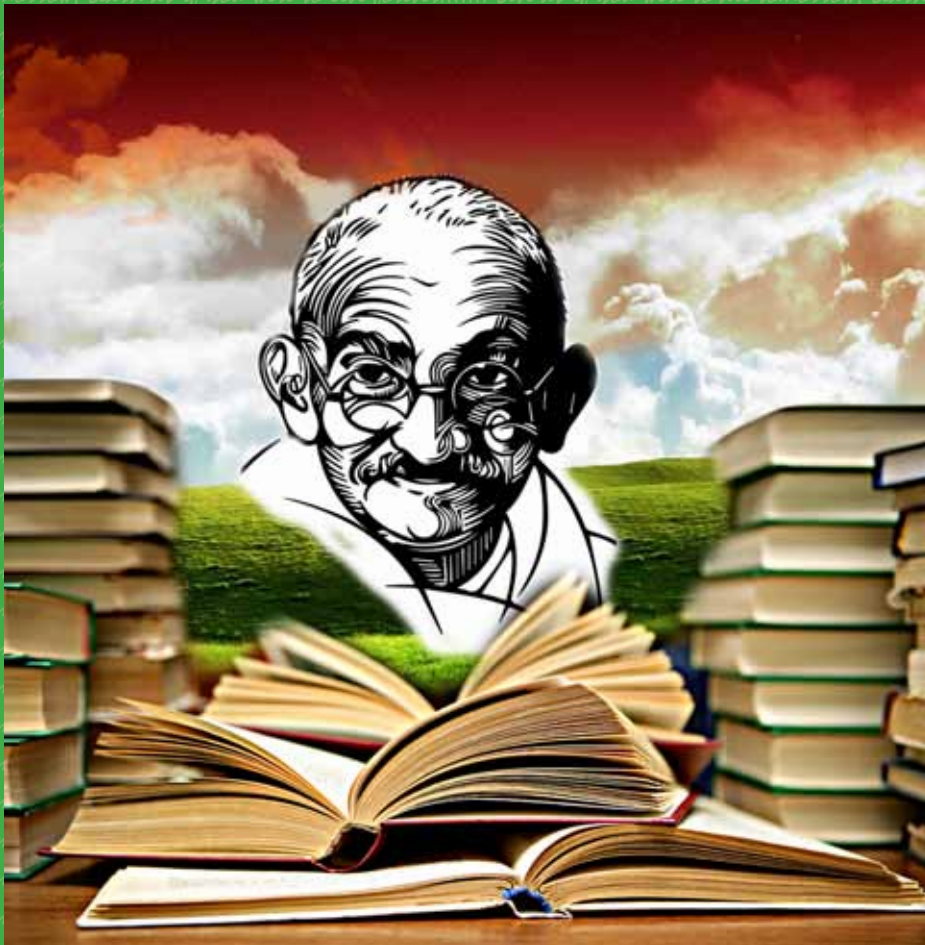


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A Tribute to Teachers



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Learn as if you were to live forever”

—Mahatma Gandhi

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MESSAGE

NORTH BRUNSWICK TOWNSHIP HIGH SCHOOL

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**“Equity and Excellence” –
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Dear Community Members,

On behalf of Board of Education and the entire North Brunswick Education Community, it is with great reverence that I congratulate you and thank you for your celebration of India’s Independence. We are very appreciative that you have connected this year’s celebration, *“Acharya Devo Bhava – A Tribute to Teachers”*, with the immeasurable impact that teachers make on the lives of their students.

I am very grateful to be part of a community that recognizes the timely and timeless cultural contributions of Mohandas Gandhi; not only towards India’s Independence but to the United States and its Civil Rights Movement. His vision and ideals influenced the work of many great leaders and “teachers” such as Martin Luther King and Nelson Mandela. It is such a fitting tribute to district teachers to be recognized while honoring Gandhi’s inspiration and the positive effect of India’s Independence.

Our diverse community including students will again have an opportunity to take part in this meaningful and important cultural celebration. It is imperative that we as a community continue to support a festivity such as India’s Independence Day. Our students will learn and grow from this experience as the celebration spotlights India’s many contributions to our nation’s freedom and growth.

We, as a people of freedom within a global environment, must continue to highlight the great works of teachers and identify the Gandhi’s amongst us while celebrating the ideals of India’s Independence Day.

Sincerely,
Dr. Brian Zychowski Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

Dear Community Leaders,

On behalf of the North Brunswick Township High “Caring Community”, I want to congratulate the Co-Chairpeople, Seema Moondra and Hemal Dhavalikar and the Executive Team of the Indian Independence Committee for organizing celebration of India Independence in 1947 this special with cultural event that represents the diversity of the Township of North Brunswick.

I want to also recognize our students in the North Brunswick Township School district for their participation in today’s India Independence Day and to thank the parents/guardians for their support.

This year’s event, “Acharya Devo Bhava”, a tribute to teachers will recognize North Brunswick’s Governor’s Teacher’s Recognition Recipients for their wonderful efforts as they represent all our teachers in the district for their important role with educating our youth of today.

Mahatma Gandhi once said, “Be the change that you want to see in the world”. We thank our teachers and educators for serving as role models for our students in making the world a better place to live and work together.

Congratulations to everyone and enjoy this wonderful day of celebration.

Respectfully,
Pete Clark
Principal
North Brunswick High School

MESSAGE

Seema Moondra, *Chairperson,*
NBT India Day Committee



Dear friends,

I am honored to be given the opportunity to lead the celebration that marks the 67th Anniversary of India's Independence Day. It is a great privilege to lead a team of over 125 youth and adult volunteers to bring the show "Acharya Devo Bhava – A Tribute to Teachers".

I am an immigrant who came to the USA 25 years ago. Moving from India was a break, as I had never before experienced in my life. It was new and exciting but also intimidating. Everything from grocery store visits to how the mail got delivered was a novel experience. A school, of course, was not on our radar screen until we started house hunting!

Reflecting upon my life here now, I realize that I owe it to the teachers of North Brunswick for inspiring me to find myself again. It was like growing up again. I read my children's books, helped them with projects, participated in school events and PTO activities, and thoroughly enjoyed the way teachers made learning fun. Teachers provided the anchor that helped me find my way and the school became the institution that helped me settle down again. Today I call this place home and it is because the teachers of North Brunswick welcomed us with their cheerful smiles, gave us the confidence to raise our children, and helped us put down roots once again.

The complex journey of immigration and assimilation made me ponder on how we pass on traditions and cultures when uprooted. Encouraged by teachers to share India's rich heritage and seeing the pride on my children's faces when I visited their school, I realized that cultural learning must happen in the mainstream. It motivated me to start the 4-H Indian Langoor Club. This research-based educational approach to cultural learning was a successful experiment and the club continues to serve children even today.

As I began to explore the process of cultural learning over the years I developed the program Enjoy Explore India that now provides cultural learning workshops to libraries and schools across New Jersey. I learned that it was not enough to acknowledge diversity by showcasing cultures but it was far more important to help people find cultural connections. As I prepared for the show, it dawned on me that teachers are the most important heritage we share as people and that they are the most significant cultural connection that brings us together across the globe.

As my second term on the North Brunswick Board of Education ends this November, it has been a privilege to serve you and I humbly offer this show "Acharya Devo Bhava – A Tribute to Teachers" as my *guru dakshina* to all of you. I stand before you because of the time you invested in me.

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to the North Brunswick Township Board of Education and all the NBT India Day volunteers and participants for their dedication in bringing this special event that celebrates honors and acknowledges the valuable contributions of teachers to communities across the world.

Sincerely,

Seema Moondra

4-H Indian Langoor Club, Organizational Leader

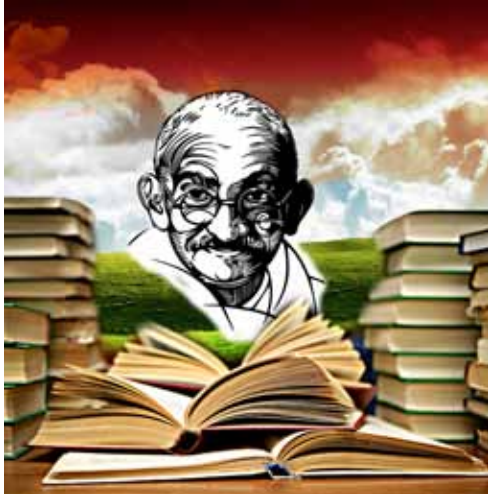
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NBT INDIA INDEPENDENCE DAY 2014

“Acharya Devo Bhava”



- Welcome Address – Mr. Pete Clark and Mr. Govinda Rajan
- Prayer – Mrs. Kuldeep Uppal
- Pledge of Allegiance – led by 4H Indian Langoor Club
- Flag Hoisting Ceremony
- National Anthem – led by Mrs. Kuldeep Uppal
- Vande Mataram – National Song of India
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“Acharya Devo Bhava – A Tribute to Teachers” - 4-H Indian Langoor Club

“My Teacher, My Inspiration” - Display of Art, Poems and Essays by students

Welcome Address

Mr. Clark, Principal of the North Brunswick High School, empowered the Indian American community to begin celebrating the history and culture of India by inviting them to plan the first India Independence Day Celebration in August 2008. Inspired by leadership of Mr. Pete Clark, this event has grown from a small gathering of 25 people in 2008 to an event that today attracts hundreds of youth and adults across Central Jersey.

Mr. Govinda Rajan, President of the Agraj Seva Kendra is an active volunteer conducting numerous cultural education programs, service projects and other activities in the community. In partnership with 4-H Indian Langoor Club, Mr. Rajan has helped transform the NBT India Day Event into one of the largest cultural education programs for youth in New Jersey.

Prayer

Om sam gachhadwam, sam vada-dwam - Go forth together
Sam vo mannansi jaanataam - Let your voices unite as one, let your
minds unite as one

Deva bhaagam yathaapoorve - To perform your duties, as did many
ancestors in times before you

Sanjaanana upaasatee - Let your determination unite you

Samaani vah aakootih samanaa Hridayaani vah - Your hearts and
minds

Samaanamastu vo mano yathaa vah susahaasati - So that you may
live together in peace and harmony

Singer: Mrs. Kuldeep Uppal

Pledge of Allegiance

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America,
and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God,
indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Pledge Led By: Kriti Sinha, President, 4-H Indian Langoor Club

Flag Hoisting Ceremony

India proudly became a free, democratic nation on August 15, 1947.
The freedom movement led by Gandhi, based on the principles of
“Ahimsa” and “Satyagraha”, has inspired many people across the
globe to bring about change in their own country.

The National Flag of India or the “tiranga”, the “tri-colored”
represents India, the world’s largest democracy, and is hoisted to
honor the country. The color saffron represents renunciation in
action, the white in the center represents purity of thought, and
green represents prosperity and our close connection with the
earth that sustains us. The Dharma Chakra represents the Wheel
of Dharma and is a reminder that it is our duty to commit to right
actions in life.

The Indian National Anthem “Jana Gana Mana” was written
and composed by the Noble Laureate Rabindranath Tagore. The
poet asks Vidhata, The Creator, to bless his country, his fellow-
countrymen and most of all benedictions for a bright future for
his country. He evokes in us a pride for the States and regions,
the magnificent mountains and rivers that form the majestic land
of Bharat and the people of Bharat who sing the glory of their
Creator. May my country’s future rise high and may she always bask
in victory captures the crescendo - Jai Ho! Jai Ho! Jai Ho!

