

# Garfield East ECDC News



NOVEMBER 2023 EDITION

## Principal's Message:

*"Celebrate small victories along your academic journey, for they build the foundation for great accomplishments"* - Author Unknown

Hello Garfield East Families,

The month of October was a busy month for our scholars. We hosted numerous spirit week themed events, went on a field trip, and had special visitors at our school. We strive to make engaging, meaningful memories for our children. Their smiles mean the world to us! The team at Garfield East ECDC cannot thank you enough for all your support. We will continue "Nourishing our Scholars to become inspiring leaders in the future!"  
-Mrs. Hipplewith

## Important Reminders:

- Regular school days: 8:50 am- 3:20 pm
- Half school days: 8:50 am- 1:20 pm
- Doors will open for students at 8:50 am. Parents must escort scholars into the building. After 9:00am, students will be marked late.
- Parents must show physical ID during dismissal.
- Parents, if there are any changes for dismissal or you will be late for, please notify your child's teacher or the main office.
- Please make sure your child has an extra change of clothes at school.
- Our school is A PEANUT FREE school!
- Weather is changing, please make sure your child is dressed accordingly.

## Upcoming Events:

- PTA Dress Down Days- 11/3 & 11/17
- Fall Break -11/6-11/10-
- PTA Meeting- 11/15 @ 6pm
- PTA Pretzels Sale- 11/17
- Early Dismissal-11/22
- Thanksgiving Break- 11/23 & 11/24
- Early Dismissal- 10/30



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## Lead Educator's Message

Hello Garfield East ECDC Families. My name is Mrs. Brown and I've had the pleasure of serving as the Lead Educator of this wonderful school since the beginning of October. I have met many of you during arrival and dismissal. I look forward to getting to know your children and you better.

Our committed teachers continue to immerse your Preschool and Kindergarten children in learning through exploration, experimentation and questioning. They are well on their way to becoming more independent learners. Please feel free to contact me regarding our curriculum programs here at Garfield East ECDC...where PHENOMENAL learning happens!

Mrs. Brown

It's a great time of year to walk outside and collect acorns, leaves, and other bits of nature with your child. One of my favorite fall reads is Leaf Man by Lois Ehlert. After listening to the story together, go on a nature walk to gather as many different types of leaves as you can find. Build your own Leaf Person or Creature! You can try to identify the type of tree by using this neat Tree Identification tool.

-Ms. Moore, Library Media Specialist

## Librarian:

## Social Worker:

Hi Everyone,

In October we sang Sing-Along Songs about using gentle hands and feet, asking for help, and ways to calm our bodies when we are mad. We also read stories about being brave, embracing our differences, and being kind. These stories are Jabari Jumps, Trumpet the Blind Cat, and Your Name is a Song. In addition to lessons in the classroom, I am here to assist with challenges that may be present at home or school.

Please email me anytime at [kmunar@wboe.net](mailto:kmunar@wboe.net). -Mrs. Munar

## COMMUNITY PARENT INVOLVEMENT SPEALIST- CPIS

Hello Garfield East Families! September & October have been successful months. Our Super Scholars participated in numerous Spirit Weeks, a class trip, and school visitors. We strive to make each child's educational experience the best possible. Thank you for your TEAMWORK! The Garfield East team is always eager to support all your needs and encourage you to fill out the Community Needs Assessment that was sent home with your child. You can find the QR code on the next page. Also, if you have any questions/concerns, please submit the Google Form (QR code on the next page) and a staff personnel will reach out within 24 hours. Together we can continue making the school year engaging!

-Ms. Bonilla



## Community Needs Assessment

Please answer the Community Needs Assessment as your feedback will assist us in planning programs and workshops to meet your needs. This survey will remain anonymous. Please use the QR code below to complete the survey. Thank you!



## Daily questions/ concerns

The staff is always willing to answer all your questions/ concerns. We ask you to please fill out the form and a staff personnel from Garfield East ECDC will get in contact with you to answer your question/s within 24 hours. This will help us keep track of all daily questions.



## PTA:

The Garfield East PTA is a collaborative partnership between our school, our families, and our community which focuses on the children: the children in your home, the children in our school, and the children in our community. Garfield East ECDC PTA thanks you for your continued support. We have some upcoming events that we are excited for your participation! Also, please do not forget to join us for our monthly meeting on Wednesday, November 15th.

