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Preface

VOLUME XX

Valley Stream Union Free School District Thirty Parent Teacher Association (PTA) Newsletters

This volume contains newsletters from the Parent Teacher Associations (PTAs) of the various schools in Valley Stream Union Free School District Thirty. The oldest newsletter contained herein is from the Forest Road and Shaw Avenue schools dated 1959.¹

William P. Stris
December 31, 2000

¹ In 2000, a binder was donated to each school library in the district in order to maintain PTA newsletters from the *twenty-first century*.

Reading for Enjoyment and Learning

Dear Parents,

I'm sure you realize what a valuable contribution you can make to the education of your children. By encouraging participation in the Parents as Reading Partners Program, you will be able to dramatically affect the total reading development of your children.

Reading time should not be a dreaded time of the day. Be a coach, not a critic. If your child has trouble reading at home, the book is too difficult. Use the "rule of thumb" as a good way to get a quick idea whether or not a book is about right for your child's reading skills. To use the "rule of thumb", have your child read a page of a book aloud, holding up one finger for each word that he doesn't know. If your child holds up four fingers and a thumb before finishing one page, the book is probably a little too hard. This method is not exact, but it can help your child avoid choosing a book that will be far too difficult. He should be choosing books he can read without frustration. By choosing books at their level, or slightly below, the children can practice their skills in unlocking new words, recognize familiar words, and develop confidence in their ability to read.

We expect children to learn to speak; we must expect them to succeed in reading. Be a parent participant, not a passive parent.

Sincerely,

Genie Melone
Reading Specialist



Help Your Child Learn, and Love Reading

Children should grow up reading as naturally as they grow up speaking, by building on their natural drive to **discover meaning**. Reading, and writing, must serve in the discovery and communication of ideas the children find important. Only then will they consider these valuable skills worth learning.

The parent, the child's primary model for learning speech, can also be child's primary model for learning to read. Research by the National Academy of Education concluded: "Parents play roles of inestimable importance in laying the foundation for learning to read... Children who know a lot about written language had parents who believed that it was their responsibility to seize opportunities to convey information about written language to their children."

How can parents be effective?

✦ **Keep reading meaningful.** Interest in reading grows if children can come to understand that it conveys meaning they find important. Help them recognize its value by identifying print you encounter together in your environment. Read recipes for brownies or road signs to Grandpa's house.

✦ **Make reading fun.** Celebrate its recreational value by reading aloud. Your young child will love cuddling with you, listening to the sound and rhythm of your voice as you read. This close interaction instills a love and a sense of what written language is all about from a young age. When it comes to learning words, let them concentrate on those they want to learn, such as *dinosaurs*, *pizza*, etc.

✦ **Optimize your child's environment.** Fill a lower shelf or two with children's board and picture books. Add other hands-on language material such as letters, puzzles, blocks, magazines. Encourage the first scribbles and as your child gets older, facilitate writing by providing plenty of pencils, paper and supplies children need to author books, greeting cards, or whatever strikes their imagination.

✦ **Maximize success.** Encourage your child to retell a familiar story while turning pages. Familiarity allows children to better predict what the print says and gain immediate confidence.

High dividends are in store for both parents and children. When children see the value of written language as communication, competence comes easily and a lifelong love of reading is born. Children who enjoy reading will read more and independently strengthen their ability.

*Ideas taken from 'Learning and Loving to Read'
by Jill Frankel Hauser,
featured in the November 1990 issue of PTA Today,
the magazine of the National PTA.*



Mrs. Clarke's Fourth Grade Class

During the month of January the children in Mrs. Clarke's fourth grade class were busy keeping track of the daily weather conditions. Each child was given a six way weather meter to measure the wind direction, the amount of rainfall, and the temperature. The daily weather statistics were recorded on a chart in the classroom. The children received practice in averaging daily temperatures for the entire month. From their figures and calculations, the children found that average temperature for January was 36°. This project was a nice follow-up activity to the study of the climate of Long Island, which is part of the fourth grade curriculum.



Mrs. Clarke and her class are extremely proud of the accomplishments of the following students:

Nicholas Ciano was the first place winner in the Stop Pollution Poster Contest. Dawn Hoffmann and Derek Giacomantonio received honorable mention. Billy Lombardo received an excellence of performance award in speech for the correction of his R sound.

*Barbara Clarke
Fourth Grade*

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Meet The Tates

From the Kansas PTA Bulletin

I was introduced to the **Tates** recently. There's the head of the family, Dick **Tate**, who wants to run everything. Uncle Ro Tate tries to turn everything around, and his wife Agi **Tate** likes stirring things up whenever she can.

Nephew, Irri **Tate**, always rubs people the wrong way, and nieces, Hesi **Tate** and Vege **Tate**, pour cold water on every proposal.

Then there's Aunt Imi **Tate** who's all for trying something new just because someone else is doing it. And, of course, Cousin Devas **Tate** will always throw a wrench in the works.

You are sure to know the **Tates**, for they sit on every committee, live on every street, join every club, travel on every bus, work in every factory, shop, or office...

Watch you don't become one of them!

District 30

Celebration of Founders Day

The three schools of District 30 celebrate Founders Day each year together. This year it was the turn of Shaw Avenue School PTA to host the celebration.

Those who attended were treated to a performance of "It's A Small World" by the 4th grade classes of Mrs. Benedetto and Mrs. Horner ; and "The Greatest Love Of All" and "America" by the Shaw Avenue Sign Language Club.

Ms. June Innella and Mr. William Van Ness were the guest speakers. Ms. Innella carried on the tradition of Founders Day with a candle lighting ceremony as all present recited the PTA pledge.

Refreshments followed the program.

Our thanks to the Shaw Avenue PTA Presidents, Chris Shazar and Annette Lachmeyer and their committee for an enjoyable evening.

The Purpose of PTA

- To find facts, not faults
- To raise the standards of the home, not criticize it
- To raise children better, not to raise them more easily
- To secure good schools, not to operate them
- To give every child a chance, not to make each a prodigy
- To make lives, not to make money

Founders Day information on these pages excerpted from New York Parent Teacher, November/December 1990, the magazine of New York State PTA

PTA Founders Day, February 17

Celebrating 94 years of PTA Achievements

B-I-R-N-E-Y -- H-E-A-R-S-T

An abridged version of National PTA's
An Anniversary Acrostic

- B** - **Builders** of the nationwide organization now known as the National Congress of Parents and Teachers
- I** - **Ideals** for which they stood
Imagination with which they laid their plans
Intelligence they displayed
Influence they exerted
- R** - **Response** which came when the builders announced the plan
- N** - **National's** aims and plans become ours as well
- E** - **Emblem** chosen for the Congress - the oak tree, symbolic of strength and rugged, sturdy growth
- Y** - **Youth** along with young children need our protection from the perils of this modern world
- H** - **Home** together with **Health** and **Happiness** and **Harmony** that should prevail
- E** - **Education** that is nothing less than the best is good enough for the children and young people in our care
- A** - **Activities** and **Achievements**
Awareness of a need is a call to **Action**
- R** - **Reminiscence** and **Reflection** and **Responsibility** - don't linger in the mood of reminiscence, but reflect on our responsibility for things to come
- S** - **Service** to children and youth - give of yourselves that their lives may be enriched through the enlightenment of those who owe them protection and thoughtful care
- T** - **Tribute** of thought and high resolve - let's all rededicate whatever is ours of personal influence and leadership in home, school, and community

The Purpose of Founders Day

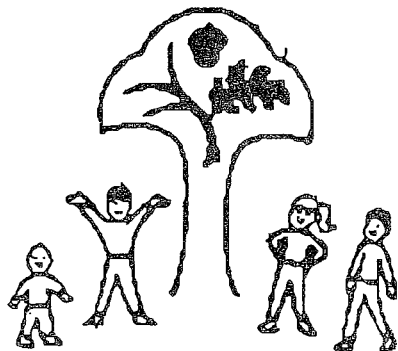
Founders Day commemorates the day when the concept of PTA became a nationwide movement. On February 17, 1897 approximately 2,000 people gathered in Washington DC "to discuss questions most vital to the welfare of children and the manifold interests of the home."

Alice McLellan Birney and Phoebe Apperson Hearst sent out the call. Two thousand responded to it, and the national organization was created. Then, as now, it was dedicated to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children in home, school and community.

As a message by Bess Brown of Nassau District PTA said eighteen years ago: "It has been said that there are two kinds of people in this world - the dreamers and the doers. But the doers can't do until the dreamers have dreamed....we pay tribute to two dreamers who...had a dream and who succeeded beyond all expectations in awakening the doers to make this dream come true."

A strong and active PTA is as necessary today as it was in 1897.

The National PTA has designated February 1991 as PTA Month to focus local, state and national attention on the effective and important work - past and present - by members of the PTA and to highlight the need for even more meaningful parent involvement. The theme of this observance is "**Parents who care have children who care**" and its goals are to increase parental participation in the nation's schools, to project a positive image of the PTA, to strengthen member confidence in the association and to create awareness of the PTA as a vital element of each child's education, health and safety. President George Bush has offered his support for PTA Month - he states in a letter to the National PTA: "If our children are to meet the challenges and opportunities of the future, they must have the best possible education that we can provide. Ensuring excellence in our Nation's schools will require not only the development of dedicated, highly trained teachers and well-rounded curricula but also the sustained involvement and concern of every parent. What goes on in the classroom is only part of a child's educational experience; parents still have the primary responsibility for what, and how, their children learn.Your membership in PTA gives your children a sense of security and continuity, and it demonstrates your commitment to the education and welfare of our nation's youth."



Surprise Musical Tribute

The Clear Stream students and teachers combined forces at an assembly on Friday, January 25, to give retiring principal Mr. Burbell a surprise send-off. With new principal Mr. Cohen's assistance, Mr. Burbell was brought to the auditorium where students, teachers, and some former staff waited to surprise Mr. Burbell with a program of music to chronicle his years at our school.

The program included original poetry, read by Priti Kataria, and some dancing sixth grade girls, as well as dancing teddy bears. Representatives from each grade sang about Mr. Burbell's start in education ("**School Days**"), his endearing qualities ("**You're A Good Man Charlie Brown**"), his love for the students ("**Buddies and Pals**"), as well as his plans for travel during retirement ("**On The**



Road Again", and "**Happy Wanderer**"). First graders sang that they loved him almost as much as their teddy bears ("**A - You're Adorable**") while the teddies danced on the stage. Third graders wished him a great retirement ("**It's A Hap-Hap-Happy Day**"), and we all wished him a fond "**So Long, Farewell**", and said "**So Long, It's Been Good To Know You**". The sixth graders couldn't resist a joke and sang and danced to "**Five Foot Two**". Mr. Burbell was a good sport, and joined the dancing!

As a grand finale, the teachers sang "**Thanks For the Memory**", and then music teacher Mrs. Pratt presented Mr. Burbell with a picture of the school building made up of colored fingerprints of all the children and staff.

Retirement Party for Mr. Burbell

Clear Stream Avenue PTA hosted a retirement party for Mr. Burbell on January 18, 1991, at the George Washington Manor in Roslyn. About 170 people joined us to honor Mr. Burbell, including present parents, staff and administrators, parents of former students, former staff members, former PTA presidents, and Mr. Burbell's family. The evening consisted of the following:

- Cocktail hour with hors d'oeuvres
- Sit-down dinner featuring Yankee Pot Roast, the speciality of the house
- Welcome by PTA President Rosemary Rader
- Introductions by PTA President Cynthia Dattoli
- Presentation of Citation and Key to the Village by Mayor De Grace; also Citations from Senator Skelos and Assemblyman Becker
- Presentation of Citation from Mr. Gulotta by a representative from his office

- Humorous presentations by staff members: Ms. Innella; Mr. Camilleri, Mrs. Maclean and Mrs. Cabral; Mrs. Cutillo and Mrs. Burgess; Mrs. Pratt
- Presentation of PTA gifts: a set of luggage, Clear Stream jacket and several 'gag' gifts including a bucket and spade for Florida
- Presentation by past PTA President Rosemary Miller, accompanied by all present and former Clear Stream Avenue PTA Presidents, of National PTA Honorary Life Membership. Letter from President of National PTA read by Anthea Blamire.
- A short speech by Mrs. McAuliffe of the Board of Education
- A speech by Mr. Burbell

We had music, a little dancing, a delicious dinner and an extremely enjoyable evening. We thank Nancy Vigorito and her committee for organizing the evening.

A Message from Mr. Burbell

An Open Letter of Appreciation

Most people recall the oft-quoted closing remarks of the Yankee great Lou Gehrig: "I consider myself the luckiest man in the world...."

I consider myself equally most fortunate to have had the opportunity to have served in the field of education, working closely with children, members of the faculty, parents and The Board of Education. These experiences have also enriched my own personal development.

District Thirty, and especially the Clear Stream Avenue School, is quite special to me. The positive response and understanding of parents, as reflected by your active support of the educational program and planned activities, have promoted a climate for learning and engendered a positive spirit which is both unique and vital.

I say Adieu, leaving with wonderful memories that will last a lifetime. As I have often said, "Your caring, your understanding, and your support have always made the difference."

My best wishes always.