Singers: Mrs. Kuldeep Uppal and NBT India Day Volunteer Group

Vande Mataram – National Song of India

Vande Mataram, the National Song of India is a poem from the
famed novel Anandamath written by the poet Bankim Chandra
Chattopadhyay in 1882.

Mother India is described in all her glory in this beautiful poem
written in Sanskrit and Bengali. The beautiful rivers, plentiful fruit
orchards, the cool breeze, the rich harvest, all inspire the poet to
sing praises of his motherland. “I bow to you Mother,” says the poet
humbly as he bursts into a melodious song, his heart filled with
wonder, pride and joy as he describes his country.

Singers: Mrs. Kuldeep Uppal and NBT India Day Volunteer Group

Homage to My Guru

*Gurur brahma, gurur vishnu, gurur devo maheshwara
Gurur sakshat para brahman, tasmai shree gururve namah.*

Teachers educate us, inspire us, and guide us to become the human
beings we are today. A teacher is the source of knowledge someone
who has the power to unleash the creativity in us like Brahma, the
Creator. A teacher is the source of erudition, someone who has
the power to teach us how our creativity can benefit mankind and
preserve our world like Vishnu, the Preserver. A teacher is the source
of wisdom someone who has the power to guide us in performing
the right actions in life, like Shiva, the Destroyer of Desires. It
is this powerful influence that a teacher has on the student that is
extolled in the ancient texts from India.

Singers: Mrs. Kuldeep Uppal and NBT India Day Volunteer Group

Saraswati Vandana

Indian philosophical principles have been captured in visual images
and iconography to help the ordinary man reflect upon higher
concepts observed in life and nature. Just as the cycle of life is
represented by Brahma, the Creator, Vishnu, The Preserver and
Shiva, The Destroyer; the qualities that spur these three actions
are represented by their inseparable consorts Saraswati, Laxmi and
Parvati respectively.

Goddess Saraswati, consort of Brahma represents learning and
knowledge, music and the arts, without which creativity would
be impossible, Goddess Laxmi, Goddess of Wealth and consort
of Vishnu represents the many resources that are essential to the
preservation of our world, and Goddess Parvati, consort of Shiva
represents life force, representing the birth of life after every cycle of
destruction observed in our universe.

Through the Saraswati Vandana, we pay homage to the beautiful,
pure, resplendent Goddess Saraswati clad in white, one who plays
the instrument veena seated in the white lotus, that represents
knowledge, to bless us with the ability to become life-long learners,
wisdom, purity of thought and creativity to make our community
and our world better than how we found it upon arrival on this earth.

Adult Mentor: Guru Swathi Gundapuneedi, Choreographer,
Siddhendra Kuchipudi Arts Academy

Adult Coordinator: Rani Daggupati

Youth Participants: Shravani Vedagiri, Neha Gardilla, Tanvi Ravilla,
Sahana Lothumalla, Praniti Kokkeragadda, Arthi Vijayakumar,
Saani Kunisetty, Shriya Peddi, Aruhi Vakkalagadda

Song: Maa Saraswati Sharde

“Indian Americans Shape the Nation” – Agraj Seva Kendra

The exhibition “Indian Americans Shape the Nation” by the
volunteers of Agraj Seva Kendra aims to recognize the tremendous
contributions made by Indian Americans to their communities
in New Jersey. This project is designed to create awareness about
the involvement of Indian Americans in governance, academics,
healthcare, business and other important activities that have a
direct impact on the communities in which they live. This program
promotes unity in diversity and fosters harmony in communities
through educational activities that encourage people to connect with

each other and appreciate the various cultures that thrive in New Jersey.

We are extremely proud to present the “Notable Indians Achievement Award” to the following distinguished individuals:

Dr. Aruna Rao, Associate Director, National Alliance on Mental Illness of New Jersey (NAMI)

Dr. Meena Murthy, Chief of Endocrinology, Nutrition and Metabolism, St. Peter’s University

Dr. Khyati Joshi, Associate Professor of Education, Farleigh Dickinson University

Ms. Gouri Sadhwani, Executive Director, Akanksha Fund Inc.

Assemblyman Raj Mukherjee, New Jersey State and

Councilwoman Sapana Shah, Edison Township

Adult Mentor: Sori Kim

Youth Participants: Akshaya Dinesh, Vedant Iyer, Ishita Likhar, Shaili Likhar, Vaishnavi More, Meher Sukhija, Khushi Sarin

“Recording History: Live” – 4-H Oral History Project

4-H Indian Langoor Club Teen Chapter began the Oral History Project “Recording History: Live!” in 2006 to collect stories of Indian American Senior Citizens from Middlesex County. The project has resulted in valuable historical documents in the form of 17 recordings, 5 publications and visual documentation that is available for research and academic studies. These important documents record the experiences of Indian Americans and the story of their immigration and assimilation in the USA. This inter-generational project is important because it gives high school students conducting the project an opportunity to learn about their culture and write the history of their community. An updated collection of six interviews from this project and their digital copies will become available online for the public and on the New Jersey Digital Highway for research purposes.

Adult Mentor: Nina Malagi

Oral History Project Teen Leader: Kriti Sinha

Participants: Neha Komatreddy, Thanmayee Maddipatti, Khushi Sarin, Ananya Malagi, and Ashwin Gokhale

“Hamaari Hi Mutthi Mein Akash Tara” – Audiovisual Presentation

We learn early on from our teachers that the impossible is within our reach if we believe in ourselves and apply our minds to it. They give us the tools to make our bodies and minds stronger, our will power unshakeable and our hearts compassionate. The words of great teachers continue to inspire us and remind us, “*Hamari Hi Mutthi Mein Hai Akash Taara*” – the twinkling star, far in the sky, is in our hands.

Participants: Neha Vaddepally and Dakshal Panicker

Teachers Make School Cool – Dance Performance

School can be a bore, learning a chore, routines tedious and studying hard to the core! With their imaginations running wild children dream of a school in which everything is topsy-turvy and dance in glee. Let us find out more about their dreams and what would school

look like if they had their way! And how will parents and teachers entice them to think of school as a fun and interesting place? Will they convince them?

ABBG TPOG is a song that brings back memories of one’s first day of school, the excitement of seeing that beaming smiling face welcoming you in to class and the helping hand of the teacher who means the world to you as a little kid in a big, big, world.

Adult Mentors: Naina Raina and Blisse Vakkalagadda

Choreography Assistant: Aruhi Vakkalagadda

Participants: Ahaan Chhabria, Prahas Ramidi, Anusha Vakkalagadda, Aarshi Goel, Aanya Muniyappa, Akul Laddha, Ridhi Boggavarapu, Shanaya Goel, Simran Amarnani and Anish Sinha

Stage Crew: Vedanta Iyer, Vaishnavi More, Shaili Likhar, Akshaya Dinesh

Song: ABBG from the Hindi movie Kuch Na Kaho

“Acharya Devo Bhava” – Art and Writing Awards – Enjoy Explore India

Every year Enjoy Explore India, a local business that offers cultural-learning programs to libraries and schools across New Jersey, conducts an art and writing competition for students K – 12. This year, students were invited to submit drawings, poems and essays to tell us why their teacher deserved to be recognized and honored and how they had made a difference in their life. We received 21 submissions and each entry was so heart-warming and precious that we made a decision to honor every teacher nominated by the student who participated in this contest.

Our special thanks to Enjoy Explore India for organizing the competition and their donation towards giving 10 awards and gifts for all the participants. We would also like to thank NBT India Day Committee, Mr. Rama Mohana Rao Kankanala and Mr. Krishna Kumari Kankanala, and Ms. Nisha Alex for their contributions towards the “Acharya Devo Bhava” Award. Each teacher will receive a special hand-made thank you card, \$50 US Treasury bond, T-shirt, and a copy of the journal that has drawings, essays, and art submitted by the students in their honor.

Students Aspire, Teachers Inspire– Dance Performance

“*Dil hai chota sa, Choti si Aasha*” – My heart is little, but I am filled with hope, to fly high and touch the stars and the moon sing the girls. “*Papa Kahte hain Bada naam Karega*” – The boys graduating from school are ready to take on the world and make a name for themselves and their families! In life students aspire, parent’s desire, and teachers inspire – they fuel our curiosity, instill in us the desire to explore, think big, and achieve our dreams. Great teachers encourage us to think with an open minds, dare to spread your wings, splash the world with colors, and encourage us to spin new ideas together! So let’s say “Bum Bum Bole” and begin the exciting journey of exploring our dreams, discovering our passions and achieving our aspirations.

Adult Leader: Naina Raina

Participants: Choti Si Aasha: Parul Joshi, Ashna Sinha, Gauri Deshpande, Aruhi Vakkalagadda

Papa Kahte Hain: Ritvik Salla, Mohit Pradhan, Pannun Raina,

Pravin Kotilingam, Akul Laddha

Bum Bum Bole: Parul Joshi, Ashna Sinha, Aruhi Vakkalagadda, Gauri Deshpande, Ritvik Salla, Mohit Pradhan, Pannun Raina, Pravin Kotilingam, Akul Laddha, Anusha Vakkalagadda and Aarshi Goel

Stage Crew: Vedanta Iyer, Vaishnavi More, Shaili Likhar, Akshaya Dinesh

Song Medley: Choti Si Aasha from the movie Roja, Bum Bum Bole from the movie Taare Zamin Par and Papa Kahte Hain from the movie Qayamat Se Qayamat Tak

“Ek, Do, Teen, Char, Karo Guru Ki Jay Jay kar!” – Talk Show

In the word Guru, “gu” means darkness or ignorance, and “ru” means one who removes. The guru or the teacher removes darkness or ignorance. The Guru-Shishya Parampara or tradition followed in Indian culture since ancient times is a testimony to the power of this unique respectful relationship between a student and a teacher.

Some of the exemplary guru-shishya pairs that come to mind are Dronacharya and Eklavya from the Mahabharata, Krishna and Arjun from the Bhagvat Gita ; Gokhale and Gandhi, Gandhi and Nehru from the freedom movement era. This unique partnership is also extolled in the Upanishads, ancient texts from India that are essentially simple conversations between a guru and a knowledge-seeker dwelling on worldly and spiritual matters to guide mankind. Over the ages, many gurus have made history, and are remembered as role models. In this unique show “Ek, Do, Teen, Char, Karo Guru Ki Jay Jaykar!” students honor gurus from India, and all over the world.

Show Coordinator: Aparna Ramani

Participants: Ashwin Gokhale, Sanjana Ramanathan, Vaishnavi More, Shivani Vyas, Surya, Ananthu, Ishita Likhar, Ashwath Krishnan, Eashan Krishnamoorthy, Akshaya Dinesh

Script: Aparna Ramani

Lighting, Music and Show Recording: Ashwath Krishnan

Guru Dakshina – A Gift for Our Gurus

The great gurus of the past are an inspiration. But we have several gurus in our midst today who have taught many generations of North Brunswick students. We honor these stalwarts and thank them for their years of service and dedication to the teaching profession. In addition, to honoring the 23 teachers who are retiring from their profession we proudly recognize six teachers who received the 2014 Governor’s Teacher Recognition/ Educational Services Professional Award for going above and beyond to make learning an enriching experience for their students.

Each teacher will receive a hand-made thank you card, a T-shirt, and a copy of the journal as a gift. We thank you from the bottom of our heart for all that you have done to make us stronger as a community, country and world.

