
TITLE: FHS Student Awards Program – Scholarships and Awards

The Farmington High School Thirty Eighth Annual Awards Ceremony was held on the evening of June 2, 2015. Approximately 70 Farmington High School members of the Class of 2015 and their families were invited to the ceremony. Family and friends enjoyed a pre-ceremony reception in the cafeteria of the high school. Assistant Principal Curt Pandiscio welcomed community scholarship and award providers, award winning students and their guests in the FHS cafeteria and also served as Master of Ceremonies for the evening.

The Farmington community, local businesses and many families of past graduates continue to provide generous scholarships to deserving students. The total amount of scholarship dollars provided to the Class of 2015 at this ceremony was approximately \$192,000. This outpouring of direct support from the community for students to continue their education is a terrific indication of the respect for education in the Farmington community. FHS Teacher Ms. Debra Jeffers received the Golden Apple Award given to the FHS teacher selected by the Senior Class to speak at graduation. School Resource Officer Joanna Blumetti was given the Friend of Farmington Award.

The complete list of the 2015 award winners is presented below.

**FARMINGTON HIGH SCHOOL
2015 SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARDS**

Alumni Academic Excellence Award - *Abby Corrigan, Jordan DiTommaso, Daniel Hardiman, Therese Messina, Lucy Tomasso*
Lauren Elizabeth Avezzie Scholarship - *Emily Ladda*
Avon Dental Group Scholarship - *Kirsten Turnbull*
Bailey-Taylor Foundation Scholarship Trust - *Anna Bradford, Beatrix Bradford, Griffin Cecil, John Colavecchio, Brigit Cruess, Julie Cunningham, Kurt Daigle, Tyler Galske, Benjamin Johnston, JingYu Li, Isabella Martinelli, Natasha Patel, Adrian Pietrzak, Swati Rath, Sabrina Rostkowski, Danielle Swanson, Mengjie Zhu*
Laurence E. Belkin Memorial Scholarship - *Nicholas DiLullo, Ethan Sepa*
George T. Bennett Award - *Nicholas DiLullo, Laura DiVirgilio, Devon Michaelis, Ethan Sepa, Anne Sherrill, Elizabeth Sherrill, Austin Zhu*
Joseph Burns Memorial Scholarship - *Sarah Rua*
Central Connecticut Radio Control Club Scholarship - *Isabella Martinelli*
Chartwells Scholarship - *Sabrina Bald*
Community Foundation of Greater New Britain - Eleanor and Nathan Berry Scholarship - *Mengjie Zhu*
Joneric Joseph Cosentino Memorial Scholarship - *Connor Martin*

Robert D. Culver Scholarship - *Noah Gulino*
 Deasy Family Unified Sports Scholarship - *Brigit Cruess, Ashley VanHoof*
 East Farms School PTO Scholarship - *Rowena Kosher*
 Exchange Club of Farmington Scholarship - *Joshua Campbell, Brigit Cruess, JingYu Li, Isabella Martinelli, Swati Rath, Mengjie Zhu*
 Farmington Bank President's Scholarship - *Sarah Al-Arshani, Kendall Benjamin*
 Farmington Chamber of Commerce Scholarship - *Cordell Szot, Michael Weber*
 Farmington Community Chest Scholarship - *Kimberly Chemente, Michael Griffin, Olivia Noe, Abigayil Talkington*
 M. Greg Chellgren Memorial - *Meshail Alvi*
 Farmington Democratic Scholarship - *Adrian Pietrzak*
 Farmington Education Association Scholarship - *The John P. Grocki Scholarship - Taylor Gouveia*
 Farmington Garden Club June Ray Scholarship - *Morgan St. James*
 Farmington High School National Honor Society Scholarship - *Benjamin Carroll, Cordell Szot*
 Farmington High School Student Council Leadership Scholarship - *Kaitlyn DaSilva*
 Farmington Republican Scholarship - *Cordell Szot*
 Farmington UNICO Scholarship - *Yoon-sun Houh, Yea Jin Lee, Valentina Ossa Hernandez*
 Farmington Valley Woman's Club Scholarship - *Kaitlyn DaSilva*
 Stephen A. Flis Scholarship - *Megan Klingner*
 Alexander Preston Franklin Scholarship - *Benjamin Johnston, Chirag Sikka*
 Friends of the Farmington Library Award - *Alexus Morin*
 Graham Foundation Scholarship - *Sarah Al-Arshani, Kaitlyn DaSilva, Justin Marsh, Swati Rath*
 Missy Saxton Hatfield Remembrance Award - *Quinntieja Scott*
 Carolyn P. Hoffman Scholarship - *Andrew Taylor*
 Knights of Columbus Uncas Council #32 Memorial Scholarship - *Brigit Cruess*
 Joan Marchand Scholarship Award - *Taryn Fitzsimmons*
 Lori Matyskiela Art Award - *Sarah Tritman*
 Noah Wallace School PTO Scholarship - *Derek Fern*
 The Reach Foundation Scholarship - *Cordell Szot*
 Rotary Club of Farmington Community Service Award - *Benjamin Carroll, Chirag Sikka*
 Greg Shaskan Memorial Lacrosse Scholarship - *Abby Wollenberg*
 June Siegel Memorial Award - *Joshua Campbell*
 St. Mary's Women's Guild Scholarship - *Benjamin Aube, Brigit Cruess*
 Henry L. Strom Scholarship Award - *Morgan O'Coin*
 Superintendent's Office Scholarship - *Shinhui Cai, Eugenie Chen, Jessica Colwick, Vishruthi Palanivel, Christina Rosario, Sarah Tritman*
 Union School PTO Scholarship - *Allison McGovern*
 Unionville Lions Club Scholarship/Catherine Miniter Buteau Scholarship - *Taylor Gouveia, JingYu Li, Justin Marsh, Yoon-sun Houh*
 West District School PTO Scholarship - *Dr. Marilyn Fenner Memorial Scholarship - Kendall Benjamin*
 Harriet Woodford Scholarship - *Margaux Zimmerman*