Fondly,

Richard M. Burbell



Breakfast with Santa



Santa,
Brian Moore,
helping elf
Cristen Dattoli

Clear Stream Avenue PTA's Breakfast with Santa was on December 15, 1990. Santa arrived with his Reindeer with toys for all the children. There was food and drink for all. Many thanks to Valerie Campolo and her committee for a successful morning.



Santa's Reindeer, Mrs. Burgess,
Mr. Burbell and Mr. Cohen

PTA Reflections, 1990-1991

"If I Had A Wish"

Reflections, the National PTA cultural arts competition, came to a close with an awards ceremony at Clear Stream Avenue on January 4, 1991. The winners were presented with pins, ribbons and a gift certificate to a local book store. Their entries were submitted to the Nassau District PTA level of competition. There were also eight honorable mentions who received ribbons. Their work was displayed at the Valley Stream Library starting January 10th.

The winners were:

Visual arts: Jessica Liou, Betty Liou, Anthony Garcia
Photography: Bryan McCormick, Cristen Dattoli, Karen Russer
Music: Renee Ruggeri
Literature: Johnny Vasquez, Pamela Russo, Luis Cordoba

Honorable mentions were:

Visual arts: Jennifer Allen, Christina Campolo, Dawn Fredericks, Kurt Fredericks
Photography: Christopher Bastardi
Literature: Scott Bartolomeo, Jessica Liou, Matthew Roth

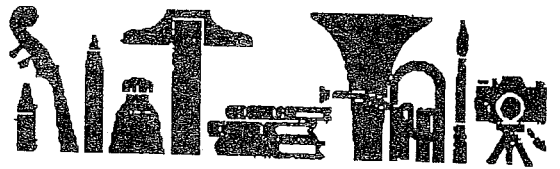
All children who participated received a certificate.

Judging the competition, professionals in their field, were Martha Jacovides, Editor of the Valley Stream Herald, and Anne Hayden, art teacher at Valley Stream Central High School.

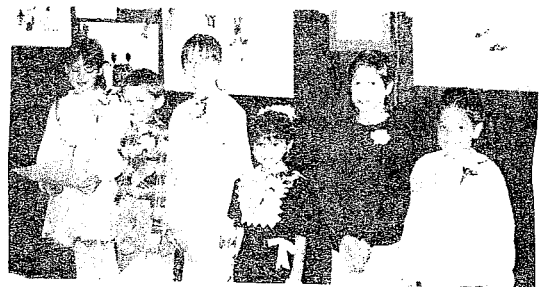
This program encourages the children to use their creativity and imagination as well as being a great way to boost self-esteem. The entries ranged from peace on earth and no more pollution to a high-tech car and ultra strong men. We are very proud of our creative students and are looking forward to next year's theme.

We would like to thank all our committee members and teachers for their time and effort in making this program a special one.

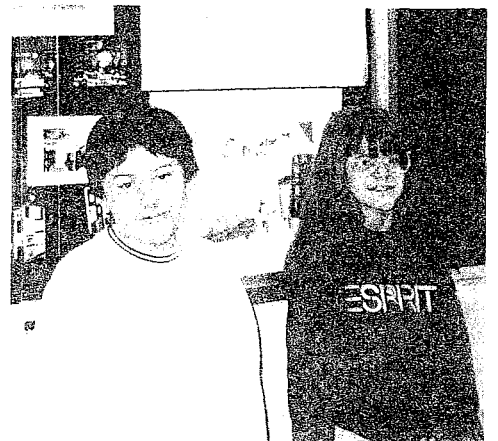
*Kathy Russo
Pat McCormick
Co-Chairpersons*



Clear Stream's Reflections winners after receiving their awards



Winners of Honorable Mention awards



Johnny Vasquez and Karen Russer, winners in the Nassau District PTA level of the competition

Clear Stream Winners Head for State Competition

Two students from the Clear Stream Avenue PTA-sponsored Reflections program won in the Nassau District PTA competition.

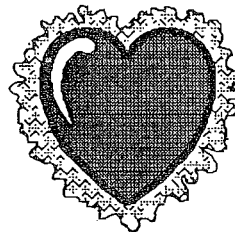
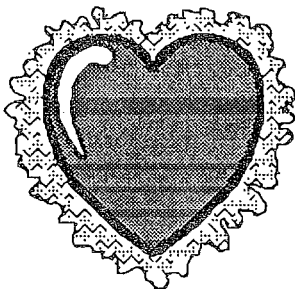
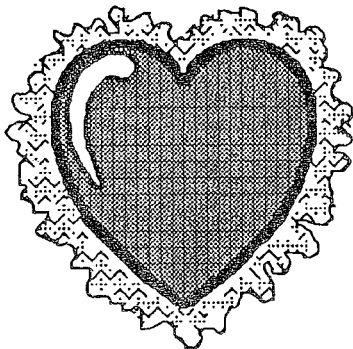
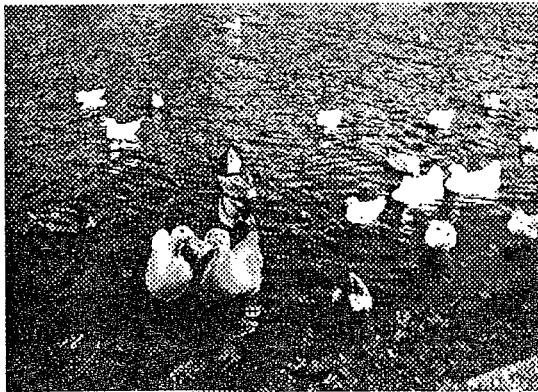
"Over 1,000 entries were judged and our students' creativity shone through", stated Kathy Russo, Reflections Chairperson.

Johnny Vasquez, a third grader in Mrs. Cabral's class, won in the literature category.

Karen Russer, a fourth grader in Mrs. Lipski's class, won in the photography category.

Both students will now be judged in a state wide competition. We congratulate both winners and wish them good luck in the state competition.

Pictured is a black and white copy of Karen Russer's winning color photograph. Johnny Vasquez's literature piece will appear in the next issue of the **Streamer**.



*Paula Franklin
First Grade*



News from the Kids in Room 3

Dear Parents,

We thought you would like to know what's happening in our class, and what's happening in February.

1. This is a new month. This year Ground Hog's Day is on Saturday. Please remember to help us check and see whether it will be an early Spring or a long Winter.
2. Remind us everyday of the day, date, and the weather report. We also want to know what's for lunch.
3. We are all in our first hard covered book "Outside My Window" - Yea! It's fun to see how much we can read and how much we've learned. We will bring our books home soon so you can hear us.
4. Take us to the Library, **please, please, please**. We want our own cards. We really love when you read **with us** and **to us!** Ask us questions so we can show you we understand. It will help us be better readers.
5. While we're talking about reading, **remember** we need someone to check us on our word lists and short vowel sounds (every night, at least one list plus our new list).
6. Guess what? We can count to 100 and we can count by tens. Ask us, we'll show you.

Fun Times

We are writing Winter stories and making a Winter mural.

We started work on Hearts, Hearts, Hearts - our Valentine's Day craft.

Reminders

Please **sign** and **check** our homework. Help us with our mistakes.

Wear a yellow ribbon!

Cooper's Corner

Well, the year is half over and results show a productive and exciting one in Room 21.

Our motto continues - **Work Hard, Play Hard**. We also follow the proverb, **Business Before Pleasure**.

Our class has been involved in Author books. We write, revise, edit, make our own illustrations, and finalize our efforts by laminating and putting our books into our school library.

In science, we are studying meteorology (study of weather). We are now actively making our own weather instruments - barometers, thermometers, anemometers, wind vanes, hydrometers. Look out Mr. G., Dr. Frank Field and Al Roker, Clear Stream's meteorologists are on the move.

In the area of social studies, we are on the go roaming through Rome and greeting Greeks in ancient times. Our colorful posters depict our many lessons.

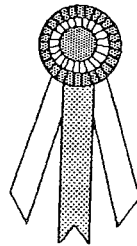
Reading has been culminated with several projects and reports. Our biography blocks, dioramas and book jackets show our minds were not always on TV and Nintendo.

Health was enlightened with a Valentine Happening. We planned and prepared (with help from parents, of course) a nutritious meal on Valentine's Day.

We are now starting a Rent-A-Reader Program. Our class will be working with children in the primary classes in reading, math and other activities.

Congratulations to our top ten winners for the 2nd Marking Period on Achievement and Academic Merits. We all tried our best.

- 1st Priti Kataria - 61 pts
- 2nd Bernadette Culotta - 60 pts
- 3rd April Ferdon - 57 pts
- 4th Edward Miller - 56 pts
- 5th Cecilia Evers - 54 pts
- 6th Brian Richford - 51 pts
- 7th Jason Dinner - 49 pts
- 8th Christina Bohringer - 48 pts
- 9th Vinny Sferrazzo - 47 pts
Daniela Scrozzo - 47 pts
- 10th Jennifer Dattoli - 44 pts



*David Cooper
Sixth Grade*

Onward and upward - as time marches on, so do the students of Room 21. We look ahead to the 3rd Marking Period.

More adventures to follow. Tune in to C.B.S. (C-----S
B-----G S-----M).

Remember !!!!

Teachers' Recognition Day is Wednesday, April 24, 1991. PTA will once again be calling on you to make your favorite recipe to make this day as successful as always.



Student Council News

"Red, White, and Blue Day"

On Tuesday, January 15th, Clear Stream Avenue School's Student Council held their third Theme Day. Appropriately, it was **Red, White and Blue Day**. The students were asked to wear Red, White and Blue to show their support for our country's efforts to secure peace in the Middle East.

The day started off with all Clear Stream children, faculty, and staff in front of the school saying the Pledge of Allegiance and singing "America". This was followed by a moment of silence to reflect and remember. The purpose of the morning was to bring about an awareness of the Persian Gulf Crisis and to remember all of our servicemen and women who are in the Middle East serving our country. This is just one of the activities Student Council has sponsored related to Operation Desert Shield/Storm.

Another Success

Student Council's second **Canned Food Drive** took place the first week of February. The response from our Clear Stream family was once again fantastic. Almost 300 cans were collected and given to local organization to distribute to needy families in our area. We were also able to donate a portion of the cans to some Valley Stream families who have fathers serving our country in the Middle East.

Student Council would like to thank all of the people who contributed to this drive to make it a success. Your help and generosity towards our endeavors does not go unnoticed. On behalf of the families whose lives you have touched, thank you!

Music Notes

The World's Largest Concert will again be broadcast on Channels 13 and 21 to help celebrate **Music In Our Schools Month**. Clear Stream's students will be singing along at school, and we hope you will watch the concert and sing along at home. Report your participation to Mrs. Pratt so that you can be counted when we send in our total number of participants. Please watch on **March 7, 1991**, from 1:00-1:30 p.m.

The District Band, Orchestra and Chorus are busily preparing for their Spring Concert scheduled for April 18, 1991. Mark your calendar and join us for an evening of music at 8:00 p.m.



Linda Pratt
Music Specialist

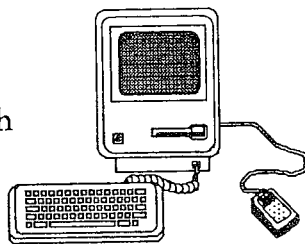
Computer Lab News

Mr. Cooper's sixth graders have almost finished writing their own books.

They are using "Bank Street Writer" on the computer.

Some of Mrs. Maclean's students have also completed their book using the computer.

Mrs. Ehrenreich's fourth graders are writing pen pal letters in the computer room.



Noeleen Douglas
Computer Lab

Photo Credits: Thanks to Marie Stone for photographs of Mr. Burbell and Mr. Cohen. Thanks to Mary Sheffield for most of other photographs.

Register To Vote

Now is the time to register to vote. We would like to see all our parents become registered voters.

In order to make it easy for you to register, forms are available at all PTA meetings, or by contacting Rosemary Miller, April Hay, Carol Russer or Mary Sheffield (see calendar for phone numbers). You can also register to vote at Memorial Junior High School on March 7th during "Lights On For Education." A special PTA Council table is being set up for your convenience. You can also register at Clear Stream Avenue School on **Wednesday, April 24**, between 7-9 a.m. or 4-9 p.m.

Below you will find some important directions and information on Voter Registration.

Directions on filling out a mail-in voter registration form:

The forms are easy to fill out. They ask for name, address, phone, date of birth, length of time at present residence, employer, citizenship, party enrollment, sex, height, eye color, signature in two places.

To be sure the form is valid, it is important to sign your name by the X on both the front and back of the form and check one box in #13 that indicates whether you want to enroll in a political party or not. Enrolling in a party enables you to vote in the political primary elections.

The form is already addressed to the Board of Elections. All you have to do is fold it up, put on a 29-cent stamp, and mail.

To vote, you must be:

- a United States citizen
- a resident of Nassau County for at least 30 days
- at least 18 years old by the day after the election date

You need to re-register if:

- you have moved (even from one side of the street to another, or one apartment to another in the same building)
- you have changed your name (as by marriage)
- you have not voted in the past 4 years

Once you are registered on these buff-colored forms, you can vote in both school and general elections.

Deadline for registering:

The budget vote-school board election date this year is Wednesday, May 8.

The forms should be mailed to the Board of Elections by April 15 so you are on the books.