“Jwala” – From A Flicker to Flame

Teachers kindle the spark of inquisitiveness and learning in each one of us and guide us in choosing between right and wrong paths when it is time to make crucial decisions.

Their compassion and kindness nurtures our being, helping us bloom from buds to a flowers. Teachers not only fuel our interest in learning, they allow us to explore our own creative senses whilst directing our passions towards successful outcomes in life.

The production “Jwala – From Flicker to Flame” is a tribute to budding, past and future teachers in every walk of our lives. It is our way of saying thank you for kindling that flicker in us and making us glow like a flame!

Music of teachers from different centuries has been used to pay tribute to legendary masters of Indian music Saint Thyagaraja, Muthuswamy Dhikshithar, Mrs Shantha Dhananjayan, Maestro Illyaraja, and Shri Madhup Mudgal.

Artistic Director: Chitra Ramaswamy

Youth Coordinators: Varnita Prakash, Adithi Balasubramanian, Anusha Narayan, Madhuchena Karthikeyan, Shruthi Sureshkrishnan

Youth Choreographers: Varnita Prakash, Adithi Balasubramanian, Anusha Narayan and Madhuchena Karthikeyan

Costume Designers: Chandra Ramaswamy and Geetha Suresh

Lighting/Music Coordinator: Ashwath Krishnan

Participants: Devashree Parambath, Harini Vasudevan, Ekaprana Ramesh, Sneha Ramesh, Vidhi Challani, Nethra Sakthivel, Kirtana Krishnan, Nikita Srinivasan, Shivani Bala, Shruthi Krishnamoorthy, Niveditha , Tanvi Sivakumar, Ipshitha Nandy, Viya Manikandan, Nikitha Narayan, Ruthika Narayan, Saanya Lingineni, Meghana Padmanabhan, Sarayu Manikandan, Sanjana Rajendran, Siddhi Raghunathan, Anusha Narayan , Sruthi Chandra, , Shanmathi Satish, Shivani Karthikeyan, Priya Karthikeyan, Anika Parthiban, Mathangi, , Adhvika Krishnan, Srilatha Karkal, Ishwari Nagnur, Nidhi Tolpadi

Wings of Fire – A Teacher Guides me to Fly Higher – Dance Performance

“I want to fly high and soar in the sky. I want to flit around like a butterfly.” Growing up is like a dream. “I wonder why I am the way I am. Will I ever know what I am supposed to do?” Growing up can be a challenge. “Life is full of surprises. My heart is on the run.” Growing up can be fun. So much happens in such a short time. It is during these years of tumult and excitement that teachers become the anchors that help you find your way. They truly believe in you, inspire you and help you awaken to a world full of possibilities. They light that fire under your wings so you can soar higher and achieve your dreams. We thank our teachers for their dedication and guidance.

Adult Mentor: Sudha Kankanala

Youth Leader: Swetcha Ananthu

Choreography: Sonia Amarnani, Ria Patel

Participants: Swetcha Ananthu, Sonia Amarnani, Ria Patel, Nikita Ranginani and Nilay Sharma

Medley of Songs: School Ke Din from Always Kabhi Kabhi, Chale Jaise Hawayein from Main Hoon Na, Kukkad from Student of the Year, Main Aisa Kyun Hoon from Lakshya, Kuch Kariye from Chak De India

A Nation Walks Together - Siddhendra Kuchipudi

Sings the poet, "O Friend, this earth and this sky is ours; so, what are you afraid of? Let us walk together because ultimately victory belongs to the ones who have truth and courage in their hearts." This is the kind of passion that leaders like Gandhi aroused in the country empowering each man, woman and child to stand up for freedom. The fervor that stirred the nation to walk together and achieve the impossible on the principles of satyagraha and ahimsa led India to become a free democratic nation in 1947. The joy of this achievement fills the heart of every Indian with great pride and hope for a bright future for their country. This recital captures the soul-stirring sentiments of these great moments experienced by people then and as it continues to even today.

Adult Mentor: Swathi Gundapuneedi,

Youth Leaders: Keerthi Adusumalli and Maya Tatikola

Choreographers: Saranya Thuremella and Meghana Dantuluri

Youth Participants: Keerthi Adusumalli, Saranya Thuremella, Bhavya Thuremella, Ramya Puranam, Swetha Puranam, Meghana Dantuluri, Maya Tatikola, Nandini Yellamelli, Sruti Yanamandra

Medley of Songs: O Mitwa from Lagaan, Vande Mataram by A.R. Rahman, and Mere Desh Ki Dharti from Mother India

Dreaming, Learning, Growing- Audiovisual Presentation

"The Dream is not what you see in sleep, dream is which does not let you sleep," said Dr. Abdul Kalam, an eminent scholar teacher and the 11th President of India. Treasure your dreams; they will ignite the fire that spurs you in to action. Cherish your dreams; they will make you soar like the birds and fill you with the music of the universe. Value your dreams; they will take you on a life-changing journey like the river as her spirited waves leave a mark on the banks. We thank our teachers for guiding us in realizing our dreams and aspirations.

Adult Mentor: Jagdish Laddha

Participant: Kriti Sinha

Song: "Khwab Jo" from the movie London Dreams

Tu Zinda Hai To Zindagi Ki Jeet Mein Yakeen Kar – Chorus

"If you are alive, then believe in the victory of life and live each day to turn your world in to heaven for all," writes the poet to inspire his fellow countrymen to dedicate their lives in the fight for freedom.

"The days of sorrow will pass and an era of hope and triumph will follow. So believe in yourself and live each day to achieve this dream. The land that sustains us reminds us everyday of her desire to be filled with prosperity and happiness. So believe in yourself and adorn her with your passion and dedication. Turmoil is in the air everyday and your journey will be filled with challenges every moment. So believe in yourself and march to the finish line with your head held high. The country awaits the day when the sound of victory will fill the air to rejoice in the spirit of freedom. So believe in yourself and walk together filled with the electrifying spirit of lighting in your steps and the thundering sound of victory in your hearts."

Singers: Mrs. Kuldeep Uppal and the NBT India Day Group

Audiovisual Presentations

India – One Land, Many Cultures

Participants: Surya Ananthu, Abhie Maharana, and Sunit Pradhan

Indian American Community in New Jersey

Participants: Ishita Likhar, Vaishnavi More, and Shaili Likhar

NBT India Day

Participants: Ananya Malagi and Rohini Malagi

"Recording History: Live!"

Participants: 4-H Oral History Group Members

Hamaari Hi Mutthi Mein Hai Akaash Taara

Participants: Neha Veddapally and Dakshal Panicker

Dreaming, Learning, Growing

Participant: Kriti Sinha

CULTURAL PERFORMANCE COMMITTEE

Performance Coordinators: Blisse Vakkalagadda, Gangadhar Vakkalagadda

Chorus Coordinator: Kuldeep Uppal

Youth Coordinator (Lighting/Music): Ashwath Kumar

Youth Coordinator (Stage): Pranav Kotilingam

Adult Stage Crew: Rakhi Laddha, Nina Malagi, Swaroop Ranadive, Naina Raina,

Youth Stage Crew: Pooja Ranadive, Avi Ranadive, Dakshal Panicker, Neha Vaddapally, Ananya Malagi, Vaishnavi More

Stage Props

Adult Coordinator: Sonali Sinha

Adult Helpers: Rakhi Laddha, Gangadhar Vakkalagadda, Sudha Kankanala

Participants: Almira Bora, Aayushi Vyas, Ashna Sinha, Surya Ananthu, Sunit Pradhan, Abhie Maharana, Akul Laddha, Anusha Vakkalagadda

DECORATION COMMITTEE

Adult Mentor: Sonali Sinha

Youth Leader: Sweta Sheth

Adult Decoration Team: Rakhi Laddha,

Youth Decoration Team: Akshaya Dinesh, Khushi Sarin, Almira Bora, Ayushi Vyas, Shaili Likhar, Vedanta Iyer, Vaishnavi More, Meher Sukhija

SPECIAL THANKS TO OUR ELDERS:

Mr. Madhukar Dhavalikar for writing participant names in his beautiful handwriting on certificates

Mr. Rama Mohana Rao Kanankanala for assisting with venue decoration

NBT India Independence Day 2014

YOUTH EXHIBITION GROUP

Acharya Devo Bhava Exhibition

Indian cultural tradition equates the teacher as divine, as the Sanskrit hymn praises, "Acharya Devo Bhava". The role of the teacher is crucial and the teacher bears a huge responsibility to shape and guide generations.

The exhibition "Acharya Devo Bhava" seeks to honor and highlight great Indian teachers of the past, focusing on the contribution these individuals have made to humanity, by the very virtue of their teaching and practice.

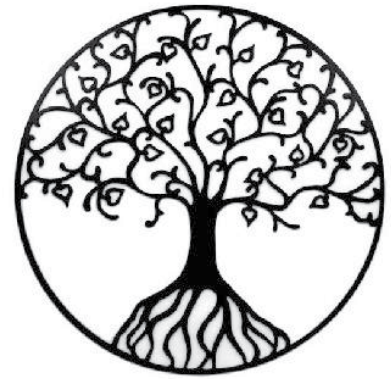
The revered academic philosopher and scholar Dr. Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan identified so greatly with his calling as an educator, India celebrates September 5th (his birthday) nationally as "Teacher's Day". The legendary leader chose to be remembered as a teacher, not as the President of India nor as the scholarly English translator of a Bhagavad Gita made accessible to millions. His example proves, teachers are born, not made.

This exhibition also showcases two women whose contribution to the education system in India was manifold. Savitribai Phule the 'First Lady' Teacher of India and poet fought to bring educa-

tion to the poor and oppressed, in particular to the girl child, during the British Raj. A revolutionary thinker and iconoclast, the Government of India honored Savitribai Phule by publishing a postage stamp on 10th March 1998.

It is a little known fact that the pioneer of early childhood education, Maria Montessori spent the wartime years of 1939 to 1945 in India. In 1939, the Theosophical Society of India and the Sarabhai family extended an invitation to the 69-year-old Montessori, who wanting to escape fascist Italy, took the opportunity to train and set up institutes in Chennai, Ahmedabad, Pune and Karachi. This historical sojourn has impacted millions of Indians who benefitted from a new and innovative form of early childhood learning.

The youth exhibition group chose the symbol of the tree as a motif to represent the ideals of the exhibition— to show the nourishing and sustained growth a good teacher imparts through generations. These teachers have bestowed an immeasurable gift to those they have taught, and those yet to learn— Nina Malagi, Educator, 4-H club leader, PTO President John Adams, NB.



Dr. Sarvapalli Radhakrishnan was a professor of Eastern religions at Oxford University and the first Indian to be a fellow of the British Academy. He was awarded the highest civilian award in India, the Bharat Ratna in 1954.



