

# Waterbury Public Schools News Update

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## Olympics of the Mind



held at the Holiday Inn on East Main Street and emceed by WATR's Tom Chute. WATR provided a

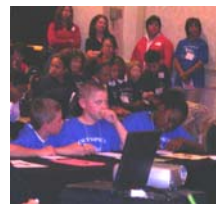


This year, students also had a visit from Fox 61 Weatherman Joe Furey, who helped hand out the trophies and ribbons at the end of the event. Fox 61 later posted pictures and information on its website.

Third and fifth grade students from each public elementary school in Waterbury competed against each other in teams and individually to win prizes in this year's Olympics of the Mind competition.

live broadcast of the final rounds of the event to its listeners.

Once again, the event was



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## Kennedy Student Journalists Win Again!

Kennedy students captured three 2008 New England Scholastic Press Association Journalism Awards Friday at the 60th annual conference at Boston University. The entire Eagle Flyer newspaper staff won the 2008 Highest Achievement Journalism

Award in Scholastic Editing and Publishing for Class I (schools with 1,000 plus students) for their body of work during the past year. In addition, students won two 2008 News Writing Awards: one for a story on retiring principal Mr. Azzara, and another

on the new suspension law. Kennedy has now captured 31 journalism awards since the newspaper was reinvented in 2004.



## Olympics of the Mind continued



### Third Grade

#### Individual Winners:

Joshua Roaix

Peter Longo (alternate)

### Fifth Grade

#### Individual Winners:

Chris Snyder

Celina Caetano (alternate)



**Overall 3rd  
Grade Team  
Winners:**  
**1st = Rotella**  
**2nd = Wilson**  
**3rd = Chase**

### North Division:

1st = W.Wilson (Gabriel Campos, Bay-Ahmad Robertson, Tara Coelho, Sasha Rodriguez, Kyle Gagne, alternate Hillary Mateo)

2nd = Regan (Nichole Echevarria, Alla Hashim, Celsea Lopez, Fred Todd, Louis Rotar, alternate Donika Berisha)

3rd = Driggs (Rolando Puello, Corinthia Higgins, Christina Sarvis, Damaris Cabrera, Joshua Hodges, alternate Idalis Miranda)

### East Division:

1st = Rotella (Hannah Butler, Joshua Roaix, Julio Caruso, Madison Sumpf, Jaylis Gonzalez, alternate Peter Longo)

2nd = Chase (Marcus Patterson, Terrell Patterson, Chloe Rosario, Jason Margison, Jayshon Nunley, alternate Aaliyah James)

3rd = Generali (Klajdi Gjonaj, Kojo Dadzie, Justin Ortiz, Zhaniah Oliveras, Steven Urbanski, alternate Karim Belica)

### West Division:

1st = Maloney (Louis Molliconi, Trajan Lounsbury, Patrick DREWRY, John Grimes, Emily Luna, alternate Jackson Yost)

2nd = Hopeville (Joyce Benton, Christian Milian, Fiona Kelly, Tyriq Cushon, Kim Garcia, alternate Emily Benton)

3rd = Bunker Hill (Steven Ayres, Felipe Figueroa, Daisy Barriounevo, Kaitlynn Cartie, Ariana Ramos, alternate Tyler Rosado)

## Fifth Grade Team Winners

**Overall 5th  
Grade Team  
Winners:**  
**1st = Bunker Hill**  
**2nd = Rotella**  
**3rd = Walsh**

### North Division:

1st = Driggs (Emily Diaz, Sharliz Acevedo, Susana Torres, Josilyn Lounsbury, Victoria Szantyr, alternate Cinthia Vega)

2nd = Kingsbury (Imran Husain, Ashanti Fleming, Jocelyn trent, Karyn Zarzuela, Austin Spiegel, alternate Allana Johnson)

3rd = Regan (Altayeb Hashim, Daniel Ruman-Gonzalez, Joseph Daugerdas, Sameer Ally, Brandon Gonzalez, alternate Nia Ridenhour)

### East Division:

1st = Rotella (Alejandro Bird, Ryan White, Eric Simmonds, Blessing Zenick, Chris Snyder, alternate Celina Caetano)

2nd = Walsh (Arianna McDonald, Gabriel Correa, Angelica Torres, Trevonte White, Leveny Torruella, alternate DaShawn Jordan)

