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Cape May Board of Education member Deborah Smith, left, and Superintendent Victoria Zelenak look over ledgers from 1902 found at the school that include information about the city's early children.

School discovers records of early Cape May families

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CAPE MAY — Last summer, Cape May City Elementary School opened the cornerstone of its building on the 50th anniversary of its construction, finding items from 1965, and a search of the school's archives last week turned up records from 1902-1906 for kindergarten through the 12th grade. Marked "Cape May City Permanent Records," two

ledgers contained the names of students along with their test scores and attendance records from the early 1900s. Superintendent Victoria Zelenak surmised a secretary entered records provided by teachers. She noted the handwriting was "beautiful." Some of the categories Cape May students were graded on 113 years ago included carefulness, calisthenics, deportment, reading and declamation. Other categories included

spelling, penmanship, manual training, drawing, vocal music, arithmetic, geography, composition, English, physiology, history, literature and nature study, Zelenak said.

Grades were entered numerically rather than by a letter of the alphabet such as A through F. A student named Franklin Mars had a number of grades in the 90s.

School board member Dawn Austin found some students had low scores from the 30s to the 60s.

Board member Deborah Smith noted the students were from many of the early families of Cape May, such as Swain, Hand, Gidding, Schellenger, Eldredge, Church, Hughes and Leaming. She said the records indicated teachers had 30 to 40 students in their classes.

Smith noted the writing in the books had the appearance of someone dipping a pen into an inkwell.

Cape May City Elementary School wins sustainability award from N.J.

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CAPE MAY — Sustainable New Jersey for Schools awarded Cape May City Elementary School bronze certification. The school was one of 59 in the state to receive certification and the only school in Cape May County to receive the award.

Sustainable Jersey for Schools is a certification program for New Jersey public schools that want to go green, conserve resources and take steps to create a brighter future. Launched in fall 2014, the nonprofit organization provides tools, training and finan-

cial incentives to support and reward schools as they pursue sustainability programs.

Registered and certified schools gain priority access to grant programs and are eligible to apply for the Sustainable Jersey for Schools Small Grants program. The program advances and supports sustainable practices in schools and prepares the next generation of children to address sustainability issues.

Cape May City Elementary School scored 190 points on a long checklist by completing a minimum of six actions from a field of 17 categories.

Actions on the list include promoting locally grown food,

school gardens, safe routes to the school, programs to promote physical activity, classroom clean-up policies, an energy audit, a recycling program and student education on sustainability and innovative projects. The school has a wind turbine for electricity generation and education about green energy.

At a Nov. 12 Board of Education meeting, teacher Sandy Sandmeyer-Bryan acknowledged the school's Green Team for its work in obtaining the award.

Superintendent Victoria Zelenak said the school was very pleased to receive the prestigious award.



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Furlin receives oath of office

Roger Furlin receives the oath of office as a councilman from City Clerk Louis Cummiskey on Nov. 10 at Cape May City Hall. Furlin's wife, Heather, right, held the Bible.

Performance

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erations become combative. The jurors are a cross-section of society ranging from a bigoted mechanic to an architect.

While the drama was originally set in the 1950s, Alvarez

has removed any time references, although jurors will not carry cellphones or speak of DNA evidence that was not in existence when the play was written.

The casts viewed the movie during rehearsals. Chiaro

said she watched the movie with the thought of making the character her own. Her character threatens to make a man out of another juror or bust up the juror "into little pieces trying."

"That line sounds very different coming from a woman's voice than a man's voice," Chiaro said. "I knew for a fact I would deliver that line totally differently than that."

Joyce said lines that were written as "he" or "mister" had to be changed for the female cast. The actors' moves on stage are also blocked differently in the two casts, she said.

Her character wants justice but is not as angry as Juror Three, she said.

"He also realizes he doesn't want the system to beat down this slum kid just because of who he is," Joyce said. "He wants him to have equal rights and justice as everyone else, and that's a very important part to my character."

While the play is set in their grandparent's generation, Chiaro and Joyce said the plot could take place in a jury room today. Joyce said one difference from the current era is the prevalence of the death penalty in the 1950s.

"It definitely adds an edge because if this guy is convicted, he's not just going to jail, he's going to die," Joyce said.

Chiaro said in order to bring anger to her character, she must channel a side of herself that she believes does not exist. Her anger is displayed in varying levels during the production, building toward the end of jury deliberations, she said.

Jurors three and eight are the powerhouses of the play, according to Joyce.

"They're kind of playing tug-of-war, trying to get everyone else on either of their sides," she said.

Chiaro and Joyce have appeared in four fall plays and spring musicals at the school beginning in their freshman years but neither plans an acting career.

In the male cast, Richard Wilde portrays Juror 8.

"There's been points during the show where I actually hate the other person that's doing the lines because you get into it," he said.

Alexander Guzman, who plays Juror 3 in the male cast, said small details of the dialog must be precise and accurate in a murder case. He said cast members add a little of their own personality to their characters.

Wilde said "12 Angry Men" was one of his favorite movies.

The female cast will perform at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 19, and Saturday, Nov. 21. The male cast will perform at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 20, and 2 p.m. Sunday, Nov. 22. The school is located at 687 Route 9 in Erma.

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