Principal's Award - *Abby Corrigan*

In recognition of Educational Excellence:

Valedictorian - *Anne Sherrill*

Salutatorian - *Danielle Swanson*

TITLE: IAR's CAS 2015 Scholar-Leaders

For the past 31 years the Connecticut Association of Schools has run the Middle Level Scholar-Leader recognition program, which recognizes one boy and one girl from each participating middle school who have distinguished themselves in the areas of scholarship, leadership, and personal character. We are pleased to announce IAR's Scholar-Leaders for 2015: **Grace Duncan** and **Kumar Darsh**.



Grace, an 8th grade student on Team G, attended Noah Wallace School and West Woods Upper Elementary School. According to her teachers, Grace is a diligent and dedicated student and an exceptional class leader who works well with others. She is always polite, respectful, kind and compassionate. Grace is an accomplished musician, who for the past two years has been a member of IAR's Chorus and Chamber Singers and has played cello in IAR's Orchestra. Grace is a talented dancer who has participated in IAR's musical productions of *High School Musical* and *Once Upon a Mattress*. She also was an active member of IAR's AV Club in 7th grade and Science Olympiad team in 8th grade. Grace volunteers through her church and has participated in Relay for Life and the Walk to Cure Diabetes.



Kumar, an 8th grade student on Team D, attended East Farms School and West Woods Upper Elementary School. His teachers note that Kumar is a strong class leader who uses his deep intellect to make relevant connections in class and to encourage his fellow classmates. He is a leader of IAR's MathCounts and Science Olympiad teams. Outside of school, Kumar was a leader of this year's Connecticut state champion Science Bowl team and has participated in numerous academic competitions through the North South Foundation. Among his charitable endeavors, Kumar has raised money for Hoops for Hearts, founded the "Power of Peace" group to raise money for various charities, and started an online tutoring service with proceeds donated to Connecticut Children's Medical Center.

The Connecticut Association of Schools will recognize Grace and Kumar for their accomplishments at a banquet at the Aqua Turf Club on May 28.

TITLE: Field Day at West Woods Upper Elementary School

West Woods fifth graders recently participated in field day. This special day was kicked-off by Simon Sez with Steve Max, a favorite of all. Field day is a collaborative and engaging experience with over fifteen activities to choose from. The event culminated with a homeroom vs. homeroom tug of war and popsicles courtesy of the PTO.



TITLE: Music and Math at East Farms School

Second Grade students at East Farms School investigated the question, “*How can you use your understanding of math to create music?*” during music class. Students predicted ways that math could be used to create music that included creating patterns, counting the beat and tapping the rhythm. Subsequent lessons explored how the time signature in a musical piece can provide clues for how to create patterns and how to make variations of patterns by using their knowledge of fractions. In co-taught lessons facilitated by the music and math specialist, students practiced creating rhythmic compositions using multiple rhythm values and repeated patterns using fraction magnets on the whiteboard, engaged in a museum walk to analyze rhythmic compositions created by each student using fraction tiles and then notated their final composition on the Math and Music composition sheet. The investigation required student to use critical thinking and reasoning, as well as problem solving and innovation to create musical rhythms with fractions.





