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## George E. Joyce, Jr. Retires From Township Committee

George E. Joyce, Jr. has served on the Upper Deerfield Township Committee for over 25 years. George was first elected to the Township Committee in November 1977, with his first term beginning on January 1, 1978. He was re-elected to three additional three-year terms before retiring from the Committee in April 1988. George ran for Township Committee in November of 1994 and was elected to begin service on January 1, 1995. He was re-elected to four additional three-year terms before deciding to retire from public life at the end of 2009.

George is the owner/president of Edgar Joyce Nursery which was established in 1941 by his father. George has served on various committees throughout his public life including various Upper Deerfield Committees, such as Recreation, Shade Tree, Open Space and Farmland Preservation

Like his father, Edgar, George's name is synonymous with area sports, whether it's attending local sporting events, cheering on his grandchildren, serving on the Township's Recreation Committee or supporting youth sport activities in the Community.

George E. Joyce, Jr. is the son of

Edgar and Pauline Joyce and grew up with four sisters Barbara, Pat, Carol and Donna, who is now deceased. George and Mary Ann, his wife of 48 years, have three children, George E. Joyce III and wife Nicole, Gregory Joyce and wife Kathleen, and Allison Joyce-Blake and husband Bob. We wish George and Mary Ann best wishes as they spend additional

time with their family and continue to be involved in the activities of their eight grandchildren, Chassity, Ashley, Casey, Melanie, Gregory, Bobby, Paige and Lizzie.

Thank you George, for your years of dedicated service to the Township and Community and also for your commitment to develop, encourage and sponsor recreational activities for our youth.

*"Way To Go"*



## Water System Projects In Process

The Love Lane water system upgrades have begun. Construction has begun on the radionuclide water treatment containment building at Love Lane. The filter system and tanks are being constructed and are anticipated to be delivered mid February. Once the tanks are delivered, they will be placed in the new water treatment building. Then the new water treatment piping will be tied into the existing water system.

The Township anticipates going out to bid in December for the construction of the Seabrook Water Facility. Once the proposals are reviewed, the contract should be awarded in February. The Seabrook Treatment Facility will include a building that will house the radionuclide treatment, a building that will treat the balance of the water, a new well that will be drilled to put on line and the system will be tied into the water tower in Seabrook.

Both of these projects have been made possible through grants totaling 1.65 million dollars and 4.7 million dollars in low interest 40- year fixed loans with USDA.



*Cleaning Day . . .*

## Grant Money Earmarked To Pave Seabrook Village Roads

The Township has received approval for a grant request from the New Jersey Department of Transportation to repave First, Second, Third, Fourth, Central and West End Avenues. The \$170,000 grant to overlay these Township Roads is provided through the State of New Jersey Transportation Trust Grant.

Construction of new water lines throughout these roadways and new

sewage lines on Third and Fourth Avenues will begin the first week of January. Approximately 800,000 in grants to reconstruct the water and sewer lines were received from the New Jersey Small Cities Program.

It is anticipated that the roadways will be paved at the end of 2010 which allows for the engineering of the project and allows the roadways to settle after the replacement of water and sewer lines.

## UPDATES & NOTICES

### A MESSAGE FROM YOUR DOG

#### REGISTRAR:



#### 2010 Dog License Available

January 2

Township Regulations requires that all dogs be licensed. All dogs 7 months or older, or having a permanent set of teeth must be licensed.

#### License Fees:

Spayed / Neutered ..... \$10.00

Non-Spayed /

Non-Neutered..... \$13.00

*Late Fee, after April 30, 2010,  
is an extra \$10.00*

The state requires that the rabies shot be valid for 10 months out of the current year.

Check the website:

[www.upperdeerfield.com](http://www.upperdeerfield.com)

in the beginning of 2010 for Rabies

Clinic times and locations in

Cumberland County



### Getting Married?

**Congratulations!!**  
In order to get married in New Jersey, you must go to the municipality in which the bride or groom lives.

Each of you must bring in a copy of your birth certificate, driver's license, passport or state I.D. and social security card for identification purposes. If you are divorced or have had a marriage annulled, please bring the divorce decree or civil annulment documents. If your former spouse is deceased, please bring the death certificate.

There is a \$28.00 application fee and a seventy-two hour waiting period.

