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# Fall News



Begin the 2011-2012 School Year with exciting NJAKE events !!!

## NJAKE FALL CONFERENCE

*Girls and Boys: Different Learners & What Teachers Need to Do  
in the Classroom*

*Child at Play: Don't Leave School Without It !*

Presenter: Mary Ann De Sapio – Kindergarten Teacher



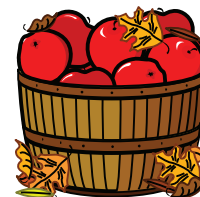
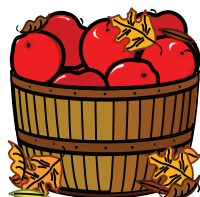
on  
Saturday October 15, 2011  
8:00 am – 12:30 pm  
at  
Woodrow Wilson Middle School  
Woodrow Wilson Drive  
Edison, New Jersey



### NJAKE Spring Conference

featuring: Jack Hartmann

Saturday April 21, 2012  
at the Pines Manor - Edison, N.J.



# A Message from Mary Lou Hyman

Dear NJAKE Members,

Challenge is the word that immediately enters my mind, when thinking about CHILDREN and about KINDERGARTEN; specifically: "How can we awaken the conscience of society to sincerely care about what is best and what is appropriate for CHILDREN?" and "how can we ensure that KINDERGARTEN classroom environments are indeed places, where maximum learning happens daily?"

You are the teacher who works to meet these demands; the teacher who persists no matter what because you are the teacher who always places the CHILDREN first (always considering their feelings). NJAKE strongly supports and loudly applauds your tireless efforts to engage each precious child to joyfully listen, experiment, read, calculate, sing, write, move, create, dramatize, discuss, laugh and PLAY - and so much more. You are the teacher who emulates the philosophies of: Vivian Gussin Paley by your very careful listening to children; Louise Bates Ames and David Elkind by your giving to children adequate time to develop in all skills areas (no less); Lillian Katz thru your approaches to exciting & innovative classroom projects; Regio Emilia by intentionally giving your attention to the child's creative talents, allowing them to grow and flourish (never to be stifled) and the list goes on. You are the educator, who understands what is needed to properly educate the child's body, mind and heart. You build the foundation of our nation, which will serve to support any future challenge facing our country and our world. You are the teacher, who stands strong for children, the future. Know how important you are ~ as you enter your classroom each morning, ready to (in the words of Saul Cooperman, a past Commissioner of Education) " Teach today as never before!"

Thank you for making NJAKE the largest and strongest kindergarten organization in New Jersey. On behalf of NJAKE, I welcome you to jump on board! Join the executive board and enter into a world of new and exciting opportunity!

Heartfelt gratitude to our immediate past president, Mary Ann Peterson for a truly wonderful job as NJAKE president for the second time! Mary Ann will welcome us on October 15th at our Fall Conference and we greatly look forward to seeing you there!

Let's all accept the challenges ahead to make this year another great one for the children. Remember, " Challenges make you discover things about yourself that you never really knew. They're what make the instrument work - what makes you go beyond the norm."~ Cicely Tyson.

Remember to teach each child with love and have the best year ever,



## NJAKE Executive Board

### Officers

**Christina Spring: 2nd Vice President**      **Angela Marinaro: Secretary**  
**Bonnie Gentesse & Pam Raynor: Treasurers**

### Chairpersons

**Cathy Des Rochers: Membership Chairperson**      **Connie Orsini: Exhibition Chairperson**  
**Rosemary O'Brien & Lynn Bilman: Newsletter:**

### County Reps.

Rosie Hymerling, Michael Zain, Jeff Williamson, Gertrude Rodrigues, Regina Milton, Mary Ann De Sapio, Joanne Hughes, Carol Gurney, Pat Losey, Terry Clark, Karen Young, Rosemary Walsh, Barbara Juarez.

**Past presidents:** Mary Ann Peterson, Mary Czopek, Lois Waltz, Mary Lou Hyman, Stephanie Moretti, Yolanda Kunz, & Norma Arons.

### **Welcome New Board Members !**

*Connie Orsini enjoys teaching kindergarten at St. Cecelia's in Iselin. She enjoys reading, gardening, her cats, swimming in her pool, travel and most of all having fun.*

*Cathy DesRochers enjoys teaching kindergarten at Westfield Day Care Center. She loves to teach reading. She is an award winning photographer, and has a passion for travel to exotic places to photograph animals in their natural habitats.*

*Rosemary O'Brien enjoys teaching kindergarten at Woodbridge Township public schools. She enjoys reading, dancing, and teaching Bible school.*

### **Help wanted !**

*Corresponding Secretary*

*Co-chair for spring conference to work with Christina Spring,  
County representatives for Bergen/Passaic, Morris, Essex and Sussex counties.*

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## Annual Fall Conference

Saturday, October 15, 2011

Woodrow Wilson Middle School, Edison, N.J.

8:00 am - 12:30 pm

**Girls and Boys: Different Learners & What Teachers Need to Do in the Classroom**  
**Child at Play : Don't Leave School Without It !**

**Presenter: Mary Ann De Sapio - kindergarten teacher**

MaryAnn has presented workshops for teachers in her district, presented for NJAKE and at the NJEA Convention in Atlantic City. Mary Ann is a child advocate who will share the latest research on why girls and boys learn differently and what we can do to nurture their growth in the classroom. She will inspire all of us to daily incorporate play into centers and activities to meet the needs of the young learner. **The work of a child is truly play.**

Doors open 8:00 am for registration, light breakfast and vendor visits

8:45 am: welcome, brief meeting and county news

9:00 am till 10:30 am first presentation

followed by half hour break, visiting vendors and giving out door prizes

11:00 am -12:30 pm second presentation

**Each participant will receive a certificate for 3 Professional Development Hours**

Registration must be received via mail by October 1, 2011

No phone or at the door registration. No refunds.

Make checks payable to NJAKE and mail the form below  
(if renewing or joining also send in the membership form)

**To: Pam Raynor 7 Birch Dr. Newton , N.J. 07860**

**{ questions please email pamraynor@ yahoo.com }**

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: [    ] \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_, City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_ District: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address for confirmation ( print) \_\_\_\_\_

**PLEASE CHECK AMOUNT ENCLOSED:**

\_\_\_\_\_ NJAKE member \$30.00 NJAKE County Affiliate \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Non NJAKE Member \$55.00 fee includes membership  
Remember to send in the completed membership form