Thank you!



## October Highlights:

- Week of Respect took place from October 2nd-6th. Students engaged in lessons related to RESPECT and KINDNESS. They also participated in our 1st Spirit Week of the school year.



- On October 13 our school showed their support to Breast Cancer Awareness. For nearly four decades now, the country has recognized October as National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. It is a time annually devoted to educating everyone about breast cancer and the importance of early detection and access to timely, high-quality care.



## Fire Department:

On October 17th, the Willingboro Fire Department visited our school to show students a firefighter's uniform, equipment and fire truck! It's important to teach our children about Fire Safety and create a plan at home.



## Class Trip:

- Our Super Scholars went on their first trip of the school year. Students went to Duffield's Farm. They experienced a hayride and pumpkin picking. We love creating memories with our students!



## More October Highlights:

- Red Ribbon Week took place from October 23- 26. Students participated on our second Spirit Week event of the school year! It's great to see our students enjoy themed day events and learn the importance of keeping our bodies healthy.



- Students were invited to an assembly hosted by Jubilee on October 25th. Students were introduced to our GIRAFFE GEM program to promote positive behavior.



## Native American Heritage Month

We proudly celebrate Native American Heritage Month. The month is a time to celebrate rich and diverse cultures, traditions, and histories and to acknowledge the important contributions of Native people. Click [HERE](#) for a Digital Read-Aloud Calendar for November & celebrate Native American Heritage!



Native  
American  
Heritage  
Month

# Alphabet Parade:



- Our Super Scholars are working diligently to learn the letters and letter sounds of the alphabet! Families and students participated in an Alphabet Parade on October 30th to commemorate all of their efforts! Thank you to all the families that worked on this event! Our students had a wonderful time!



## Willingboro Police Department Visit:

The Willingboro School District partnered with the Willingboro Police Department to celebrate Halloween for our students. Ofc. Quartararo and his K-9 dressed as an Eagles player and visited all the elementary schools and passed out candy. We appreciate all community members and their partnership with our schools.



# October Highlights: Students of the Month

## PreK 3

- Room 18- Rudy Avi
- Room 19- Trevor Esaw
- Room 20 - Ava Harris Strickland
- Room 21- Tytan Phelps
- Room 22-Leila Murry

## PreK 4

- Room 5- Valentina Guerreiro De Oliveira Souza
- Room 8 - Janessa Brown
- Room 9- London Murphy
- Room 10- Aria Jordan
- Room 11-Essence Bouyer
- Room 12- Zaya Spencer
- Room 16-Caleb Fonseca Segul

## Kindergarten

- Room 25- Nathaniel A.
- Room 26- Muhammad-Shaafi Hamidullah
- Room 27 - Shiloh Richardson
- Room 28-Khari Anthony
- Room 30- Daniella Ogungbangbe
- Room 31-Jon West
- Room 32- Izaak Plaza
- Room 34-Lose-Anie Dorvilus

## Staff



Evelyn Diaz Hernandez

### Words from the staff:

- She is always optimistic, helpful, and super resourceful.
- She is the best. Always available to provide support to parents, staff and everyone.
- She is always happy to see the kids and is working really hard.
- She is always willing to support the staff and Willingboro families.

# Community Events



## WILLINGBORO NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

You are invited to attend our Willingboro Neighborhood Watch meetings held the 3rd Thursday of each month at 7:00 pm at the Reva Foster Senior Center.

**Benefits of attending Neighborhood Watch include:**

- Working collaboratively with the police department and local community groups to better our community
- Addressing quality of life issues and mutual interests in our community
- Learning how to observe and report suspicious activities in our community
- Creating a greater sense of security and reducing the fear of crime
- Building bonds with neighbors and stimulating neighborhood awareness by looking out for one another

**Upcoming meeting dates:**

• February 16	• August 17	<b>*Note: There will be no meeting during the months of July and December.</b>
• March 16	• September 21	
• April 20	• October 19	
• May 18	• November 16	
• June 15		

