

STATE REPRESENTATIVE ELINOR Z.



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**Focus on
Children**

Every year hundreds of children from the 156th Legislative District visit the State Capitol as my guests. If you are interested in touring the capitol please call my District office at (610) 436-4433.

**Children
Visit the
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Capitol**



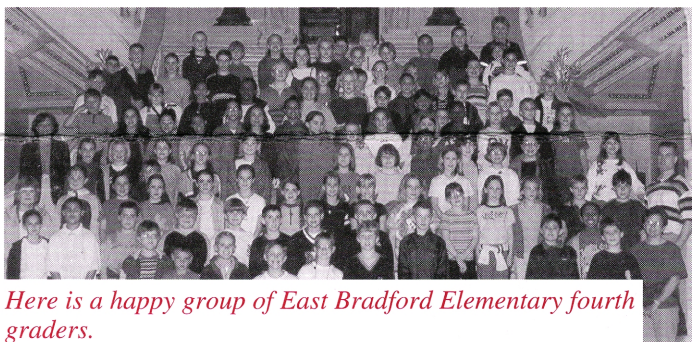
Fourth graders from Fern Hill Elementary



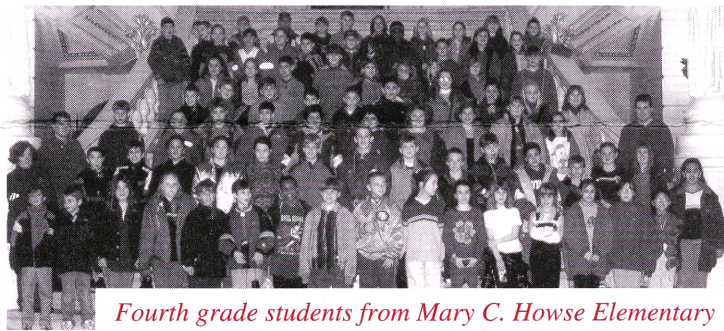
The fourth and fifth grade chorus group from Glen Acres Elementary performed in the Capitol Rotunda.



Fourth graders from S. S. Philip & James School

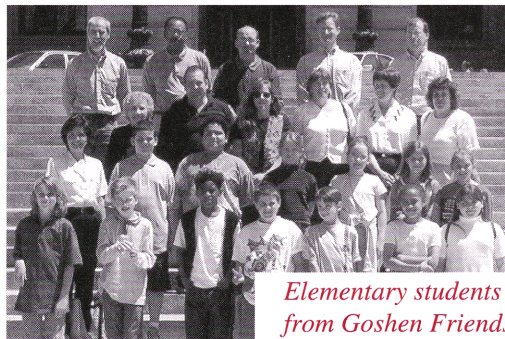
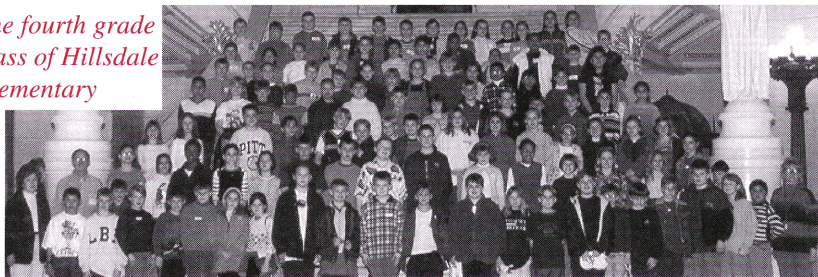


Here is a happy group of East Bradford Elementary fourth graders.



Fourth grade students from Mary C. Howse Elementary

The fourth grade class of Hillsdale Elementary



Elementary students from Goshen Friends



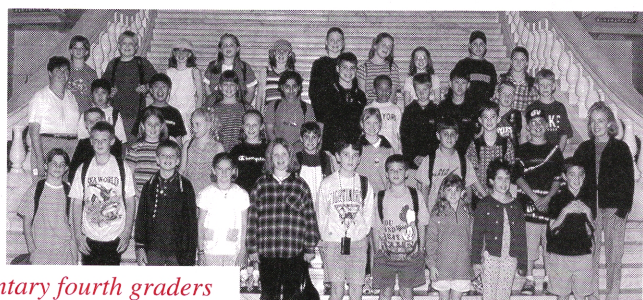
Fourth graders from Exton Elementary



Sarah Starkweather elementary fourth graders



East Goshen Elementary fourth graders



Children!

This collage is dedicated to a few of the wonderful things our children accomplish. We should be proud of their efforts and rest easy in the fact of knowing that one day



The House of Representatives

Citation

Whereas, The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is always proud to recognize its young citizens whose outstanding achievements are worthy of emulation; and

Whereas, Rose Linda Scott has achieved the Girl Scout Gold Award, the highest award in Girl Scouting; and

Whereas, The daughter of Bill and Linda Scott, Rose Linda Scott has faithfully achieved outstanding accomplishments in the areas of leadership, community service, career planning and personal development and has brought great pride and honor to herself, her family and her community. For her Gold project, Rose organized a group of volunteers in the removal of several tons of dirt from the drainage swales in Marshall Square Park in West Chester.

