

# FOREST FORUM 12/10/09

## Teaching and Learning Highlights from the Forest...

**FR WINTER CONCERT TUESDAY DECEMBER 15 at 7:30...Come and Enjoy!!!!**

### **I'm Dreaming of A Green Christmas...By Dahlia Woodley**

I have good news and great news. The good news is the Green Team is giving you useful tips to have a green holiday. The great news is you folks out there can save on your electricity bill by using energy saving lights on your Christmas tree. Instead of using old wrapping paper, be creative! The bags you get from department stores when you shop for gifts can be used to wrap gifts. Try using colored shredded paper to fill gift bags. You can also try using magazines and newspapers to wrap gifts too!

Hey, I got an even better green idea! You can buy earth friendly gifts. How about a BPA free water bottle. These are safe for the earth and your body. Did you know these could be used over and over again? BPA free means that the chemicals from the plastic bottle don't leak out into the water when it's heated. I hope we made you think green or at least make you smile! Have a very Green Christmas and A Happy New Year!

### **Forest Road Lends a Helping Hand**

*By Ashton Dacon and Liza Poserio*

The sixth grade will be sponsoring a year round Food Drive for the Forest Road Community. Your contributions will be helping to supply some local food pantries. Please support our efforts by sending non-perishable items like canned goods, pasta products, rice, crackers, nuts, beans, honey, peanut butter, juice boxes/beverages, and jelly.

Have you ever thought about the food that you're wasting? The food you're throwing out? People in the world, and in our community would love to eat that food. People don't just need food on the holidays. They need it every day.

So what are you waiting for?! Help out the Forest Road Community by sending us food! Let's help the needy for a better community.

### **PTA Updates**

Next PTA Meeting...1/20/10

Join us for an evening of pizza and an opportunity to meet with Dr. Elaine Kanas, Superintendent.

### **Upcoming Events**

12/16 PTA sponsored Assembly  
Mad Science-students only

**\*\*\*\*Please call Ingrid Wyllie to register your children or volunteer for Parents Night Out on 12/18/09. The projected turnout for this evening is high, so please get involved-we need volunteers!!!! 917-642-7835**

### **Valley Stream -FREE H1N1 Flu Vaccinations TUESDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2009 6:00-10:00 PM Central High School Auxiliary Gym**

Nassau University Medical Center in conjunction with the Nassau County Dept. of Health is offering, H1N1 flu vaccinations, free of charge, to all community residents. Individuals under age 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. Street parking and use of the north parking lot are available. Children under the age of 10 will need to receive a second vaccination; please consult your pediatrician.

### **Second Grade Update**

The second graders are busy writing letters to Santa with all that they wish for this holiday season. Some are asking Santa for toys but many are thanking Santa for being so good to them. All of them are promising milk and cookies to him on Christmas Eve. Even the children who do not officially celebrate Christmas are in the holiday spirit of writing Santa a letter because for every letter dropped off at the Macy's mailbox, Macy's will donate \$1.00 to the MAKE-A-WISH Foundation. Our second graders want to give to children less fortunate than themselves in the true Spirit of Christmas. Happy Holidays to All!!