If it is mid-April and you have not sent in your form, register at the elementary school on Wednesday, April 24.

Please register now! Every vote counts in a general election or school budget vote. We're counting on **you!**

Rosemary Miller
Budget Committee

Safety committee

We would just like to remind parents that the use of our school building after school hours is a privilege. Sometimes we all abuse this privilege by letting our children run wild. We must all teach our children to respect public buildings as we would respect our friends' and neighbors' homes.

Some recent complaints from custodians and school personnel are cookie crumbs, gum wrappers, water or other liquids on gym floor, bathrooms with water and paper towels all over the floor, and children misusing play scenery and gym equipment on the stage.

Our school buildings throughout Valley Stream are being used constantly by many organizations such as basketball, soccer, twirling etc. This is the way it should be. It would be a shame if any of these organizations lost the use of a school due to lack of respect of a building's rules. We, as parents, cannot leave all the supervision of our children to the sports coaches.

So maybe if we all took a few minutes to explain to our children that the same common sense and good manners that apply at home are even more important when using a public building, this would help to ensure that our gyms are available for extracurricular activities for a long time to come.

Clear Stream Avenue PTA Safety Committee



Physical Fitness Testing for Grades 1-6

During the last two weeks of March, children in grades 1-6 will be given the Presidential Physical Fitness Test during Physical Education classes. Students have been training for this test since the Fall. It is extremely important for parents to remind their children to wear proper activity attire (sweat pants, T-shirts and sneakers).

The **only** excuse notes accepted during this time will be those from a doctor.

Test scores are recorded and kept until the child graduates. Sixth grade scores are sent to Memorial JHS for their records. This is the second year this test is being used.

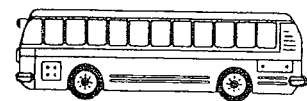
If parents have any questions or would like to see the results of their child's performance, they should contact Mrs. Cutillo. Mrs. Cutillo will also be available the evening of the Art Show (May 8th) for any parent who is unable to see her in the daytime.

How PTA Influences the Legislative Process

The PTA Legislative Program, one of the most vital functions of PTA, is implemented through non-partisan political action based on principles and issues. It is concerned with issues on local, state and federal levels and is a concise expression of what we support and oppose in advancing education, health and welfare needs of today's young people. Legislators, school board members, administrators and public officials listen when PTA speaks because they know that the 83,000 members in Nassau District and 330,000 members in New York State represented by PTA all have a common concern: the welfare of youth.

Remember that the biggest impact we have is on our community, sharing with and relaying to our legislators the individual and combined opinions and beliefs of the **people back home**.

(Extracted from Nassau District PTA Leader, February 1990)



PTA Day in Albany



On PTA Day hundreds of PTA members from across the state come together in Albany as advocates for children, listening to speakers and meeting with legislators. By coming together on this day, we show that PTA members throughout the state are concerned about our children and youth.

This year, especially, each additional person in Albany is of the utmost importance.

Valley Stream Council of PTAs organizes a bus from Valley Stream. If anyone is interested in accompanying us to Albany on March 19, please contact Cynthia Dattoli or Rosemary Rader. The bus leaves at 7 a.m. from Hendrickson Park and we return about 9 p.m. PTA funds cover the cost of the bus fare.

Special Activities at Clear Stream



Kindergarten Community helpers - parents discussing their jobs in the community. Space - solar system, astronauts

Grade 1 A dentist will visit Mrs. Spiess' class to reinforce Dental Health Month. Mrs. Franklin's class wrote winter stories for a mural entitled "Winter Fun."

Grade 2 Mrs. Murray's class play "The Country Store Cat" was Jan. 18.

Grade 3 Mrs. Maclean's class has built models of the village of Tenochtitlan, Mexico. Had a 'trading fair' as in the 1700's between the French and Indians. Mrs. Cabral's class making buffalo hides and teepees as part of study of Plains Indians.

Grade 4 Mrs. Clarke's class working on a Save the Earth project. Doing family chores - getting paid and donating the money towards the purchase of trees. Mrs. Ehrenreich's class is preparing biography book reports for oral presentations, dressed as the book's character. Mrs. Lipski's class sent their second gift pack to Saudi Arabia and writing letters to pen pals.

Grade 5 Ms. Yelland's class presented "Caribbean Capers" on Feb. 1.

Grade 6 Mrs. Voss' class was allowed to chew gum in school for **one** day for a bubble gum day with a bubble blowing contest. The children did research and took surveys - higher level thinking skills used to present their findings.

Poetry A poem by Tara Salamone, a pupil in Mrs. Ehrenreich's fourth grade class, was published in a book that contained 57 original poems from students in Nassau County.

He Stood Up Tall

Martin Luther King,
For freedom he will fight.

He stood up tall,
Above them all,
For peace with "black and white."

He stood up tall above
And said, "To meet hate,
Do it with love."

He made a big, big speech,
Freedom, he will teach.

Give peace and joy he once told
For he was brave
And he was bold.

Arts and Crafts Club

The members of the Arts and Crafts Club have completed many projects in December, January and February. Under the direction of Mrs. Cmar, Mrs. Ehrenreich, Mrs. Lowenkron and Mrs. Melone, the children made small wooden sleds, clothespin reindeer and painted plastic decorations for the holidays. In January the children sanded and stained apple shaped wooden pencil holders. They also learned the art of stenciling by completing a wooden plaque stenciled with their own design. February projects included plastic canvas book marks and valentine banners. Still to come spring projects include mini spring baskets, clothespin rabbits, fabric frames, foil impressions and decorated plastic keepsake boxes.

The children and the adults wish to once again thank the PTA for supplying the materials needed to create all the projects.



Nominating Committee

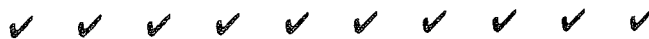
The PTA Nominating Committee has been formed to select next year's officers for Clear Stream Avenue PTA. The proposed slate of officers will be presented to the March General Meeting, to be voted on at the April Meeting.

At Summer Experience, 1989, Peg Davis, then 7th V.P. for New York State PTA offered the following advice for new PTA officers:

**"Be willing to learn and grow, and
allow others to do the same."**

April Is Volunteer Month

Come to the April PTA meeting and volunteer to chair one of next year's PTA activities. If you are unable to attend the meeting, speak to one of the PTA Presidents beforehand and let them know of your interest in being involved. You will find your involvement to be a rewarding experience.



Library Chinese New Year celebrated by studying Chinese cultural achievements - emphasis on calligraphy, origami and folk literature.

Spelling Bee held by the three Valley Stream school districts, coordinated at Clear Stream by Mrs. Dorb.

Dates To Remember

March

- 6 ---- PTA Meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- 7 ---- "Lights On For Education, Memorial JHS, 7:30 p.m.
- 12 ---- PTA Pre-School Meeting, 1:30 p.m.
- 18 ---- SEPTA Meeting, Memorial, 8:00 p.m.
- 19 ---- PTA Day in Albany
- 23 ---- PTA Fun Fair, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- 26 ---- Dist. #30 Bd. of Ed. Mtg., 8:30 p.m., Shaw Avenue
- 28-7-- **Spring Recess - School Closed**

April

- 8 ---- VS Council of PTAs Mtg., Memorial, 8:00 p.m.
- 11 ---- PTA Meeting, 9:00 a.m.
- 11 ---- PTA Pre-School "Meet Your School" Mtg., 7:15 p.m.
- 22 ---- SEPTA Meeting, Memorial, 8:00 p.m.
- 23 ---- Dist. #30 Bd. of Ed. Mtg., 8:30 p.m., Shaw Avenue
- 24 ---- **Budget Voting Registration**, 7-9 a.m., 4-9 p.m., all District 30 schools
- 24 ---- PTA Teacher Recognition Day, 11:15 a.m.
- 25 ---- V.S. Council PTAs Pre-School Hearing Screening, 9-2, Shaw Ave. small gym
- 26 ---- Kindergarten Registration, 9-11 a.m.

May

- 1 ---- PTA Meeting, 8:00 p.m.
- 7-8-- PTA Mother's Day Boutique, 9-3 p.m.
- 8 ---- **SCHOOL BUDGET VOTE**, 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
- 8 ---- Art Exhibit, 7:30 - 9:00 p.m.

The deadline for the March-April issue of the **Streamer** is **Wednesday, March 27, 1991**. Please place any articles in the PTA mailbox any time before that date.

Pre-School

Clear Stream Avenue PTA has arranged the next pre-school meeting for **Tuesday, March 12, 1991**, for parents and their children who will be entering Kindergarten in September 1991. Envelopes will be given out at this meeting containing forms and information for Kindergarten Registration which is Friday, April 26.



The future kindergarteners will be able to meet the teachers and see the fun and interesting kindergarten room on March 12. The parents will meet with various school specialists.

PTA has also arranged an evening meeting called "Meet Your School" for **April 11**, at 7:15 p.m. At this meeting parents will be able to meet the teachers and the principal and ask questions about the kindergarten program and screening. A tour of the school building is also on the agenda.

One other important date for the parents of pre-school children is **April 25**. Valley Stream Council of PTAs is sponsoring Free Pre-School Hearing Screening on that date between 9:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. in Shaw Avenue School small gym

April Hay

Vice President, Pre-School

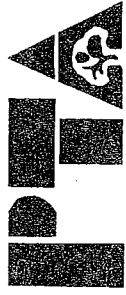
Big Buddy - Little Buddy Program

Mrs. Amalfitano's kindergarten class and Mrs. Lipski's fourth graders had a lot of fun working on projects together.

The theme was community workers. Little buddies, with the help of their big buddies, made life size drawings of their favorite community workers.

Look for more upcoming projects!

*Phyllis Amalfitano
Kindergarten*



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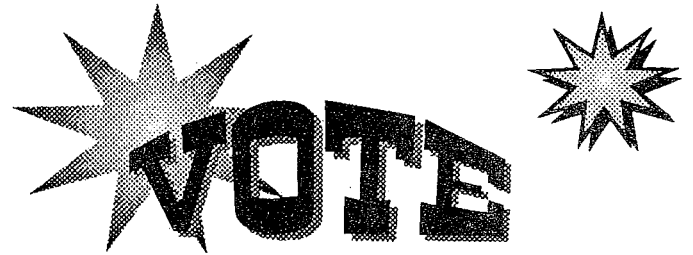
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District #30, Valley Stream, New York

Clear Stream Cares

Clear Stream students and the Clear Stream community raise money for Valley Stream S.T.O.R.M. with a Dance-A-Thon, a Jelly Bean Guess and a Supermarket Drive.

See pages 10-11.



Voting for the School Budgets will take place on Wednesday, May 8, 1991. This year, more than ever before, our children need our help to maintain their education.

You can vote from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. in Clear Stream Avenue School.

Support your schools, support quality education.

Vote for the School Budgets!

Mother's Day Boutique
Tuesday, May 7 & Wednesday May 8
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Father's Day Boutique
Thursday, June 13
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Fun



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Fun Fair

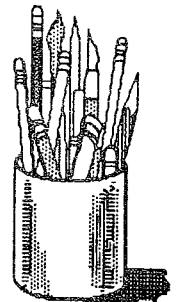
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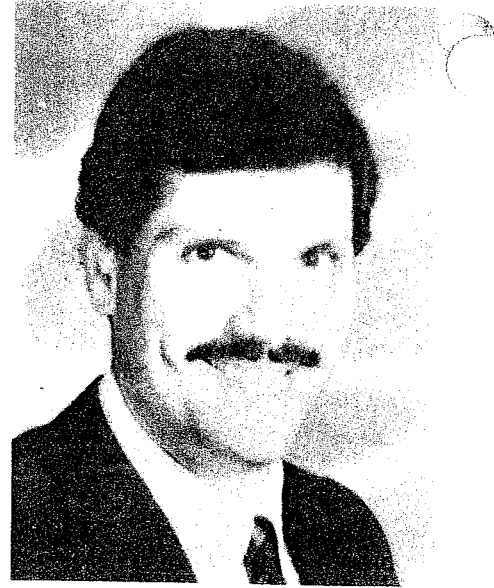
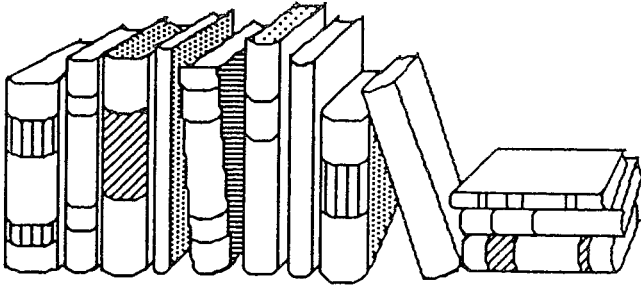
Art Exhibit

The annual Art Exhibit will be on May 8, 1991, from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Every classroom will be decorated with the children's artwork.

Enjoy this family night in the school!





The Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

I urge you to vote for the 1991-1992 budget to support the schools of District 30. The future of our nation depends directly on the generation we are educating today. It is our responsibility to give the children the best possible education we can afford. The Board of Education and the administration have worked diligently to prepare a budget that is both fiscally responsible and provides a quality education for our children.