Now therefore, the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania heartily commends Rose Linda Scott on receiving the Gold Award; offers best wishes for continued success in the years ahead;

And directs that a copy of this citation, sponsored by the Honorable Elinor Z. Taylor on May 19, 1999, be transmitted to Rose Linda Scott, 405 North Franklin Street, West Chester, Pennsylvania 19380.

Rose Linda Scott of West Chester achieved the Girl Scout Gold Award, which is the highest award in Girl Scouting. To recognize her on her efforts, I awarded her with a House citation.

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
EAST GOSHEN TOWNSHIP
CHESTER COUNTY
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RESOLUTION 99-26

Whereas, a CHARACTER COUNTS! Community is defined as a city or group of people living together within a larger society with a common interest to spread awareness about CHARACTER COUNTS! and the Six Pillars of Character;

Whereas, CHARACTER COUNTS! is a nonpartisan, national, grassroots initiative based on voluntary citizen action which initiates programs to strengthen the moral fiber of the community and to combat violence, dishonesty and irresponsibility;

Whereas, it is the intention of the CHARACTER COUNTS! Coalition to pull people together with a common vision of engaging the community with the Six Pillars of Character:

- Trustworthiness
- Respect
- Responsibility
- Fairness
- Caring
- Citizenship

Therefore be it resolved that East Goshen Township is formally adopting this resolution that henceforth East Goshen Township will be referred to as a CHARACTER COUNTS! Community.

East Goshen Township is a Character Counts! Community after the township supervisors signed a resolution declaring the township's commitment to a national, grassroots initiative. Here is a copy of the resolution marking this proud moment.



Whereas, Sarah Starkweather Eler... the United States Department of Education excellence in leadership, teaching, curriculum support; and

Whereas, Sarah Starkweather Eler... intellectual, social, moral and physical instructional programs that meet the highest displayed supportive and learning-oriented distinction serves as a powerful validation resulting in continual improvement.

Now therefore, the House of Representatives congratulates Sarah Starkweather Eler... been bestowed upon it; offers sincere academic excellence;

And directs that a copy of this citation, sponsored by the Honorable Robert J. Flick on June 3, 1999, be transmitted to Sarah Starkweather Eler, School, 1050 Wilmington Pike, West Chester, Pennsylvania 19380.



The House of Representatives

Citation

Whereas, Eric Norrbom, son of Kim Gallagher and John Norrbom, has dutifully given his time and energy to perpetuate the noble maxims of the Boy Scouts of America and, through his dedication, hard work and commitment, has earned the Eagle Award, the highest distinction bestowed upon a Scout; and

Whereas, A member of Troop 6, Eric has consistently displayed a faithful observance of Scouting duties and a steady adherence to the traditions, rituals and commitments that founded this honored club and have preserved it since its inception; and

Whereas, In his quest to attain the Eagle Scout Award, Eric has worked diligently on his Eagle project, which involved building cabinets and shelves for the West Chester Parks and Recreation Department summer camp program at Everhart Park. He served his troop as assistant patrol leader, patrol leader, quartermaster, guide, scribe, assistant senior patrol leader and junior assistant scoutmaster.

Now therefore, the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania lauds Eric Norrbom upon obtaining the coveted Eagle Scout Award; thanks him for his devotion to developing and preserving the finest virtues of American life as set forth by Scouting principles; extends best wishes for continued leadership and service to others;

And directs that a copy of this citation, sponsored by the Honorable Elinor Z. Taylor on June 2, 1999, be transmitted to Eric Norrbom, 534 Coventry Lane, West Chester, Pennsylvania 19382.

Boy Scout Eric Norrbom recently earned the Eagle Award, which is the most distinguished honor in Scouting. He was given a House Citation honoring him on his noteworthy accomplishment.



I am pictured with Susanna W. Linton of West Chester. The 15-year-old homeschooler served as a guest page on the House floor on May 3 and received a first-hand lesson on state government.

High school graduation is an important event in a young person's life. It is the first giant hurdle in going from childhood to adulthood. Every year, I make it a point to congratulate all high school seniors for taking such a large step forward in their life.

Here is the letter congratulating them one more time publicly and wishing them well in their future endeavors.

ELINOR Z. TAYLOR
MAJORITY CLERK SECRETARY
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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
HARRISBURG

June, 1999

Dear Graduate,

I send my congratulations as you reach a major goal -- graduation from school. An educated person can be a credit to society. In the Pennsylvania House of Representatives there is a famous quotation that seems to be appropriate time, "And ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free."