**BLOCK CAPTAINS ARE NEEDED!**

To learn more about Willingboro Neighborhood Watch and/or our block captain program contact **Officer Landrum at 609-877-2200 ext. 1070** or [slandrum@willingboropolice.com](mailto:slandrum@willingboropolice.com). You may also contact Willingboro Neighborhood Watch directly at [willingboroneighborhoodwatch@gmail.com](mailto:willingboroneighborhoodwatch@gmail.com)




Share your **STORIES, PHOTOS AND EXPERIENCES** WITH

# FUTURO HOUSE!

**JOIN US ON FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17 FROM 6 PM - 8 PM**

**SCAN THE QR CODE TO RSVP**  
Kennedy Center, Room 106  
429 John F. Kennedy Way  
Willingboro, NJ 08046







# FREE FAMILY SKATE

WE HAD SO MUCH FUN AT OUR LAST COMMUNITY SKATE EVENT THAT WE ARE DOING IT AGAIN!

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO FAMILY SKATE WITH THE WILLINGBORO POLICE DEPARTMENT

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH**  
**1:00 PM - 3:00 PM**

THE RINK, 1775 CREEK ROAD, EDGEWATER PARK, NEW JERSEY, 08010

**SKATE RENTAL IS INCLUDED FOR EVERYONE**

**CHILDREN 18 AND UNDER WILL RECEIVE VOUCHER FOR FREE PIZZA & SOFT DRINK WHILE SUPPLIES LAST**

**ALL AGES WELCOME!**

To register scan the QR code or visit [HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/BOROFAMILYSKATE](https://tinyurl.com/borofamilyskate)

For more information contact Officer Landrum at [slandrum@willingboropolice.com](mailto:slandrum@willingboropolice.com) or 609-877-2200 ext. 1070.



WILLINGBORO TOWNSHIP NEW JERSEY

## WELCOME TO THE KENNEDY CENTER!

HOURS OF OPERATION

MONDAY - FRIDAY: 8:00 AM - 9:30 PM  
SATURDAY - SUNDAY: 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM

**FITNESS CENTER**

MONDAY - FRIDAY: 7:30 AM - 8:30 PM  
SATURDAY - SUNDAY: 8:00 AM - 3:30 PM

**REVA FOSTER SENIOR CENTER**

MONDAY - FRIDAY: 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM  
SATURDAY - SUNDAY: 8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

THANK YOU FOR VISITING!



# Community Events




## 2023 LEAF COLLECTION

Scheduled Pick-Up Period -  
October 23, 2023 - January 12, 2024

<b>ZONE 1 Collection:</b> October 23, 2023 - November 9, 2023	<b>ZONE 2 Collection:</b> November 13, 2023 - December 1, 2023
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<p>Country Club, Windsor, Twin Hills, Hawthorne, Garfield East, Garfield North &amp; Martin's Beach</p>	<p>Millbrook, Pennypacker, Garfield, Buckingham, Somerset, Deer Park, Rittenhouse &amp; Fairmount</p>
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The Public Works Department requests your patience and cooperation with our efforts to promote a safe and efficient leaf collection operation in our neighborhoods! Please direct any questions or concerns to the Public Works Department at 609-877-2200, ext. 1051 or ext. 1107.



## Virtua Health: Turkey and Produce Giveaway

At Virtua Health, we aim to help people be well, get well and stay well - and eating well is an essential component of that mission.


As we celebrate the holiday season, we recognize this time of year can be challenging, so we are giving away frozen turkeys and accompanying fresh produce to 350 Burlington County families. Items will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis.

Virtua requests participants use our designated drive-thru, where food will be loaded into the vehicle. Event signs and staff will be available to direct participants. Limit one turkey and produce bag per vehicle.