3rd = Chase (Noor Naseri, Joshua Bracey, Raymond Martinez, Amber Prete, Dominiqua Bethea, alternate Fitor Roqi)

### West Division

1st = Bunker Hill (Rosauri Rodriguez, Scott Csefai, Shawn Thomas, William Duchman, Alegra Hilyard, alternate Cole Schmidt)

2nd = Barnard (Sarah Namazi, Meagan Perreault, Philip Marcucio, Cesar Quental, Angel Hernandez, alternate Jowaunen Lott)

3rd = Maloney (Eric Beltrami, Makaila Dugan, Jay Ron Lark, Darryl Dublin, Jonathan Barbieri, alternate Gustavo Carphio)

## Greater Waterbury NAACP Freedom Fund Honorees

The Greater Waterbury NAACP will have their annual Freedom Fund Luncheon on Saturday, May 17th at the Waterbury Marriott at 1 pm.

This year's honorees will include: Robyn Apicella, Principal of Wilby High School, as Educator of

the Year And Linda Riddick-Barron, Waterbury Educational Grants Office, Community Service Award.

Other honorees include: Humanitarian - Atty. General Richard Blumenthal Public Ser-

vice Leadership - Atty. Gail P. Hardy State's Attorney, Judicial District of Hartford

Three local students will also receive scholarships.

**Robyn Apicella and Linda Riddick-Barron among honorees**

## Waterbury Students Among Those Selected in Mother's Day Contest

Numerous schools from throughout the region entered Quassy Amusement Park's 2008 Mother Of The Year Essay Contest. Students were charged with writing an essay explaining why their mom should be named Quassy's "Mother Of The Year."

"The program, in its

third year, demonstrates how well youngsters in our regional schools can apply themselves when charged with such an assignment," noted George Frantzis II, a co-owner of the lakeside park. "All of the submissions were outstanding in their own way and it was difficult selecting the winners."

### Winners Selected

After reading dozens of submissions from students in second through eighth grades, the following winners were selected:

**Waterbury – Bunker Hill School:** Fourth grade: Rodly Thelors; **Bungay School:** fifth grade: Del Mastrobattisto; **Maloney Magnet School:** fourth grade: Steffany Sanchez, Katherine Ross; **Rotella School:** fifth grade: Celina Caetano; third grade: Hannah Butler; second grade: IZIAH BARNES, Ariana Llabani.

## WAMS Helps KYLA

During the recent Sunday morning 'Kyla's Race for a Cure,' benefitting St. Jude Childrens Research Hospital, Waterbury Arts Magnet School was recognized twice! This community and district-wide event featured WAMS senior, Ashley Randall, who singing the National Anthem because of her

participation in the event. Her performance was so powerful that most of the crowd was reportedly in tears. WAMS also received a Bronze Sponsorship for all the work the school did with **Love-songs** in February. This WAMS event helped raise funds as well.

Louise Allen Brown, Grant Writer for the Waterbury Public Schools and Chairperson of the Waterbury Prevention Policy Board, was among those honored by the United Way of Greater Waterbury at its annual Community Leaders Dinner at the Villa Rosa, April 24. Louise received the Community Volunteer of the Year Award for her many contributions to the Waterbury community. CONGRATULATIONS!

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**Take Them Out to the Ball Game!** The Rock Cat of the New Britain Rock Cats came to Carrington School to visit classes in preparation for the baseball game field trip for students who are present and do their best on the CMT. Students of Mr. DosSantos were pleased to surround the big cat.

### Pre Kindergarten MDA HOP - A - THON

In the month of April the Pre Kindergarten teachers, students and families participated in a Hop-A-Thon. This fun and educational program benefited the Muscular Dystrophy Association (MDA). The Hop-A-Thon was a great way for the students to learn about disability awareness while having fun and helping others. By using their healthy muscles to hop for children and adults with weak muscles, they were helping raise funds for the purchase of wheelchairs, leg braces, MDA clinic visits, MDA summer camp, support groups, and funding research to find treatments and cures for the more than 40 neuromuscular diseases that MDA covers.

In addition to the reward of helping others, every child who participated received a Flip Flop Hop Activity and Coloring Book, Blue Ribbon Achievement Sticker and a Certificate.