Over the years District 30 has developed a very comprehensive program for its students. Our schools not only meet the curriculum requirements set forth by the New York State Education Department, but we offer an enriched program that ranges from remedial services to our Excel program for gifted students. Our students have had the opportunity to maximize their potential in District 30. Please support the budget to continue giving our children the opportunity to be all they can be.

Sincerely,

Robert A. Cohen
Principal

The STREAMER is the newsletter of the Clear Stream Avenue PTA. It is published with PTA funds throughout the school year to keep parents informed on:

- interesting events in Clear Stream Avenue School
- PTA activities and involvement in the school
- PTA involvement in District 30 and Nassau District PTA
- information on the State PTA in Albany and the National PTA in Washington
- articles published in District, State, and National PTA newsletters and magazines

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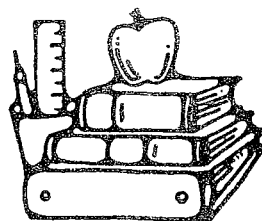
Articles for publication in the STREAMER can be sent to the Editor, c/o Clear Stream Avenue School, Clearstream Avenue, Valley Stream, N.Y. 11582.

PTA Membership

Our final total for membership this year is **372** - a further increase over last year's total.

We would like to thank all our parents and teachers who have helped support Clear Stream Avenue PTA.

Linda Bastardi
Membership



PTA Salutes Teachers



The Presidents' Message



Dear Parents,

"**Awareness is the first step to action.**" These are the words of Ann Lynch, National PTA President.

We had the privilege of hearing Ann Lynch speak on several occasions when we attended the New York State PTA Convention in November.

The enthusiasm, warmth, and sincerity this woman exudes is contagious. It is contagious because right now as you read this article and the rest of the **Streamer**, you are part of PTA and the future. Why? How? Because you are **interested**. You are **aware**. You want to know what is happening. You want to know what the children are doing and learning in and around school. You are interested in the future and what is ahead. You want to know **how** our children are preparing for the future.

Are they going in the right direction? Are they anxious to learn? Do we know what they need? Can we supply them with the tools needed? All this is part of the **action**. Action requires some involvement, some thought, some movement. Action is asking children what took place in school today, action is talking with the teachers, principal, Board of Education, **action is being aware**.

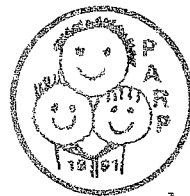
Be **aware** of the School Budget and please take **action** and come out to vote on Wednesday, May 8, 1991, for The Future! The Future of our children is in your hands.

Sincerely,

Rosemary T. Rader and Cynthia Dattoli
Co-Presidents

Parents as Reading Partners (PARP)

Once again Parents as Reading Partners has come to an end. In the three years since we began this program, this year has been the most successful. The final count for the pizza party is not ready as of this writing, but all students who have successfully read 15 minutes for 5 nights each week during the eight week program will be advised as to the date of the party.



program. We hope you found it meaningful and rewarding.

I want to extend a special "Thank You" to Mrs. Melone, our Reading Specialist, who was such a great help to me.

Keep in mind that just because the program has ended does not mean the reading must also end. Your child will benefit tremendously from the effort.

PTA wants to congratulate all the students and their parents who participated in the

Rosemary Miller
PARP Chairperson

PTA Volunteers

My feet are tired.
 My back is bent.
 My hair is straight and grey,
 My body's bulging here and there.
 Is all this from PTA?
 My mind's all awlirl.
 Am I sick?
 Am I sane?
 The past seems to be in a haze.
 From dawn to dusk.
 It all seems the same
 As PTA fills up my days.
 The car drives itself,
 With nary a swerve
 As it drives to the meeting alone.
 There are boxes, brief cases
 And paper galore.
 As I finally head toward home.
 As I drive to my house,
 I think of my spouse
 Who is keeping our home in one piece.
 They are "heroes" you know
 Who support us who go
 While we do our best for our beliefs.

When I open the door
 I see children galore.
 Do they **all** belong to me?
 I'll take a count soon
 (At least by the next moon)
 Those not mine, I'll send home C.O.D.!
 My children have grown.
 "Who are you?" I intone
 As a child scampers out of my way.
 "Why I'm Greg," said the child
 With a fairly nice smile.
 And I thought, "Well,
 I guess I'm home."
 A child on Don's lap
 And his eyes seemed to be full of cheer.
 He was **pointing at me**
 With a face full of glee
 And I heard him exclaim in Don's ear...
 "Isn't that lady a little bit funny?
 Isn't that lady a little bit weird?"
 "Hush, my darling little child,
 For that's your mother dear."
 That's a signal to me
 That it's time to stay home
 To become re-acquainted with him.

But a few days pass by
 And I'm ready to try
 To change the world again.
 It's hard work, that is true,
 And the pay's overdue.
 Is is really worth the price?
 When you're feeling this way
 Some time during the day
 Look into the eyes of a child.
 The pay, it's all there,
 And your heart skips a beat,
 For the future is there in his eyes.
 Then you **know**
 You'll do more
Whatever the chore
 To safeguard this priceless prize.
 The reason we roam
 Away from our home
 Is as simple, as simple can be
 For your child, for mine,
 For all children divine,
 Have a right to be safe, well, and free.

Pat Hales, President, Utah PTA

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PTA Reflections 1990-1991

REFLECTIONS



I wish my mother, my aunt, and my old friends could speak English. One change would be my whole family would then speak English. I would talk to them more in English than in Spanish. When my mother goes shopping she would know what they're saying. When my friends come over my mother would know what they're saying. And one more thing she could mostly speak to me in English. Everybody in my whole family would speak English.

by Johnny Vasquez

As promised in the last issue of the Streamer, here is the literature piece by Johnny Vasquez which was one of the winners in the Nassau District PTA Reflections competition. Johnny is a third grader in Mrs. Cabral's class.

Karen Russer, a fourth grader in Mrs. Lipski's class, won in the photography category.

Once again we congratulate Johnny and Karen Russer for winning this Nassau District competition and wish them luck in the New York State PTA competition.

The Ingredients for an Ideal PTA

A **President** who is tireless, enthusiastic, well organized, knowledgeable of parliamentary procedure, committed to the objects of PTA, diplomatic, punctual.

2. A **Vice President** who is eager to learn, interested in growing as a PTA leader, knowledgeable of the PTA organization and its goals, and eager to take advantage of opportunities to promote PTA.
3. A **Secretary** who loves to write but understands that too many words are as bad as too few words, is a champion speller, is reliable, knows and loves PTA, is accurate, helpful, efficient, and well-organized.
4. A **Treasurer** who understands book-keeping, is efficient, neat, honest, knows deadlines and respects them, knows the importance of record keeping, and knows the difference between school funds, PTA funds, and personal funds.
5. A **Principal** who believes that PTA is a vital organization that is the school to be an asset not a nuisance, who understands that his opinions and concerns are important and that the opinions and concerns of the membership are valid, also. This principal guides without controlling, informs, and is supportive of the goals and objects of PTA.

Members who believe that PTA is an important organization for the support of the welfare and education of children, attend meetings, offer opinions and ideas, do not criticize without offering help and solutions, are willing to participate in programs and become chairmen whenever possible, and support the school and PTA by presenting positive examples to their children.

Author Unknown

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Nassau District Spring Conference will be on May 16, 1991. Anyone interested in attending, should contact one of the PTA Presidents. PTA pays the fee.

The **Volunteers Meeting** was April 11th. Anyone not at the meeting who wishes to volunteer should contact one of the PTA Presidents.

Your help is always appreciated!

PTA Executive Board 1991-1992

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What happens to our taxes if the School Budgets are not passed?

If the School Budget is defeated the School District goes on an austerity budget. **There will be a minimal decrease in the amount of school taxes we pay!** The only ones who are hurt by an austerity budget are **our children**. They will lose all the extras that add to the quality of life in school - field trips, intramural programs, club activities - all the activities they enjoy so much and which add to their educational experience. They will also lose the use of the fields and gyms for their sports activities as community groups will not be able to use any school facilities.

It is our responsibility, as parents, to ensure that the school budget is passed for the benefit of our children.

All parents of Clear Stream should vote for the school budget on May 8th, either during the day, or when visiting the school in the evening for the Art Exhibit.



for the
School Budget

Music Notes

On March 6, 1991, "Readin', 'Ritin', and Rockin'," a musical presented by Mrs. Burgess' fifth grade class, went on the road for a performance at the Senior Center at Hendrickson Park. We had good luck and good weather, and walked from Clear Stream to the park, stopping at Burger King for lunch. There was a large enthusiastic audience at the Senior Center, and after the performance the children were served cookies and drinks. We received a note from Ms. Barbara Diglio, administrator at the center, thanking our students not only for a delightful performance, but for mingling so nicely with the seniors.

Our assemblies have been enhanced recently by pre-program music performances by the Sixth Grade Boys' Handbell Choir and the Clear Stream Avenue String Quartet. Handbell members include Frank Biondo, Carlos Rios, Michael Needleman, Chris Okpych, Wayne Barretto, Anthony DeSantis and Eddie Miller. String Quartet members include Elena DeCandia, violin I, Cecilia Evers, violin II, Bernadette Culotta, viola, and David Russer, 'cello.

The fourth grades completed a unit on the instruments of the orchestra by demonstrating their talents as performers and presenting a class concert. Each class made their own program, wrote invitations to selected guests, and performed for their guests and classmates during their music period.



World's Largest Concert

Clear Stream's entire student body, teachers, and special guest Dr. Brodeur, gathered in the auditorium on Thursday, March 7, to sing along with the World's Largest Concert. **A World In Tune** was the theme for this year's WLC, which was broadcast all over the world from Disneyworld in Florida and included multinational tunes and dances. We sang "Down By The Riverside", "Rattlin' Bog", and "The Garden Song", among others; and most of us favored the Garden Song. We have since learned a parody of the Garden Song that former teacher Mrs. Lillian Guberman wrote about Clear Stream Avenue School, and we plan to sing it in our next assembly.

The program, sponsored by the Music Educators' National Conference, is part of the celebration of

Music In Our Schools Month. In addition to our full auditorium, we were happy to include in our tally 4 classes at Shaw Avenue School, and Mr. Pratt and 3 musicians at Central High School, making our total 415 people.

District Concert

Our District Band, Orchestra and Chorus concert was held on April 18 at 8 p.m. and boasted 187 participants. The band, under the direction of Mr. Henry Kohlmann, played "Fidgets", "Aura Lee", "We've Got The Spirit", and two rousing marches. The string orchestra, under the direction of Miss Andrea Frisch, included "Barnyard Bash", "Love Theme from St. Elmo's Fire", and "Viol Boogie."

The 150-voice chorus, under the combined leadership of Mrs. Gibson (Forest Road), Mrs. Briker-Krieger (Shaw Avenue) and Mrs. Pratt (Clear Stream) sang a rousing opener entitled "We're Gonna Make Music For You", followed by a novelty number called "I Don't Want to Dance." The program closed with a very special rendition of "I Am But A Small Voice."

The Boys' Handbell Choir from Clear Stream also performed three numbers, including "Pennsylvania Folk Tune", "Jacob's Ladder", and "Sakura."

Coming Events

Memorial Day Parade - District #30
Marching Band - May 27

String Recital - Tuesday, June 4

Linda Pratt
Music Specialist

Also:

Mrs. Pratt was the accompanist for the High School Chorus at the High School District Concert on March 16.



Program

January PTA Meeting

At our January 17th PTA meeting our speaker was Mr. Richard Burbell, past principal of our school. Mr. Burbell left with us some suggestions on how to keep the quality of education for our children a top priority. He noted that parent and teacher partnerships are an integral part of a child's success in school. Mr. Burbell stressed that PTA was instrumental in obtaining audio equipment, playground equipment, a crossing guard and programs such as P.A.R.P. and Reflections, to name a few. Mr. Burbell, as an administrator, was a man of great foresight who helped initiate many of the wonderful projects and programs that have made Clear Stream Avenue School what it is today.

February PTA Meeting

Our February 7th meeting welcomed our new principal, Mr. Robert Cohen. Mr. Cohen comes to Clear Stream after 22 years in the New York City school system. He emphasized that we must "lay the foundation for our children to like school", and that "their education is their job."

Some of his goals are to give our teachers his support, and to extend and reinforce in our children values taught at home.

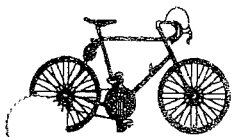
We look forward to many happy and productive years with Mr. Cohen as principal of Clear Stream.

Programs for PTA Meetings:

- March 6th, 7:30 p.m. - School Budget
- April 11th, 9:00 a.m. - PTA and Volunteers meeting
- May 1st, 7:30 p.m. - Bicycle Helmet Safety

Please try to come to these important PTA meetings. We hope to see you there!

Kathy Russo
Vice President
Program



Installation Dinner 1991

Clear Stream Avenue PTA will be sponsoring a Presidents' Dinner and Installation of New Officers at Koenigs on Wednesday, May 22, 1991. Look for the flyer in May!

All PTA members are welcome to join us at this dinner as we thank our present PTA officers and welcome the new officers for next year.

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A "Real" Cave

In February Mrs. Spiess' first grade class was very busy making a "real" cave. This was a follow-up activity to a story in the reader entitled "A Secret in the Ground." Many bugs and animals

live in caves. Did you know that cave fish and crabs do not have eyes? And most of the cave bugs are all white? We found this out in the story.



