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Keansburg Bolger Middle School 6th Graders Use Creative Talents to Support Public Health Week

It's never too early to learn the importance of public health

Keansburg, NJ, April 8, 2009 – Bolger Middle School 6th graders displayed their feelings about the importance of public health in bold colors today. In celebration of National Public Health Week, April 6-12, more than 70 students took part in a poster color contest sponsored by Visiting Nurse Association of Central Jersey to illustrate that public health is “everybody’s business.” Prizes were given for first, second, and third place, and honorable mention. The winning posters will be displayed at the VNACJ Community Health Center in Keansburg.

The theme for the 2009 VNACJ Public Health Week poster contest was “Building a Foundation for a Healthy Monmouth County.” Judges at the event included Freeholder Amy Mallet, Craig Palmer, Bolger Middle School principal, Patti Martin, staff writer, Asbury Park Press, Therese Hendrickson, program supervisor, School-Based Youth Services, Sandra VanSant, health officer, Monmouth County Regional Health Commission, Cynthia Moorhead, VNACJ community health nurse.

Public health is all around us and affects every person in our community. Visiting Nurse Association is a leading provider of community-based care in New Jersey, providing services to more than 109,000 people each year. Health education is a major focus of all VNACJ programs and services. Visiting Nurse Association of Central Jersey, now in its 96th year of service, is a nonprofit provider of home health care and hospice services. The organization also offers extensive community-based health and wellness services throughout its service area of Monmouth, Middlesex, Ocean, Burlington, and Gloucester counties.

Photo Caption

First-place winner, Kimberly Switzer, 6th grader at Bolger Middle School displays her winning poster entitled “We Should Have A Clean Town”. Kimberly is joined by poster judges (l to r) Sandra VanSant, health officer, Monmouth County Regional Health Commission, Patti Martin, staff writer, Asbury Park Press, Craig Palmer, Bolger Middle School principal, and Freeholder Amy Mallet.