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Dear Teacher (& fellow New Jerseyean!),

Congratulations on being part of the first Celebrate NJ! School Program! Your Welcome Kit will arrive shortly (if it hasn't already), with fun neon pencils and a colorful Celebrate NJ! postcard for your students, and the Celebrate NJ! newspaper insert for you!

A few quick items...

- You are one of nearly 200 teachers (representing over 7,000 students from every county and region of our state) who have signed on to the Celebrate NJ! School Program!!
- Use the WebQuest program however best suits your classroom (you can create a class newspaper—or not; that's up to you). Our aim is to encourage **learning about New Jersey's great history, people, places, and events in a fun and interesting way** (check out all the interesting facts and resources throughout the www.CelebrateNJ.org website menu).
- Newspapers around the state are discussing creating special Celebrate NJ! School Program regional inserts comprised of the **"best of the best" articles written by NJ students**. You'll be the first to know about a process for submitting articles from your students. April 30th is the deadline for articles, so there's plenty of time.
- We're setting up **Celebrate NJ! awards nights at local bookstores** in many communities. Check the ["Events and Happenings"](#) page of our website for updates.
- Special **Celebrate NJ! game nights with all of New Jersey's minor and independent league ball clubs** are already listed on the "Events and Happenings" page (more about this later).
- **School or class site links** are on our "Links & Resources" page under "Other Links, Schools & Classes" (if you're not listed and you'd like to be, let us know)
- **A direct link to the "Resources" section** of the Celebrate NJ! WebQuest is now available directly from the School Program Overview page (to allow direct access without going through all the steps). We hope you find this more convenient.

We welcome your Questions or Comments...

Email us with any questions or comments you have. Help us make the Celebrate NJ! School Program the best for you and your students. My email is kmelito@celebratenj.org. Tell other fourth grade teachers about this program—there's still time. Although the official deadline for registration is February 28th, we will accept late registrations until March 7th.

Warmest regards,

Karen Melito, Coordinator