**Monday, November 20**  
**Starting at 8:30 a.m. until items run out**

Virtua Willingboro Hospital  
218 Sunset Rd., Willingboro, NJ 08046

# YOUTH WRESTLING CLUB



**STARTS TUESDAY NOV. 7TH**

**TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS**  
6:15 PM - 8:15 PM  
ALL SESSIONS RUN FOR FOUR MONTHS

**BOYS & GIRLS - AGES 5-14**  
\$95 / RESIDENTS  
\$110 / NON - RESIDENTS

Willingboro Recreation & Parks Department  
**Kennedy Center**  
429 John F. Kennedy Way, Willingboro, NJ 08046  
609-877-2200 ext. 1112 or 1115

**REGISTER AT: [www.willinabororec.com](http://www.willinabororec.com)**

## BURLINGTON COUNTY EXPUNGEMENT CLINIC & Resource/Job Fair

November 2, 2023  
10 a.m. - 6 p.m.  
Two Locations

Have a non-violent offense in your past that is holding you back in life? Come out for a free consultation with an attorney at one the locations listed below to see whether it can be removed from your criminal history.

The Burlington City location will also be hosting a job fair, and the Willingboro venue is offering several additional services, including:

- Access to free addiction treatment
- Assistance restoring motor vehicle privileges
- Blood pressure checks
- Government identification cards issued
- Housing assistance
- Re-entry services
- Services for families with youth in detention
- Voter registration

Free Chick-fil-A sandwiches will be provided!

TABERNACLE BAPTIST CHURCH  
150 EAST 2ND STREET  
BURLINGTON CITY, NJ  
**Job Fair Location**

JFK RECREATION CENTER  
429 JOHN F. KENNEDY WAY  
WILLINGBORO, NJ  
**Resource Fair Location**

For more information on the clinic, visit [facebook.com/burlparns](https://facebook.com/burlparns).

# Community Events

## DISGUISE A TURKEY PROJECT

Nov. 1 - 21. All day.

Children are invited to disguise a turkey for the Thanksgiving holiday! Join us as we transform turkeys into police officers, dogs, trees, or anything you can dream of!



Willingboro Public Library  
220 Willingboro Parkway  
Willingboro, NJ 08046  
www.willingboro.org  
609-877-6668



## GRATITUDE TREE



Thursday  
November 16  
6 pm



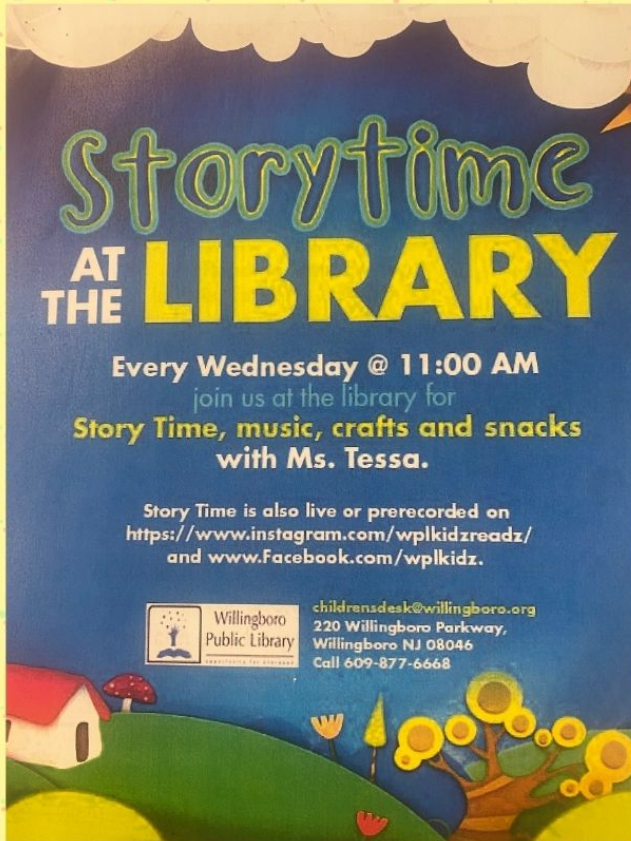
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Parents and children, come create a Gratitude Tree! All ages.

