



# Swimming River Discoveries

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## Press Release - Swimming River Discoveries Cites Student Logo Designer

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Swimming River Discoveries, a project of the Red Bank Borough Education Foundation (RBBEF) honored Red Bank Middle School 6<sup>th</sup> grader, Maitte Avila, at a recent school-wide assembly for creating the drawing selected for the project's logo. Maitte's drawing, a student standing on a dock petting a duck [above] was created last spring in Dr. Kathy Doherty's 5<sup>th</sup> grade art class as a unit on the art of creating a logo. All of the, then, 5<sup>th</sup> graders discussed Swimming River Discoveries and its objectives of providing access to the ponds, the stream, the marshes, the meadow which exist on the Red Bank Primary School's 17 acre site as educational opportunities and outdoor classrooms for both primary and middle school students. The 5<sup>th</sup> graders then made drawings which they felt might serve as a logo for the Swimming River Discoveries.

Red Bank Councilman and Swimming River Discoveries membership chairman, Ed Zipprich and fellow project member, Kathleen Panepinto, made the presentation of a gift of art supplies to Maitte, explaining that her drawing was chosen from among all the submissions because it represents the Swimming River Discoveries goal of developing an appreciation among the borough's students for the wonders of nature. The gentle feeling of Maitte's drawing also suggests that our attitude toward the natural world should be one of respect and nurture; that we must preserve our natural environment.

Ms. Panepinto emphasized that the selection of Maitte's drawing was a difficult one since most of the students expressed great enthusiasm through their representations of birds, frogs, turtles, fish, trees, flowers, waves, boats, people fishing and diving, and suns sporting smiles and sunglasses. She thanked all the sixth graders for providing a great selection. Marjorie Lowe from the logo selection committee commented, "The Red Bank School system is off to an impressive start with the students recognizing the joys of nature as depicted by their original and imaginative drawings."

Swimming River Discoveries has already made use of the new logo in its recent membership brochure, in its letterhead, and on a notecard packet which it is selling to raise funds for the project. For further information about Swimming River Discoveries go to [www.rbbeef.org](http://www.rbbeef.org).