Your marriage license will be retained at the township in which you get married.

**Best of luck to you both!!**

## Are You Eligible For A Property Tax Deduction?

**Tax Assessor's: new office hours: 8:30am to 4:30pm, Tuesdays and Thursdays.**

To apply for either the \$250.00 Senior Citizen/ Disabled Persons deduction or the Veterans deduction, you will need to complete an application and file it with the Tax Assessor's office. Applications can be obtained through the links provided below or at the municipal building.

### Senior Citizen/Disabled Persons Deduction

- Seniors age 65 or older as of December 31 of the previous tax year with an income of \$10,000 or less annually, excluding social security or certain government pensions, may qualify for the deduction.
- Disabled Persons who are declared 100% permanently and totally disabled and meet the income requirements above may qualify.

### Veteran Deductions

- Veterans of the armed forces who were on active duty during specific wartimes may qualify.

### ACTIVE WARTIME SERVICE PERIOD

- A. Operation Northern/Southern Watch  
August 27, 1992 - March 17, 2003
- B. Operation Iraqi Freedom March 19, 2003 - Ongoing
- C. Operation Enduring Freedom  
September 11, 2001 - Ongoing

- D. "Joint Endeavor/Joint Guard" - Bosnia & Herzegovina  
November 20, 1995 - June 20, 1998
- E. "Restore Hope" Mission - Somalia  
December 5, 1992 - March 31, 1994
- F. Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm Mission  
August 2, 1990 - February 28, 1991
- G. Panama Peacekeeping Mission  
December 20, 1989 - January 31, 1990
- H. Grenada Peacekeeping Mission  
October 23, 1983 - November 21, 1983
- I. Lebanon Peacekeeping Mission  
September 26, 1982 - December 1, 1987
- J. Vietnam Conflict December 31, 1960 - May 7, 1975
- K. Lebanon Crisis of 1958  
July 1, 1958 - November 1, 1958
- L. Korean Conflict June 23, 1950 - January 31, 1955
- M. World War II  
September 16, 1940 - December 31, 1946
- *Surviving spouses/domestic partners of a qualified applicant may receive the same tax relief (with a copy of the veterans death certificate)*

#### Veteran's deductions website:

[www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/pdf/other\\_forms/lpt/vss.pdf](http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/pdf/other_forms/lpt/vss.pdf)

#### Senior/Disable deductions website:

[www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/pdf/other\\_forms/lpt/ptd.pdf](http://www.state.nj.us/treasury/taxation/pdf/other_forms/lpt/ptd.pdf)

## HOUSING AND ZONING DEPARTMENT

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### SMOKE DETECTORS

Install on every level of your house.  
Test them regularly and install new batteries as needed.

### CARBON MONOXIDE DETECTORS

Install a carbon monoxide detector in the hallway outside your bedroom areas. Test them regularly and install new batteries as needed.

### FIRE EXTINGUISHER

Install a fire extinguisher in or near your kitchen and know how to use it.

### HOUSE NUMBERS

For 911 Emergency purposes, those who do not have your house number on a 4" x 4" post at the end of your driveway,

please do so. This is very important should Emergency Services need to find your residence.

### ELECTRICAL

Replace damaged extension cords. Do not run them under rugs. Do not overload electrical circuits during the Holiday Season.

### AUXILIARY HOME HEATING DEVICES

Auxiliary heating devices for your home such as a fireplace, wood or coal stoves, gas heater, etc. should be used with care. Have these devices installed and checked professionally and don't forget to have your primary heater and chimney cleaned and checked each season.

**LET'S HAVE A SAFE  
HOLIDAY SEASON**



**Spring will arrive  
before we know it and**

**Upper Deerfield Township**

**Community Day**

**will be here.**

**Preparations and plans are  
being made.**

**Plan to attend April 24, 2010.  
Remember the day with all of its  
activities. Join the fun and  
support your community.**

**LEAF COLLECTION:** Is winding down, please look at the Township Website [www.upperdeerfield.com](http://www.upperdeerfield.com) to see where the crews are located on their collection routes to see when they might be in your neighborhood. All leaves must be placed at the edge of the road in front of your property. Please make sure that your leaf piles do not have any limbs, trash or debris placed in them. The crews will not pick up your mixed piles as they will damage the leaf collection equipment. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Public Works Department at 451-9405. Thank you for your cooperation again this year.

