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CELEBRATE NJ! MONTH IS UNDERWAY:
STUDENT AUTHORS FROM CENTRAL JERSEY COUNTIES HONORED BY
SOMERSET PATRIOTS

(Somerville, NJ) -- It was the culmination of months of hard work for thousands of 4th grade students from Somerset Hunterdon and Middlesex Counties who participated in the Celebrate NJ! school program. After researching and writing articles for a newspaper written by New Jersey kids, the students were honored by the Somerset Patriots during a recent game at Commerce Bank Ballpark in Somerville. Each child was given two tickets to the game.

Karen Hatcher, Celebrate NJ! President explains, “These students worked so hard and learned so many wonderful things about the place they call home. We were inspired and entertained by the variety and depth of topics that they chose. It’s great to have an opportunity to celebrate their efforts and to create a positive association with learning about our State.” Fans in attendance tested their knowledge of New Jersey trivia throughout the game, challenged by questions written by students in the program.

Governor Corzine has issued an official proclamation again this year designating June as the *Celebrate New Jersey!* month. To culminate the school program, eight local minor and independent league baseball teams will host Celebrate NJ! game nights throughout the month for the 9,000 students who participated in the program.

Celebrate NJ! is also running a year long campaign that invites everyone who has a Reason to Celebrate NJ! to log on to www.CelebrateNJ.org and enter that reason. The group will continue to unveil the reasons each month based on the number of days in a particular month. Residents are encouraged to enter specific reasons describing the interesting and unique aspects of the Garden State. Entry cards are also available at over 350 libraries across the state. The selected reasons are announced daily on the organization’s website.

The “365 Reasons to Celebrate NJ!” campaign is made possible through the generous support of sponsors NJ Cable Telecommunications Association, ArborSys Group, and St. Barnabas Health Care System. For more information about the campaign, visit www.CelebrateNJ.org.

The following schools were honored by the Patriots:

Somerset County

Adamsville Primary School
Bradley Gardens Primary
Crim Primary School
East End School
Green Brook Middle School
Hamilton Primary School
Hillsborough School
Holy Family Academy
John F. Kennedy School
Liberty Corner School
Old York School
Roosevelt School
St Ann School
Stony Brook Elementary School
Sunnymead School
Van Derveer School
Van Holten School
Village Elementary School

Hunterdon County

Alexandria Middle School
Bloomsbury Elementary School
Clinton Public School
High Bridge Elementary School
Lambertville Public School
The Kids' Homeschool Network

Photo Caption: Pictured Far Left- Karen Hatcher, President of Celebrate NJ! and Far Right- Linda Goetz, 4th Grade Teacher at Sacred Heart School in South Plainfield are flanked by students who were honored by Celebrate NJ! at a recent Somerset Patriots baseball game. Hundreds of children from Somerset, Hunterdon Middlesex and other Central Jersey counties were recognized for their school projects about the Garden State.