EXHIBITION TEAM:

Neha Vaddepally— Youth leader and coordinator

Akshay Muniyappa— poster on Savitribai Phule

Dakshal Panicker— poster on Maria Montessori

Ananya Malagi— poster on Rabindranath Tagore

Abhie Maharana— poster on Nissim Ezekiel

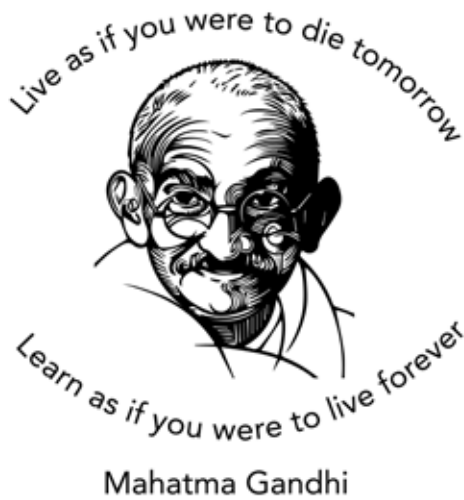
Sunit Pradhan— poster on Manmohan Singh

Ashwin Gokhale— poster on Dr. S. Radhakrishnan

Eashan Krishnamurthy— poster on Kirana Gharana

Rohini Malagi— poster on B. K. S. Iyengar

Srinivasniranjan Nukala— poster on Mahatma Gandhi



T-shirt Design for 2014 India Independence Day Celebration

By: Sahana Kumar

Carnegie Mellon University,
Class of 2015

Communication Design Major

Sahana Kumar has been designing the T-shirt for the NBT India Day Event for two years. This year's T-shirt design highlights the theme "Acharaya Devo Bhava – A Tribute to Teachers" by incorporating a beautifully rendered image of Gandhi, a great teacher himself with a quote by him "Live as if you were to die tomorrow, learn as if you were to live forever."

"An eye for an eye will only make the whole world blind."
— Mahatma Gandhi

Mahatma Gandhi — A Great Teacher

By: Avi Ranadive
Grade 9, South Brunswick High School

Mahatma Gandhi was a teacher who educated the world to strive for individual perfection and to use it as an implement of service for the world. "Live as if you were to die tomorrow. Learn as if you were to live forever." The wise man behind this quote, Mahatma Gandhi, sent this message to the nation and had a purpose behind it. He has taught the nation to be life-long learners because in life, education is the key to success. Mahatma Gandhi showed the world to be courageous and never give up on your dreams no matter what others say or do. He taught us to never leave a dream deferred, and was an inspiration to us all. Gandhi's purpose to educate was to teach one to always be peaceful and to learn something new every day. Mahatma Gandhi will never be forgotten because of the four main virtues he has taught the world; nonviolence, truth, love, and bravery.

Gandhi made a habit to never be violent and always be truthful. He taught the world that violence is not the answer and no matter how hard it may be, life can be lived without violence. "I cannot teach you violence, as I do not myself believe in it. I can only teach you not to bow your heads before anyone even at the cost of your life," he wrote. Gandhi was a practical man and knew that complete nonviolence was never possible, but it will always be worth to try. "We may never be strong enough to be entirely nonviolent in thought, word and deed. But we must keep nonviolence as our goal and make strong progress towards it." He also educated people to be truthful to themselves and others, also to do what their heart told them. Gandhi is remembered for his acts, as he chose to live by them every day. He knew that anybody can change the world, but they just needed the proper guidance and education. His nonviolent "force" ended up being the strongest "force" after all. "Nonviolence is a weapon of the strong." As well as teaching nonviolence and truthfulness, Mahatma Gandhi also taught bravery and love.

It is safe to say that Gandhi is one of the most peaceful men and wisest teachers to ever live and he made sure everybody remembered the lessons he had to teach. He never cared about the fame and the money, so he was truly unique and people should recognize and admire what he achieved. It is exceptionally hard to find another Mahatma Gandhi even though he would say that anybody can do what he did. Everything he said was a truly inspiring lesson. Gandhi's intentions were good, though he, like everybody, made mistakes in his life. Those mistakes helped him grow and teach others to be their best. "An eye for an eye will only make the whole world blind." This is one of Gandhi's most impactful and well known quotes and it left the world speechless. In my humble opinion, I believe that Mahatma Gandhi was the greatest teacher the world has known and he taught the people of it to be peaceful, true to themselves, to "fight" for love, and to be courageous.

National Anthem of India

Vande Mataram

*Jana-gana-mana-adhinayaka, jaya he
Bharata-bhagya-vidhata
Punjab-Sindhu-Gujarata-Maratha-
Dravida-Utkala-Banga
Vindhya-Himachala-Yamuna-Ganga
Uchchala-Jaladhi-taranga
Tava shubha name jage
Tava shubha ashish maange
Gabe tava jaya-gatha
Jana-gana-mangala-dayaka jaya he
Bharata-bhagya-vidhata
Jaya he, jaya he, jaya he
Jaya jaya jaya, jaya he !*



Thou art the rulers of the minds of all people,
dispenser of India's destiny.
Thy name rouses the hearts of
Punjab, Sind, Gujarat and Maratha,
Of the Dravida and Orissa and Bengal;
It echoes in the hills of the Vindhayas and Himalayas,
mingles in the music of Yamuna and
Ganga and is chanted by the waves of the Indian
Sea.
They pray for thy blessings and sing thy praise.
The saving of all people waits in thy hand,
thou dispenser of India's destiny,
Victory, victory, victory to thee.

*Vande mātaram
Sujalāmsuphalām
Malayajaśītalām
Shasya śyāmalām
Mātaram
Vande mātaram
Shubhra jyotsnā
Pulakita yāminīm
Phulla kusumita
Drumadalaśobhinīm
Suhāsinīm
Sumadhura bhāmimīm
Sukhadām varadām
Mātaram*



Mother, I salute thee!
Rich with thy hurrying streams,
bright with orchard gleams,
Cool with thy winds of delight,
Dark fields waving Mother of might,
Mother free.
Glory of moonlight dreams,
Over thy branches and lordly streams,
Clad in thy blossoming trees,
Mother, giver of ease
Laughing low and sweet!
Mother I kiss thy feet,
Speaker sweet and low!
Mother, to thee I salute.

Tu Zinda Hai

*Tu zinda hai to zindagi ki jeet mein yaqeen kar,
Agar kahin hai swarg to utaar la zameen par, Tu zinda hai...
Ye gham ke aur chaar din, sitam ke aur chaar din,
Ye din bhi jaayenge ghuzar, ghuzar jaaye hazaar din.
Kabhi to hogi is chaman pe bhi bahaar ki nazar,
Agar kahin hai swarg to utaar la zameen par, Tu zinda hai...
Subah-o-shaam ke rang hue gagan ko choomkar
Tu sun zameen gaa rahi hai kab se jhoom jhoom kar
Tu aa mera singaar kar, tu aa mujhe baseen kar
Agar kahin hai swarg toh utaar laa zameen par, Tu zinda hai..
Hazaar bhes dhar key aayi maut tere dwaar par
Magar tujhey na chhal saki, chali gayi woh haar kar
Nayi subah ke sang sadaa mile tujhe nayi umar
Agar kahin hai swarg toh utaar laa zameen par, Tu zinda hai....
Hamare caravan ko manzilon ka intezaar hai,
Ye aandhiyon, ye bijaliyon ki peeth par sarwar hai.
Tu aa kadam mila ke chal, chalenge ek saath hum,
Agar kahin hai swarg to utaar la zameen par, Tu zinda hai...
By Shankar Shailendra*



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Agraj Seva Kendra is a 501 (c) (3) tax exempt nonprofit organization. Our mission is to promote Indian culture and traditions and to promote diversity. We partner with community organizations and nonprofits and celebrate India Republic Day, India Independence Day, Mahatma Gandhi birthday and other events promoting arts and history.

Picnic for seniors



History project on
'Becoming American"
Lecture by Prof. Shanti



Arts Grant funds "Krishnam
Vandhe" Classical Dance
Performance



Promotion of arts:
NJ Indian Idol competition
winners



Notable Indian Americans
Achievement Award,
2012



Agraj leadership team



Seniors are welcome to join. Membership is free. Community organizations can contact for organizing events. Our goal is leadership development. Youth who participate in our projects earn community hours. NBT India Independence Day is a project of Agraj Seva Kendra

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INDIAN AMERICANS SHAPE THE NATION

By: Agraj Seva Kendra

The Exhibition 'Indian Americans Shape the Nation' by the volunteers of Agraj Seva showcases the achievements of Notable Indian Americans of New Jersey in various fields. This project is partly funded by grant received from the Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders, and New Jersey Historical Commission/ Department of State.

By recognizing the significant impact made by individuals to their community the exhibit aims at:

- Raising awareness of the contributions by Indian Americans
- Highlighting the value of immigration from India to the USA
- Creating awareness about Indian culture and value systems
- Promoting unity in diversity and harmony in society
- Educating youth about the value of citizenship and community service

'Notable Indians in New Jersey Achievement Award'



Professor Khyati Y Joshi, is an Associate Professor of Education at Farleigh Dickinson University. "Religious Literacy is now an essential skill for teachers, policy makers and all of us," believes Ms. Khayti. It has led her to focus her work on multicultural education and religions in America. Her expertise in Social Sciences and her passion for promoting cultural understanding in the community is an outstanding contribution to the community.



Assemblyman Raj Mukherjee is one of the youngest to be elected to the Legislature in New Jersey. Mr. Mukherjee founded an Internet Consulting and Software development company while in Middle School. Following the September 11 attacks in the New York City, he joined the US Marines at the age of 17, where he served in military intelligence for the Marine Corps Reserve. We applaud him for his resilience, dynamic personality, entrepreneurial work and his involvement in governance.



Dr. Meena Murthy is Chief of the Division of Endocrinology, Nutrition and Metabolism at Saint Peter's University Hospital. Dr. Murthy is dedicated to promoting health education and empowering people whether they are professionals or patients to take charge of their health. She believes in advocacy for the disadvantaged and service to the needy. She is committed to weaving the science of medicine and the art of living and taking a holistic approach to well being of all individuals.



Dr. Aruna Rao is an Associate Director at the NAMI (National Alliance on Mental Illness of New Jersey). She leads educational and communication efforts to improve the lives of those affected by mental illness especially through outreach programs tailored to assist immigrants. We commend her for her dedication and her grassroots efforts at creating programs that help individuals seek assistance for mental health issues.



Councilwoman Sapana Shah, brings her expertise as an attorney and financial analyst to the Township of Edison Municipal Government. Ms. Shah, a former member of the Edison Board of Education and Former President of the Asian Pacific American Lawyers Association of NJ, continues to serve her community as Councilwoman. We commend her for taking an active role in government and bringing fresh perspective to governance in the township of Edison.

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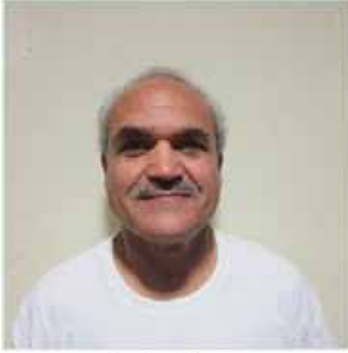
Pete Clark, Principal
North Brunswick High School

Those who know how to think need no teachers.

— Mahatma Gandhi

NBT India Independence Day Adult Volunteers

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Sonali Sinha

Youth Participants:

Nikitha Rangineni	Vedant Iyer
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Volunteer Coordination Committee

Volunteer Coordinator: Sudha Kankanala

Adult Mentor: Vijaya Rangarajan

Youth Volunteer Leader: Anjana Khatwani

Volunteer Crew: Sweta Sheth, Ashwin

Gokhale, Vaishnavi More, Meher Sukhija,

Surya Ananthu, Almira Bora, Ayushi Vyas, Rohini Malagi

Food Committee Coordinator: Sumedha Joshi

Our special thanks to all the parents for feeding the participants during practice sessions - you kept us going!

Teach the children so it will not be necessary to teach the adults.