# Upper Deerfield Township Planning Board Keeping Our Residents Informed

The Board continues to welcome and invite all residents to attend Planning Board meetings in order to gain knowledge of and become familiar with the role, function and responsibility of the Planning Board. Every meeting has a public portion for you as an individual to speak with the Board. This is the time you may share ideas, suggestions or simply ask questions you may have about the process.

Meetings are generally the second and third Monday of the month unless a holiday falls on a Monday, the Board would meet on Wednesday of that week. Meeting dates are approved each year in January and posted in the municipal building, in our newsletter and in The News of Cumberland County.

A mandatory education act for planning board and zoning board members was enacted in 2005. This act requires that all members (regardless of length of service) of

planning boards and zoning boards— unless specifically exempt by law— must take the training and become certified to participate and remain as a board member. Training sessions are conducted by expert instructors which include a professional planner, land use attorney, as required by law and they also usually include a county planner and professional engineer. In an effort to emphasize the needs of the individual board members sessions format are designed for—

new planning board members, new zoning board members and another for experienced, current members.

## 2009 Progress Report on Planning Board Projects:

### Completed

- Sign Ordinance
- Max Lot Coverage from 2%-3.5% in R-1 & R-2
- Lighting Ordinance

### Ongoing

- Review Draft Redevelopment Plan – South
- Riparian Zone Ordinance
- Reexamination Master Plan Report
- Analysis of Ordinance Revisions per Environmental Commission
- COAH
- Public Hearing & Adoption of Farmland Plan
- Western Southern Cumberland Region Strategic Plan

## ASK HEDY

**Q** We've heard that we will be receiving some improvements to our neighborhood in Seabrook. Can you tell us what these are, and approximately when we can expect these improvements to occur?

**A** There are several changes scheduled for the Seabrook area. These improvements include new water meters which will be set in place between

the sidewalk and curb in front of each home. New water and sewer lines will be moved into the street for ease of access by the Public Works Department. The road will then need to be resurfaced after the roadway has time to settle. The time table for these improvements is not set in stone as of yet, but work is tentatively scheduled to begin in January.

**Q** How long will the home rehabilitation grant through the Neighborhood Preservation Program Grant be available for the residents of Seabrook's First thru Fourth Avenues?

**A** All funds from this Grant must be spent by June of 2010. When this program is completed, the Small Cities Grant will still be available to you for home rehabilitation. The same requirements will apply for this grant: you must be income eligible, have insurance on your home, produce proof of ownership, and all taxes, including water and sewer charges, must be paid current.

*You can send your questions to Hedy Hogg at the township or call 451-3811, ext 133.*

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It's been a busy fall at the Edgar Joyce Senior Center. A record number signed up for the classes, parties and trips. A new trip this year was taken, as we went to the Kozier's Christmas Village in Pennsylvania. The lights were breathtaking and dinner at the Shady Maple is always a treat.



Halloween Party at the Center.

Upper Deerfield is so proud of all the seniors who participated in making stockings and then filling them for our soldiers serving overseas. Our thoughts and prayers are always with them and again they show their community spirit by giving back. Thanks to all who gave a little of themselves to show their appreciation to those who serve us well from Cumberland County.

From the huge Halloween party to making beautiful and unique gifts, exercise to just plain socializing, the Center has been full. As we get ready for the Holiday season we are thankful and grateful to have such a wonderful core of friends at the Center.

Also, we are thankful to the Upper Deerfield Township Committeemen for having the foresight and support of our Center, making it the place for all seniors to feel welcome and enjoy

themselves.

Everyone at the Edgar Joyce Senior Center wish all a Happy Holiday Season.

### A NOTE FROM KIM.....

You may be only one person in this world, but you may also be the world to one person.



Holiday stockings for the soldiers.

### The Dog Registrar reminds you to get your 2010 Dog License

#### DOG WORD SCRAMBLE

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# Winter Holiday Safety

Winter holidays are a time for families and friends to get together. But that also means a greater risk for fire. Following a few simple tips will ensure a happy and fire-safe holiday season.

