

# **HAROLD F. SCOTT SCHOOL** **“A Feinstein Leadership School”**

*“Helping to better the lives of others is the greatest of all achievements”. ~ Alan Shawn Feinstein*

**As a Feinstein Leadership School, we are committed to teaching our students to be caring of others.**

Virginia Bolano, Principal and Feinstein Newsletter Coordinator

*Alan Shawn Feinstein is founder of the Feinstein Foundation, dedicated to helping the needy and encouraging youngsters to do likewise. His campaign to fight hunger has raised over \$2.5 Billion for thousands of anti-hunger agencies nationwide. There are now over 250,000 Feinstein Jr. Scholars and 172 Feinstein Leadership Schools throughout New England and overseas.*

## **“Our Great Kids”**

“Our Great Kids” is a weekly Feinstein Show that airs on Saturdays and Sundays at 10:00am on PBS 36 and Cox 8.



## **Scott PBIS Program**

PBIS stands for School-Wide Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports. PBIS is a systems approach to establishing a social culture of behavioral supports for all children that promotes both social and academic success in school. We have worked our existing “I Spot” program into the recognition part of PBIS whereby, the teachers and staff recognize “Feinstein Jr. Scholars” who are spotted making positive choices and perform random acts of good judgment and kindness and by demonstrating the 3 R’s of PBIS; Respect, Responsibility and Readiness. The program has been positively received and each month names are drawn of those who have received “I Spot” tickets. The winners receive; special recognition in the PTA newsletter, a certificate of recognition, a group photo placed on display on the lunchroom bulletin board along with their names and a special pizza luncheon with Mrs. Bolano.

## **Good Deeds**

To date, the Scott School “Feinstein Jr. Scholars” students have compiled a total of 6,389 Good Deeds for the school year. All acts of kindness towards others, at school, home and in the community were considered to come up with this total. We are very proud of the students and their caring attitudes.



## **Back to School Picnic**

A back to school picnic was held during the first week of school to welcome everyone back and to provide new families with the opportunity to meet new friends. The event was well attended and a wonderful get-together.

## **“Socktober” Fundraiser**

During the month of October Feinstein Jr. Scholars participated in a “Socktober” Fundraiser to help collect socks for a local clothing collection for those in need. Over 422 pairs of socks were collected by the Scott School Feinstein Jr. Scholars! Awesome work!



## **Open House and Fall Book Fair Event**

Our Open House and Family Book Fair event was held on September 18, 2017. The event provided families with the opportunity to hear about important school initiatives, visit their child’s classroom and purchase books for home while helping to fund the purchase of books for the school and individual classroom libraries.

## **American Red Cross - Hurricane Relief Support**

Fifth-grade Feinstein Jr. Scholar, Kaitlin S., created and organized a school-wide fundraiser to help those affected by the hurricanes this past fall. Kristi came up with ideas for a school spirit day and had students vote as to their favorite theme. “Comfy Cozy Day” was the winning theme and all Feinstein Jr. Scholars donated money so they could wear their pajamas/comfy cosy clothes to school on November 16, 2017. All of the money collected was donated to the American Red Cross for their hurricane relief efforts. I would like to thank Feinstein Jr. Scholar, Kaitlin S., for thinking of a way we can help others and organizing this awesome and fun-filled event. Great work, Kaitlin!

### **Card for Veterans**

The Scott School Feinstein Jr. Scholars created cards for Rhode Island Veterans during the beginning of November. The 285 cards created by our Jr. Scholars were then delivered by Mrs. Bolano to the Rhode Island Veterans' Hospital for the Veterans to enjoy on Veterans Day.



### **Thanksgiving Food Basket Donations**

The PTA Community Food Drive Committee organized a “Feinstein I Can Make a Difference” Thanksgiving Food Basket drive this fall. Food items were donated and along with those from our Bingo Night event were donated to the Westbay Marketplace. As mentioned before, a total of 268.4 pounds of food were collected for families in our community to enjoy.

### **December Soup Collection**

The Westbay Marketplace informed us after our Thanksgiving donation that they were very short on soup and asked for our assistance in holding another collection before the holidays. The Feinstein Jr. Scholars did a fantastic job of collecting 206 pounds of canned soup to help stock the shelves and provide a warm meal for those in need during the cold winter weather.

### **Adopt-a-Child**

Again this year, the PTA organized an Adopt-a-Child event during the holiday season. This “Feinstein I Can Make a Difference” program provided 13 children, of families in our Scott School community, with gifts and clothing items to help make their holidays a little brighter.



### **Feinstein Mentoring Partnership**

Scott School continues its mentoring partnership with Kent County Hospital and MetLife. We also have mentors from within the community. All of the mentors have attended mentor training and have been matched up with children at our school. Each mentor meets with his/her student one time per week during the school year.

### **“Souper Bowl” Food Drive**

Our annual “Souper Bowl” Food Drive will take place from January 29 - February 2, 2018. Feinstein Jr. Scholars will help to stock the shelves of the Westbay Marketplace, our community food bank by donating cans of soup or other canned food items during our food drive. This is just another of our Feinstein I Can Make a Difference Programs.

### **Valentine’s Day Card for Seniors**

The Scott Feinstein Jr. Scholars are be making Valentine’s Day cards for seniors. The cards will help to bring cheer to seniors in our Warwick community. This is another annual event through our “Feinstein I Can Make a Difference” program.

### **“Pink Out”**

The Feinstein Jr. Scholars will hold a “Pink Out” on February 14, 2018 in recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness month. Everyone will be wearing as much pink as they could possibly find to help raise money for The American Cancer Society. This is another of our “Feinstein I Can Make a Difference” events that are planned each year.

### **World Down Syndrome Day**

Fifth-grade Feinstein Jr. Scholar, Jared H., is currently helping to organize a school-wide “Crazy Sock Day” that will be held on Wednesday, March 21, 2018 to raise money for the Down Syndrome Society of Rhode Island and to promote better awareness of Down Syndrome.

### **Gianna Cirella Memorial Fund**

Sixth-grade Feinstein Jr. Scholar, Makenzzi P., is currently helping to organize a school spirit day that will take place on Thursday, March 29, 2018 to raise money for the Gianna Cirella Memorial Fund. The Gianna Cirella Memorial Fund was created in Gianna’s name in order to provide assistance for children and their families affected by sepsis, provide assistance in sepsis research and provide scholarship money for players of the sport Gianna loved.

### **Faculty and Staff Dress Down Days**

The faculty and staff participate in “Feinstein I Can Make a Difference” Dress Down Days on selected Fridays during the school year. The money collected is donated to a number of causes and memorial funds.

### **Other Upcoming Events:**

- Spring Food Drive
- Walkathon