

## Playground Fundraiser Committee Actively Seeking Donations *by Veronica Boulden*

You may wonder why there is so much effort going into fund raising for a new play structure at Canfield Park. You may ask, "What is wrong with the playground they already have at Canfield or why doesn't Algonquin School use it's own playground?" Gail Yacavone, a parent on the fund raising committee, wants to explain the situation.

The playground designated for Algonquin's students, and the one that belongs to the district, is located behind the school, right off the parking lot. Several parents involved in the fund raising effort feel that this isn't an ideal location for a playground. Not only does the the parking lot get very hot as it's in the sun, there isn't any grass around the area. And, of course, traffic in the parking lot is also a concern to the parents. The equipment in this playground is also somewhat dated.

Gail explains that Algonquin's playground is "infested by bees" during the warm months and in the winter it is "blocked by snow piles" from the plowed parking lot.

So for these reasons, Gail and other concerned parents asked the district and the Town of Prospect for permission to have recess "moved to Canfield Park." Canfield Park is a play area that technically belongs to the Town of Prospect, though it is located very close to Algonquin School. The property does not belong to the school district, and it is main-

tained by the town. Canfield is a more ideal location for recess, since it is grassy, but its equipment is also limited, since the town park was not designed to be used for school recess.

So, in the time since the kids have been using it for recess, they are often seen "waiting in line to use the equipment" which includes one metal slide that gets hot in the sun and a minimal number of swings.

Gail and other parents wish to simply raise money for this town park so that the children can have a nice place to recess while they use the park and until the new school and its new playground are complete. In the meantime, Prospect's Canfield Park will have been greatly improved by the committee's efforts to raise funds to make the park better.

### Here are the ongoing and upcoming fund raisers for Canfield Park:

- Misty Wilmot is accepting orders for personalized bricks and pavers which will become a permanent part of the new playground. If you would like to purchase one, call Misty at 758-0693 or email her at [mlwscrappin@yahoo.com](mailto:mlwscrappin@yahoo.com) You can engrave your family name, business name, loved one or special pet's name into a stone. Benches and plaques for the playground will also be available for sponsorships.

- On September 17, you can to take a night off from cooking and head to Prospect's newest restau-

rant, Senor Panchos. From 4 to 8 p.m. you can dine in the downstairs banquet room with other families and friends from town. A portion of your tab will be donated to the fund raising effort. But, make sure to tell your hostess that you are there to help raise money for the park before you order.

- With school starting along with a variety sporting events, it gets crazy trying to feed your family dinner. Why not sign up with Mary Beth Knobel for a Dream Dinner reservation through September 16? You can prepare some delicious meals to have frozen and ready on hand. A portion of the proceeds will also go to the playground fund. For more information about Dream Dinners, visit the website at [www.dreamdinners.com](http://www.dreamdinners.com) or call Mary Beth if you have any questions. Her number is 758-5667.

- Don't forget that your family can save to save your pennies and drop them off as a donation to the Region 16 office, Oliver's Supermarket or to the Algonquin School.

Without the support of local businesses and community leaders, the Canfield Playground Committee would not have been able to come as far as they have in their quest for a new playground. Help us attain our goal by donating what you can to "Canfield Playground Committee Fund," 36 Center Street, Prospect, CT 06712; Attention: Prospect Board of Recreation.

## Knights of Columbus Announces Art Contest Winners

Winners of the Knights of Columbus Art Contest gathered as Grand Knight George Hughes presents awards to the winners. Taking first place honors was Lauren Tremaglio and third place went to Jake Brown. Long River Middle School art teacher Cynthia Cykley was on hand for the presentations. Second place winner was Zachary Creddo, a student at St. Bridget's. The contest was judged by Prospect resident and local artist Francis Philibert.

In conjunction with the art contest, an Essay Contest also took place. Shown here, l. to r., are the Fifth Grade Essay winners, David LaChance (1st place), Austin Burr (2nd place), and Michael Costa (3rd place). David LaChance's winning essay is printed below.



The Children of America  
 What if you were sick or elderly or poor?  
 Would you want people to feed and support you mentally?  
 What would you truly need to carry on your life?  
 What could I do to help those in need?

I think we children should form a group called The Children of America. We could help the poor, sick, and the elderly. It will have children pitch in birthday money, and even make fundraisers to buy food, clothes, and toys for those in need. We can spend time with children at hospitals so they won't be lonely, or we can make pen pals with children in the hospital. I would have The Children of America spend time playing games with the elderly. We would watch movies with them and do things they used to love to do.

If I could just make this organization, the poor, sick, and elderly would feel not better about the world around them and themselves.

David LaChance, Grades 5



## Prospect Lions Club Makes Presentation to WRHS Student

Recently, Dean Cobb received a laptop computer donated by the Prospect Lions Club. Dean is a Prospect resident and incoming freshman at Woodland Regional High School. Dean was in need of a laptop to assist him in his schoolwork. Shown here with Dean are Prospect Lions Club President Chris Prauda, at left, and First Vice President Rick Brown, at right. The Lions Club supports low vision on a global scale, as well the Town of Prospect on a more local level.

## Naugatuck Scouts Gather for Camporee

Calling all scouts ... girls and boys, that is! The Naugatuck Mayor's office is sponsoring the second Naugatuck Camporee on Saturday, September 23 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Linden Park in Naugatuck. If you have considered joining the cub scouts, boy scouts or girl scouts, but weren't sure if you would enjoy it or not, this is your chance to see what it's all about. Take the time to drop by and check out what scouting can be like in the life of your child.



## Prospect Troop 258 Completes Week at Summer Camp

Prospect Troop 258 recently completed its first week at summer camp since the troop's inception in September 2005. The 20 scouts and five adult leaders stayed for a week at Camp Mattatuck in Plymouth, CT. Daily activities included archery, rifle, swimming, boating and working on merit badges. The troop meets September through May at Algonquin School on Thursdays from 7 to 8:30 p.m.