



# Swimming River Discoveries

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## **Press Release - RBBEF Announces Foundation Day, November 12th**

### **Their Dreams: Our Mission**

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The Red Bank Borough Education Foundation (RBBEF) will observe Foundation Day with an afternoon of activities at the Red Bank Primary School beginning at 2 pm on Friday, November 12. Red Bank Mayor Pasquale Menna will open the event with a proclamation celebrating Eve and Stafford Thompson in gratitude for their bequest of numerous pieces of Shona soapstone sculpture to RBBEF for the benefit of the students and community of Red Bank.

A number of the Shona sculpture pieces will be presented by Susan Berke, current curator of the collection, to Dr. Laura Morana for permanent display at the Red Bank Primary and Middle Schools. One piece will be offered as a raffle prize to participants at the event.

In celebration of the event the Primary School Third Graders are preparing some art work of their own to depict THEIR DREAMS for Swimming River Discoveries, the RBBEF project for the improvement of the Primary School Grounds as a nature learning center. Some of these drawings will be reproduced as flyers and posters to herald the November 12 event around Red Bank. Some will be incorporated into a calendar to be issued next spring as a fundraiser for Swimming River Discoveries.

A PowerPoint Presentation, *OUR MISSION: Swimming River Discoveries*, will be presented by School Board member, Rosemarie Kopka. Rosemarie will discuss the origins of Swimming River Discoveries, its objectives and scope.

The event is open to the public and will convene in the school's assembly room. It will be followed later that evening by a Star Gazing Party, arranged by Gloria Brown Simmons to view the autumn sky from the Primary School grounds



Red Bank Borough Education Foundation President, Marybeth Maida (left) discusses the program for the November 12th Foundation Day with Fundraising Chairperson, Susan Berke, and Board member, Andres Simonson.