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## Iowa Test again ranks Clark pupils among best

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Clark's elementary school students in the first to eighth grades once again excelled in the Iowa Test of Basic Skills administered to all students during the week of May 7 of this year, according to a report presented to the Board of Education on Sept. 25.

Quoting from the report, Superintendent of Schools Dr. John F. Farinella pointed out students in the first grade did better overall than 97 percent of the students taking the test nationwide, those in the second grade better than 96 percent of their peers and those in the third grade better than 94 percent of their peers.

The percentile rankings in the other grades, as shown by the report, were: Grade 4, 97 percent; grade 5, 97 percent; grade 6, 95 percent; grade 7, 92 percent; and grade 8, 97 percent.

Percentile rankings in reading, according to grades, were: First grade, 95 percent; second grade, 96 percent; third grade, 89 per-

cent; fourth grade, 93 percent; fifth grade, 90 percent; sixth grade, 93 percent; seventh grade, 86 percent; and eighth grade, 93 percent.

Those in mathematics were: First grade, 99 percent; second grade, 97 percent; third grade, 97 percent; fourth grade, 97 percent; fifth grade, 99 percent; sixth grade, 94 percent; seventh grade, 95 percent; and eighth grade, 96 percent.

First graders in Valley Road School did slightly better overall than those at Frank K. Hehny School, tallying 98 percent to 96 percent; second graders at Hehny had rankings of 97 percent to 95 percent at Valley Road; third graders at Valley Road scored in the 89th percentile, compared to 97 percent at Hehny; fourth graders at Valley Road tallied in the 89th percentile to a 95 percent rating in the grade at Hehny and the tally in the fifth grade was 98 to 97 percent in favor of Hehny.

In reading the rankings of Valley Road and Hehny students, according to grade levels in ascending order, were: 95 to 95, 92 to 99, 78 to 93, 97 to 86 and 92 to 88.

In mathematics the rankings, listed in the same order as above, were: 99 to 97, 95 to 98, 92 to 99, 89 to 94 and 98 to 99.

The district's sixth, seventh and eighth graders, who attend the Carl H. Kumpf School ranked overall in the 95th, 92nd and 97th percentiles, respectively.

In mathematics they ranked in the 94th, 95th and 96th percentiles, respectively.

One of the Board members, James Kehoe, who has questioned the validity of the Iowa Test on several occasions, said he would like to see district teachers at an in-service program to be held Monday, Oct. 22, on test evaluation look into the relationship among the Iowa Test, the Minimum Basic Skills Tests and the Scholastic Ap-

titude Test taken by high school students.

Dr. Farinella replied no relationship has been established among the tests and he could see no reason why they should even be considered related since each type of test was used for a different purpose.

As to the validity of the Iowa Test, Board president, Thomas Farinella, told Mr. Kehoe it must be considered a good indicator of skills because it was one of the three most widely used tests in the country.

After some discussion and several changes the school body also approved a set of goals for the 1984-1985 school year.

The Board goals are: To improve communication with the community and staff, to work with the administration and community to develop plans for the future of the school system, to maintain an updated Board policy manual, and to develop better co-operation between the school body and the Clark Township Council, to strengthen the

confidence of the community in its schools through an expanded public relations program, to continue to work toward improving the management team process, to operate the schools in a manner which provides optimum educational opportunity for all students within the resources available, to evaluate the school district business operations and procedures and to make appropriate changes, to improve good communications with the Union County Regional High School District No. 1, which includes Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School in Clark, to establish a procedure by which the elementary Board will undertake a self-evaluation twice a year, to help the community and the Board gain a better understanding of the goals of curriculum offerings, to review and assess the articulation and co-ordination, focusing on test, materials and process, to other factors relevant to the education process among the township's schools, to develop a computer science

program, to conduct contract negotiations to conclude a fair and reasonable agreement, to study and evaluate the location of the Board office and the efficient use of the administration building or the disposal of the building, to evaluate the reorganization of the school system and implement changes as indicated, to evaluate new educational programs such as family living, computer programs and foreign language and to implement and conclude a search for a new superintendent of schools to replace Dr. Farinella when he retires at the end of the current school year.