TITLE: Taste of Noah Wallace

On the evening of Friday, April 24th, the Noah Wallace Cafeteria was transformed into an international dining hall for the first **Annual Taste of Noah Wallace**. The event, organized by our PTO Cultural Enrichment Committee, was a wonderful way to celebrate the richly diverse community at our school.

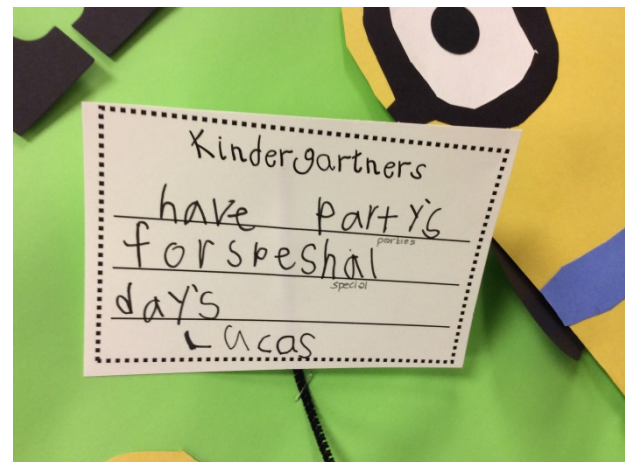
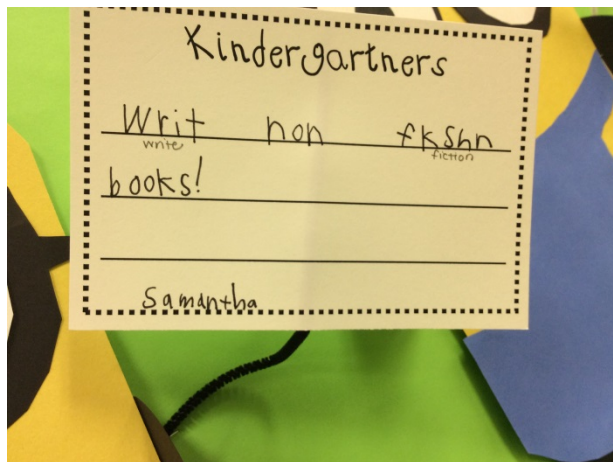
Families brought dishes to share, entrées, desserts, appetizers, or drinks. Each dish was special to the family in some way, either from the family's home country, a secret family recipe, or a favorite dish that represented their family heritage. There were foods from all around the world to sample.



And sample, we did! Children had passports that were stamped each time they tried a new food. They excitedly encouraged one another to be adventurous, sampling dishes they had never tried before. The Taste of Noah Wallace is a new tradition at our school, one that captures the diverse, yet sharing and caring community that we treasure.

TITLE: Union School Kindergartners Welcome New Class!

Union School kindergarteners created a bulletin board "A minion reasons to love kindergarten" as a way to welcome next fall's new kindergarteners to Union School. Each student wrote a sentence about what kindergarteners do. Some of the reasons to love kindergarten include, "kindergarteners have parties for special days" and "kindergarteners write nonfiction books!" This bulletin board is ready for kindergarten orientation in August and will hopefully get all our new students excited about their new school adventure.



Union School Field Day ~ June 9, 2015

On Tuesday, June 9th, Union School celebrated the end of the school year with a whole school field day event. Mr. Kyle Chaves, Union School's P.E. teacher organized and coordinated the whole event, which included collaborative games and activities like "Bucket Brigade" and "Capture the Castle." AM kindergarten classes, first, and second grade had field day in the morning and PM kindergarten, third and fourth grade went in the afternoon. Parent volunteers helped to make this day such a great success.



TITLE: 3rd Graders enjoy Math Pep Rally

West District Elementary School's grade 3 held an exciting math pep rally. The purpose of the pep rally was to kick off their multiplication fluency initiative. Third grade teachers have spent the past few weeks teaching students strategies to help them to learn their multiplication facts. Now those teachers are asking students to apply learned strategies during their March Math Madness practice. The pep rally was hosted by the school safety officer, Mark Melewski, and results are posted daily in the hallway. Go Team!