— Abraham Lincoln

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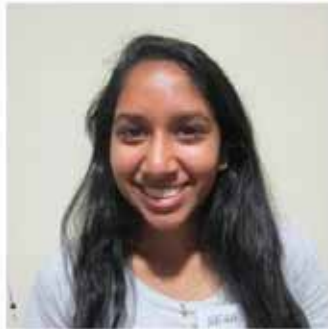
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— Abdul Kalam, 11th President of India

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Nandini



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Saranya Turimella



Swetha Puranam



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Praniti Kokkeradda



Sahana Lothumalla



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Shriya Peddi



Tanvi Ravilla

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world."

— Nelson Mandela

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Ananya Malagi



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Sunit Pradhan



Rohini Malagi



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Pannun Raina



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Akul Laddha



Prahas Ramidi



Anish Sinha



Parul Joshi



Gauri Deshpande



Aanya Muniyappa



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"I think the teaching profession contributes more to the future of our society than any other single profession."

— John Wooden

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2014 Governor's Teacher Recognition/Educational Services Professional Award North Brunswick District

Ms. Jessica Norbut,
Elementary School Teacher K-5,
John Adams Elementary School

Mrs. Norbut provides positive learning experiences for her first grade students that are rigorous, as well as linked to the Common Core Standards. Mrs. Norbut creates a learning environment that acknowledges the diversity of the students and she finds a way to bring this together so her classroom operates as a positive and exciting learning community. She demonstrates compassion for students and sets high expectations for everyone. Lastly, Mrs. Norbut is challenging herself by taking additional educational courses to further her knowledge of teaching and learning.

Ms. Elizabeth Perryman,
Music Teacher
Judd Elementary School

Elizabeth Perryman is the faculty's choice for the 2014 teacher of the year at the Arthur M. Judd School. Ms. Perryman serves as the choral music teacher for all elementary grade children at Judd. Ms. Perryman inspires her students to become musically literate, to perform with confidence and self-control, to incorporate creative movement and harmonies in their singing, to critique the quality of their work, and to know and appreciate the wide variety of musical choices that reflect world cultures. Ms. Perryman directs two large choirs that include approximately 250 children as well as an advanced recorder ensemble of fourth and fifth grade musicians. She writes, choreographs, and directs an annual musical play, and is always willing and ready to involve her students in community performances.

Ms. Maria Russo,
Special Education
Livingston Park School

Ms. Maria Russo was selected by her fellow teachers at Livingston Park School to represent them as the Governor's Teacher of the Year. Ms. Russo is a 5th Grade Special Education inclusion teacher. She works closely with her co-teacher, Mrs. Christina Picciocco, to make sure that all of their students reach their potential. Ms. Russo is passionate about teaching and also leads the Math Olympiad program at Livingston Park.

Mr. Gerald Agyeman,
Elementary School Teacher K-5
Parsons Elementary School

Mr. Agyeman is the Parsons' Teacher of the Year. Mr. Agyeman is not only an outstanding kindergarten teacher, but he is also a teacher leader. Mr. Agyeman has led and developed several programs that have improved the school experience of every student at Parsons Elementary School. Mr. Agyeman has developed and implemented the Parsons' Pride Mentoring Program, Summer Reading Challenge, Pre-Kindergarten Tutoring Program, the Family Engagement Program, and the Home Visit for At-Risk student Program.



Mrs. Monica Anderson,
Guidance Counselor
Linwood Middle School

Mrs. Monica Anderson is a graduate of Rider University, where she obtained a B.A. in Psychology in 2001. She continued on at Rider for her graduate program and received her M.A. in School Counseling in 2003. She was employed by the North Brunswick Board of Education in 2004 and has just finished her tenth year as a school counselor at Linwood Middle School. In her years at Linwood, Mrs. Anderson has counseled students individually and in group settings. Mrs. Anderson was the 2014 Governor's Teacher Recognition/Educational Services Professionals recipient for Linwood Middle School.

Joel Chesler,
Social Studies Teacher
North Brunswick High School

Joel Chesler graduated from Teaneck High School in 1984 and majored in Political Science in 1988. He received his first Masters Degree in Secondary Education in 1989 and a second Masters in Education Administration from Rutgers University in 1996. Mr. Chesler joined NBTHS in 1989 and has served the children of North Brunswick for 25 years. He teaches US History I (all levels), US II, Current Issues, AP Government and Politics, and Economics amongst others. As an advisor for the Model UN he helps students get a hands-on experience of government and world politics. His role in the PUSH and Pep Club as advisor and as a member of various committees such as National Honor Society, and Scholarship Committees.

North Brunswick School District

Karen Bright, Health and Physical Education Teacher	28 years
Joseph Beaumont, English Literature	29 years
Robert Budsock, Building Aide	14 years
Richard Clarke, Custodian	20 years
Fay Colligan, Business Teacher	27 years
Kathleen Dzwilewski, Director of Pupil Services	30 years
Catherine Egan, 12 month Secretary	25 years
Susan Frankel, Teacher of the Handicapped	25 years
Diane Galella, Supervisor of Mathematics 9-12	14 years
Julie Gamble, Media Specialist	29 years
Maria Garcia, Instructional Aide	34 years
Celeste Hribar, School Psychologist	21 years
Frances Jirout, 10 month Secretary	30 year
Vivian Morris, Mathematics Teacher	31 years
Mary Nastus, 12 month Secretary	25 years
Anne Patti, Building Aide	27 years
Judith Perla, K-8 Mathematics Supervisor	20 years
Margherita Prinzivalli, Elementary Teacher	16 years
Elizabeth Reilly, Teacher of Students with Disabilities	10 years
Patricia Roberts, World Language Teacher	16 years
Deborah Ross, Elementary Teacher	41 years
Karen Talkowski, Instructional Aide	12 years
Carolyn Tavalare, 12 month Secretary	34 years

*You inspired generations
 You made it happen everyday
 You built who we are today
 So we could proudly say
 "We are North Brunswick"*

Our special thanks to all the teachers and Education Service professional who are retiring for giving us the valuable gift of education and discipline and enabling us to be who we are in life today.



Acharya Devo Bhava Awards

Art & Writing project conducted by Enjoy Explore India, LLC

Name of Student	Teacher	Name of Student	Teacher
Rohini Malagi	Mrs. Lori Egan	Aashna Sinha	Ms. Anne Quinn and Mrs. Sheryl Levine
Ashwin Gokhale	Mr. Henry Fryczynski	Ananya Malagi	Mrs. Aubrey Pappas
Neha Komatreddy	Ms. Jennifer Boutros	Kriti Sinha	Mrs. Holly Studzinsky
Dakshal Panicker	Mrs. Vesta Mahadik	Isabel Alex	Dr. Jonathan Ponds, Mrs. Ann Quinn, Mrs. Anju Bali, Mrs. Dawn Bauer, Mrs. Shery Levine, Mrs. Mary Walsh
Almira Bora	Ms. Jennifer Abbeya		
Ishita Likhar	Ms. Megan Gaven	Aruhi Vakkalagadda	Mrs. Swathi Gundapuneedi
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Chitra Ramaswamy was introduced to classical dance at the age of nine and began her education in the Kalakshetra style under the able guidance of her Guru Padmashree Adyar.K.Laksmanan of Chennai. She continued to perfect her art form while studying for an engineering degree in India. After emigrating to the US, Chitra instituted "Sanskriti School Of Dance" in New Jersey in 2004. The school offers programs in Bharathanatyam with the aim of spreading the richness and grandeur of this art form and yet retaining its pureness and tradition.

Ms. Ramaswamy with the assistance of her senior dance students presented "Tribute to Indian Cinema" at the 2013 India Independence Day Celebration. This presentation portrayed how classical dance traditions influenced Indian cinema and vice versa. We thank Ms. Ramaswamy and her students for performing "Jwala" - From A Flicker to Flame to pay tribute to the great dance teachers from India at the 2014 India Independence Day celebration.



Guru Swathi Gundapuneedi, Founder and artistic director of Siddhendra Kuchipudi Art Academy, Guru Swathi Gundapuneedi strives to perfect and pursue her love for Kuchipudi, actively continuing to learn and perform the classical dance form. Teaching over the tri-state area for the last 15 years, Guru Swathi is dedicated to instilling a love and interest for the Kuchipudi art form for a new generation of classical dancers. Guru Swathi also conducts annual summer workshops to foster interest and encourage/inspire her students to pursue their interests in Kuchipudi.

Swathi had the privilege of learning from established Guru's such as Sri Satya Kumar and Vedantam RadheShyam. Both of Swathi's sons Hanish and Manish Polavarapu are trained classical dancers who to continue the legacy of the school in the future. We thank Guru Gundapuneedi and her students for organizing the youth performances Saraswati Vandana and "A Nation Walks Together" for the 2014 India Independence Day celebration.

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4-H INDIAN LANGOOR CLUB

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Our logo is derived from the three monkeys that Mahatma Gandhi made popular among children to teach them the goals our club aspires to... "Burra mat dekho, burra mat suno, aur burra mat bolo" (See no evil, hear no evil, and speak no evil)

The 4-H Indian Langoor Club is part of the 4-H Youth Development Program and is a volunteer run community service. This registered non-profit club is celebrating its 18th anniversary this year and is open to any youth residing in Middlesex County, NJ. The 4-H motto "To make our best better" drives our children and volunteers to come up with new and innovative projects every year.



Arts and Crafts Projects for K-12



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LEADERSHIP

Oral History Teen Project



The club is open to youth of any gender, race or religion. Youth from kindergarten to first year of college can become 4-H members. The club involves youth in community service projects and enables youth to participate in county, state and national 4-H events. If you are interested email us: 4hindianlangoors@gmail.com We meet every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month, at 10am, at 42 Riva Avenue, North Brunswick.

"Recording History: Live!"

4-H Indian Langoor Club

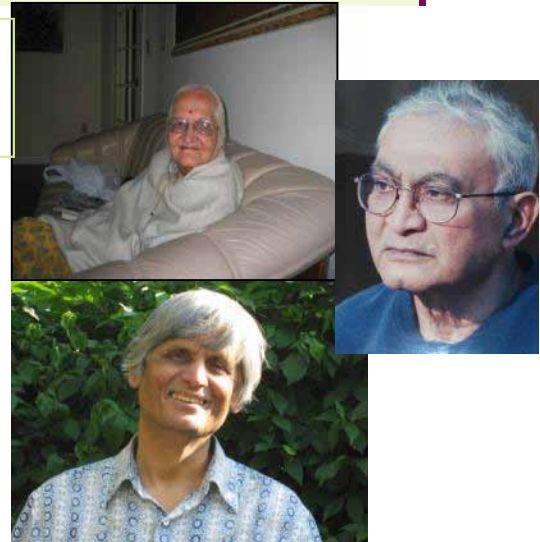
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ABOUT THE TEEN CHAPTER



HISTORY OF INDIAN IMMIGRATION

The "Recording History: Live!" Project was engendered out of an initial program called "Grandparents-kids Connect" in 2005. This group made important intergenerational connections with Indian American senior citizens in Middlesex County. Our Oral History Program "Recording History: Live!" was launched in 2006. A series of grants received from the Middlesex County and Cultural Heritage Commission, Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders, and the New Jersey Historical Commission/Department of State has enabled us to compile five books from 2008-2014. The goal of this project is to record historically significant immigrant experiences of Indo-American senior citizens who migrated to the United States in the 1960's and 1970's. We honor them as the pioneers of introducing Indian culture and tradition to America.



Senior citizens, (clockwise) Mrs. Padma Shah, Mr. Narendra Bhandari and Mr. Rajendra Patel— interviewed by North Brunswick High School teens in the first "Recording History: Live!" book in 2008.