School body members also approved a common curriculum guide for computer studies which will be used in all the sending elementary school district which contribute students to the regional high school system.

Mr. Kehoe called the computer study guide a milestone which had been attained through the efforts of a citizens group which he headed.

in the fall term of the adult school in bookkeeping and first-year accounting.

Board approval was given for the application for an emergency teaching certificate in psychology for Barbara Deane.

Two Clark students, Julie Escala of 111 Prospect St. and Theresa Chumpp of 1113 Matrice Ave., were hired as student clerical assistants at the township school to work a maximum of three hours per day at \$3.35 per hour.

A Springfield resident, Mina Levy of 548 Mountain Ave., was hired as a substitute teacher for 1984-1985 in all the district's schools.



ME LLAMO ... Carl H. Kumpf School of Clark foreign language teacher, Mrs. Jan Kampel, right, converses in Spanish with her seventh graders, left to right, Paul Tondo, Julio Olsen, Chad Williams and Kathy Cosmas.



VIVA ESPANA! ... David Van Soest, right, explores the Spanish culture with eighth graders who are now pursuing the second year of the foreign language program at Clark's Carl H. Kumpf School. They are, left to right, Keith Nunes, Maria Cutinello and Donna Herbar.

## Kumpf students boost language skills

The expanded foreign language program at the Carl Kumpf School in Clark enables seventh-and-eighth grade students to pursue either French or Spanish over a two-year period.

Those who successfully complete the two-year

course would then continue second-year French or Spanish in high school. This comprehensive program, which was instituted last year by David Van Soest, now includes Mrs. Jan Kampel, who teaches the French Classes as well as seventh-grade Spanish.

Both Mr. Van Soest and Mrs. Kampel have developed a well-rounded foreign language program which involves 80 percent of the seventh-grade class and 60 percent of the eighth graders, reports a spokesman.

## Federal, state aid adds to regional budget

Changes in state and federal aid figures, which resulted in a \$162,521.12 increase in total appropriations, Oct. 2, were added to the Union County Regional High School District No. 1's 1984-1985 budget by the district's Board of Education.

Specific changes for the district, which includes Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School in Clark, were in the following categories: An increase in state aid for bilingual education from

\$6,652 to \$8,711; a \$1,450.88 decrease in other state aids, including a \$938.12 increase in transportation, Oct. 2, were added to a \$366 decrease in auxiliary services and a \$2,023 decrease in services to the handicapped, bringing an overall increase in state aid of \$608.12; a \$23,300 increase in vocational aid from federal sources, a \$31,824 increase in federal Chapter No. 1 aid, \$74,557 in increases in federal aid for the auditorily handicap-

ped, \$14,832 in boosts in federal aid for the neurologically impaired and a net figure of \$17,400 in aid for the emotionally disturbed where no aid has been anticipated to be used for the program for the emotionally disturbed at Johnson.

Because of the changes total current expenses by the school body also went from \$21,600,340 to \$21,762,861.12 and total appropriations went from \$22,339,055.54 to \$22,501,576.12.

The Board also took \$158,000 from the district's capital outlay surplus and transferred it into the 1984-1985 capital outlay budget.

\$33,000 of that figure will be used to purchase additional computers for computer-assisted instruction for B.S.I.P. classes.

The school body also gave its permission for its members to attend the New Jersey Education Assn., 1984 Workshop in Atlantic City on Thursday and Friday, Nov. 8 and 9. With reasonable expenses to be paid by the Board.

A science teacher at Johnson, Carmine Vitolo, was given permission to take 40 of his science students to the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C. on Tuesday, Oct. 26. The trip will be chaperoned by Mr. Vitolo, Kurt Eppes, and Pit Michael Koch, representing the Clark Police Dept.

The district's director of pupil personnel services, Dr. Frank Kenny, was given the okay to participate in the annual meeting of the National Assn. of Pupil Personnel Administrators in Atlantic City from Sunday to Tuesday, Oct. 21 to 23.

A member of the English Department at the Clark school, Ralph Johnson, had his salary raised from \$21,000 to \$22,900 for completing 30 credits in addition to his master's degree.

