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## Students improve test scores

by Pat DiMaggio  
Test scores for the High School Proficiency Test administered in April of 1988 increased in two areas for students at Arthur L. Johnson Regional High School in Clark.

The High School Proficiency Test (HSPT), a New Jersey State Regional District graduation requirement, is given to ninth graders in April. Students must pass the test in order to graduate. Students who do not pass the reading, mathematics or writing portion of

the test are enrolled in a Basic Skills Improvement Program and are re-tested the following April.

Results of the 1988 test showed increased scores in the reading and mathematics segments of the test for students at Arthur L. Johnson. Students passing the reading portion of the test increased to 99.2 percent, students passing the mathematics portion increased to 95 percent and 97.5 percent of the students taking the test passed the writing segment.

The Regional Board of Education also enacted new policies and adopted revisions of existing policies for the 1988-89 school year during the meeting held in April. Student Suicide and Prevention Policies and Procedures were approved which will alert school personnel to the potential of suicide among teenagers and the importance of recognizing actions that might indicate suicidal behavior.

A revision of the policy regulating promotion and remediation procedures includes the addition of World History and Cultures as one of the courses required for graduation. The board also revised an Athletic Policy stipulating that contests scheduled during exams must be played in the afternoon whenever possible.

The Policy for Equality in Education, Freedom from Sexual Harassment in All Aspects of Employment and Workplace Activities is a new policy which aims to ensure a working environment for all staff which is completely free from sexual harassment.

Another new policy, Educational Opportunities for Married and/or Pregnant Students, is a segment of the Regional Affirmative Action

effort. The policy ensures that no student will be denied the right to attend the regional high schools solely because of pregnancy, childbirth, pregnancy-related disabilities or potential parenthood.

A policy for Undercover Investigations In and Near the Regional High Schools authorizes the Superintendent of Schools to cooperate with the local, county and state police during investigations.

A new administrative guideline entitled Students Enrolling in Adult School Courses allows students to enroll in any Regional Adult School evening course free of charge.

## Clark Business and Professional Women announce fall program

The Clark Business and Professional Women will hold their first meeting of the 1988-89 season at the Ramada Inn in Clark on Tuesday, September 13.

Joann Mehalick, First Vice-President, announced the program theme for the year -- "A New Reflection on Life." Mary Jean Prestidge,

a color consultant, will present "Color Me Professional," a program of information and ideas for self-improvement.

President Kaye Guarino extends an invitation to all working women to join the group which meets on the second Tuesday of the month at the Ramada Inn.

The social hour begins at 6:30 with dinner at 7 followed by the program.

BPW is an international organization of women dedicated to elevating the status of women in business.

Call Winnie Canavan at 382-2500 for further information and reservations.



**SCHOLARSHIP WINNER** . . . Susan Richards of Clark, center, was recently awarded a scholarship from the Overlook Hospital Foundation. Looking on are Mary K. Lindner, Senior Vice President, Patient Services and

Executive Director of Nursing, and Michael J. Shiffen, President and CEO of Overlook Hospital. Susan is a student at Wagner College, Staten Island.

### Clark AARP slates eye talk

Clark Chapter 3735 of American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) begins another year of community activity and service on Friday, September 9, at 1 p.m. preceded by a social hour at 12:30 p.m.

Meetings are held in the Brewer Municipal Complex, Westfield Ave., Clark.

Dr. R. Neveloff, Ophthalmologist of Clark, will speak on eye problems.

### Book club to meet

The Clark Public Library Book Club will hold its next meeting on Monday, September 19, at 2:30 p.m. The work to be discussed is Herman Wouk's "Inside, Outside".

## Foundation announces Polish Supplementary School

The Polish Cultural Foundation of Clark announces the opening of its Supplementary School for teaching Polish language, history, and geography on Saturdays, 10 a.m. - 1 p.m., beginning September 17, and continuing through May, 1989.

Sessions will be at the Foundation Headquarters, 177 Broadway, Clark, where there is ample parking.

This is the second year of this culturally oriented activity at the same location. In its first year, 42 boys and girls, ages four through 14, attended 38 sessions to learn the language and customs of Poland. They staged a traditional show called "Jascelka: an end-of-year program," and participated with other supplementary schools in a show at the National Shrine

of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Doylestown, PA.

The school is headed by Eugenia A. Nisko of Clark, who will be assisted by teachers Jane Gornolka of Forth, Edyta Kaczmarek of Bayonne, and Helena Wozniak of Maplewood.

Dianna Gaza of Maplewood coordinates the studies programs at the Foundation. Teresa Bochnak of Clark is president of the Parents' Committee. To get information about tuition fees call the Foundation at 382-7197.

## Valley Road School sets Chinese Auction; lists fundraisers

The Valley Road School PTA will be holding its Second Annual Chinese Auction on Friday, October 7, at the Kumpf School Cafeteria. This is a major fund raiser for school activities, so please mark this date on your calendars and plan to attend. Donations of gifts/prizes are still gladly accepted. Contact PTA President Nancy Brannagan at 381-0075 for tickets.

As part of the PTA effort to promote school spirit and as a service to students and parents, the Valley Road School PTA will be sponsoring a school store. U.S.A.-made knapsacks, roll-bags, T-shirts, sweatshirts, and hats will be available with the Valley Road School insignia

and logo. In addition, pencils, folders, and other stationery items will be on sale at reasonable prices.

In September, the Valley Road School PTA will be sponsoring the sale of Winter Weight Jackets with the Valley Road School logo. The royal blue jackets will be made of heavy-weight, durable nylon.

Orders will be taken during the month of September and must be paid before processing. Delivery will be within 3-4 weeks. A sample jacket will be on display in September in the front showcase. Any questions can be answered by Rose Brinker (381-2051) or Sue Lordi (388-4468).



**SMOKE-FREE** . . . Students entering the 1st grade this year at the Valley Road School in Clark have a head start on becoming a smoke-free generation because of the efforts of the American Lung Association of Central New Jersey. The children will be learning about the health benefits of not smoking and about how to say no to cigarettes at an early age. The American Lung Association of Central N.J., in conjunction with the American Cancer Society and the American Heart Association welcome the class of 2000 -- the smoke-free generation -- to the 1st grade. Pictured are students of the first grade at the Valley Road School in Clark.



**OBSTACLE** . . . Republican candidate for Mayor Bernie Yarsavage (left) and Republican Council candidates Joe Rybak and Ruth DeLuca, listen as Councilman Bernie Hayden (foreground) explains the dilemma of the telephone pole in the center of a walkway for the handicapped on Madison Hill Road and Russell Court.

## Hayden decries apparent ordinance violation

Several residents in the immediate area of Madison Hill Road and Russell Court in Clark have complained to Councilman Bernie Hayden regarding the location of a utility pole in the center of the sidewalk area, making it impossible to utilize the sidewalk.

Councilman Hayden is checking on whether the pole was erected prior to the sidewalk being installed or vice versa.

On the other side of this roadway where a matching sidewalk cutout is located, the immediate area is not cleared to permit sidewalk

usage. Hayden's concerns are that, with school about to re-open, the safety of the children who must use this sidewalk and the safety of the women pushing baby carriages on it is threatened.

The Councilman has written to the Clark Building Code Official asking that this situation be rectified immediately. He has questioned why the Township Ordinance are not being enforced.

"I guess this is just another example of the irresponsible administrative practices of the current administration," said Hayden.