The club began its "Teen Chapter" in order to offer a more advanced and in depth cultural study program, creating special projects areas for young adults over thirteen years of age. Our goal is not just to learn about Indian culture but also to share it with the community. The club performs at libraries, schools, heritage day festivals, 4-H events and exhibits work at libraries, schools and other community events.

ORAL HISTORY TRAINING for Teens

- 100 plus hours of community service in project partly funded by Middlesex County Cultural Heritage Commission, NJ
- Training workshops conducted by Rutgers Oral History Archives
- Develop skills as an interviewer and oral history transcriber
- Published Book with youth as authors credited
- Important historical documentation recognized by colleges as part of community service and academic research

HOW TO JOIN:

If you are a teen, who would like to take part in the "Recording History Live!" Project, learn how to conduct oral history interviews and gain valuable research skills, please send an email with your name to [Nina Malagi at 4hindianlangoors@gmail.com](mailto:Nina_Malagi@4hindianlangoors.com). We are recruiting new members to begin a new project in September 2014.



The project also travels to libraries in Middlesex County to educate and inform the public. Funding in part has been provided by the Middlesex County Cultural and Heritage Commission, Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders, and the New Jersey Historical Commission/Department of State.





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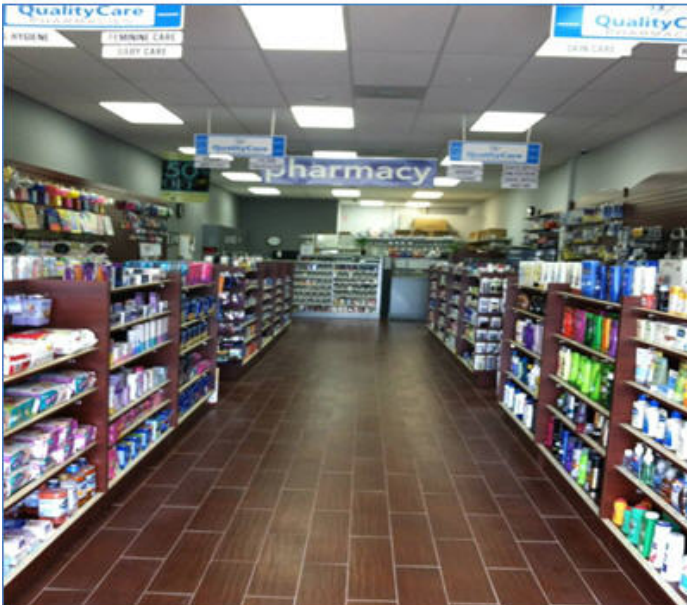
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By: Robini Malagi Grade 2

ESSAY

My Teacher My Mentor

By: Almira Bora, Grade 5

“Never give up, nothing is impossible, if you want you could do anything but you must want to do it.” This is what my fifth grade teacher tells me with a positive attitude when I want to give up or do not have and have no hope. This teacher is the one and only: Mrs. Abbey. My favorite teacher Mrs. Abbey inspires and encouraged me throughout the year, boosted my confidence, and understood me. My teacher is my mentor.

She encouraged me, no matter what the situation was or whether it was day or night. At one point I gave up in math because of my fourth grade math grade. When I started fifth grade, I was scared and I felt I couldn't do it. Mrs. Abbey somehow got to find out that I love math but I had a fear that I would do badly. I was so surprised that she figured that about me. It was as though I was like I was transparent glass and she could see right through me. Not only did she encourage me, she also supported many other kids in my class. She had great hope for me and because of that encouragement I was successful in fifth grade.

She boosted my confidence; I think of it as a rocket being broken and then she fixed it and I was ready to take off. She believed in me and made me believe in myself. She made me know that the rocket is not broken anymore and it is fixed and it is ready to fly and go as far as it wants.

She understood me like a best friend would. Not only she is my teacher she is also my best friend because she understands me better than a best friend. As I said before, I do not need to tell her if something is wrong, she can see right through me like I am transparent glass. If I had to choose someone that understood me best, after my parents, it would definitely be Mrs. Abbey.

Mrs. Abbey means so much to me. She encouraged me, made me believe me in myself, and understood me. Mrs. Abbey always says I have a heart of gold but she is the one that has a heart of gold. I will

I always follow in her footsteps. Mrs. Abbey you are my mentor and you always will be.

“A good TEACHER is like a candle- it consumes itself to LIGHT the way for others”.-Unknown

A Tribute to My Teacher

By: Isabel Alex, Grade 4

Albert Einstein said; “It is the supreme art of the teacher to awaken joy in creative expression and knowledge.” A teacher is an instrument of inspiration, a candle of enlightenment, knowledge, and, prosperity. They circle our mistakes with a vibrant, red pen; put a check mark with a smooth, green pen on our correct answers. They turn a frown and tears into a smile. A teacher is the person who shapes the future of any human being.

As lightning frightens children, academic books can frighten students. But, a teacher calms them down in a blink in an eye. The teacher plants a mystical rose into the brain of the child creating such wonders; making them safe and warm, helping them in difficult times. Mrs. Anju is the best example to fit all the above descriptions. She knows what each child's need is and guide them how to climb the mountain in an easier way. Mrs. Anju's very strict, fun filled, unique way of teaching came as a blessing and made it easier for me unlike the other ways I had learned. She can put any distracted mind back to work.

A teacher can influence the lives of her students magically and Mrs. Anju did influence me by believing and supporting me in every way. I thank her from the bottom of my heart for being an excellent teacher and my guide. I pay my tribute to Mrs. Anju Bali, My Guru!



By: Arubi Vakkalagadda, Grade 2

ESSAY

Guide

By: Ananya Malagi, Grade 6

The following poem is dedicated to my sixth and seventh grade language arts teacher, Mrs. Pappas. She has helped me so much with both writing and reading, and I honestly don't know where I would be without her expertise. Throughout the two years that I had her, she made otherwise boring subjects fun, interesting, and relatable in every single way. She is very funny, which makes the classroom a place that you actually want to learn in, and I don't feel like I am just sitting at a desk, being forced to learn things that seem completely irrelevant to me in my head, in a moment of utterly excruciating boredom. Whenever we learn something new, she always has a story to tell, one that we can relate to, or be motivated by, or perhaps we just find it interesting. The story always helps us fully understand what to do. It is inspirational, and fuels our imagination. It is purely unprocessed brain food.

Although, out of all the smiles, laughs, and wonderful pieces of work that she helped us to produce, there is one very special trait that she holds. We could not only look up to her, as a teacher, a mentor, an adult with far much more experience in life than us, we can still look at her as an equal. We could still relate to her, and we knew that she would always be there for us if we needed help, no matter what the problem is. She made us feel proud of our eccentric traits, and she helped us to appreciate the world around us. In April, she asked us to research autism during Autism Awareness Month, and gave us real examples of work that some of the autistic students in our school have to do. It really helped us put ourselves in their shoes, and understand more about autism, and what we could do to help.

Above all, Mrs. Pappas would always acknowledge every one of our talents, and motivate us to indulge ourselves in them, and improve them even further.

POEM

By Ananya Malagi, Grade 6

*A Teacher
You gasp for air
Although the only outcome
Is slightly suffocating
Upon the crisp wind that rustles
through the branches*

*And the vibrant colors flood your sight
Shades of crimson, and yellow green
gold, and blood piercing orange
Each leaf is attacked with a whirling
of wind
Yet each veined paper falls gently,
slowly, softly.*

*Soon the room seems finally hospitable
Grasping onto your mug of steamy
deliciousness
Snuggled up in a thick woolen sweater
As the outside world is barren tundra*

*And you watch out your window
In disguised meditation
Cold but beautiful connected crystals fall
Tiny prisms in themselves*

*In time, the sharp, harsh, dry cold passes
And dewdrops form on blades of
budding grass
And slowly, slowly, the earth is reborn
It is a phoenix growing from the ashes
of its remains*

*The wind picks up once again
Yet this time it is perfumed with
budding flower petals
The whole world has its own light green
sheen
The rain drops quench the thirst of the
deprived ground*

*As the days become longer and warmer
When the sun shines in your face
We seem to have forgotten one vital
detail
One missing piece in the grand scheme*

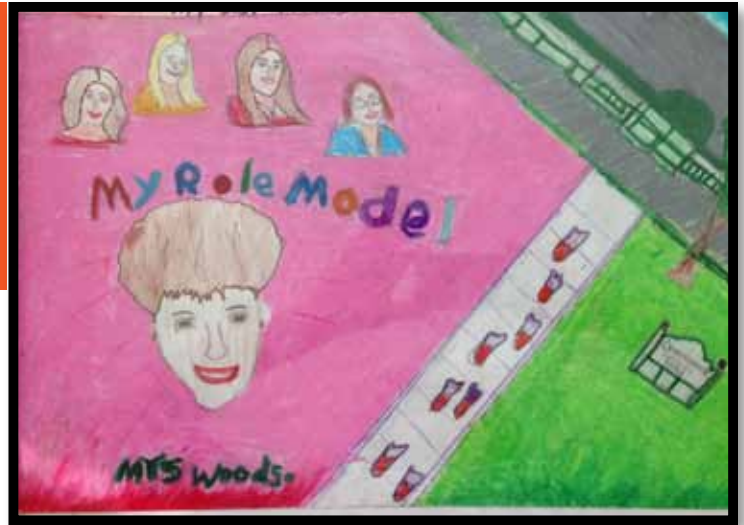
*As the natural world changes
So must you.
You yourself must fulfill the only rule
that is set in stone
Change is the only constant*

*You may be able to fill this universal
requirement by yourself
But only to a certain degree
You may be able to fill this universal
requirement by yourself
But only to a certain degree
You may study the natural changes of
the world by only observing them
But there is only so much independence
that a person may be granted*

*So who is there?
Who is there to share their knowledge of
understanding?
Who wants to deepen your knowledge
without much in return?
A teacher*

*You are granted a supply of knowledge
That is the ultimate key
The only key
To progress in your life, just as the
seasons of the year do*

*Who is there to provide you with
acceptance?
With recognition?
With unattained experience?
A teacher, and only a teacher*



By: Azima Bora, Grade 1

ESSAY

Mrs. Elizabeth Yuhas – My Ms. Lori Woods, Friend, Philosopher, and Guide

By: Aparna Ramani, Grade 7

Starting from pre-school, I've had many teachers, but there was one unique, outstanding teacher. Mrs. Yuhas, my eighth grade math teacher, is my favorite because she is exceptional and inspiring. Teaching is a noble profession and only the few who have the commitment and devotion can impact the future of a child by giving them a strong foundation. Mrs. Yuhas has definitely made a lasting impact on me.

As a teacher whom I have known for two years, Mrs. Yuhas, has served as a friend, philosopher, and guide. It is because of her that 'Algebra' is no more a dreaded word among the eighth graders in my school. She amazes us with helpful methods to solve problems which initially seemed impossible to do! Never allowing us to give up, Mrs. Yuhas encourages her students to improve throughout their courses. I had no worries about eighth grade geometry, even though it was a more rigorous course. Handling two grades – seventh and eighth simultaneously may be stressful, but she always greets us with a beautiful smile, willing to lend a helping hand. Besides being a great teacher, she's also a "go-to" person for anything. She has always been the one to guide me through

friendship issues or other problems in school. I'm pleased to have such a wonderful math teacher.

