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CELEBRATE NJ! MONTH FINALE:
BAYONNE STUDENTS HONORED
AT BEARS GAME

(Newark, NJ) -- It was the culmination of months of hard work for fourth graders from Bayonne who participated in the Celebrate NJ! school program. After researching articles about the Garden State, dozens of area students were honored by the Newark Bears during a recent home game. Each child earned two tickets to the game. The game marked the final event of Celebrate NJ! Month.

Joseph Onjay, a fourth grade student at St. Mary, Star of the Sea School in Bayonne says, "I had a lot of fun learning about New Jersey. My project was about Hunterdon County. I learned a lot and then went there to see it and take pictures."

According to Kimberly Mix, a fourth grade teacher at St. Mary, Star of the Sea School in Bayonne, "The Celebrate NJ! Program is great teaching tool and fun way for students to learn about the people, places and reasons why people love New Jersey. My class did a county project; each student researched a county. The students learned about different places and people. They enjoyed the project and the Celebrate NJ! Program."

Children from St. Mary, Star of the Sea School in Bayonne, Saints Mary and Elizabeth Academy in Linden, St. Genevieve School in Elizabeth, the Leonard V. Moore School in Roselle, Orange Avenue School in Cranford, J. Garfield Jackson Academy in East Orange, and Memorial School in Montvale participated in the festivities.

Karen Hatcher, Celebrate NJ! Executive Director, points out, "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."

Governor Corzine has issued an official proclamation again this year designating June as the *Celebrate New Jersey!* month. To conclude the school program, eight local minor and independent league baseball teams hosted 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.

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Photo Caption – Students from St. Mary, Star of the Sea School in Bayonne were honored at a recent Newark Bears game for their participation in the Celebrate NJ! School program. Pictured (left – right): Kimberly Mix, fourth grade teacher from St. Mary, Star of the Sea School, Christin Quesaba, Rico Hanna, Sean Aher and Joseph Onjay and Karen Hatcher, Celebrate NJ! Executive Director.