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WMBC response to question 17

WMBC NEWS and WMBC HOMETOWN, daily and weekly shows, cover many issues pertaining to children on a regular basis. The programs are designed to be child friendly, nonviolent, wholesome and informative. During the third quarter of 2018, WMBC produced and aired such reports as the following. Summer Youth Employment Program participants 18 to 24 years old undergo certification training along with their summer internship. Early childhood trauma is a predictor for a whole host of future harm in a child's life, including mental health issues, substance use, unemployment, suicide, and crime. The Girl Scouts recruited Queen Latifah to narrate a video featuring famous former Girl Scouts, including Venus Williams and Katie Couric. Earlier this year, the Newton Theatre opened the Newton Theatre Arts Academy, which provides instruction in performing and fine arts for children between ages 3-18 with classes in drama, dance, voice, art and music. Elected officials and advocates gathered at New York City Hall today, kicking off World Breastfeeding Week. Kids in Queens were treated to some fun in the sun today during the 10th Annual Kids Fun Day. Today is opening day of the New Jersey State Fair in Sussex County. A research letter published today in the journal "JAMA Pediatrics" found segmented plates with pictures of recommended foods led preschoolers to eat more vegetables. According to a study published today in the Journal Pediatrics, teens who use e-cigarettes and hookahs are more likely to use marijuana later. School zone speed cameras have been shut down for almost 3 weeks and now District Attorneys across New York are urging the State Senate get the cameras turned back on. A committee in Newtown, CT has chosen a design for a permanent memorial to honor the 26 pupils and educators killed in the 2012 shooting at Sandy Hook Elementary School. A fresh paint job and clean classrooms are just some of what Phillips Academy students and teachers will see this September. It's a day of community service for Prudential Center employees in Newark who are sending an important message to the community. It's been a summer full of arts and poetry for dozens of students in Newark, as the Amiri Baraka Poetry Camp wraps up today. Schools in New York State can apply for grants of up to \$100,000 to help increase the amount of locally grown food on school menus this year. Young students in New Jersey schools are now guaranteed at least 20 minutes a day of recess, after NJ Governor Phil Murphy signed a measure that requires students in kindergarten through 5th grade to get a break from classwork each day. Emergency crews rescued a 13 year old boy who was stranded in a flooded creek in Pennsylvania. Girl Scouts of the USA revealed its latest cookie, caramel chocolate chip -- which is gluten-free, chewy, and has a salty-sweet flavor. Police in Connecticut are investigating the attempted abduction of a 12 year old boy in New London. Firefighters and EMS crews in Danbury, Connecticut came to the rescue of a 2 year old boy who found himself stuck in an odd situation. New York State's Law allowing speed cameras expired in July and now, with school set to return back into session within weeks, New York City officials aren't letting go of reinstating speed cameras. Outcomes for children should not depend on their zipcode, but for too many New Jersey children, that is the reality, according to the Annual New Jersey Kids County rankings and profiles released today by advocates for children of New Jersey. Today is National Tooth Fairy Day, but oddly enough, there are two National Tooth Fairy Days, which is also celebrated on February 28th. At Hackensack UMC, a \$25,000 donation was put