William Arthur Ward stated "The good teacher explains. The great

teacher inspires." Whether a first grade teacher or a twelfth grade teacher, we all have one who is memorable and inspiring. I'm indebted to her for a strong foundation in algebra and geometry. If there's a world-level prize instituted for teaching, like the Nobel Prize, Mrs. Yuhas will make history by winning it!

Mrs. Woods he Best Teacher in the World

By: Azima Bora, Grade 1

My teacher Mrs. Woods is really nice and helpful. She helped me in Math and Reading and never yelled at me if I made mistakes. She taught me how to write digits, tens and ones. Reading and comprehension became easy when she explained it to me.

Every time I did my work correctly she gave me a beautiful smile. When I grow up I want to be kind and helpful like her. I would also like to help other children like her.

Second Grade,
Greenbrook Elementary School, South Brunswick

Ms. Wolf , My First Grade Teacher

By: Cavin Saravanan, Grade 6

Before kindergarten, I was a very hyperactive kid. You couldn't stop me from doing things and running around the place. But that all changed when Ms. Wolf became my 1st grade teacher. She somehow got me to calm down and enjoy school. In her class, I got to make people laugh as well as learn. Not only did I just enjoy school, but my grades skyrocketed.

Ms. Wolf also helped me to become a better person. She was probably the most helpful teacher I've ever had. Even though her name changed to Mrs. Norbut, she is still a wonderful teacher to get for any grade.

POEM

Ms. Mahadik

By Dakshal Panicker, Grade 6

*We're not afraid of her math tests.
She's a better guide than the rest.
She taught us the primes
She's great all the time.
Teaching Math is what she does best!*

*In class, math in not all she does,
her class is not boring because –
she tells us stories –
in her glory
that are followed by our applause.*

ESSAY

A Tribute to Teachers

By: *Ishita Likbar, Grade 6*

If you think about it, teachers are always near the top of the list of important people in people's lives. Well, this goes for me, at least. They are important to us because they are responsible for our success. Students sometimes have those moments where they call their teachers 'Mom' or 'Dad' which making them as important as their parents in life. Let's face it: most kids don't like doing work, even I could be put into this category, I admit. Teachers are one of the reasons children anticipate coming to school every morning. Being a teacher gives them a place of authority, like our parents. But usually, it becomes hard to listen to your parents. To be honest, I believe that children listen to teachers because they do not judge them, they only judge your academics. Teachers are extremely important to me, so that brings me on to the topic of one of my favorite teachers, Ms. Gaven.

In all my years of being at Linwood, Ms. Gaven has guided me through Writing 6 and 7. She is one of the reasons that I actually like learning. She treated us like we were her equals. She made learning fun, and I believe that she cared about us. She had her quirks: her favorite words (that she used over and over again), her jokes, and her songs. She was one of those people who knew a whole lot about everything. I'm going to go ahead and say it writing was never really my favorite subject until middle school. I guess I have Ms. Gaven to thank for that. So thank you, teachers all over the world, for making a difference to our generation. Ms. Gaven, I'll miss you and I won't forget you. Thanks for teaching me in 6th and 7th grade. And if you're reading this right now, you are responsible for your nomination because you are the reason I love to write.

The Person who Inspired Me

By: *Kriti Sinha, Grade 11*

Right from elementary school to my junior year in high school, I had the good fortune to have many good teachers, whom I admired and respected. However, one teacher, who greatly inspired and particularly had a great impact on me, is Mrs. Studzinski, my tenth grade Honors Chemistry teacher.

As a sophomore, when I took Honors Chemistry, I was apprehensive about my ability to perform in this class. The subject seemed tough and I was in a double mind about dropping Chemistry, but after the first few classes, my perception about this subject completely changed. I was impressed by Mrs. Studzinski's teaching style. Her class was not a boring lecture session, but more of an interactive session, where she encouraged all her students to participate and create an environment of learning and fun. She would always say "no question is silly. If you have a question, ask rather than making your own assumptions." In the beginning, I was shy and hesitant to participate, but the manner in which Mrs. Studzinski interacted with the class, made me feel confident of myself and shun

my inhibitions about asking questions. I could see myself coming out of my shell and becoming more participative not just in her class, but in my other classes as well.

In Mrs. Studzinski, I found a mentor, a patient listener who is always there to guide me in the right direction. As part of the course, each of us had to do a mini research project for the final term. During the course of the project, whenever I needed help or wanted to share my ideas with her, she always took out time out of her busy schedule to sit and listen to me and provide constructive and encouraging feedback. She taught me to be optimistic and never to give up, but always hold a positive attitude in life. She would always say "Chase your goals and follow your dreams, as nothing is impossible."

I had Mrs. Studzinski only for my sophomore year, but that one year changed my personality completely and developed me into the individual that I am today. I always doubted my potential but my one year association with Mrs. Studzinski instilled great confidence in me. Today, I feel confident, determined and most importantly, believe in myself. As I look ahead in life, I know there will be many challenges that may come my way, but there is no looking back. I am prepared to face the challenges and move on. Mrs. Studzinski has been a great inspirational source to me and she is my role model.

POEM

A True Teacher

By: *Shaili Likbar, Grade 6*

Dedicated to my awesome 5th grade teacher,
Miss Palermo

*My teacher is my poetry,
she is the sweetest melody,*

*she lets me play,
she lets me laugh,*

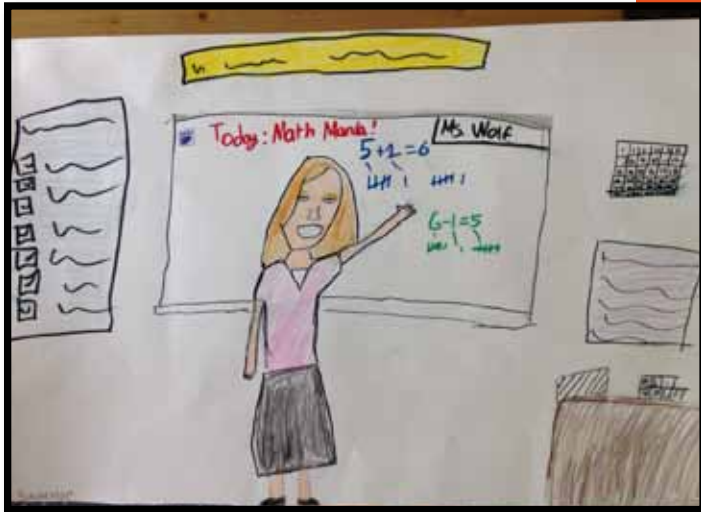
*she is my poetry,
how much longer will it last?*

*my poetry can have a booming crash,
but way deep down inside, a heart is lashed,*

*my teacher is my poetry,
and is as beautiful as could be,*

*my teacher is my second mom,
and is an "A" not a "B",*

*so I think my teacher doesn't need a prize,
because she is worth more than a million bucks to me !!!!!!!!*



By: Cavin Saravanan, Grade 5

ESSAY

Teacher Essay

By: Meher Sukhija, Grade 6

“It is the supreme art of the teacher to awaken joy in creative expression and knowledge,” said Albert Einstein. Teachers are our gurus, who guide us in the right direction. In life, you come across multiple wrong paths and one confused mind however, teachers open another right path that leads us into a successful destination. A good teacher doesn't have one dimension, but two. They not only make you excel academically, but they make you want to go to school. They care about the students' insecurities and problems, and most importantly they are there to support you. Teachers go through a lot of trouble just for your benefit, and they try their hardest to help you become successful. Teachers use an abundance of their time to educate us. They are the base to our beautiful structure that we will one day become. Teachers are our support beams. Each building contains several support beams however, if one were to remove them, the building would come crumbling down. Knowledge is a very precious thing that only keeps on improving. Your teachers don't have to be educating you academically, but it can also be other activities or professions you may be learning. (for example, your dance teacher, piano teacher, etc). The most important teachers in your life support you in any choice you make and have lots of faith in you. When everyone one was little they had to be taught how to walk by their parents. Parents are like a two-in-one package... they have two sides to them. One is the parenting, and the other is teaching. Teachers will remain in each and every one of our hearts because they have supported and taught in any way they could.

Thank You

By: Neba Komatreddy, Grade 9

This is a poem for my 8th grade English teacher who has been one of the most inspirational people in my life to date. It compares the different things she has done for me both as a teacher and a friend. In 8th grade I had some health issues that required me to have multiple surgeries throughout the year, and ultimately be homeschooled for a couple months. Through these months Ms. Boutros was one of the most supportive people in my life. Whether it be coming over just to talk and see how I was doing, or teaching me a lesson, she was always there for me-and I cannot express how truly grateful I am for her. Her passion for teaching and language is indescribable, and the amount I grew in her class as both a writer and a reader is simply astonishing.

Thank you for being my teacher

POEM

Thank You

By: Neba Komatreddy, Grade 9

*For all the tears you toughened in my eyes
Before they came out,
But also for all the smiles you softened on my lips.
Thank you for always raining on my parade of self-pity,
But also for always marching next to me when I needed it the most.*

*Thank you for teaching me a plethora of myriad words,
But mostly for showing me how to make those words
make someone's day.*

*Thank you for teaching me critical analysis like no other,
But also for showing me how critical the analysis
Of how I'm feeling is.*

*Thank you for teaching me about hard work,
But mostly for showing me that hard is not always boring.
Thank you for the copious notes and lectures and assignments,
But mostly for the cupcake-
with vanilla icing.*

*Thank you for always holding us those last few minutes into lunch
So we got our full fifty minutes of learning,
But mostly thank you for holding me in your heart during the other 45
minutes of lunch because I didn't like the cafeteria*

*Thank you for the countless book; discussions,
suggestions, and explanations.
Thank you for always going the extra mile
Both literally and metaphorically.
Thank you for being the best teacher I could ever ask for,
But mostly*

Thank You For Being My Friend

ESSAY

My Inspiration

By: Sunit Pradhan, Grade 6

Ever since I left Livingston Park and entered Linwood Middle School, I have missed my second grade teacher Mrs. Cathy Bonnett's class. At Linwood, I sit here at a desk in a class, wait 40 minutes and move to another class. In her second grade class, we sat at the same desk (most of the time) for an entire school day engaging in lots of fun activities such as reading, playing with blocks and puzzles, learning interesting facts (such as the five finger rule for choosing just the right book) or learning about how a groundhog's shadow affects Americans.

From the day I left her class and the school, she has inspired me. She has helped me see the good in every object, person, or just about anything. Because of her, I tried to make fun activities to go with my homework. She also helped me to get the courage to try new activities. As a result, I started playing the Indian instrument called the tabla. A year later I attended a contest at Mathnasium. I even traveled on a water ride called the Tarzan Swings where you had to swing of a rope over the water with everybody watching you to see if you would make it or not.

Whenever I entered her class I felt genuinely excited to see what we were doing. Every day she would switch things around in a good way. For example, in math we played a card game. The next day we played a game of dice or then we played with blocks. Surprisingly, her tests and quizzes were also very fun. In addition to that, she was never frustrated with us. She would calmly handle the situation instead of throwing your hands up and saying, "OH GOD! Please have mercy on me! Help me with these devils that are disguised as children!" Even when I read in class she didn't lose her temper. In fact my teacher encouraged me to read more because not many people my age liked reading as much as me. Those two grades I had her for my teacher were the best grades of my life and probably will always continue to be.

I felt that she was my best teacher, one of the teachers I admire most. I regret that my brother couldn't have her for his first grade teacher. I feel sad he couldn't have the same experience I had with her. By writing this, I realize how fortunate I was to have such a cheerful and outstanding teacher like herself!

