



IT'S PLAYTIME...Beechwood students assist Nancy Lubarsky, Ed.D., Chief School Administrator at Mountainside Public Schools, in cutting the ribbon for the two new Beechwood playgrounds. Pictured, rear, from left, are: Mountainside Board Member Carmine Venes, Board of Education (BOE) President James Ruban, Jr., Mountainside Officer in Charge, Lieutenant Joseph Giannuzzi, Sergeant Michael Jackson, Detective Corporal Shaun Bendik; front, from left: Freeholder Sergio Granados, Mountainside BOE member Dana Guidici Pietro, Freeholder Chair Bette Jane Kowalski, Ms. Lubarsky, Freeholder Kimberly Palmieri-Mouded, Mountainside Mayor Paul Mirabelli.

Beechwood School Installs New Playgrounds through Grant Monies

MOUNTAINSIDE — May 20, was the official ribbon cutting for not one, but two playgrounds for Mountainside's Beechwood School thanks to two grants from the Board of Union County Chosen Freeholders, and funds from other community/school organizations.

The first grant, the Kids Recreation Trust, was for \$30,000 with matching monies provided by the PTO, the

Mountainside Education Foundation, the Watts Foundation and the Mountainside Board of Education.

The second grant, Level the Playing Field, provided \$25,000 of additional funding specifically geared toward equipment for special needs children.

These grants enabled the district to provide two playgrounds, one for grades K-2 students, and one specifically designed for preschool students.