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Draft Attachment to Press Release

Story Angles:

Music

1. Award-winning composer and educator, local resident and parent, Ira Mowitz, has composed an inaugural overture for the opening of the school district's new auditorium. The festive five-minute piece will involve all the musicians in the 45-member high school orchestra. They will play simultaneously with a computer-generated soundtrack, created to showcase the state of the art sound system designed for the new auditorium. Guests attending the culminating ceremonies to be held during the evening at the high school will be able to hear this extraordinary piece of work, conducted by Robert Loughran. The performance will also be broadcast live on Channel 30.

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2. Some of Princeton High School's most talented musicians will battle it out at the 2006 Battle of the Bands competition to held on the Main Stage outside the new auditorium at 2 PM. Who will shake up the neighborhood? Press Contact: Angela Siso 609 806 4280 x3559
3. Princeton Symphony will be hosting an instrument petting zoo for children. Kids will be able to try many types of instruments with the help of members from the orchestra. Princeton Symphony will also be able to take priority advantage of the new PHS auditorium thanks to the generous \$1,000,000 anonymous donation for its enhancement allowing the venue to become a professional quality performance theater.

Visual Arts

1. On display in the hall alongside the new Performing Arts Center will be 9 pages representing a decadal survey of 88 years of the student newspaper, 'The Tower', originally know as the 'Blue and White'. Sybil Parnes, PHS class of '43, a retired PHS teacher and administrator for the district, and a parent of alumni, coordinated the project. With

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- headlines, such as "Princeton Well Represented in UN Forces" in 1942 to the 2005 "Lightning Strike Closes High School", this is an amazing snapshot of historical events in Princeton and the students' perspective on these events. The Frame Shoppe in Princeton has generously contributed to the mounting and framing for this project. Press Contact: Charlotte Bialek 609 921 2389.
2. John Gowdy, a sculptor who often works with students to create marble sculptures representing their schools, is now at work on a tiger head for PHS that will be mounted on a column in the lobby of the arts center. The tiger will be dedicated at 1:00 pm on Oct. 14th. Mr. Gowdy's other interests include sand sculpture and fire fighting. Press contact: Linda Shaw 609 806 4203 x8
 3. You want logos, we have logos! All thanks to Ira Grunther who designed the familiar Community Park logo and has just completed a design for PRS, which is being printed on bumper stickers that will be available for sale at the new School Store opening on Oct. 14. Ira, a parent in the district, is also working on a logo for the PPAC, the Princeton Performing Arts Center. Press contacts: Ira Grunther, 924-9007 and Charlotte Bialek, 921-2389

Athletics

1. Visitors to the JW Pool during the Saturday celebrations will be in for a special treat: a free coupon to try out the pool during Community Swimming times! The district is encouraging residents to use the school's new pool, offering evening hours during the school week for Community Swimming. So be our guest, check out the pool, and come get a ticket to take a dip!
2. The annual Powder Puff Football Competition is on again. Demonstrating their athletic prowess on the new turf, the 2006 Freshmen will challenge the Sophomores, and the Juniors will take on the Seniors. It will be a classic afternoon of sportsmanship and rivalry! Press Contact: Angela Siso 609 806 4280 x3559

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Walnut Lane Festival

1. Wow! We have over 80 groups participating in the Celebrations, including more than 30 community partners. Other groups participating are from the student body or are PRS affiliated organizations, such as the PTOs. The students, parents, and staff are busy preparing for the musical performances, club activities including fundraising, and tours - there is definitely a buzz in the air!
2. This event has been generously supported by local organizations that have helped to underwrite the day's activities. So far, they include Ernest Bock & Sons, Inc., Parker McCay, McCaffrey's Market, Princeton University - Office of Community and Regional Affairs, and Coldwell Banker. We have also received in-kind donations from J. McLaughlin Clothier, ShopRite, Wegmans Food Markets, and The Frame Shoppe. We are very grateful for their support.
3. More than 40 student groups will be represented on Walnut Lane, from Amnesty International to U.S. Robotics. The Student Council chose to include the Annual Student Fall Fest in the Celebrations, which was a great move for everyone. The High School students will be hosting activities, providing food and drink, and will be raising funds for their groups. The breadth and depth of the student's interests is incredible!
4. One of the many great stories on Walnut Lane comes from the Healthy Kids Theme Area and involves food - healthy food!

Coordinated by Fran McManus of the Whole Earth Center, the four elementary schools will have a beautiful display of each of their Edible Gardens at the Celebrations. The Edible Gardens Project began last spring and has developed into an amazing story of community partnership, involving the children, the elementary schools, The Bent Spoon, Small World Coffee, and the Whole Earth Center. Press Contact: Dorothy Mullen dmullen1@aol.com

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Terra Momo Restaurant group will be at the Celebrations. They have generously offered to donate a percentage of the proceeds from their Walnut Lane sales to the Edible Gardens.

Kirsten Fenton, first grade teacher and science coordinator from Riverside Elementary School, will be at Riverside's table to answer questions on using the garden as an outdoor classroom. Press Contact: Kristen Fenton kgirlrides@msn.com

The Whole Earth Center will also have two tables of food-related activities. Kids will have their taste buds teased with all kinds of exciting flavors and their knowledge of food quizzed by local food stars. What's for Lunch? Press Contact: Fran McManus fcmcmanus@aol.com

5. Rotary of Princeton will work with their junior counterparts from the High School, Interact, to sell hamburgers near the main stage on Walnut Lane. Wegmans Food Markets generously donated the meat patties - all proceeds will go to the 2006 Rotary International Project: Pure Water for the World. Rotary Burgers and PHS Bands - perfect together!