

SCHOOL NOTES

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DISTRICT 65

The opening of and ribbon-cutting ceremony for the new multisensory learning environment at Park School is scheduled for 4:30 today (Thursday) at the school, 828 Main St. "Katie's Corner," a therapeutic play and learning environment, is named in honor of Katie Springer Yenkin, a long-time volunteer at Park School. Yenkin's parents, Jerry and Micki Springer, previously purchased therapeutic equipment for Park School's sensory room, and this year granted Park School \$233,000 for the development and purchase of state-of-the-art equipment.

This equipment is interactive and may be used for therapeutic activities, such as reaching to activate, understanding cause and effect, following a sequence, color recognition and much more. Students will be evaluated by occupational and physical therapists to find the best means of integrating the equipment in Katie's Corner into Park School's curriculum.

KINGSLEY

Bring the whole family to the annual Kingsley School carnival from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday. It features carnival games, a cake walk, moon walk and drawings and prizes. Pizza and hot dogs are available for lunch. Cotton candy, popcorn and other treats also will be sold. Tickets cost four for \$1 and may be bought on the day of the event.

NICHOLS

Congratulations to Blair Parkinson, a Nichols Middle School student. Parkinson is this year's seventh-grade winner of the Skokie Valley Chapter (District IV) of the Daughters of the American Revolution's American History Essay Contest. This year's essay topic is "Jamestown Colony is Settled," selected to commemorate the 400th anniversary of Jamestown, the first English settlement in this country. The essay was required to be in the form of a letter written home to England by one of the settlers. Parkinson is one of 18 students to submit entries at the seventh-grade level, and she was honored as the winner of this year's contest in a celebration at the Northbrook Public Library. Her essay is now among those that will be submitted for district recognition.

ORRINGTON

Orrington School hosts its annual carnival from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday at the school, 2636 Orrington Ave. The event includes food, carnival games, an auction and a drawing for prizes. Entertainment begins at 1 p.m. in the auditorium and features Orrington's own Dances with Eagles and the Actors Gymnasium. Bring the whole family. For information or to donate to the event, call the school at (847) 859-8780.

ETHS

On Wednesday, Evanston Township High School's disability awareness club will sponsor presentations to help educate the ETHS and Evanston-Skokie community about issues and challenges people with disabilities face. Speakers include: n 10:45-11:35 a.m. -- Sam Seaver, who will discuss the differences between British and American Sign Language and the differences in educational approaches for teaching deaf people; and Leonard Woodson, program manager for Evanston Special Recreation, whose presentation will be interactive. n 11:35 a.m. to 12:25 p.m. -- ETHS student Bree Creedy, who will talk about Glen, her service dog, and demonstrate how Glen helps her; and Jane Doyle, executive director, Center for Independent Futures, who will talk about how the center helps Evanston

residents. n 12:25-1:10 p.m. -- Brian Barnes, disabled services specialist for the city of Evanston, who will discuss the Americans With Disabilities Act and how it impacts local construction projects and new buildings; and Leonard Woodson, who will repeat his previous presentation.

The programs will be presented in Room A241 at the school. Interested members of the public are welcome to attend, free of charge.

ETHS will induct six individual alumni and the 1953 swim team into the ETHS Athletic Hall of Fame on Wednesday. The program, open to the public, will begin at 7 p.m. in the high school's auditorium.

Honorees include: Tyrone Bell (1989) -- Football and basketball phenom at ETHS and Southern Illinois University; Charles Carney (1918) -- Football and basketball All-American at the University of Illinois, and outstanding basketball team captain at ETHS; Jeremy Hoff (1998) -- Volleyball legend at ETHS and in college; Meriam Bailey Leeke (1954) -- "Pioneer" in golf at ETHS and at Northwestern University; Alyson Miller (1997) -- Quad-threat in basketball, softball, volleyball and golf at ETHS, and in basketball at Yale; and James T. Smith (1933) -- Track and cross-country legend at Indiana University; and the 1953 Swim Team -- ETHS's first swim team to win the state championship.

ETHS presents Writers' Showcase at 4 p.m. March 22, 4 p.m. and 8 p.m. March 23, and 8 p.m. March 24 in the high school's Little Theatre. This annual favorite is a showcase of literary and dramatic talent that brings to life the writings of ETHS student authors by student actors. Tickets, at \$4, are available at the door.

Kudos:

Three ETHS students -- Ben Simon, Elliot Damashek and Nick Salter -- were selected to present their research papers at the Loyola regional competition on March 3, one of 48 regional sessions held across the country and Puerto Rico, and in cooperation with the Department of Defense Schools of Europe and the Pacific. Damashek and Simon emerged as finalists, and Simon was named the overall winner -- the fifth ETHS student from Illinois to qualify for the JSHS national competition in the past eight years. Simon will present his work, which focuses on binary star-system stability in the presence of rogue stars, at the competition in May in Huntsville, Ala. Contestants also will attend the NASA Space Camp. If Simon wins at nationals, he will represent the United States at an international symposium in London, England.

Thirteen ETHS students qualified for the national Distributive Education of America competition by placing first, second or third in the Illinois state contest held March 1 through 3. Four students earned Top 10 finalist status in their contest categories. The national competition will be held in Orlando, Fla., later this spring.

The students are: Shanique Blake (second, Marketing Research Project), Chasity Cooper (first in both the Fashion Promotion Project and Business/Financial Services Marketing Research Project), Alena Evmeneko (first, General Marketing Research Project), Martin Hernandez (second, Hospitality and Recreation Marketing Research Project), My Huynh (first, Entrepreneurship Written Event and second, Community Service Project), Laura Janvier (second, Creative Marketing Project, Top 10 finalist in International Business Plan), Jessica Middleton (second, Marketing Research Event), Russell Myers (first, Public Relations Project), Michelle Myers-Coleman (first, Creative Marketing Project), Latoya Russell (Top 10 finalist, International Business Plan), Juan Sandoval (second, Community Service Project), Alisca Southall (first, Marketing Research Project), Megon Ungar (Top 10 finalist, Advertising Campaign Event), Juan Rodriguez (first, Hospitality and Recreation Marketing Research Project and Delise Vann (second, Community Service Project).

Jim Weber, the DECA chapter adviser at ETHS, was presented with a certificate for 35 years of service and was recognized by National DECA as an outstanding chapter adviser.

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