## HOLIDAY DECORATING

- »»» Be careful with holiday decorations. Choose decorations that are flame resistant or flame retardant.
- »»» Keep lit candles away from decorations and other things that can burn.
- »»» Use lights that have the label of an independent testing laboratory. Some lights are only for indoor or outdoor use, but not both.
- »»» Replace any string of lights with worn or broken cords or loose bulb connections. Connect no more than three strands of mini light sets and a maximum of 50 bulbs for screw-in bulbs.
- »»» Use clips, not nails, to hang lights so the cords do not get damaged.
- »»» Keep decorations away from windows and doors.

## HOLIDAY ENTERTAINING

- »»» Test your smoke alarms and tell guests about your home fire escape plan.
- »»» Keep children and pets away from lit candles.
- »»» Keep matches and lighters up high in a locked cabinet.
- »»» Stay in the kitchen when cooking on the stovetop.
- »»» Ask smokers to smoke outside. Remind smokers to keep their smoking materials with them so young children do not touch them.
- »»» Provide large, deep ashtrays for smokers. Wet cigarette butts with water before discarding.



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## FACTS

- ! December is the peak time of year for home candle fires.
- ! **30%** of home fires start in the kitchen.
- ! Unattended cooking is the leading cause of home fires.

## BEFORE HEADING OUT OR TO BED

**Blow out** lit candles when you leave the room or go to bed. **Turn off** all light strings and decorations before leaving home or going to bed.



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# Planting Trees Benefits You And The Environment

Most trees and shrubs in cities or communities are planted to provide beauty or shade. These are two excellent reasons for their use. Woody plants also serve many other purposes, and it often is helpful to consider these other functions when selecting a tree or shrub for the landscape. The benefits of trees can be grouped into social, environmental, and economic categories.

## SOCIAL BENEFITS

We like trees around us because they make life more pleasant. Most of us respond to the presence of trees beyond simply observing their beauty. We feel serene, peaceful, restful, and tranquil in a grove of trees. We are "at home" there. Hospital patients have been shown to recover from surgery more quickly when their hospital room offered a view of trees. The strong ties between people and trees are most evident in the resistance of community residents to removing trees to widen streets. Or we note the heroic efforts of individuals and organizations to save particularly large or historic trees in a community.

The stature, strength, and endurance of trees give them a cathedral-like quality. Because of their potential for long life, trees frequently are

planted as living memorials. We often become personally attached to trees that we or those we love have planted.

## ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS

Trees alter the environment in which we live by moderating climate, improving air quality, conserving water, and harboring wildlife. Climate control is obtained by moderating the effects of sun, wind, and rain. Radiant energy from the sun is absorbed or deflected by leaves on deciduous trees in the summer and is only filtered by branches of deciduous trees in winter. We are cooler when we stand in the shade of trees and are not exposed to direct sunlight. In winter, we value the sun's radiant energy. Therefore, we should plant only small or deciduous trees on the south side of homes.

Wind speed and direction can be affected by trees. The more compact the foliage on the tree or group of trees, the greater the influence of the windbreak. The downward fall of rain, sleet, and hail is initially absorbed or deflected by trees, which provides some protection for people, pets, and buildings. Trees intercept water, store some of it, and reduce storm runoff and the possibility of flooding.

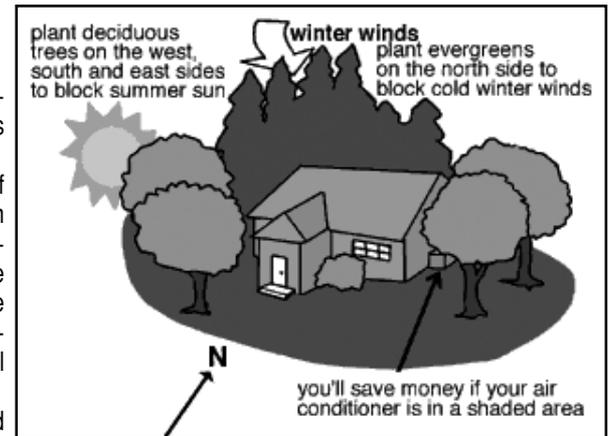
Dew and frost are less common under trees

because less radiant energy is released from the soil in those areas at night.

Temperature in the vicinity of trees is cooler than that away from trees. The larger the tree, the greater the cooling. By using trees in the cities, we are able to moderate the heat-island effect caused by pavement and buildings in commercial areas.

