

FOREST FORUM 3/18/10

From The Classroom

Shared experiences between older and younger students have many positive benefits. Our Sixth grade students from Ms. Hammond and Mrs. Lewis class have been working with Mrs. Santarpia's kindergarten class in partnerships for several different activities. For the 100th Day of School, the students read 100 books together. In celebration of St. Patrick's Day, the sixth grade students prepared Limerick Poems for the kindergartners. They also graphed Lucky Charms together and assisted the kindergartners with their graphing skills, asking them questions about the graphs they created. Next, we plan to begin researching topics for "How To" books to be completed by the end of April. Everyone has been enjoying their learning time together and we certainly see some future teachers in our midst!

Emotional Wellness!

Everything about your children is important to us including their social and emotional well being. Therefore we are excited to inform you that Peninsula Counseling Center will be back to administer social-emotional screenings to you, about your children. Last year we had great participation and an overwhelmingly positive response to this program. With the help of these screenings we were able to meet the needs of many of our families.

This program is a confidential service for you and your family and has met with our welcoming approval. The screenings are designed to promote early identification of emotional issues in children and adolescents, and to serve as annual emotional check up for your children. Professional Staff of Peninsula Counseling Center, under contract with the NY State Office of Mental Health, will be on hand in your school to answer any questions you may have about these screenings.

As you know social and emotional health directly impacts school performance, as well as family and social relations. We want to help you give your child every opportunity to ensure their life success. Therefore, we hope you will stop by the Peninsula Counseling table in your school, and fill out the brief screening about your children.

If you have any questions prior to Parent Teacher Conferences, feel free to call Dr. Adina Korn, the Director of the program at 516-204-1345.

From The Green Team...

Spring Into a New Habit

By Chelsea Reyes, Marc Macenat, Jibrael Basdeo, Dahlia Woodley

As we enter into the new season of Spring, the Green Team wanted to share some of our "green resolutions" that you can do for the rest of the year!

Our Green Team resolution is to go green and STAY green! Here's how:

You can stop littering. Make sure you put garbage where it belongs and remember to recycle or compost the rest!

Conserve water. Turn off the sink when it is not in use and make sure to fix any leaks! Try new things for the new year, like composting and precycling. (Precycling means to think about where the item will end up BEFORE you buy it.)

Conserve energy. Make sure all appliances and lights are turned off when you are not using them!

Think of the 3 R's. Reduce, reuse and recycle! Hope your Spring is a Green One!!

Music News!

If you have gotten a chance to check out the display in our front lobby, you might have noticed the awesome verses to the song "Down by the Bay" that were created by our First Grade students. Now, you can even hear them singing it, without ever leaving the comfort of your home... just go to www.kistermusic.com, click on "Current Projects" and enjoy!

******Forest Road Concert Thursday, 3/18 @ 7PM. We hope to see you there in support of our fabulous singers and musicians!***

******Parent Teacher Conferences 3/24 and 3/25...make sure you have your appointment!***