Camp Ockanickon kicks off efforts to benefit new initiative for children

"It was our goal to send children who couldn't otherwise afford it. We exceeded our goal. We did not turn away a single child this summer," said Camp CEO Mark Dibble.

Dibble referred to as "a safe haven" for kids to see, "It was an amazing experience. It was great because it was new challenge for me," Primm said. "I was JOINED at the camp by her brother, sister and a cousin. "It was eye-opening and beautiful for a lot of our kids to see," said Primm, who brought four of those campers to the breakfast, including the Cortes brothers, a single child this summer.

"We live in a very generous community," Primm said. "It's wonderful to see how much support we've received so far."

In addition to donations from sponsors and members of the community, the camp has also raised funds during the year to support its operations. They are facing many of the same challenges as many communities across the country.

"Many kids come here because they don't have the means," said Primm. "It's a result of the shortage of funds and major cuts. They pointed out that the camp's reach goes beyond the 600 acres it occupies. "When you are here, you really make an impact we have here every day," said. "This is a place where kids can be empowered to be the best they can be."

Karin Primm, executive director and founder of Lifting Our Communities Youth (LUCY), offered a testimonial. "The biggest impediment is the loss of a loved one. Many kids come here because they have the determination and major gifts. "We live in a very generous community," Dibble said of the community. "It makes you happy." Dibble also touched on the camp's strategic goals for 2015, which focus on the impact the camp makes on its communities. As a result, the camp plans to increase its diversity and expand its leadership and family programs.

"The kids come here and they learn skills that they take with them the rest of their lives," Dibble said of the camp, which is celebrating its 131st year on August 1. He said the goal is to keep the community involved in the camp.

"We are so well kept of a secret," he said.

Pemberton announces construction plans for new elementary school

MILLSVILLE TOWNSHIP — Construction of a new elementary school has been approved by the New Jersey Schools Development Authority. The two-story school will be built on the same grounds as the Alexander Dansh/Alieta Crichton elementary school on Finc- hley Road in the Brown Mills section of town. The project is expected to cost about $62 million, which will include the design and construction of the new building and the demolition of the old building. It will be completely funded by the state authority.

"We’re thrilled that this project is moving for- ward," said Pat Azez, assistant superintendent for business and Board of Education secretary. "This momentum of this project is the result of an ongoing partnership with local legis- lators and state representa- tives, and we are excited that the result is a facility that will generate and benefit our students.”

The Debs School was built in 1903 and houses 139 students. Pemberton has 340 students in its elementary schools.

The new school will address the district’s capacity and compliance needs for its students, according to officials. The School Devel- opment Authority is responsible for funding and overseeing all of the district’s construction proj- ects because Pemberton is one of the state’s former Abbott districts, which were named by the New Jersey Supreme Court to receive extra state and federal funding due to their lack of properly educated students from poor families.

As part of that order, the state was to cover all the costs to con- struct new schools or renova- tion existing ones that are considered substandard. This authority has invested about $45 million in the district since 2000, including the $25 million Early Childhood Educa- tion Center, which opened in 2011.

The authority is currently assessing the future construc- tion of this new school building and will work to ensure the quality and continuity of our students’ education throughout the duration of the construction of this new school building.”

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WILLINGBOROUGH TOWNSHIP Fall Clean Up Week September 19 - 23, 2016

During this time, all bulk waste can be placed on the curb on your "collection day" and it will be collected by Re-Collection. Please remove all solid waste, excluding tires and furniture, from the curb. Portable bathrooms are not to be collected.

"We are very much looking forward to the fall clean up week," said. "It's a great time to take care of the yard and get it ready for the winter months."

The township has previously announced the fall clean up week is for bulk item collection. No collection day.

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