We also learned that caves keep very good secrets.

This project was subsequently followed up by the preparation of a class book entitled "The Cave Story."

Maureen Spiess
First grade

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Hats Off To Teddies

Mrs. Cabral's class, Mrs. Franklin's class and Mrs. Maclean's class presented their play "Hats Off To Teddies" on Friday, March 22, 1991. The information about Teddy Bears and the songs and poems were wonderful and the children all looked and sounded and acted beautifully. Their parents and teachers were proud of them and their schoolmates enjoyed a pleasant assembly.



Arts and Crafts Club

The Arts and Crafts Club proved to be a great success! The members of the club enjoyed working on many projects throughout the year. Towards the end of February and the beginning of March, the children constructed quilted felt pictures of ice cream cones or sailboats.

Next they had fun making their own March Wind Pin Wheels, Shamrock Door Decorations,

Mini Spring Baskets and adorable Clothespin Rabbits. As you can see, we celebrated Spring and the Spring holidays with many projects. Everyone loved making an individual fabric picture frame to give as a Father's Day gift. It was also fun decorating jewelry boxes to be given as a Mother's Day gift.

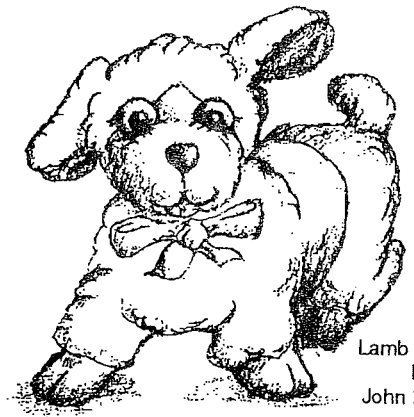
The club provided children with the opportunity to establish new friendships, to work together cooperatively, and to be creative!

Thank you very much to the PTA for supplying the materials!

*Mrs. Cmar, Mrs. Melone,
Mrs. Ehrenreich
Mrs. Lowenkron*



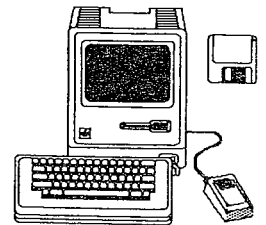
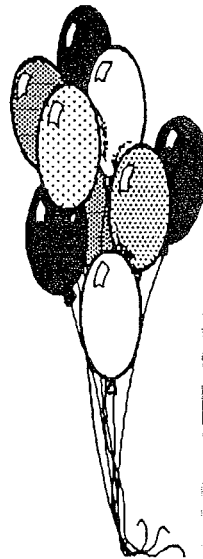
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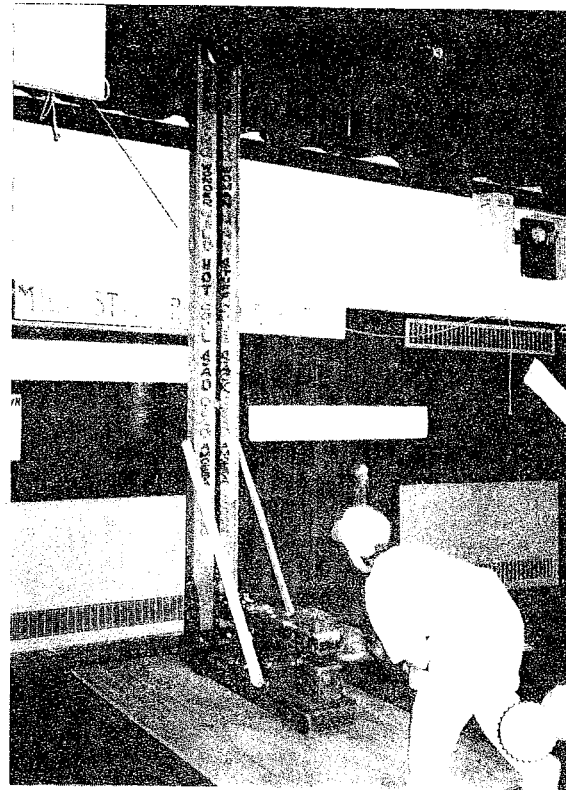
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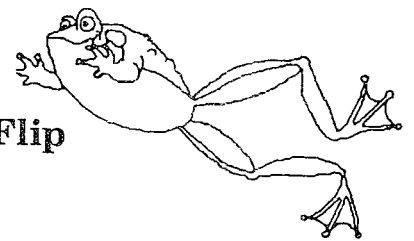




Games



Fun Fair



Frog Flip



Spin Art

Jewelry Engraving

Food



Many many thanks, once again, to all the wonderful volunteers who made our annual Fun Fair, held on Saturday, March 23, such a tremendous success. The support and participation that we received from the mothers and fathers of Clear Stream was overwhelming, and included a teacher (thank you, Mrs. Melone) and two "old" mothers.

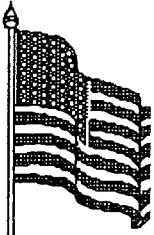
Our thanks, too, to all those children, parents and teachers who **Came** to the Fun Fair, **Spent** freely, **Ate** well, and generally had **Fun**.

Thanks also to all of our Clear Stream community for the great response to our raffle.

See you next year!

*Nancy Vigorito and Rita Omar
Fun Fair Coordinators*





Student Council News

Clear Stream Cares

In cooperation with Valley Stream S.T.O.R.M. Headquarters, Clear Stream Avenue Student Council sponsored a **Supermarket Drive** to aid Valley Stream families of servicemen and women presently serving in the Persian Gulf. All of the students contributed to this drive, but more important, these students have a better understanding of the hardships the families are facing. In addition to the emotional strain and worry, some of our local families are experiencing extreme financial difficulties.

It was Clear Stream's hope that during the week of March 4th to 8th, some of these families would have less of a burden to carry. Students were asked by grade to contribute to specific item categories. Kindergarten - canned or boxed food; first and second grades - baby products; third grade - bathroom necessities; fourth grade - cleaning products; fifth and sixth grades - kitchen items. Overall, **704** items were collected.

On Friday, March 8th, Valley Stream S.T.O.R.M. came to collect these Supermarket items in addition to monetary donations from faculty and staff. Advisors to Student Council, June Burgess and Amy Cutillo, assisted their group in loading cars to transport these items. The feelings of the Clear Stream community are summed up on the front windows of the school:

WE ARE PROUD OF OUR TROOPS, COME HOME SOON!



Spelling Bee Winners

Clear Stream's winner of the annual Spelling Bee Competition is Kenneth Coleman, in Mr. Cooper's 6th grade class. Other finalists were Kristin Zurlo, Jessica Liou and Priti Kataria.

Kenneth will now go on to compete in Valley Stream's Interdistrict competition.

We Danced Up A STORM

We tied yellow ribbons on trees, put messages in the windows, wrote letters to our servicepeople, donated canned food, and collected supplies for Valley Stream S.T.O.R.M. families, but that was not enough. Our students took to the dance floor on Friday, March 15, to raise money for Valley Stream S.T.O.R.M. Students in grades 4-6 participated in a two-hour Dance-A-Thon. The energy level was high, as were spirits. Students knew the longer they danced, the more money they would raise. Their pledge sheets were tabulated and when the final hour ended, our \$2000 thermometer was over the top. Mr. Ragona (co-originator for V.S. S.T.O.R.M.) proudly placed the final total on the wall.

The finale of the evening was when all 93 dancers, parents, faculty, staff and PTA joined hands and formed a big circle around the gym. In the middle of the circle was our nation's flag, held by Student Council president, April Ferdon. Together we sang "The Star Spangled Banner" and "America The Beautiful." It was a touching moment, which will not be forgotten.

Our older students were not the only ones involved in fund raising. With the help of Mrs. Cabral's third grade class, the entire school took part in a Jelly Bean Guessing Contest. This endeavor brought in almost \$100. Overall, our Clear Stream Family donated over **\$2,200** to Valley Stream S.T.O.R.M. Our top money raisers for the Dance-A-Thon were Jennifer Dattoli (6th), Michael Vigorito (4th) and Renae Tedesco (4th). Along with a feeling of accomplishment, our students also developed a better understanding of the hardships that could occur when a loved one goes off to support their country.

There is a number of "Thank You's" to be given to all who played a part in this project. (1) To our students whose weary legs danced the night away - we're proud of you; (2) To our faculty and staff for their continuous support and dedication to their students and school; (3) To our fabulous PTA who so generously give up their time and helped in every way possible; (4) To the parents of our students, whose support never goes unnoticed; (5) To District #30 for allowing our school to participate in these worthwhile projects; (6) To Mr. Witz and Mr. Ragona for their support and donations of shirts; (7) To Mrs. Cabral and her third grade class for taking charge of the Jelly Bean Contest and all those who guessed; and (8) Last, but not least, a big "Thank You" to all of our Valley Stream men and women serving in the Persian Gulf. You make us proud to be Americans!

Clear Stream student acknowledged by Valley Stream S.T.O.R.M.

This is a copy of a letter sent to Mr. Cohen:
Dear Mr. Cohen,

On behalf of Valley Stream S.T.O.R.M., I would like to take this opportunity to thank Fred Otten, a student in your school, for his help in making our support effort an enormous success. He has taken time from his busy academic and social schedules to help the families of the military involved in Operation Desert Storm. He is to be commended for his efforts.

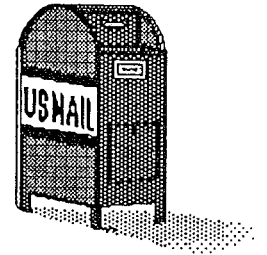
Yours truly,
Bruce Witz
Bob Ragona
Co-Presidents
V.S. S.T.O.R.M.



Great Mail Race

Mrs. Maclean's third grade class is getting responses from their Great Mail Race letters. Replies have been received from 14 states and 2 possessions. Marlon Briscoe has won for being the first one to get back responses to all three letters he sent. We are waiting to see who gets a letter from furthest away, or the most letters from children in third grade classes around the country. So far Daniel Brody has the most letters. In a tight contest for the letter from furthest away, Saverio Infante has received letters from Agana, Guam, and Bernard Lam has received a letter from Pago, Pago, American Samoa. States heard from include:

- Notasulga, Alabama
- Soldotnoy, Alaska
- Palos Verdes, California
- Neptune Beach, Florida
- Appling Georgia
- Sharon, Kansas
- Lynnfield, Massachusetts
- Fulton, Mississippi
- Stover, Missouri
- Depew, Oklahoma
- Everett, Pennsylvania
- Pulaski, Tennessee
- Sweeney, Texas
- Elkview, West Virginia



Jelly Bean Guess

Students in Mrs. Cabral's 3rd grade class sell chances: Adrian Briscoe, Denise Diaz, John Sciara, Dawn Fredericks and Ellen Weiss.

Mary Maclean
Third grade

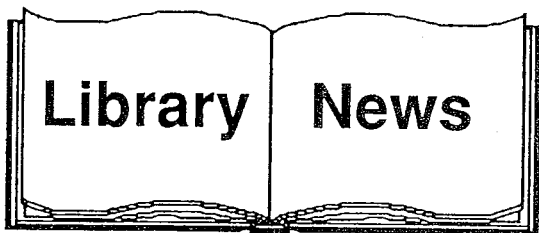
The Pledge of Allegiance in Braille

As a follow up activity to a story in the fourth grade reader, the children in Mrs. Clarke's class made a poster of the Pledge of Allegiance in braille. Braille is used by the blind as a means of reading and writing. In braille, each letter of the alphabet and all numerals are represented by a series of raised dots. Every child in the class did in the Pledge of Allegiance in braille on paper first. Then they worked together to make the poster.

This project proved to be a very worthwhile activity for the class. The children were able to have a hands-on experience in learning what is involved in using braille. They are now more aware of the means by which sightless people learn and communicate. The children are also appreciative of their blessing of sight, which they have taken for granted.

Mrs. Clarke's class is very proud of their poster. You are invited to room 2 to see the Pledge of Allegiance in braille.

Barbara Clarke
Fourth Grade



We celebrated National Library Week from April 14th to 21st. This year's theme was Reach for the World. Activities at Clear Stream included:

- A button-making craft promoting books and libraries.
- Earth Smart, a school-wide poster contest in which students identify ecological errors.
- A Day of 1,000 Stars "read-in" celebration, when everyone in the school read silently for one half hour.

Alice Dorb
Library/Media Specialist



Clear Stream Cares for Animals

The Hempstead Animal Shelter and the Pioneers for Animal Welfare Society (PAWS) worked in conjunction to bring to the students of Clear Stream Avenue School the message of caring for pets and awareness of animals and their needs. The Hempstead Animal Shelter came on Friday afternoon, 8 March, 1991, and presented a program about licensing and caring for your pet. The two representatives from the shelter, Miss Ginny and Miss Melissa brought along a companion, Toto, a little mixed breed dog who had been rescued from the shelter. They stressed keeping animals in a fenced-in yard, cleaning up after your dog, keeping animals off of school property and licensing pets. They also emphasized having pets neutered and making sure that they are vaccinated by veterinarians for diseases. They showed the film "A Friend for Life" which brought home these points to the children.

