

# FOREST FORUM 1/21/10

## *From the Classroom*

### Sixth Grade Science Fair

Our Sixth Graders have been working very hard on their Science Fair projects to be displayed to our community on Thursday, February 4th. The experiments range from taste tests for ice cream (regular or low fat) to the effects of eating while completing a test to auditory memory over a period of time. The children have been so enthusiastic about their projects and have really been able to implement the processes of scientific experimentation previously learned in class. I know attendees at the Fair will be quite impressed with the end results!

Many thanks go out to the following staff members for their assistance in this endeavor...

- Ralph Laudano for his guidance
- Ronni Horowitz for her creativity
- Mike Antoniato for his computer wizardry and patience
- Sherrie Lewis for her suggestions and caring
- Bruce Lesser for his organizational skills and patience

## **From the Health Office**

Just a reminder to parents/guardians to please call our school nurse, Mrs. Vitalo, by 8:45 to report your child's absence or tardiness. The Health Office can be reached at 791-6790. The district policy requires a note explaining the absence and date(s) of absence(s). The note should be presented to the nurse prior to your child entering the classroom. Please be specific-just saying "ill" is not enough. Indicating virus, fever, cold, etc. helps us to maintain accurate records. In addition, a note with an explanation is required for any tardiness. Finally, please be sure to keep the emergency contact card up to date so that we have ready access to an adult in the case that your child needs to go home. Thank you so much for your continued cooperation.

Mrs. Vitalo

## *PTA Updates*

- 1/29 6:30 PM WINGO!!
- 2/1 PARP program begins
- 2/1 Book Fair Preview (Evening)
- 2/2 & 2/3 Book Fair (Daytime)

If anyone has unwanted gifts from the recent holidays or would like to donate items to our WINGO event for raffle prizes, please drop them off in the Main Office of school. Thank you for your help. We know it is going to be a fun-filled evening!

## **Upcoming Events**

- 1/23 Building Walk-Through Forest Rd  
Estimated start time 9:15 AM...all community members are welcome to complete a facilities Walk-Through with the Board of Education and Central Office Administration.  
1/25 BOE Meeting @ 8PM Shaw Ave.  
1/26 PTA sponsored Assembly  
The Singing Bus Driver-students only

## **BLT Update**

Our BLT met recently and the primary discussion of the meeting was centered around upcoming fundraising efforts for relief in Haiti. We currently have a **Coin Drive** in place and are accepting monetary donations in the Main Lobby of school. Please donate if you are able, now through the end of January. The organization that we are donating to is The Forgotten Children of Haiti and its website is as follows ([www.helpfch.org](http://www.helpfch.org)) if you would like to learn more about the important work they do. Additionally, safety during arrival and dismissal continues to be a concern. We NEED your cooperation in making sure that you are NOT parking along Jasmine so that the flow of traffic can be fluid.

**If you have any suggestions for discussion topics or ideas to share, please drop them off in the BLT mailbox in the lobby of the school or email Mrs. Walsh ([swalsh@vs30.org](mailto:swalsh@vs30.org)). Thanks!**