
Stony Brook School

5th Grade Project

— “Branchburg Community Stories” —

Guidance, Enrichment, Leadership

G.E.L

All students have been participating in G.E.L. (Guidance, Enrichment, & Leadership) lessons, once per cycle, that highlight Stony Brook's commitment to a positive and inclusive school environment. During this time, students participate in activities that focus on character education, social/emotional learning, and service learning. Topics discussed include making/keeping friends, respecting differences, conflict resolution skills, making positive choices, and self-awareness.

In order to prepare the students for working cooperatively to complete their projects, we also focused on interpersonal skills and collaboration strategies.

Branchburg Community Stories

In this project, students were excited to tell stories and discover more about the world they know best: local community. This project provided rich opportunities for students to be photographers, interviewers, authors, journalists, explorers, anthropologists, sociologists, and documentarians. Throughout this experience, student learning was engaging, authentic, and relevant. Students had the opportunity to further develop their 21st century skills through communication, collaboration, creativity, and critical thinking. To carry out the project, students determined the angle and theme for their project and pitched their ideas. Culminating products included interviews with community members, models, photographs, board games. Students also integrated technology in the form of videos and slide shows. Throughout this process, the students built their intrinsic motivation and thrived in a learning environment where they could take educational risks.

Group Projects

Students will share with you their Branchburg Community Stories

on the following topics:

The Branchburg Chief of Police

The Little Red Schoolhouse

A Photo Tour of Branchburg

Branchburg Project

By,
Grace N.
Derek R. &
Jasmin R.



Who is the Chief Police Officer?

Name: David Young

Married: Yes

Children: 1 age 28 & 1 age 25

Job: Branchburg Police Officer Since 1983



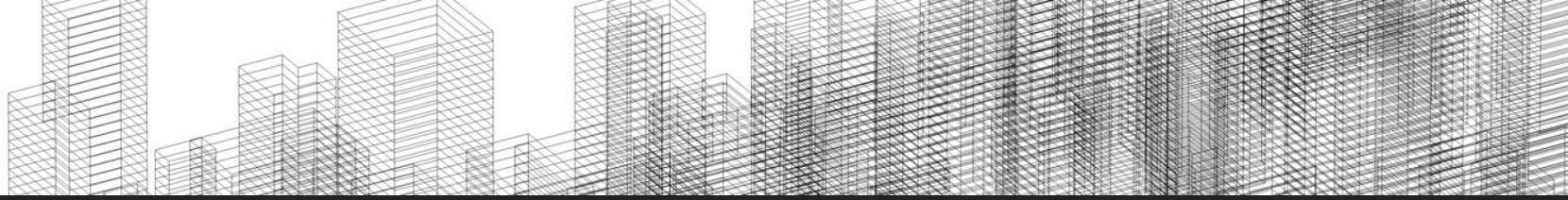
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What makes people like Branchburg?

People like the wide variety of experiences such as the city, country, shore, good schools and education, shopping, athletic teams, and entertainment.

What does the Chief Police Officer like about Branchburg?

David Young has good cooperation with his fellow police officers and likes to help and protect people. He says, "I like the people I work with and work for. I like being able to help people in many different ways. I like arresting or having my officers arrest really bad people."



What does the Chief Police Officer like about his job?

“Try and make sure my officers are the best they can be. (My officers are the best, you guys are lucky).”

**What does the
Chief Police
Officer do to
make sure
everything is
safe?**

He makes sure that he tells everyone NO texting while driving. He says it's, "more dangerous than bad guys."

What inspires the Chief Police Officer?

3 things inspire him:

His children

Elon Musk and

The future and innovation

How does the Chief Police Officer know he did the right thing?

“If you learn all you can about things, then you will likely make good decisions to do the right thing. Knowledge is strength.”

How does the Chief Police Officer feel when he helps someone?

When he helps someone, he feels good, just like everyone else. In his words “it’s universal.”



Who helps the Chief Police Officer?

Some of the time, people just like you and me, help and that inspires him. Most of the time it's his family. He says, "they are terrific."