Always remember success in life is enjoyed most when you share it with others. I challenge you to become active and involved with local issues, the elective process and our system of government. Your accomplishments in life be your legacy for others to remember and enjoy.

My very best wishes to you as you reflect on the past, build on the present and plan for the future.

Cordially,

Elinor Z. Taylor
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sh. It highlights their work and achievements in their schools and communities. these young people will assume their place as upstanding pillars in our community.

Every year, hundreds of elementary school children from the West Chester area pay a visit to Harrisburg and tour the State Capitol. After their visits, some of them take the time to drop me a thank you card, which I really appreciate. Here are some from students at the Hillsdale School in West Chester.



Thank You



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Citation

mentary School in West Chester has been selected by citation as a 1998-1999 Blue Ribbon School for its curriculum, student achievement, parent involvement and

mentary School prioritizes success in furthering the intellectual growth of its students and offers innovative highest academic standards. The school has consistently entered school environments, and the Blue Ribbon award is a mark of its hard work, commitment and focus on quality,

representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania elementary School on the prestigious distinction which has best wishes for continued success in the pursuit of

ation, sponsored by Representatives Elinor Z. Taylor be transmitted to Sarah Starkweather Elementary School, Pennsylvania 19382.

The United States Department of Education selected Sarah Starkweather Elementary School of West Chester as a 1998-99 Blue Ribbon School. The school was honored for its excellence in leadership, teaching, student achievement, parent involvement and community support. The school was awarded a House Citation for its meritorious achievement.



presented a Certificate of Recognition to several second grade students at Glen Acres Elementary for their work in community service. Last February, the children prepared 100 bag lunches for residents of Safe Harbor.



The House of Representatives

Citation

Whereas, The Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is always proud of its young citizens who strive tirelessly toward achievements in their competitive endeavors; and

Whereas, The West Chester East High School Academic Team captured first place in the fifteenth annual Chester County Academic Competition. It went on to compete in the eighth annual Pennsylvania Academic Competition and garnered an impressive fourth place standing; and

Whereas, Under the expert guidance of coaches Ben Chappell and Tracy Heim, the team is comprised of Jason Marks, Josh Ebersol, Amanda Sundquist, Samantha Ivori, Josh Dutillel, and Adam Kuhn.

Now therefore, the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania is pleased to recognize the West Chester East High School Academic Team upon a well-deserved victory; heartily commends the coaches and team members for their dedication, hard work and tenacious pursuit of athletic excellence; offers best wishes for continued success in all future endeavors;

And directs that a copy of this citation, sponsored by the Honorable Elinor Z. Taylor on May 6, 1999, be transmitted to the West Chester East High School Academic Team, 450 Ellis Lane, West Chester, Pennsylvania 19380.

Elinor Z. Taylor
Elinor Z. Taylor, Sponsor

Matthew Ryan
Matthew Ryan, Speaker of the House

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Ted Mazia, Chief Clerk of the House

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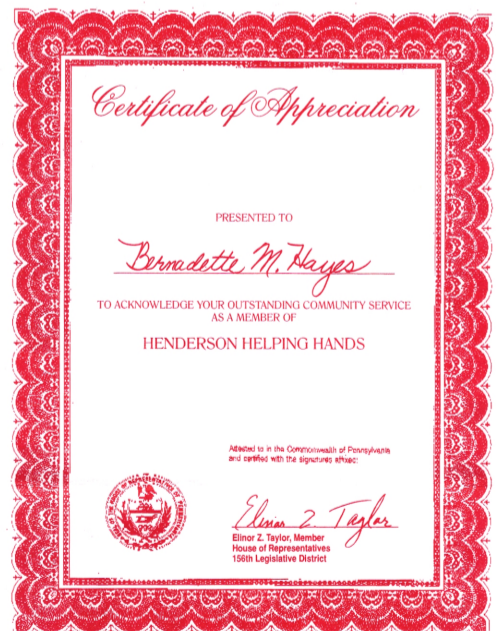
Whereas, JeAnna Durnell of West Chester is being honored as a member of the Keystone Comet All-Star Junior Prep Cheerleading Squad, which capped off a triumphant award-winning season as the 1998-1999 Pennsylvania State Champion; and

Whereas, The Junior Prep Cheerleading Squad, which is composed of girls from grades three through seven, placed second at the ECA Regional Championship. In February, the squad won first place at the Christiana Invitational and the ACE Grand Championship and third place at the Cheer Explosion Invitational. To its great credit, the squad was also second runner-up in the dance championship at the ECA Grand Finals in Virginia.