Air quality can be improved through the use of trees, shrubs, and turf. Leaves filter the air we breathe by removing dust and other particulates. Rain then washes the pollutants to the ground. Leaves absorb carbon dioxide from the air to form carbohydrates that are used in the plant's structure and function. In this process, leaves also absorb other air pollutants—such as ozone, carbon monoxide, and sulfur dioxide—and give off oxygen.

By planting trees and shrubs, we return to a more natural, less artificial environment. Birds and other wildlife are attracted to the area. The natural cycles of plant growth, reproduction, and decomposition are again present, both above and below ground. Natural harmony is restored to the urban environment.



## ECONOMIC BENEFITS

Individual trees and shrubs have value, but the variability of species, size, condition, and function makes determining their economic value difficult. The economic benefits of trees can be both direct and indirect. Direct economic benefits are usually associated with energy costs. Air-conditioning costs are lower in a tree-shaded home. Heating costs are reduced when a home has a windbreak. Trees increase in value from the time they are planted until they mature. Trees are a wise investment of funds because landscaped homes are more valuable than non-landscaped homes. The savings in energy costs and the increase in property value directly benefit each home owner.

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# Township Receives \$50,701.36 Recycling Grant

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The grant money issued through the Recycling Enhancement Act is based on the volume of material collected for recycling and is calculated based on materials recycled in 2007.

Congratulations to our residents and businesses on a job well done. Remember that recycling is one of the best things we can all do to protect our environment.

## COMMON MISTAKES

### Do Not Recycle These Items:

- No** Aluminum Foil or Foil Coated Items, Pie Plates, No Plastic Bags, Pails, Trays, Tubs or Lids.
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- No** Plastic Containers #3 and above, Styrofoam or Toys.
- No** Motor Oil, Lubricants, Paint and Pesticide Containers.
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# Solutions to Stormwater Pollution

## A Guide to Healthy Habits for Cleaner Water

Pollution on streets, parking lots and lawns is washed by rain into storm drains, then directly to our drinking water supplies and the ocean and lakes our children play in. Fertilizer, oil, pesticides, detergents, pet waste, grass clippings: You name it and it ends up in our water.

Stormwater pollution is one of New Jersey's greatest threats to clean and plentiful water, and that's why we're all doing something about it.

By sharing the responsibility and making small, easy changes in our daily lives, we can keep common pollutants out of stormwater. It all adds up to cleaner water, and it saves the high cost of cleaning up once it's dirty.

As part of New Jersey's initiative to keep our water clean and plentiful and to meet federal requirements, many municipalities and other public agencies including colleges and military bases must adopt ordinances or other rules prohibiting various activities that contribute to stormwater pollution. Breaking these rules can result in fines or other penalties.



**As a resident, business, or other member of the New Jersey community, it is important to know these easy things you can do every day to protect our water.**

### Limit your use of fertilizers and pesticides

- Do a soil test to see if you need a fertilizer.
- Do not apply fertilizers if heavy rain is predicted.
- Look into alternatives for pesticides.
- Maintain a small lawn and keep the rest of your property or yard in a natural state with trees and other native vegetation that requires little or no fertilizer.
- If you use fertilizers and pesticides, follow the instructions on the label on how to correctly apply it.



Make sure you properly store or discard any unused portions.

### Properly use and dispose of hazardous products

- Hazardous products include some household or commercial cleaning products, lawn and garden care products, motor oil, antifreeze, and paints.
- Do not pour any hazardous products down a storm drain because storm drains are usually connected to local waterbodies and the water is not treated.

## Easy Things You Can Do Every Day To Protect Our Water

- If you have hazardous products in your home or workplace, make sure you store or dispose of them properly. Read the label for guidance.
- Use natural or less toxic alternatives when possible.
- Recycle used motor oil.
- Contact your municipality, county or facility management office for the locations of hazardous-waste disposal facilities.



### Keep pollution out of storm drains

- Municipalities and many other public agencies are required to mark certain storm drain inlets with messages reminding people that storm drains are connected to local waterbodies.
- Do not let sewage or other wastes flow into a stormwater system.

### Clean up after your pet

- Many municipalities and public agencies must enact and enforce local pet-waste rules.