ART



By: Anusha Vakkalagadda, Grade KG

An Apple for My Teacher

By: Robini Malagi, Grade 2

Dedicated to Mrs. Egan my first grade teacher, John Adams elementary school North Brunswick .

I dedicate my poem to my first grade teacher Mrs. Egan because she is very kind and makes me laugh and giggle. She is very fun, for instance, every Friday if we were good for the whole week we would play a game . Sometimes we would play seven up or hide and seek where everyone would change seats and someone would hide and another person would try and guess who is missing from the desks. Not only was she a fun teacher but she also taught me a lot of spelling. I based my poem on a real event which happened in autumn. I gave her a bag of apples after my family went apple picking and she loved them so much. My poem is about me giving my teacher apples and she's giving me all her gifts as a wonderful teacher. I loved being in her class and Mrs. Egan is an amazing teacher!

POEM

An Apple for My Teacher

By: Robini Malagi, Grade 2

In the autumn breeze
My family and I pick apples off the dancing trees.
Golden, Rose Red and Light Green
Are the apples that we pick.

I give my teacher a golden apple
She puts it on the desk.
My teacher in return gives me knowledge
Like a pure waterfall
That replenishes me.

I give my teacher a light green apple
She puts it in the reading area.
My teacher in return gives me a story read out loud,
Which makes me feel
Like being on the ocean waves,
Making me bounce up and down.

I give my teacher a rose red apple
She puts it on the windowsill,
With the golden sun streaming in.
My teacher in return gives me a laugh and giggle
Like in a stream
With little silver fish
Tickling my tiny feet.

I give my teacher apples every day in the autumn
Until all the leaves
Cover the forest floor
My teacher gives me so much more

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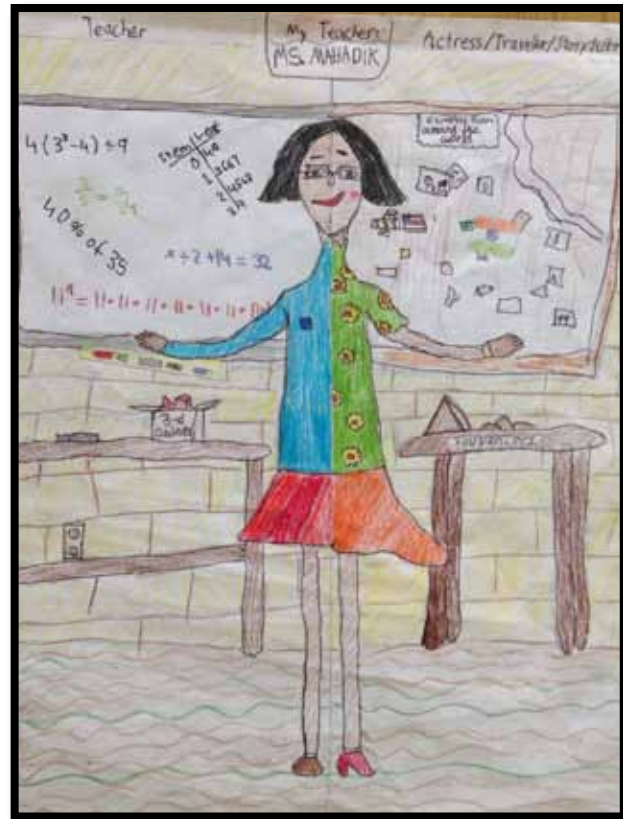
A Guru, A Star

By: Ashna Sinha, Grade 3

Have you ever had teachers that were just amazing? I have had two such teachers. They were my 4th grade teachers, Mrs. Quinn and Mrs. Levine. To me they were like rain, sweet but sometimes slightly tough. They were engaging and most of all entertaining. Let me tell you about the best teachers in the universe.

Firstly, let me tell you how my teachers were so engaging in the classroom. They engaged the whole class with their cheesy but hilarious jokes that were also educational. For example, Mrs. Quinn sang, "I like to dance, dance, dance..." with animations and actions to teach us how to punctuate large numbers. "Each time you say dance it stands for a digit." That's how we learned how to put commas in the numbers: 132,457,680. Mrs. Levine understood that children find textbooks boring, and she made sure that we had fun while learning. These two teachers just knew how to capture and hold our attention and the entire class would be glued to them waiting for the next surprise. They just had so many tricks up their sleeves. For fun's sake, Mrs. Quinn danced while Mrs. Levine sang and we learned without knowing we were learning.

I've told you about both of my very awesome teachers Mrs. Quinn and Mrs. Levine. If I really had to describe them in every tiny detail, it would take million, zillion, trillion Harry Potter books. Honestly, this was the first time that I didn't want the school year to end, all thanks to my favorite teachers Mrs. Quinn and Mrs. Levine.



By: Dakshal Panicker, Grade 6

Teachers Make a Difference

By: Surya Ananthu, Grade 6

Teachers: People who sacrifice so much for us but don't always receive the recognition that they deserve in return. The teacher I would like to honor is Mrs. Yuhas. She is the Honors Algebra and Geometry teacher at Linwood Middle School in North Brunswick. It is safe to say that Mrs. Yuhas truly made a big impact on my life and I will never forget her. I will remember everyday in her class and will cherish those moments of learning.

Mrs. Yuhas does whatever she can so that each and every student reaches the potential that he or she has. She challenges you everyday so that you can be the best you can be. She won't stop teaching until every student understands the topic. Besides just teaching, she conducts a Homework Help program at Parsons Elementary School. She spends extra time in and out of school to help students with mathematics. She also holds an after school class the day before a test so that students can feel more prepared for the test.

Mrs. Yuhas goes out of her way to make a difference in her students' lives and tries to never let anyone down. She is not any ordinary teacher that just teaches because it is her job -- she does what she does to make a difference in her class, the school, the community, and eventually the world. Mrs. Yuhas truly epitomizes what a teacher should be and I believe she should be honored and recognized.

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In Oct 2009 we sponsored first Defeat Autism Now(DAN) doctor for India. Since 2009 India DAN doctor has been treating children with alternative biomedical protocol and foundation has been providing Methyl B12 first treatment to India parents. In Dec 2010 we had our first international conference in Kolkata India. April 2011 we conducted 100 autism awareness and detection camps in Kerala India. Through educational webinars we provide parents and professionals awareness of new cutting edge interventions and treatments. March 2014 and June 2014 we had two successful Rapid Prompting Method workshop which is academic instruction leading towards communication for persons with autism. July 2014 Akhil Autism Foundation(AAF) in collaboration with Autism Research Institute (ARI) begins first MB12 clinical trial In India a initiative by Dr Arun Mukherjee UDAAN project India. A grant of \$23,000 is given by both the organizations to conduct the study.

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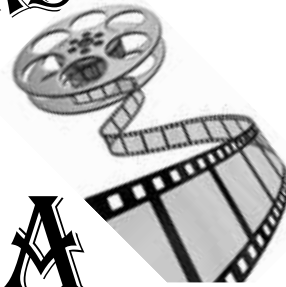
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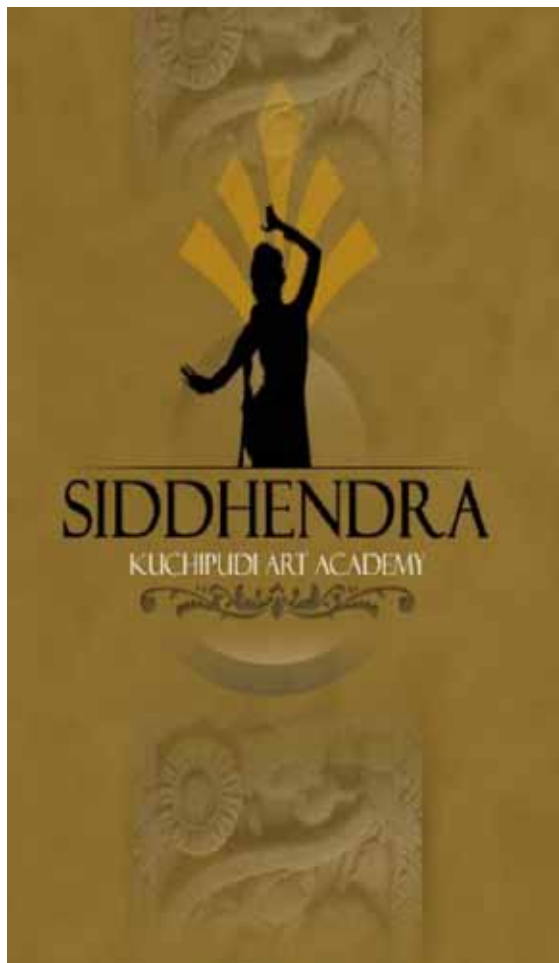
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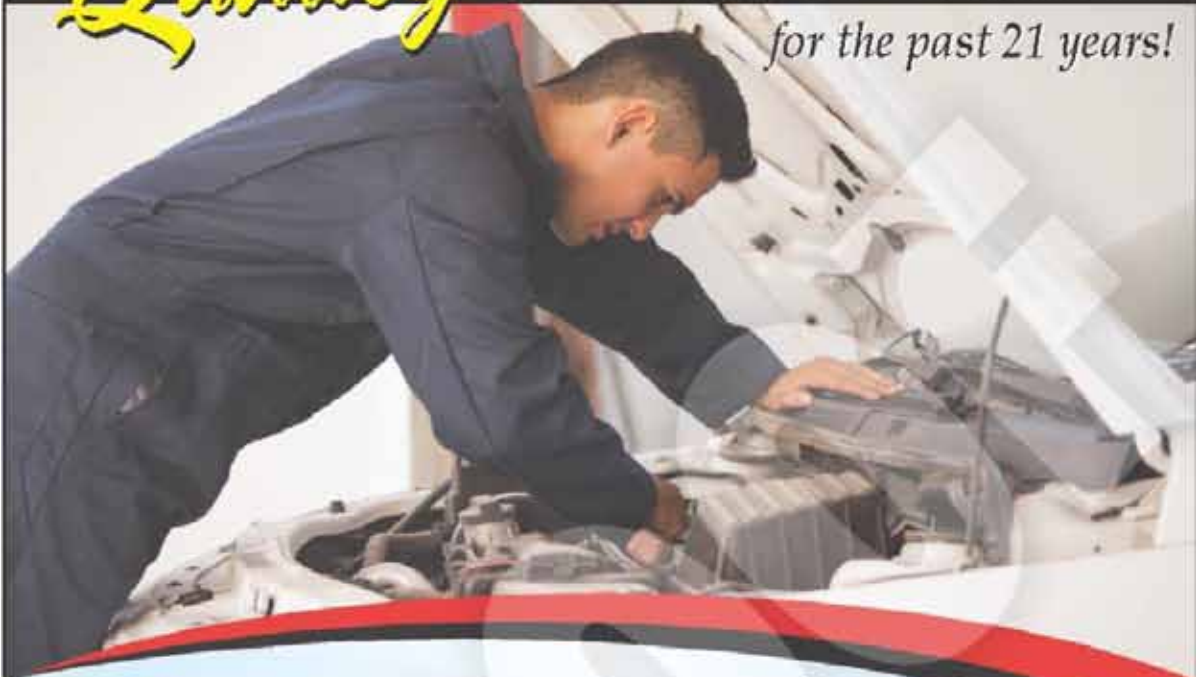
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