Now therefore, the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania applauds JeAnna Durnell as a member of the Keystone Comet All-Star Junior Prep Cheerleading Squad for her contribution to the squad's crowning accomplishments during the 1998-1999 season; notes with pride that she has excelled to the utmost of her athletic ability to achieve such success;

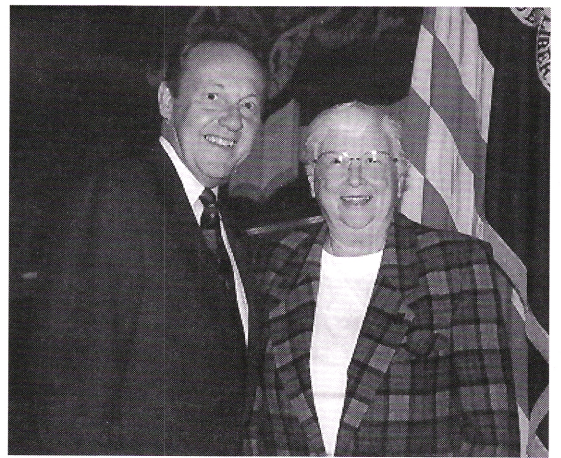
And directs that a copy of this citation, sponsored by the Honorable Elinor Z. Taylor on May 21, 1999, be transmitted to JeAnna Durnell, 412 West Chestnut Street, West Chester, Pennsylvania 19380.

West Chester's JeAnna Durnell was honored as a member of the Keystone Comet All-Star Junior Prep Cheerleading Squad. The squad has many accolades to its credit over the past year. I gave JeAnna a House Citation congratulating her for making the squad.



The West Chester B. Reed Henderson High School has a community service club known as Henderson Helping Hands. The club, which was founded last year by Henderson junior Bernadette Hayes, selects and completes various community projects. The group has 80 active members and has served more than 1,000 hours of community service. Each member of the group was presented with Certificates of Appreciation for their efforts.

Taylor and Attorney General 'Team Up Against Drugs'



I was joined by Attorney General Mike Fisher at the Exton Elementary School to observe the school's "Team Up Against Drugs" program. The ceremony was held in conjunction with Pennsylvania's 11th Annual Red Ribbon Week.

More than 300 students grades 3-5, from Exton Elementary, participated in the "Team Up Against Drugs" multi-media presentation. The computerized program featured anti-drug messages from professional athletes across Pennsylvania and public service announcements from Drug Free Pennsylvania.

Red Ribbon Week was organized in memory of the brutal slaying of Federal Agent Enrique "Kiki" Camarena by drug traffickers in February 1985. Since then, it has continued as a national program to increase public awareness of drug abuse and to unite community groups across the country in activities that promote a drug-free lifestyle.

Read-to-Succeed Grants Aiding West Chester Schools

According to Secretary of Education Eugene W. Hickok, strong reading skills are both a fundamental means to acquire new knowledge and a prerequisite for our children to attain high levels of academic achievement. I could not agree with him more.

The Read-to-Succeed program should improve the reading performance of students in the West Chester Area School District.

Exton Elementary, Glen Acres Elementary, Hillsdale Elementary and Penn Wood Elementary schools will receive \$200,000 to establish effective instructional methods and curricula for helping students meet Pennsylvania's academic reading standards.

The grant money, which was made available under the state Department of Education's Read-to-Succeed program, is to be used by the schools to:

- increase parental involvement with students who are struggling to read;
- create strategies to evaluate their current reading programs;

- assess students at risk of reading failure in primary grades;
- provide in-service training for teachers to insure that students who are reading below their current grade level receive any additional instructional time; and
- promote community involvement with schools and libraries in an effort to encourage students to read.

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(The initiative funding for the West Chester Area School District is in the chart, at left.)

These schools were part of 409 elementary schools in 158 school districts that received more than \$19 million from the initiative. A second round of funding will be provided in upcoming

months to schools where the need for intensive reading instruction is the greatest.

The program is focused on helping school districts where 60 percent or more of the fifth-grade students scored below the state mean on the Pennsylvania State System of Assessment.

Read-to-Succeed	
West Chester Area School District	
Exton Elementary	\$100,000.00
Glen Acres Elementary	25,000.00
Hillsdale Elementary	50,000.00
Penn Wood Elementary	25,000.00
Total	\$200,000.00

Attention Seniors of the 156th Legislative District!!!

'99 Senior Expo

It is soon time for my annual Senior Expo. The '99 Senior Expo will provide senior citizens with an opportunity to meet with representatives from numerous service agencies and vendors.

Date: Friday, Oct. 15

Time: 10 a.m to 3 p.m.

Place: Christ Community Church,
1190 Phoenixville Pike, West Goshen

Free: Entertainment and Refreshments

Paratransit rides will be offered from the Senior Center, Bellingham, Barclay/Friends, The Hickman and the Denny Reyburn to the Christ Community Church and back again.

For more information about the Expo or directions, please call my district office at (610) 436-4433.

I hope to see you there!

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