Because Mrs. Paz Vinagra completed 10 consecutive days as a substitute teacher for Mrs. Jeanette Albano in the foreign language department at Johnson on Sept. 19, her payment was adjusted to \$81.50 per day, effective on Sept. 20. Mrs. Vinagra is a certified teacher of Spanish.

The employment of Edward Landmesser as a custodian at the township school will be terminated at the conclusion of the workday on Thursday, Nov. 1, thanks to Board action.

Hired as an instructor in oil painting for the fall term of the adult school at Johnson at a full stipend of \$168 was Janice DiGeorgio. Dinner dances, a trip to Meadowlands for football games plus Social Dancing to be taught, and many other items are in the planning for the council.



CHANGING OF GUARD - The members of Bishop Justin J. McCarthy Council No. 5503 of the Knights of Columbus of Clark elected and appointed their officers and directors for the 1984-1985 term. After the election, shown, left to right, are: Seated, Louis Quiñones, warden; Thomas Witka, deputy grand knight; The Rt. Rev. Msgr. Joseph F. Flusk, chaplain; William J. Zimmerman, Grand Knight; John Koziak, chancellor; standing, Anthony Durmar, chairman for veterans; Past Grand Knight James Ratti, trustee; Edward Muhl, lecturer; Peter Fortia, guard; Past Grand Knight Thomas P. Dawey, church and family director; Past Grand Knight Eugene Leonard, financial secretary; Past Grand Knight Daniel Navaglia, trustee; Raymond T. Leonard, guard; Chester Bracuto, treasurer; James Ellif, program director, and Past Grand Knight Angelo Accolla, fraternal director. Not shown are Stanley Gora, recorder; Ralph Setitto, trustee and veterans director; Past Grand Knight Angelo Lovato, membership director, and Thomas F. Dawey, youth chairman. The installation of the officers was held on Oct. 9 at the council hall at 27 Westfield Ave. Clark. Guest speakers are planned for October and November after meetings on the fourth Tuesday of the month. They include: On Oct. 23 a talk by Msgr. Billy of St. George's church on the Byzantine Rite of the Catholic Church followed by a talk on Nov. 27 by Mr. Duhan of Merck & Co., Inc. Family dinners and dinner dances, a trip to Meadowlands for football games plus Social Dancing to be taught, and many other items are in the planning for the council.

## Hopefuls told release dates

ATTENTION: ALL CANDIDATES IN THE TUESDAY, NOV. 5, GENERAL ELECTION.

The Rahway News-Record and The Clark Patriot will publish their pre-election advance issues on Thursday, Nov. 1.

All biographies and/or pictures of the candidates for that issue must be in the hands of the editor at 219 Central Ave., Rahway, N.J. 07065 NO LATER THAN 5 P.M. ON THURSDAY, OCT. 18, FOR

IN ORDER TO GIVE CANDIDATES A CHANCE TO RESPOND TO ANY CHARGES MADE BY OPPONENTS, NO CHARGES WILL BE ACCEPTED LATER THAN 5 P.M. ON THURSDAY, OCT. 18, FOR

## Township to begin leaf collection

Clark Mayor Bernard G. Yarusavage announced leaf collection in the Township will start on Monday, Oct. 22, and run to Friday Dec. 14.

The schedule for this year is as follows: Second and Third Wards, Oct. 22 to 26; First and Fourth Wards, Oct. 29 to Nov. 2; Second and Third Wards, Nov. 8 to 16; First and Fourth Wards, Nov. 19 to 30, and follow-up of all wards, Dec. 3 to 14.

Please note the chipping service will be discontinued as of Thursday, Oct. 18, during leaf collection and through the snow season. It will resume in February or March, of 1985. Please telephone the public works department for emergency situations.

Pickup of bulky items will be discontinued until January, 1985. The last day for bulky-item pickup will be Friday, Oct. 19.

The compactor will be on winter schedule as of Friday Oct. 26. The compactor will be open Saturdays only, between 1 a.m. and 4 p.m. Evening hours will end Oct. 11.

Edward A. Patalano, director of public works and engineering, stated this schedule is to better facilitate the manpower available to the public works department to encompass the extensive leaf program and to aid in proper maintenance of the snow removal equipment.

Crusaders make it big No. 1: See Inside