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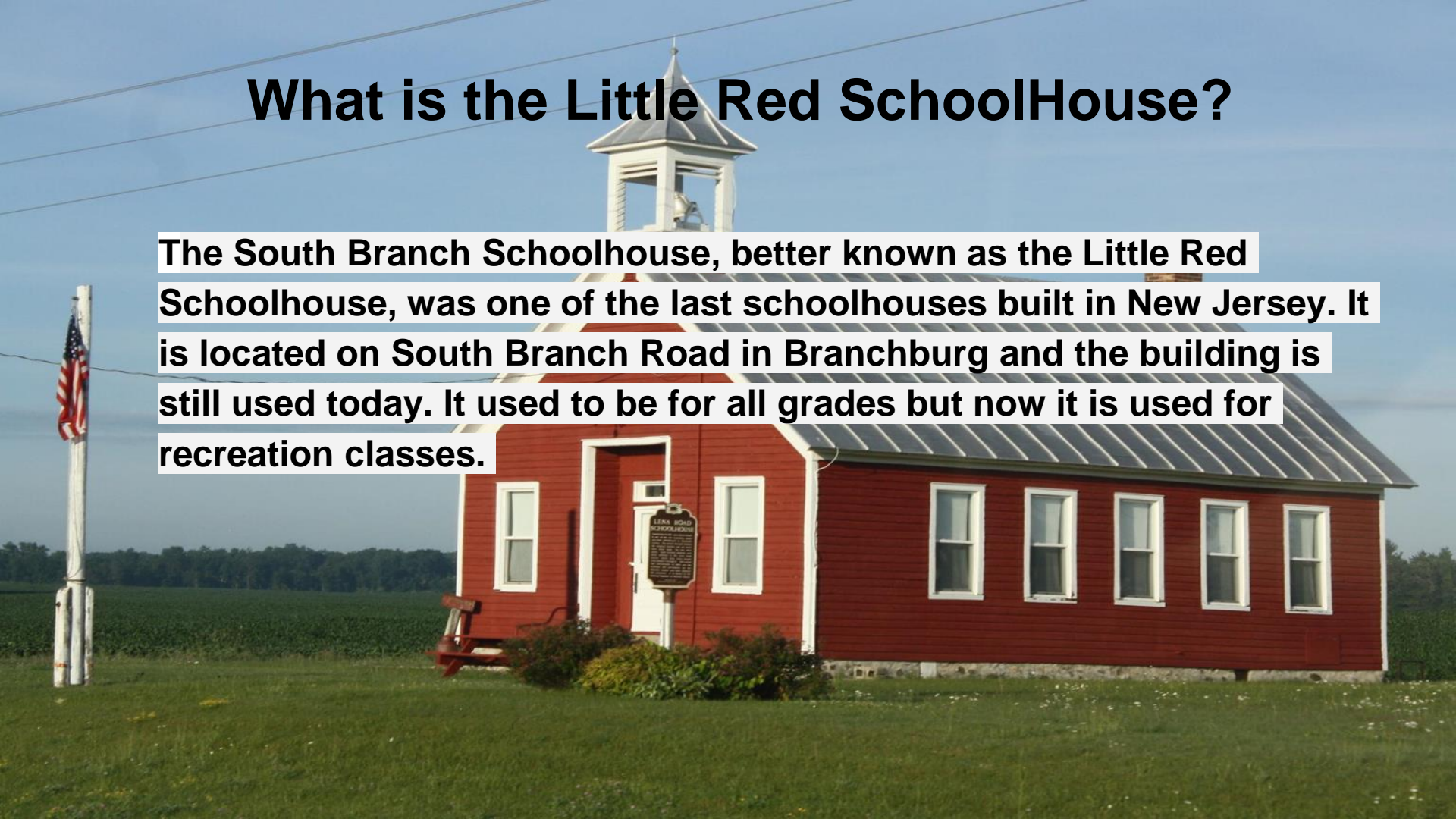
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Watching
Hope You
Enjoyed!

