

FOREST FORUM 2/12/10

Teaching and Learning Highlights from the Forest...

PARP UPDATE

Only Read on Days That End in "Y"...

We hope you have had the opportunity to take advantage of our PARP initiatives during the past two weeks. Many of these nightly suggestions were directed at demonstrating to you that reading with your child is both important and fun. I do not know of any parent who would disagree that reading with your child is a significant way to improve fluency and comprehension skills, however, many of us just cannot seem to find the time to make this a priority. The message here is FIND THE TIME! Not only will your child see an improvement in literacy skills, you will see a growing bond over a shared interest.

The Poetry Café was an incredible experience for our student and adult participants. We thank the folks who donated treats and beverages and give a big Shout Out to Ken Woodley and Carolyn Pean for manning the Café the entire day. The kids were so pleased to share their creations and the ambience within the Café could not be beat. We have a ton of talent here in the Forest and this was a wonderful way to place it in the "spotlight"!

Winter White Out!!!

Have you enjoyed the past two days of school closures? I know the children, teachers and staff sure have! While we were digging out our own driveways and walks, Romeo, Sam and Peter, our amazing custodial staff, have been here at the Forest clearing the way for our return. Many thanks to them for their hard work. With only a few weeks left for potential snowfall, please be mindful that safety must be our first priority. Take extra care when dropping off and picking up students and respect our need to keep traffic on Jasmine Lane flowing smoothly.

We will begin to see more outdoor line-up and recess times as the weather begins to get warmer. Please make sure that your child is dressed appropriately for this possibility. Warm coats, hats and gloves are a must for extended time outdoors. If you have a need for any of these items, please contact our Social Worker, Ms. Ragone.

Everybody Cooks Rice

Second grade students got to enjoy our pajama and Rice Recipe Day on Friday 2/12. After reading our Winter Community Read, several students brought in a favorite recipe for all to sample. There was a delicious variety of recipes including Chicken Biryani (Mrs. Moid/India), Riz Djon-Djon (Mrs. Cange/Haiti), Risotto (Mrs. Spina/Italy), Chicken Pelau (Mrs. Campbell/Trinidad) and Yellow Spanish Rice (Mrs. Luna/Dominican Republic). What a delightful way to spend the morning! Thank you to Mrs. Guttman and Mrs. Spina for bringing our story to life with such a Hands (and Mouths) On activity.

Founder's Day

Our Founder's Day Celebration has been moved to Wednesday, 2/24 at 7PM. We will gather together here at the Forest to share our appreciation for all the commitment and dedication of our PTA's. We have our 1st, 3rd and 6th grade students performing and are expecting a terrific turn-out. Come and join us for this special event. Light refreshments will be served.

Have a safe and relaxing Vacation! School resumes on Monday, 2/22/10.
BOE Meeting 2/22 @ 8PM Shaw Avenue Library