- An example is requiring pet owners or their keepers to pick up and properly dispose of pet waste dropped on public or other people's property.
- Make sure you know your town's or agency's requirements and comply with them. It's the law. And remember to:
  - Use newspaper, bags or pooper-scoopers to pick up wastes.
  - Dispose of the wrapped pet waste in the trash or unwrapped in a toilet.
  - Never discard pet waste in a storm drain.

### Don't feed wildlife

- Do not feed wildlife, such as ducks and geese, in public areas.
- Many municipalities and other public agencies must enact and enforce a rule that prohibits wild-life feeding in these areas.

### Don't litter

- Place litter in trash receptacles.
- Recycle. Recycle. Recycle.
- Participate in community cleanups.

### Dispose of yard waste properly

- Keep leaves and grass out of storm drains.
- If your municipality or agency has yard waste collection rules, follow them.
- Use leaves and grass clippings as a resource for compost.
- Use a mulching mower that recycles grass clippings into the lawn.



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For more information on stormwater related topics, visit [www.njstormwater.org](http://www.njstormwater.org) or [www.nonpointsource.org](http://www.nonpointsource.org)

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# C.F. Seabrook Students are learning Karate in Music Class

***It's true, but it's not the kind of Karate you're thinking of!***

Third Grade students at the C.F. Seabrook School are learning to play the recorder in music classes by using the Recorder Karate series. As students master songs of increasing difficulty, they are awarded belts of different colors, from white, to yellow and all the way to black belt status. These third graders are determined to improve their skills, and have been taking their instruments home to practice for each assessment. Music teacher Tanya Nakai is hoping this motivation will carry over into the Fourth Grade Band program at the Moore School, led by Margaret Hurbis, award-winning marching band director from Michigan. Mrs. Hurbis' band program has grown to over 70 students in her tenure. Accordingly, our award-winning Band at the Woodruff School, led by Spencer Lau, is at record numbers and can be seen performing anywhere from Seabrook, NJ, to Philadelphia or Hershey, PA! Our students are excited about playing their instruments, and the township should be proud of their accomplishments, whether they be in the classroom, or on the Football Field. Thanks to all of our parents, teachers and administrators, who have made all of this possible for our students.



# A Second Grade Metamorphosis

By: Peggy K. Dyer,  
Second Grade Wing Chairperson

"Ring!" went the school bell. The students of C.F. Seabrook School line up outside their respective classrooms awaiting the teacher. The boys and girls are newly hatched, just born into the world of grade two. The school year has just begun; they are ready for the cycle of change.

Late September is the time of year when the magical monarch butterfly lays her eggs on the milkweed plant. The second graders study the monarch butterfly and its lifecycle in detail. The students and teachers gather milkweed. They identify the cream-colored football shaped egg. Watching the larva hatch from the egg is amazing. Each second grader can tell you exactly what happens in the next stage of the lifecycle. The caterpillar grows and grows, just like each child. "What's that?" the children inquire. The larva is now hanging upside down in the shape of a "J". Suddenly, the "J" transforms into a lovely green pupa. The children gaze in wonder. As September rolls into October, the teachers are astonished at the progress of their ever-changing students.

One morning, as the children enter the classroom, they spy something dif-

ferent. They see a beautiful orange, black and white winged creature fluttering wildly. It's an adult monarch butterfly that's ready to be released. "What will happen now?" the students ask. The teachers explain the path of migration. The monarchs journey thousands of miles, going on instinct alone. The butterfly will then rest on a fir tree and prepare for another phase of its life. The transformation and journey are truly amazing.

As the second grade teachers of C.F. Seabrook School implement programs such as Words Their Way (individualized spelling) Writer's Workshop, Guided Reading, and Math Investigations, the students, over the journey of the school year, will also transform.

One morning, the teacher enters her classroom and she spies something different. There has been a change. Her students have transformed into beautiful butterflies. They spread their wings, going on to grade three with the knowledge, compassion and skill her or his teacher has shown each and every child.

Year after year, this cycle goes on. The second grade teachers of C.F. Seabrook School caringly provide each child with the skill, knowledge, and compassion to make their journey through life as successful as possible.

## Third Graders in Training

Seabrook School third grade students participate in many enriching activities throughout the school year. They have the opportunity to be Bully Busters, Student of the Month, and Safety Patrol members. The Bully Buster program encourages all students to be respectful and responsible for their actions. During Student of the Month assemblies third graders from each of the five homerooms and special area subjects are honored. Students learn about good character traits at the assemblies and each student of the month is recognized for their academic achievements.