On Friday mornings, the 8th, 15th and 22nd of March, a representative from PAWS came and visited each grade from first to sixth grade. Mrs. Green brought her special helper, Jetta, a large black poodle who had also been rescued from a shelter. Mrs. Green enhanced the Hempstead Animal Shelter's learning and also discussed care for a pet, such as grooming and training and proper play with a pet.

The children at Clear Stream have had comprehensive instruction about pets and animals at shelters.

Mary Maclean
Cultural Arts Programs

Parent-Child Night

IMAGINE-IF

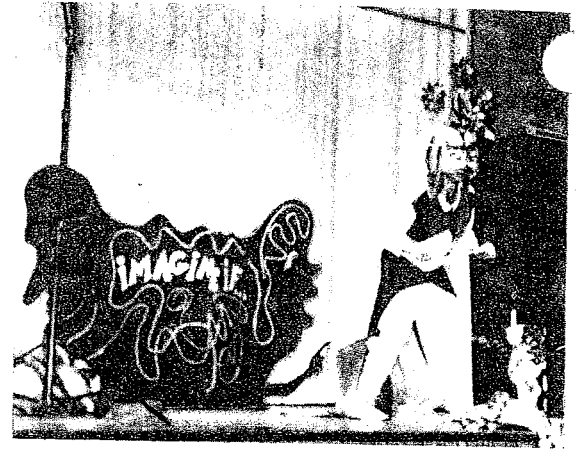
On February 15, 1991, PTA sponsored Parent-Child Night, featuring Jamie Mymit in IMAGINE-IF.

In his show, Jamie Mymit demonstrated innovative ways to generate ideas from our imaginations through mime and dance, puppets, costumes and masks. He told of the adventures of Doctor Pajangee who invents the cure for tv-itis.

Children and parents alike were amused by the antics of such creatures as Iota the Balloonatic, Inklink, Chungi and Pinwheel Brain. Mr. Mymit showed us how to unleash our imaginations and yet have fun doing so. In an age of video games, television and advertisements the IMAGINE-IF show was refreshing and entertaining.

The show was followed by refreshments for everyone. A special thank-you to the kindergarten and 2nd grade class mothers for serving the refreshments and for cleaning up.

Kathy Russo
Vice-President, Program



Manners To Go

On Friday, February 22, 1991, the children of Clear Stream Avenue School were treated to a performance by three talented stage performers and a piano-accompanist from The Open Stage, Ltd., as a result of PTA's Cultural Arts gift. The title of the program was "Manners To Go."

The children learned about telephone manners, taking a message, responding to a telephone answering machine, the history of table manners, international protocol, the role of women, and party behavior. The program was very entertaining and also had a potent punch, which we hope everyone will follow in the weeks ahead. This message was two-fold.

- First: You must be a friend to have a friend.
- Second: Manners is making others feel good.

Mary Maclean



Babysitting Course

Clear Stream Avenue PTA is offering a Red Cross Babysitting Course for 5th and 6th graders.

The course will be held on three Tuesdays, May 14, 21 and 28, from 3:15 to 5:15 p.m.

If anyone is interested please contact the PTA Presidents or Mary Sheffield, who will be in charge of the program.

Tips for a Parent-Teacher Conference

Checklist

Questions I want to ask my child's teacher:

- How is my child doing in all his or her subjects?
- What are my child's strengths. In what subjects does my child need help?
- Does my child express himself or herself well? What can I do to improve verbal skills?
- Does my child express himself or herself artistically? Does he or she enjoy drawing, painting, dance or music?
- Do I need to meet with any other of my child's teachers?
- How is my child's attention span? Does my child pay attention in class?
- How can I help my child do better? Can I offer more help at home? What specific things can I do?
- Who are my child's friends? Are there any problems with any other children? What happens during free play?

Before your leave, think whether you've covered everything. Ask yourself:

- Are there any special procedures at school that I should know about?
- Have I shared all important information about my child with the teacher?

According to the National Education Association, only 23-25 percent of parents ever visit schools.

A parent-teacher conference is an opportunity for both you and your child's teacher to get a better perspective on your child's education and emotional growth.

Before You Go

- Find out how your child feels about school. Ask about favorite and least favorite subjects.
- Review your child's test scores.
- Consider telling the teacher about any family problems that might affect your child's behavior and academic performance.
- Make a list of your questions and concerns.

During The Conference

- Make the teacher aware of any special medical needs or special problems.
- If you don't understand an educational term, ask for a definition.
- Ask about homework assignments.
- Ask about your child's social strengths and weaknesses in the classroom.
- Discuss how to resolve any social or academic problems and come up with a plan of action outlining goals for you, your child and the teacher.

All Through The Year

- Follow up on all suggestions your child's teacher makes.
- Keep track of your child's progress in school. Regularly review classroom material, homework and tests.
- Keep in touch with your child's teacher. Discuss problems or changes in situations immediately.

Taken from Scholastic News,
October 1987.

School is what WE make it!

Dates To Remember

May

- 1 ----PTA Meeting, 8:00 p.m.
- 7-8-- PTA Mothers' Day Boutique, 9 - 3
- 8----- **SCHOOL BUDGET VOTE**,
7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.
- 8----- District Art Exhibit, 7:30-9:00 p.m.
- 20----- SEPTA Meeting, Memorial 8:00 p.m.
- 22----- PTA Installation/Presidents Dinner
- 27----- **Memorial Day - School Closed**
- 28 ----Dist. #30 Bd. of Ed. Mtg., 8:30 p.m.,
Shaw Avenue
- 29----- Play Day (Gr. 3 & 4), 8:30-11:30 a.m.

June

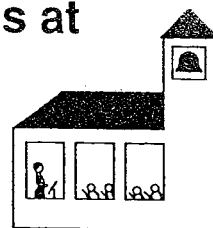
- 3-----V.S. Council of PTAs Meeting.,
Wheeler, 8:00 p.m.
- 4-----Field Day (Gr. 5 & 6) All Day
- 6----- **PTA Meeting**, 9:00 a.m.
- 10----- SEPTA Meeting, Memorial, 8:00 p.m.
- 12----- 6th Grade Picnic
- 13----- PTA Fathers' Day Boutique, 9 - 3
- 19----- 6th Grade Graduation
- 21----- **LAST DAY OF SCHOOL**
- 25 ----Dist. #30 Bd. of Ed. Mtg., 8:30 p.m.,
Shaw Avenue

The PTA Co-Presidents extend their personal "Thank You" to all who supported the collection of canned food and supplies, the Dance-A-Thon pledges and provided the dimes for guessing the amount of jelly beans for Valley Stream S.T.O.R.M.

We also wish to say "Thank You" to all who made the March 23rd Fun Fair such FUN! It proves once again that Clear Stream Cares!

The deadline for the May-June issue of the **Streamer** is **Thursday, May 23, 1991**. Please place any articles in the PTA mailbox any time before that date.

Special Activities at Clear Stream



Kindergarten Science theme - dinosaurs. Field trip to Hayden Planetarium and Museum of Natural History. Mrs. Amalfitano's class celebrated 100 days of school on February 8. The children strung 100 beads, did 100 jumps, wrote a 100th day newsletter, counted 100 pennies, celebrated with a 100th day sheet cake.

Grade 1 Mrs. Franklin's class read about an artist who makes story quilts and the class made story quilts from paper.

Grade 2 Presentation by L.I. Center for Arts and Sciences called "It's About Time" on history of telling time and seasonal changes. Hands-on project making a sundial. Mrs. Murray's class completed book report mobiles. Mrs. Ventura's class made bird feeders by stringing Cheerios which were hung on branches around school.

Grade 3 Mrs. Maclean's class began research project on presidents. Mrs. Cabral's class began multiplication and division.

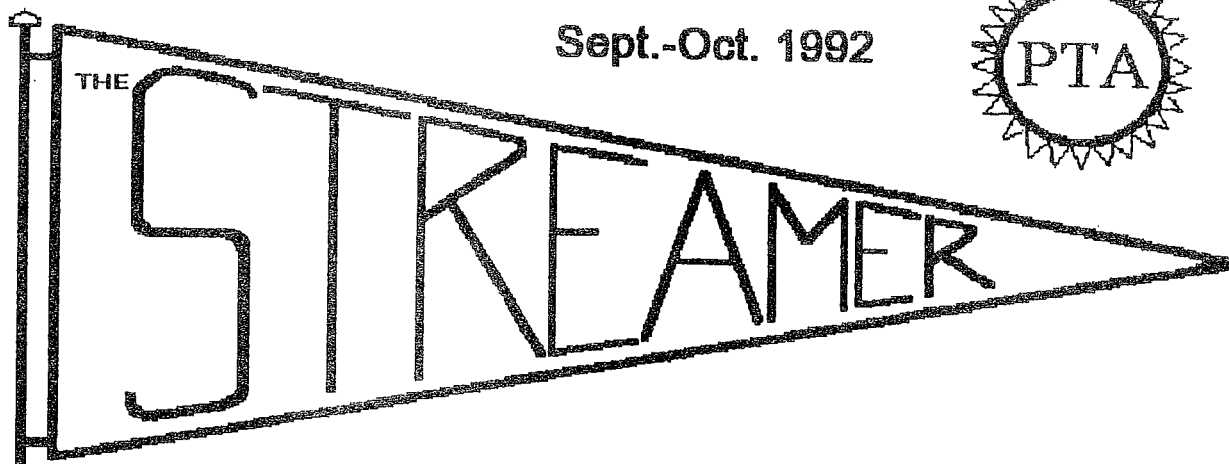
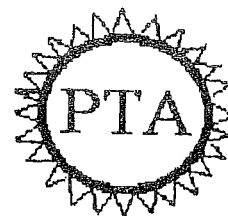
Grade 4 Mrs. Ehrenreich's class preparing demonstration book reports. Class play "Free To Be You and Me". Mrs. Lipski's class writing mystery stories. Also, oral presentations of biographies dressed up as the famous person. Five students in Mrs. Clarke's class honored with Certificates of Merit for participation in New York State Young Author's Contest - Richard Zobkiw, John Kouyoumdjian, Heather Cussen, Desarae Richardson, Diana McConeghy.

Grade 5 Mrs. Burgess' class presented its musical "Readin', Writin', and Rockin'" Feb. 15. As this year's Washington trip was cancelled, both classes celebrated Washington D.C. in Clear Stream for two days. This included everything from the cherry blossom to the Smithsonian and a visit by Mrs. Totten. Clear Stream's first literary and art magazine entitled Expanding Horizons is beginning production on a limited basis in grade 5.

Grade 6 Mr. Cooper's class has developed Rent-A-Reader whereby his students read and work with individuals or small groups in the primary grades. Both classes are involved in a number of research projects and many students are using the Grolier Encyclopedia on CD-ROM.

Physical Education Grades 3-6 have had a unit on lacrosse. Basic skills are acquired and culminates in a modified game. Presidential Physical Fitness Testing began March 18. Results will be posted and awards given out during the awards assembly in June. PTA has purchased certificates and patches.

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The Newsletter of the Clear Stream Avenue PTA,
District #30, Valley Stream, New York

BACK TO SCHOOL



Membership

This is a reminder to join our membership at Clear Stream. If you have not done so, please do. The cost of dues for both parents is \$6.00 and, for a single parent, \$4.00.

We already have 330 members. Your membership is important to us. Help us reach 450 members. We can do it!

Sincerely,
Gert Marrero

Take Note:

October 26 marks the beginning of School Board Appreciation Week, where the PTA once again salutes the hard work of the Board of Education with a gift from PTA.

In addition, Oct. 26 begins Drug Awareness Week. Look for red ribbons worn throughout the school on that week to signify our goal of keeping Clear Stream Avenue School drug free.

Message From the Principal

Dear Parents,

Welcome back for the 1992-93 school year. The staff and I are very excited about the new school year. We expect it to be an exciting and extremely productive one for our children.

One of the goals that parents and staff share is to build self-esteem in our boys and girls. We want our children to be self-confident people that believe in their own goodness and self-worth. Self-confident children are better able to meet the challenges of school and later on, in life. It is important for us to utilize a positive approach with them at all times, especially when they make mistakes. Often in life, we learn a great deal from our errors.

High expectations and emotional support are two ways that parents and teachers can build self-confidence in children. Dr. Jon Saphier suggests a three-part message that combines the two ideas:

- The schoolwork we are asking you to do is important
- I know you can do it, and
- I won't give up on you

Children respond to expressions of support and belief from adults in their lives. Building confidence must be a priority that is shared by home and school. We want our children to feel that "I am the kind of person who can learn whatever is taught to me in school." Dr. Jeff Howard of The Efficacy Institute stated during a lecture this past July that, "Children who believe that they can learn are able to give their full commitment to learning the process of learning; they are, in fact, eager to do so."

The STREAMER is the newsletter of the Clear Stream Avenue PTA. It is published with PTA funds throughout the school year to keep parents informed on:

- interesting events in Clear Stream Avenue School
- PTA activities and involvement in the school
- PTA involvement in District 30 and Nassau District PTA
- information on State PTA in Albany and the National PTA in Washington
- articles published in District, State, and National PTA newsletters and magazines

PTA Presidents: Joanne Spano 285-6690
Peggy Robinson 285-4986

STREAMER Editor: Carol Russer 285-4432

Articles for publication in the STREAMER can be sent to the Editor, c/o Clear Stream Avenue School, Clearstream Avenue, Valley Stream, N.Y. 11582.



