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**Red Bank Upper Elementary and VNA of Central Jersey  
Celebrate Public Health Week**

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

Red Bank, NJ, April 7, 2009 – Red Bank Upper Elementary 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders displayed their feelings about the importance of public health in bold colors today. In celebration of National Public Health Week, April 6-12, 2009 more than 65 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.”

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 Red Bank Mayor Pasquale Menna, Louanne Christie, VNACJ board member, Sandra VanSant, health officer for Monmouth County Regional Health Commission, Maria Iozzi, principal of Red Bank Upper Elementary and Dr. Kathy Doherty, the school art teacher.

“These events are so important to start during children’s formative years,” said Mayor Menna. “They are the key to better stewardship of the environment and public health to future generations.

“This is a wonderful experience,” added Maria Iozzi, principal, Red Bank Upper Elementary. “It is a great showcase of how our children feel about their health and the health of our community. VNA of Central Jersey provides an invaluable service in the schools.”

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 and provides 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 96<sup>th</sup> 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.