Every Seabrook School third grader participates in community service proj-

ects. Students learn about their community as they visit adults at the South Jersey Medical Daycare Center in Fairfield. During the holiday season students sing songs to the people at South Jersey Medical Center and visit them. They make birthday cards for the woman at Jones' Cottage and special cards for holidays. Students also participate in the MS Read-a-Thon by reading books and raising money for an important cause. The community service opportunities for third graders are numerous, and the students learn that through volunteering they can make a difference in their community.



# Preschool Celebrates Fall with Pumpkins

How much learning goes on when it comes to pumpkins? Well let us just tell you! Over the past two weeks, our C. F. Seabrook preschool classrooms have been studying pumpkins. We started with the life cycle of a pumpkin. The children sequenced pictures to tell the story from seed to pumpkin. Then we learned the letter "P" for pumpkin of course! We counted pumpkin seeds, cut pumpkin shapes, colored pumpkin pictures, and glued torn orange paper on a pumpkin picture frame. To learn about shapes, we carved some into a pumpkin and gave a pumpkin a cute little face. Everyday at story time, we read a pumpkin story! And then as if we hadn't done enough learning already, we mixed red and yellow finger paint to make the color

orange and we used it to finger paint a pumpkin.

What is the perfect ending to two weeks of pumpkin learning? A visit to the Pumpkin Patch, of course!

On Friday, October 23, 2009, seventy-six preschool students and many parent chaperones and teachers from C. F. Seabrook School visited Creamy Acres Farm. We went on a hayride, saw some scarecrows, visited with some animals, and picked pumpkins. The giggles could be heard from every corner of the Pumpkin Patch!

***We love pumpkins!***



## Seabrook First Grade Report

So far this school year has been a very busy and exciting year for our Seabrook first graders! We are working hard in Language Arts and Writer's Workshop to develop the needed skills to become fantastic readers and writers.

Our first graders are participating in a few Reading Incentive Programs this school year. In October, first grade began the "Book-It" Program, in which students are rewarded with a free personal pan pizza when they met their monthly reading goal.

Many Seabrook students are also involved in the "Be A Phanatic about Reading" program presented by the 2008 World Champion Philadelphia Phillies. By reading for 15 minutes a day our school has a chance to earn a visit from a very famous local celebrity, the Phillie Phanatic!

In October, first grade participated in Red Ribbon Week, in which they learned about staying drug free and being a good friend. During the week they enjoyed watching two assemblies. The first assembly was about keeping their body healthy and saying no to drugs; the second assembly was about "Friends". They also participated in many other special activities throughout the week.

The first graders are learning about Community Service this school year. They will participate in many different projects. So far our students participated in designing Veteran's Day Buttons to honor local Veterans at the Upper Deerfield Township Veteran's Day Parade.

Our first graders will also enjoy some learning and fun away from school when we venture out for our class trips. We will go on two class trips during the school year. In February we will travel to Washington Township High School to watch a play called "Click, Clack Moo" based on the book by Doreen Cronin. In May, we will travel to Storybook Land in Mays Landing, New Jersey.

First grade would like to send a special THANK YOU to our local fire companies for teaching us about fire safety and allowing us to see and experience fire trucks, equipment and gear during Fire Prevention and Safety week October 4th-10th.

# The Seabrook School Is A Professional Learning Community

During the past eight weeks the teachers at the Seabrook School have participated in several professional development and articulation opportunities always striving for educational excellence. A key ingredient to make this work is that each grade level has a common period that allows them to collaborate each day in order to plan and prepare for differentiated lessons that support the needs of their students. In September, they attended a two hour after school session on the First Six Weeks of School, setting the stage for establishing routines, organizing a dynamic and resourceful classroom library, and preparing for guided reading success. Teachers worked diligently to get routines in place and revamp their existing classroom libraries. Then we held grade level literacy articulation meetings on supporting struggling students and using authentic assessments that are used to plan future teaching.