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TREE OF THANKS

# Community Events

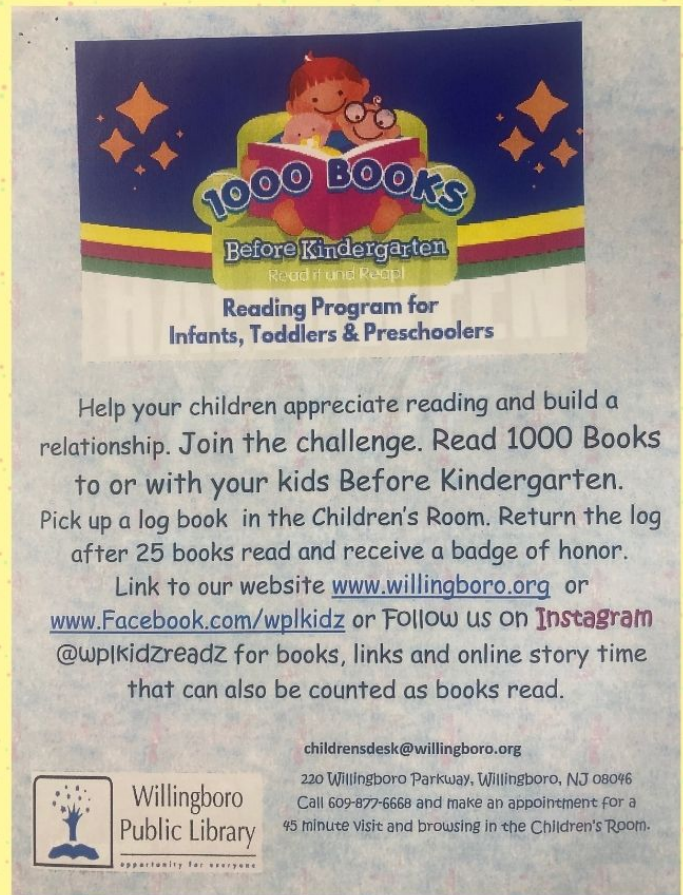


**Storytime**  
**AT THE LIBRARY**

Every Wednesday @ 11:00 AM  
join us at the library for  
**Story Time, music, crafts and snacks**  
with Ms. Tessa.

Story Time is also live or prerecorded on  
<https://www.instagram.com/wplkidzreadz/>  
and [www.Facebook.com/wplkidz](http://www.Facebook.com/wplkidz).

Willingboro Public Library  
childrensdesk@willingboro.org  
220 Willingboro Parkway,  
Willingboro NJ 08046  
Call 609-877-6668



**1000 Books**  
Before Kindergarten  
Read it and Read!

Reading Program for  
Infants, Toddlers & Preschoolers

Help your children appreciate reading and build a relationship. Join the challenge. Read 1000 Books to or with your kids Before Kindergarten. Pick up a log book in the Children's Room. Return the log after 25 books read and receive a badge of honor.

Link to our website [www.willingboro.org](http://www.willingboro.org) or [www.Facebook.com/wplkidz](http://www.Facebook.com/wplkidz) or Follow us on **Instagram** @wplkidzreadz for books, links and online story time that can also be counted as books read.

childrensdesk@willingboro.org  
220 Willingboro Parkway, Willingboro, NJ 08046  
Call 609-877-6668 and make an appointment for a 45 minute visit and browsing in the Children's Room.

Willingboro Public Library  
opportunity for everyone



**Generations FAMILY SUCCESS CENTER**

**LEGACY TREATMENT SERVICES**

**Free Diapers**

**Free Wipes**

**Diaper Derby**

Pregnant women and parents of babies can receive FREE diapers, pull-ups and wipes. Diapers and pull-ups are distributed the first and third week of the month. You may pick them up by appointment only.

For more information please call 609-267-4001 or email [GenerationsFSC@legacytreatment.org](mailto:GenerationsFSC@legacytreatment.org)

Generations Family Success Center  
45 High Street, Mt. Holly, NJ 08060



**Generations FAMILY SUCCESS CENTER**

**Generations Family Success Center**  
45 High Street, Mt. Holly NJ 08060  
Open Monday, Wednesday and Friday 9am to 4:30pm  
Tuesday and Thursday 9am to 7pm  
Always FREE and open to ALL.

FREE computer, print, copier and fax services  
FREE workshops, classes and events for all ages  
FREE Connection to Community Resources  
FREE Diapers and Feminine Hygiene Products  
FREE Job Search Assistance  
FREE Assistance with Birthdays, Holidays and School Supplies

For more information please call 609-267-4001 or email [GenerationsFSC@legacytreatment.org](mailto:GenerationsFSC@legacytreatment.org)



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