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CELEBRATE NJ! MONTH CONTINUES:
MORRIS COUNTY STUDENTS HONORED
AT SKYHAWKS GAME

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(Augusta, NJ) -- It was the culmination of months of hard work for fourth graders from Morris County who participated in the Celebrate NJ! school program. After researching and writing articles for a newspaper, dozens of area students were honored by the Sussex Skyhawks during a recent home game. Each child earned two tickets to the game.

Ten-year-old Dan Boylan from St. Therese in Succasunna says, “We learned a lot about New Jersey and history from entering the Celebrate NJ! contest. We had a lot of fun doing it and now I want to learn more about New Jersey.”

According to Lori Molkenthin, a fourth grade teacher at the Benedict A. Cucinella School in Long Valley, Morris County, “The Celebrate NJ! Program was a wonderful learning experience. The students were very excited about it and loved the opportunity to write like reporters. They really embraced it. It was a great project to do in class.”

Karen Hatcher, Celebrate NJ! Executive Director, adds, “These students worked so hard and learned so many wonderful things about the place they call home. We were inspired and entertained by the variety and depth of topics that they chose. It’s great to have an opportunity to celebrate their efforts and to create a positive association with learning about our State.”

Children from Saint Therese School in Succasunna, Sacred Heart School in Flanders, the Benedict A. Cucinella School in Long Valley, the Samuel R. Donald School in Bloomingdale and Fredon Township School in Newton participated in the festivities. The student reporters’ articles ranged from New Jersey’s role in the Civil War to Thomas Edison to the Lakota Wolf Preserve and the Delaware Water Gap.

Governor Corzine has issued an official proclamation again this year designating June as the *Celebrate New Jersey!* month. To conclude the school program, eight local minor

and independent league baseball teams will host Celebrate NJ! game nights throughout the month for the 9,000 students who participated in the program.

Celebrate NJ! is also running a year long campaign that invites everyone who has a Reason to Celebrate NJ! to log on to www.CelebrateNJ.org and enter that reason. The group will continue to unveil the reasons each month based on the number of days in a particular month. Residents are encouraged to enter specific reasons describing the interesting and unique aspects of the Garden State. Entry cards are also available at over 350 libraries across the state. The selected reasons are announced daily on the organization's website.

The "365 Reasons to Celebrate NJ!" campaign is made possible through the generous support of sponsors NJ Cable Telecommunications Association, ArborSys Group, and St. Barnabas Health Care System. For more information about the campaign, visit www.CelebrateNJ.org.

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Photo Caption: - Karen Hatcher, Celebrate NJ! Executive Director with Dan Boylan, a fourth grader from Saint Therese School in Succasunna. Dan was one of dozens of students honored at a recent Sussex Skyhawks game for their contributions to a student newspaper developed for the Celebrate NJ! school program.

Photo Caption: - Karen Hatcher, Celebrate NJ! Executive Director with a group of Morris County students recently honored at a Sussex Skyhawks game for their contributions to a student newspaper developed for the Celebrate NJ! school program.