Day to day conversations about what and how to best teach children lingered in the classrooms and teachers' room. There was even a teachers' book fair hosted by Heinemann in early October in which several teachers from the building purchased research-based educational resources to support their desire to be as effective as possible. Another in-service occurred in October on the effective practice of Interactive Read Alouds and teaching vocabulary. The Seabrook teachers reflected on their current practice and collaborated on possibilities of using interactive read alouds to teach better words for building students' vocabulary. Again literacy articulation meetings followed to assist teachers with finding literature for the interactive read aloud as well as what vocabulary would be best to teach for their students. The teachers at the Seabrook School strive daily to be the most effective educator possible for the

children of Upper Deerfield. It is their passion; they enjoy being part of a pro-

fessional learning community and best of all, students benefit from it!

## What's New at the Seabrook School?

There are always new things happening at the Seabrook School. For example, this year we had a parent meeting at the beginning of Back-to-School night sharing new approaches and practices. Writing workshop is one of the new research-based best practices happening here. Last year many of the teachers piloted the practice as we learned about it and delved deeper into how to effectively do each component. But this year every classroom celebrates writing as students practice doing what real writers do. Another new approach is Words Their Way word study. Like writing workshop, last year most teachers piloted this differentiated spelling, phonics, and vocabulary building approach. However, this year every classroom is learning how words work. Response to Intervention (RTI) is a third approach we piloted last year. RTI is about supporting struggling students with more effective and appropriate instruction. And yes, everyone is working hard again this year to teach all children more effectively. We hosted our first Write Night event on November 19<sup>th</sup>. The Write Night goes along with writing workshop in that students and parents have the opportunity to celebrate writing and work side by side doing what writers do in the children's classrooms. There is always something new going on at the Seabrook School. We hope you will watch for more 'new happenings' in future weeks and months.

## C.F. Seabrook School Kindergarten Is Busy With Adventures

Fall was a very busy time in Kindergarten here at C.F. Seabrook School. On top of many of our Kindergartners leaving their parents for an entire day for the first time, we have many fun and exciting activities and events planned.

In September, we had a Grandparents Tea for all grandparents. We welcomed them into our classrooms and honored them with a short program and special snack. In September, we also do bus safety. This helps all the children understand the rules of the busses so that when they ride on them for field trips, they know the expectations.

In October we were very busy. First, we had our Fire Prevention week which

culminated with a visit from the Upper Deerfield Volunteer fire company. The students got to try on the fire coats and helmets, climb on the fire trucks and watch a movie about the different dangers of fire. Second, we celebrated Red Ribbon Week to learn about the dangers of drugs, alcohol and violence. We attended several assemblies and also had some fun "theme" days at school. We wore red for "Red Ribbon Day", we wore a hat for "Put a Cap on Drugs, Alcohol and Violence Day", we brought our favorite stuffed animals to school for "Hugs Not Drugs Day" and we wore our favorite team attire for "Team Up Against Drugs and Violence Day." Third, we went on our

Fall field trip to Duffield's Farm Market in Sewell, NJ. We had a beautiful day and we enjoyed a hayride, the petting zoo, the learning barn, the corn maze and the hay playground. Fourth, several classes had "Fall Celebrations" where they carved pumpkins and made arts and crafts to celebrate the season. And finally, we wrapped up October with a Halloween Parade and Party.

In November and December we are looking forward to honoring our Veterans, celebrating Thanksgiving and learning about all the Winter Holidays ahead. Many classes also have a Christmas Tree Decorating Party where the students make ornaments and crafts for Christmas.

Our Kindergarten classes also enjoy our monthly visits with our 3rd Grade Book Buddies. The students read monthly themed books on their levels to each other and always follow up with some type of writing project. It is beneficial for both the Kindergartners and the 3rd grade students.

Kindergarten at C.F. Seabrook School is not only fun and exciting, but very educational at the same time. The children

are immersed in math, reading and writing each and every day! Our students are learning how to become happy, community oriented, life-long learners!



Samantha Talorico  
Fire Prevention  
Day  
Miss Reuter's  
Kindergarten



Hayden Mehaffey and Grandparents  
at Grandparents Tea in September  
Miss Reuter's Kindergarten Class



Faith Oliver and Derek Sheppard. September Book  
Buddies. Miss Reuter's Kindergarten and Mrs.  
Tuthill's 3rd Grade Classes



Gianna Trexler  
Fire Prevention Day, Miss Reuter's Kindergarten