towards a major change at the Neonatal Intensive Care Unit for these children and their families. It's back-to-school shopping time and a new warning of toxic crayons and markers is making the rounds. New Jersey Governor Phil Murphy has signed into law a measure that makes it easier for counties to build playgrounds for children and adults with disabilities. As we reported last week, New York Senator Charles Schumer is calling on officials to investigate supplies that could contain dangerous levels of toxic chemicals. The Saddle River Police Department says last night, several children received a text message telling them to run away from their homes because people were after them. A 4-year-old CT boy has been found safe and uninjured near his home after going missing for about an hour near a lake in New Fairfield. It's been a challenging past few months for the New Jersey Motor Vehicle Commission, as school bus dangers have been on the rise. In New Jersey, mold has been reported in seven schools across the state including Hopatcong. In New York, officials are cracking down on lead exposure to children in low income neighborhoods. A 12-year-old Camden County gelding is the second reported case in New Jersey this year of Eastern Equine Encephalitis, a serious mosquito-borne illness in horses. The American Academy of Pediatrics now says children should stay in rear facing car seats until they hit the height or weight limit for the seat, and for most car seat manufacturers, that's forty pounds. Bloomfield Elementary School is one of many kicking off its breakfast-after-the-bell program after it was made state law for qualifying schools in May. The Dunkin Donuts Joy in Childhood Foundation partnership with Hackensack University Medical Center has developed over the past 2 years, as donations to the Joseph M. Sanzari Children's Hospital affect families across the area. School is back in session as students in the country's largest school district return to the classroom. Schools across NJ in Morris Bergen and Passaic counties closed early just a day into the new year because of high temperatures. Authorities on LI say they've charged an alleged member of the MS-13 gang in the death of a 19 year old. In Sussex County high school sports, West Milford ventures to Vernon, High Point plays host to Jefferson, Sparta will look to win on the road against Roxbury, and Newton is home host Pequannock. Police are asking for your help in finding an 11- year-old girl from East Orange who didn't get on the school bus this morning. A new paint job and clean classrooms are just some of what Phillips Academy students and teachers will see this September, as Prudential Center Employees provided a day of community service for the school. In Sussex County high school sports, Jefferson squeaked by High Point 10-6, West Milford downed Vernon by double digits, 44-22, Hopatcong won on the road by topping Parsippany 35-18, Sparta looked impress in their 39-0 victory in Roxbury, and Sussex Tech hung on against Fort Lee. Two NJ schools have been closed because of mold problems. Family and friends will gather tonight for a vigil in remembrance of the life of 16-year-old Madison Wells. The Newton Pride Foundation will host its Newton High School 2018 Hall of Fame Induction Dinner. The Newton Theatre Arts Academy is a not-for-profit program with the goal of having a positive impact on students throughout Sussex County through the arts. With Essex County's Turtle Back Zoo nseeing a record number of guests pass through its gates, officials say it's time to upgrade the facility's entrance. Gov. Phil Murphy is working with education officials to eliminate parts of the controversial PARCC exam. Saturday is Sussex County History Day, sponsored by the Sussex County Historical Society and the Sussex County History Alliance. Today and Thursday, Bergen County is hosting a free flu clinic for adults and children ages 5 and up. In Palisades Park, an emergency meeting is being held Wednesday night to discuss a shared services agreement to uphold armed guards in three of the district's public schools. Parents of Nottingham High School in Hamilton are being warned by school officials that their kids may have been

exposed to Hepatitis A. Students in Hopatcong NJ are finally starting their 2018 school year after weeks of mold problems in their classrooms. For Newark, this school year marks the first in 20 years that the city is in control of its own schools. Noting the alarming rise in teen depression and suicide, NJ lawmakers are highlighting the need to screen young people for depression. In Brooklyn a \$2 million school diversity grant program to increase middle school diversity was approved. In Sussex County high school sports, Hopatcong plays at Lenape Valley, Vernon plays at Hackettstown, High Point plays host against Newton, and Kittatiny seeks to defend against North Warren. For children and teens who survived human trafficking, the branding left behind in the form of tattoos can be traumatizing, but now there's a program to remove tattoos for free. The Big Apple Circus is heading back to the Sussex County Fairgrounds before going to NYC. Health officials tested the water in the West Orange School District and it was positive for Legionnaires' Disease. With cases of driving-under-the-influence-of-drugs significantly increasing over the last decade, instructors are finding new ways to teach young drivers the dangers of driving drugged. WMBC-TV's MOUNTAIN VIEWS program, which airs on Saturdays, provides information and discussion on youth programs and other uplifting and encouraging activities. The station also aired numerous public service announcements that encourage the well being of children. Additionally, the station provides educational studio tours to children and young adults in the area.