The future success of this generation of children depends on the education they receive today. I feel by cooperating and working closely together, we can make sure that every child reaches his or her potential.

Robert A. Cohen, Principal



Deadline for next issue: DECEMBER 4

The Presidents' Message

Welcome back to one and all for the
1992-93 school year.

Everyone is looking forward to a wonderful
and productive year.

Let's all work together to show our children how
much we care by supporting our PTA.

Come out and join us for our upcoming fund
raisers and events.

Only with your help can we truly be successful.

Meetings are important for learning what is going
on in your school and in the PTA.

Every little bit helps.

Be involved - don't be left out - join PTA's
membership drive and participate.

Also be aware of the wonderful job our teachers, principal, administrators, and Board of
Education are doing.

Caring is the key word here and we all care about our children.



Keep informed of what's going on in school through our newsletter, flyers and our calendar.

Have a great year!

Peggy Robinson
Joanne Spano
Co-Presidents

Pre-School

Our "Get Acquainted Breakfast" was held on Friday, September 11, 1992. Thank you to all the parents that attended. We hope it was an enjoyable and an informative meeting.

Date to Remember - Nov. 17, 1992 1:30 PM - Pre-School Meeting

Anyone who may know of a child entering Kindergarten in September of 1993, please let them know about this meeting and have them contact the school if they have not done so already. Thank you.

Roseann DiPalma
Pre-School

Clear Stream Kids' Column

We are continuing this popular column written by the students of Clear Stream Avenue School. In this issue, two third graders in Mrs. Cabral's class present an exciting Halloween story and an interesting travelogue.



Halloween
by
Christina Campolo



Jamaica
by
Nicole Gonzalez

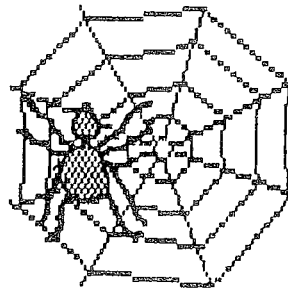
One windy and dark dark spooky night I had a Halloween party. I made my attic look really scary like a haunted mansion. As I was walking through the attic I turned around and Nicole was not behind me but I realized that she was behind me two seconds ago. So now I was all alone.

Suddenly I heard a door squeak. I started to run, but then somebody stopped me. It was Nicole. But she brought Jill, Patricia, and Kim with her. I whispered to Nicole, "Why did you make them come? This is a haunted mansion!" So Nicole went to tell her friends to leave but they were not there. So naturally we panicked. Then we went looking for them.

Along the way we saw a cob web and a spider dropped down from the ceiling. Nicole screamed! One hour later we found the girls. They were hiding in a closet in the basement.

Suddenly I felt an arm shaking me. It was my mom waking me up. This was all a dream.

When I went to Jamaica I learned a lot of things. First of all, Jamaica is not part of our country. It is in the West Indies and it is an island. It is hot all year long. There it never gets cold. They do have a rainy season there and they have to watch out for hurricanes. The grass is different because it is more like weeds and harder to walk on. The beach is different too. The water is so clear you could see fish. The people there have their own language but most of them also speak English. The kids there have to wear uniforms to school. The money there is different. They have different music and dance. The people there are mostly poor. They live in shacks. The cars have the steering wheels on the right side instead of the left, and the cars drive on the wrong side. The food there is different.



Music Notes

By Presidential proclamation, the National School Celebration was held on October 9, 1992 to mark the 500th anniversary of Columbus' discovery of America and the 100th anniversary of the Pledge of Allegiance. Mrs. Linda Pratt, music teacher, organized the two week event which began with an assembly program on October 9th featuring guest speakers including President Benjamin Harrison (Michael Albano), Betsy Ross (Kristin Zurlo), and writer of the pledge, Francis Bellamy (Sal Randazzo). Special guest Mr. Bobby McLoughlin, a N.Y.C. and local fireman and Coast Guard veteran, spoke to the children about the flag. Mr. Robert Cohen, principal, announced an essay contest on the meaning of the flag. The program ended with an Italian Tarantella, danced by sixth graders, in honor of Columbus.

On October 16, the children continued their celebration with a multicultural dance festival under Mrs. Pratt's direction. Every class performed a dance of another nation for friends and students gathered on the school playground. The dances represent just one of the many things people settling in the New World brought with them from their homeland.



Taken from Nassau District PTA Leader, October 1992:

DID YOU KNOW...

The Pledge of Allegiance was written especially for children in the summer of 1892 to commemorate the year's celebration of Columbus Day in public schools throughout the country. The pledge first appeared in print on September 8, 1892, in *The Youth's Companion*, an educational publication. In its original form, it read "I pledge allegiance to my Flag and the Republic for which it stands--one nation indivisible--with liberty and justice for all." Its author was Francis Bellamy, an assistant editor of *The Youth's Companion*, who intended it for a one-time recitation, but its immediate popularity transformed it first into an annual Columbus Day tradition and then into a daily classroom ritual. It became one of the earliest verses memorized by students.

Summer Readers

Thank you parents and students of Clear Stream Avenue School for making our first Summer Reading Program such a wonderful success. Below are the names of the participants. I hope the habit of daily reading for enjoyment will continue throughout the year.

Grade 1

Maria Albanese
Antonia LaBarbera
Claudia Alvarez
Carlos Quezada
Matthew Doino
Ashley Arbucci
Richard Godwin
Thomas Costanzo
Nadeem Khan
Timothy Jaszczuk
John Makarewicz
Nicole Nigro
William Moore
Andrew Stache
Jenna Pytel
Matthew Swahn
Allison Sheffield
Julia Yang
Jordan Driskell

Grade 2

Natasha Hirji
Bryan McCormick
Leigh Ann Klein
Keith McLoughlin
Daniel Lusenskas
Laura Jean Riccobono
Joseph Mundy
Kenneth Russo
Joseph Riccardo
Tina Smoudianis
Jacqueline Sciara
Jennifer Vega
Lauren Bastardi
Andrew Lau
Michael Belmonte
Melissa Lombardo
Joseph DiPalma
Ashley Mikhail

Conor Lanz
Tania Rios
Joanna Lockspeiser
Nicholas Siderakis

Grade 3

Daniel Ballestas
Christina Campolo
Laura Brennan
Nicole Gonzalez
Thomas D'Aguanno
Timothy Lee Hardway
Lisa Fiore
Patricia Marie Manger
Anthony Khatchoui
Douglas Marrero
Adam John Klein
Kimberlee Stache
Greggory Spano
Benjamin Susman
Joseph Albanese
Paul Wasek

Grade 4

Margaret Breuer
Adrian Briscoe
Brendan Driskell
Nicholas Hayden
Jamie Faber
Michele Magnuson
Kathleen Jurski
Melissa Makarewicz
Allison Kelly
Jessica McComb
Nazia Khan
Raquel Quezada
Kristen Lakovits
Paula Randazzo
Gregory Leitstein
Stephanie Scicioli
Laura Martingano
Kirk Sendlein

Thomas Novello
Adam Spiegel
Valerie Robinson
Lisa Taormina
Cheryl Russo
Ellen Weiss
Li Chin Yang

Grade 5

Jennifer Allen
Christopher Bastardi
Daniel Brody
Marlon Briscoe
Lauren Conway
Cristen Dattoli
Steven Lakovits
Jeffrey Forbes
Bernard Lam
Scott Fowler
Richard Laurita
Lawrence Hayden
Cilo Lewis
Matthew Hollywood
April Lewis
Richard Kalinowski
Frank Miale
James McCormick
Eduardo Montero
Jamie Moore
Michael Pelella
Christine Mundy
Nicole Pytel
Elizabethte Quezada
James Richford
Domonique Riccardo
Susan Sheffield
Pamela Russo
Johnny Vasquez
John Sciara
Jonathan Bacchi
Jaclyn Streitfeld

Grade 6

Monica Ballestas
Sal Randazzo
Camoy Briscoe
Jason Jonker
Karen Russer
Diana McConeghy
Christopher Spano
Bryan Moore
Joyce Chan
Mary Neary
Colleen Duffy
Daniel Riccobono
Theresa Isler
Steven Wang

Happy Reading!

Ann Glynn
Nancy Lowenkron
Reading Teachers



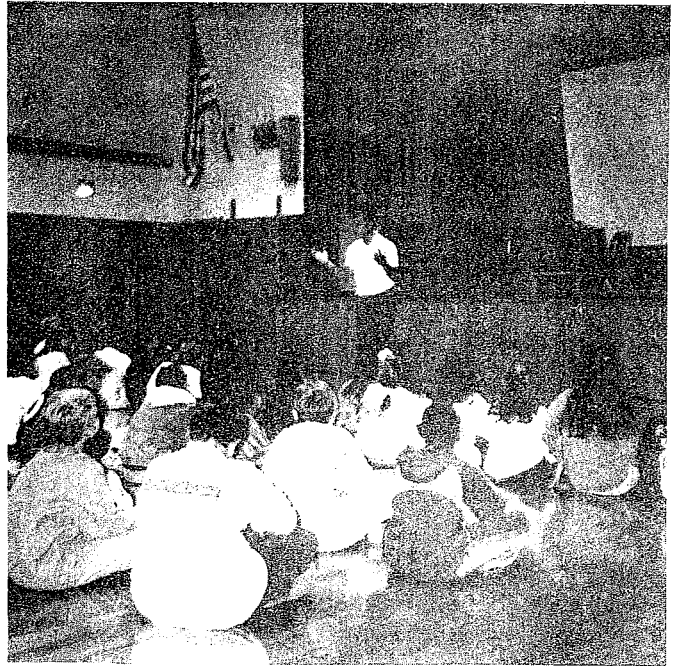
T-Shirt Sale

Our T-Shirt Sale was a great success.
Thanks for all your support!

Cathy Montefusco

Meet the Teacher Night

On September 17, we held our annual Meet the Teacher Night. It was an informative evening for all.



Dennis Oehler & Todd Schaffhauser, from the Office of the Physically Challenged, speak to 6th graders in a special assembly about meeting challenges.

Photographer: April Hay

Program

We invited our Superintendent, Mr. L. McGoldrick, to speak at our November meeting. Mr. McGoldrick will be discussing the Compact for Learning.

In the future we plan to have Mr. Camilleri, District Computer Coordinator and a program on AIDS.

We hope you will join us.

Linda L. Bastardi
V.P. Program

Courtesy/Citizenship Program

During the 1991-92 school year we instituted a program that emphasized a courtesy and/or good citizenship topic each week. The program reminded our children about important things such as: good manners, using common sense and being respectful toward themselves and others. The staff and I felt the program was successful, and we received many positive comments from parents throughout the year. Therefore, we will be following a similar program this year.

You should have receive a list of topics we have emphasized or intend to emphasize during the 1992-92 school year. We encourage you to reinforce and model ideas and behavior patterns at home. If we work together, we can demonstrate to our children the importance we attach to what is considered correct and acceptable behavior.

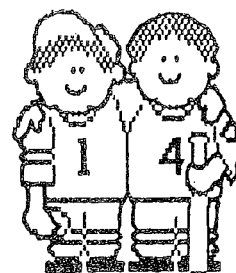
Beginning at the end of October, we will be awarding Citizens of the Month in each class as we did last year., Also, these children will be highlighted in each issue of the **STREAMER**.

The following is a list of topics we have emphasized or intend to emphasize during September through December.

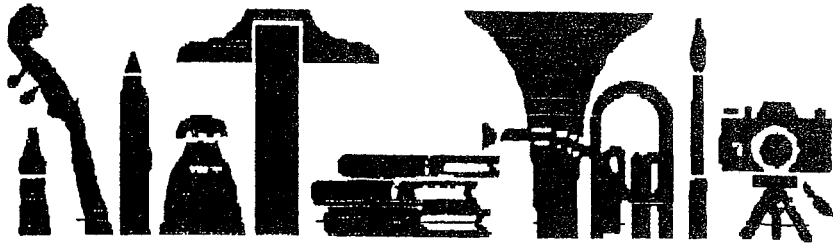
- 9/14/92 Saying "Please", "Thank You", and "You're Welcome"
- 9/21/92 Saying "Excuse Me, Please", "Pardon Me, Please", and "I'm Sorry"
- 9/30/92 Using Your Talents & Abilities to Be the Best Person You Can Be
- 10/ 5/92 Showing Courtesy and Good Behavior in the Lunchroom
- 10/13/92 Showing Good Sense and Courtesy on the Playground
- 10/19/92 Being Courteous and Showing Good Behavior in an Audience
- 10/26/92 Greeting Others in a Friendly Manner and Introducing People Properly
- 11/ 2/92 Being Patient With Ourselves and Not Giving Up
- 11/ 9/92 Being Patient With Others
- 11/16/92 Taking Care of What Belongs to You
- 11/30/92 Respecting What Belongs to Others
- 12/ 7/92 Helping Others in Need
- 12/14/92 Giving and Receiving Gifts
- 12/21/92 Appreciating All We Have and Not Boasting

If you have any questions or comments with regard to our Courtesy/Citizenship Program, please feel free to contact me.