The Little Red Schoolhouse

By: Ava B.
 Catherine B.
 Ryan C.
 Nick D.
 and Sydnie V.

What is the Little Red SchoolHouse?

The South Branch Schoolhouse, better known as the Little Red Schoolhouse, was one of the last schoolhouses built in New Jersey. It is located on South Branch Road in Branchburg and the building is still used today. It used to be for all grades but now it is used for recreation classes.



The schoolhouse was going to close in 1965, but it was “adopted” and restored over the years by the Branchburg Women’s Club. They meet at the school to work on projects like the planting of a memorial tree on the property.



Facts

- It was the last one room schoolhouse in Somerset County
- The schoolhouse was a free public school following the 1817 Free School Bill

The Model

The model of the schoolhouse I made is carved out of plywood and took a total of 2 hours to build. I made it with my dad! To make the schoolhouse, I took pictures of the schoolhouse to get all the details and to put the exact amount of windows, doors, roof, and steeple. The windows and doors are wood that are stickers but the house is fused together with glue. I painted it to resemble the Little Red Schoolhouse.

*Thank
You*

Thank you for watching and
we hope you learned something
about the Little Red Schoolhouse.



Amazing Branchburg

By: Youssef A.
Madison B.
Spencer C.
Katie C.
and Quincy G.



Let's play a game!!

Where's Maddie??!!!

How to play

Pictures will appear on the screen and you will have to guess where Maddie is.

After you guess right we will tell you a couple facts about the place where Maddie is hiding!!!

Have fun!!!

Rules:

You have to find Maddie,
and you have to guess
where she is in
Branchburg

Place 1

where is Maddie??



Place 2

where is Maddie???



Place 3

where is Maddie?????



Place 4

where is Maddie??????



Place 5

where is Maddie??????????



Place 6

where is Maddie?????



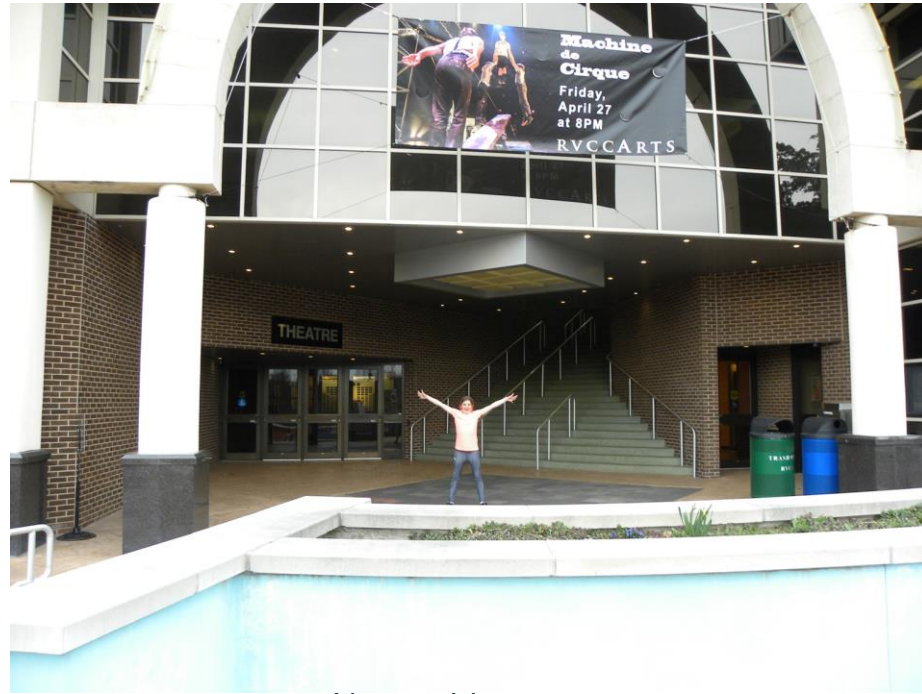
Place 7

where is Maddie??????



Place 8

where is Maddie???????



Thank you

for playing!!