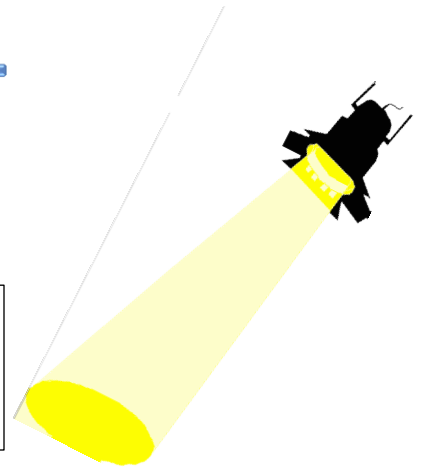


JUNE 2016 SPOTLIGHT



When you take the time to actually listen, with humility, to what people have to say, it's amazing what you can learn.

Greg Mortenson



Mark your calendars for the following dates:

- ✓ **Thursday, June 2nd – 7:00 PM concert** **PR Festival of Arts & Chorus Concert**
- ✓ **Thursday, June 9th – 6:30 PM** **MP Art Show & Book Fair**
- ✓ **Tuesday, June 14th – 7:00 PM** **Board of Education Meeting**
- ✓ **Thursday, June 16th – 7:00 PM** **Graduation**

Point Road

On Thursday, June 2nd, Point Road will be celebrating their Annual Celebration of the Arts. An exhibit of the students' achievements in Art and Music will begin at 3:00 PM with a musical performance at 7:00 PM. Come walk the halls of Point Road and discover the Picassos, van Goghs and Warhols of tomorrow.



Student musicians will also demonstrate their vocal and performance abilities during an evening concert. Please join the celebration of the Arts!



Civil War Day

On Wednesday, May 18th, Markham Place 7th graders traveled back in time to the Civil War. The annual Civil War Day has been a tradition at Markham Place School for over 20 years. The 7th grade was visited by re-enactors from the 7th NJ Regiment of the 2nd NJ Brigade. These men are re-enactors who share their love and expertise of Civil War history with students. The Regiment sets up various stations that the students visit and learn about life during the Civil War.



Project UNIFY

Special Olympics Project UNIFY is an education and sports-based experience that increases athletic and leadership opportunities for students with and without disabilities while creating communities of acceptance for all. On Tuesday, June 7th, Little Silver students will participate in an event in Holmdel. Students from the Markham Place Helping Hands group joined their Point Road buddies in preparation for the event.



Little Silver PTO Raises \$100,000 for Schools!

While the LS PTO experienced a fund-raising setback when they were forced to cancel the Little Silver 5K in October due to weather conditions, they managed to break prior fund raising efforts regardless by raising **\$100,000 for the children and teachers of Little Silver!**



Approximately \$67,000 was allocated for curriculum enrichment including such things as library books, an author experience, cultural arts programs, teacher grants, principal grants and more. Community Outreach constituted \$9,000 of the PTO budget. The remaining \$24,000 was distributed to a variety of other projects including, but not limited to, hospitality at many events and website and communication costs. A special thank you goes out to outgoing President Julie Blacklock and incoming President Kate Galbavy for all of their efforts!

The Spring Music Concert did not disappoint



The Markham Place Concert Band, Jazz Band, Orchestra and Concert Choir wowed the audience during their May 24th performance! Markham Place musicians, under the direction of Mrs. Stephanie Bennett and Ms. Jennifer Brush, performed a diverse repertoire that kept the audience wanting for more. The performance included large and small group ensembles as well as vocal and instrumental solos. Several of the student musicians were recipients of various music honors including: All Shore Intermediate Band, CJMEA Intermediate Region Choir, CJMEA Elementary Honors Orchestra, Acceptance into the RBR Performing Arts Academy, School of Rock Program, and American Boys' Choir. It was a spectacular performance!

Little Silver BOE completes requirements to become a CERTIFIED Board of Education!

The Little Silver Board of Education will be completing their final credit to receive Board Member Certification. To receive this certification, board members must attend programs in at least four of the CBM (Certified Board Member) core areas. Core areas include: 1. Sustainability, 2. Advocacy, 3. Communications, 4. Labor Relations, 5. Finance, 6. Leadership, 7. Governance, 8. District Savings, 9. Student Achievement, 10. Legal/Policy, and 11. Technology. After completing 19 of 20 required credits in core areas and undergoing a district policy review, on June 14th the Board will complete their final credit to receive Certified Board Member (CBM) Certification. The CBM program gives members comprehensive training and essential skills needed to carry out their responsibilities. As dedicated community volunteers, we congratulate the Board of Education for their achievement and continued dedication to the children of Little Silver.