Robert A. Cohen



Reflections



Clear Stream Avenue PTA is once again sponsoring an after school program for the National PTA Reflections Contest. Participating children will base their creations on the theme "Imagine That", and may create entries in the categories of Literature, Music, Photography, and Visual Arts. Meetings are on Tuesdays and Thursdays during the month of October, and all participants will receive a certificate on Reflections Night in January.

The Nassau District PTA Fall Conference is on October 29. At the Fall Conference, several speakers will give informative talks on different topics relating to a number of PTA positions. Several of our members will attend in order to learn and bring ideas to our PTA.

The NY State PTA Annual Convention will be in Niagara Falls from November 13-16. The theme this year is Children - Today's Joy, Tomorrow's Hope. The convention includes a variety of speakers, workshops, legislative sessions, and commercial exhibits, as well as exhibits by the state chairmen and the NYS PTA Boutique.

Halloween Reminders From Your Safety Committee

Don't go out alone to trick or treat...Stay with a group or with an adult.

Never go inside a stranger's house and stay within the neighborhood you know.

Wear light color clothing or costume if out after dark.

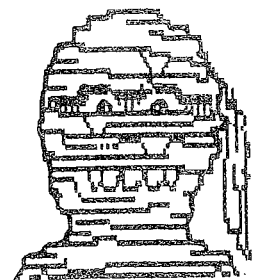
Don't wear a mask that blocks your vision or impedes movement.

Stay out of the street...Walk on the sidewalk or a path.

Don't eat the treats you collect until parents or an adult can carefully look at them.

This information was provided by the Nassau County Police Department

Pat McCormick
Safety Committee



Excel Committee

A committee of interested parents, teachers, and administrators was formed by Mr. McGoldrick, for the purpose of studying programs for the gifted and talented with an eye to revitalizing our program for next year. The Excel program was a casualty of the 1992-93 budget, as indicated at the Budget Meeting last May.

The first committee meeting was on September 23 at the Shaw Ave. School library. At the meeting, Mr. McGoldrick stated that the Board of Education was very interested in knowing what we are looking for in a gifted program, and that they would try to incorporate many of the factors we consider to be most essential. However, any gifted program will be contingent upon the funding District #30 receives from the state for 1993-94.

The committee broke into three groups to compile lists of positive and negative aspects of the Excel program, and our visions for the ideal gifted program. Dr. Brodeur reviewed these lists with the committee, noting similarities, and giving an overview of one type of program that seems to meet a number of criteria on the lists.

The next meeting of the Gifted Committee has been scheduled for October 28, when the committee will review a number of programs presented by District #30 that most closely match our lists.

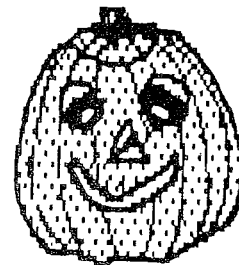
Carol Russer

News From the Computer Lab

Mrs. Huberman's 6th grade students are putting a Newsletter together. With guidance from Mr. Camilleri and their teacher Mrs. Huberman, they are writing poems and stories about events and happenings in their classroom. Each student will take his or her turn to work in the lab with Mrs. Douglas using the MacIntosh computers.

Dates in October

- October 21 PTA Pumpkin Patch Sale
- October 24 PTA Fall Dance
- October 30 PTA Halloween Party for Grades 5 & 6





"Work" Like an Egyptian

Clear Stream Avenue's sixth graders have been creating Egyptian and Greek art as part of a special program in the art room. The program integrates art and the 6th grade social studies curriculum. After studying Egyptian art in their classrooms, which included viewing a film on ancient mummies, students in Mr. Cooper's, Mrs. Lopez's, and Mrs. Huberman's classes worked under the direction of their art teacher, Mrs. Menkes, to create mummy cases. The students researched ancient Egyptian art, and they used typical colors, authentic designs, and hieroglyphics in their projects.

Another hands-on experience included creating replicas of classical Grecian urns. Mrs. Menkes demonstrated for the students how to make an urn from clay. After studying ancient Grecian designs, students were able to apply these patterns to their own clay creations. The pottery will be fired in our school's brand new kiln!

From Mrs. Clarke's Class:

The children in Mrs. Clarke's class have completed a project entitled, "Can you find Special Me". Silhouettes of all of the children were made and glued to a piece of white paper. On the white paper, the children wrote words describing themselves and their nice qualities. Their names were placed on the back and hidden from view. The children's parents and friends are having fun trying to identify the children. The boys and girls in the class are having a contest to see who can successfully match all of the silhouettes with the individual members of the class. Good luck!

Congratulations to Melissa Makarewicz, Raquel Quezada, Ellen Weiss, and Nicky Hayden, who received Certificates of Achievement Awards from the Henry Waldinger Library. Each of these super readers read seven books during the summer.



From Mrs. Spiess' Class:

We are all very happy to be getting back to school. We welcome our new student Tiffany Glendenning. Our favorite book so far has been Ecny, Meeny, Mincy Mouse. We even have our own copy of the Big Book. We are making plans for Halloween--and are doing a project on bats (real flying ones). We all seem to love first grade.

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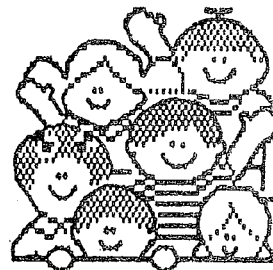
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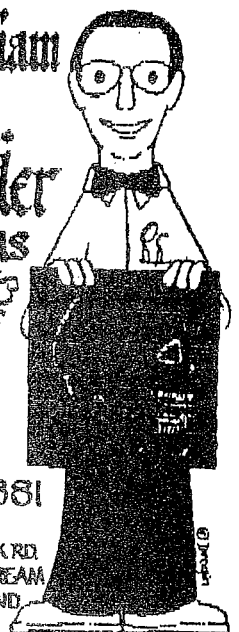
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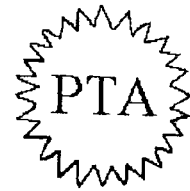
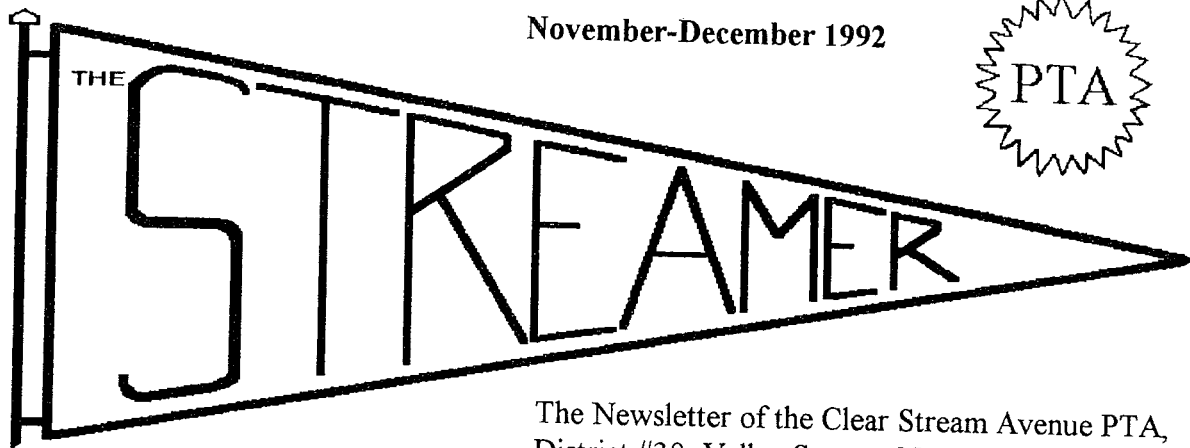


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November-December 1992



The Newsletter of the Clear Stream Avenue PTA,
District #30, Valley Stream, New York



Season's Greetings

Santa will once again be having breakfast with all the "good boys and girls" at Clear Stream, on Saturday, December 19 from 9 to 11 AM. Also at this time, the PTA will have bins for collecting Coats for Kids, Toys For Tots, and used eyeglasses. The generosity of the Clear Stream family is heartening, as was demonstrated last year at this time. Hope everyone joins the fun at Breakfast With Santa!

Omitted from the list of children who have participated in the Summer Reading program in the last issue of the **STREAMER** was Erica Shea.

Parent Child Night

Parent Child Night will be on January 29th, 1993 at 7:30 PM in the gym.

We will be presenting "Movie Madness". It is "an audience participation comedy show that gets everybody into the act." Please join us for a fun filled evening.

Linda L. Bastardi
V.P. Program

The Principal's Message

Dear Parents:

It's hard to believe that we have already reached the joyous holiday season. The first months of the school year have been very productive ones. This is the time of year that the giving of gifts is uppermost in our minds. The staff and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for giving us the gifts of caring and support, in our effort to provide a quality education. But most of all, thank you for the most precious gift of all, your children.



The staff and I would like to thank the PTA for their effort and devotion to our school. They work tirelessly to provide an active, supportive and nurturing environment.

We wish you a happy and healthy holiday season and a new year that brings joy to all members of the Clear Stream family.

Very truly yours,
Robert A. Cohen
Principal

The STREAMER is the newsletter of the Clear Stream Avenue PTA. It is published with PTA funds throughout the school year to keep parents informed on:

- interesting events in Clear Stream Avenue School
- PTA activities and involvement in the school
- PTA involvement in District 30 and Nassau District PTA
- information on State PTA in Albany and the National PTA in Washington
- articles published in District, State, and National PTA newsletters and magazines

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Articles for publication in the STREAMER can be sent to the Editor, c/o Clear Stream Avenue School, Clearstream Avenue, Valley Stream, N.Y. 11582.

Children's Book Week was November 16 - 22. The theme this year was "Read, Think, Dream". Classroom teachers and even some of the specialists were asked to share their favorite children's book with the class, followed by uninterrupted silent reading. The Library/Media Center then conducted a "matching" contest among the students to see how many of the correct favorite books they could match with the listed teachers.

Deadline for next issue: February 4

The Presidents' Message

CHILDREN

They are our Joy Today

They are our Hope for Tomorrow

Since our last edition we all at Clear Stream have been very busy.



School Board Recognition Week was the week of October 26. The three PTAs in District #30 presented the Board with a tree that now can be seen in front of each school in honor of our school board.

Breakfast with the Superintendent was held at Shaw Ave. School on October 28th.

The District PTA Fall Conference was held on October 29. We had 11 people attend different workshops and they have brought back useful information for the unit.

Our Book Fair was held on November 4 and 5 and was supported by all.

November 16-20 was American Education Week, in which we saw quite a few Moms and Dads observing their children's classes.

We had a Pre-School Meeting on November 17 for parents of Four Year Olds. It was very informative for all parents that attended.

Our Holiday Wrap Sale was also recently completed. This was the first time we had this kind of sale, and it proved to be a huge success.

We want to thank all our parents and staff for all their time and hard work in making our programs and fund-raisers so successful.

Get involved--come out to the PTA meetings and functions. We are always open to new ideas and want your help. That is not just Moms! We need all you Dads also. We always have a program at each of our meetings, whether it be a speaker or a film. This is part of PTA's way of getting information to you and your being able to get your questions answered. So, come on out!

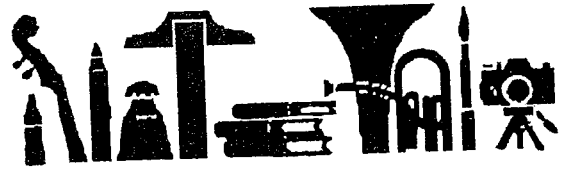
Peggy Robinson
Joanne Spano
Co-Presidents



Valerie Campolo, Maria Fletcher and Joanne Spano dedicating 3 trees in appreciation for our Board of Education on October 26.

Photographer: April Hay

Reflections 1992



Our theme this year was "Imagine That"--a bit challenging--but the children had a wonderful time doing their projects, whether it be painting, drawing, collage or literature. All 147 entries will be judged on December 8 and our winners will then be announced. All our entries will be displayed at the Green Acres Mall on the week of January 25.

* Remember *

Reflections Night is coming on January 8. So, bring your friends and families to see your wonderful masterpieces. All children who participated will be receiving certificates, along with our winners, who will receive a \$10 gift certificate and Reflections pin. Everyone worked very hard and they deserve this night of recognition. We will be looking forward to seeing you there. Thank you to all of our volunteers and Mrs. Menkes for all their help.

Reflections Committee
Cathy Montefusco
Veronica Yellico

Clear Stream Receives Grant for Art Project

The Clear Stream Avenue School has received a grant from the Valley Stream Teachers' Center for a project submitted by Mrs. Menkes, the art teacher. The project, a large ceramic mural, will be created by grades five and six. The mural will have a multi-cultural theme geared to heighten awareness and develop an appreciation for different costumes from around the world.

First, the students will research costume designs from countries around the world. Then they will design a mural on paper. Next, the students will transfer this design to ceramic tiles and using special glazes will color their design. Finally, the students will assemble the tiles so that the mural can be permanently displayed in our school!

Art Smart

Each month a different famous artist in history is featured on our Art Smart bulletin board across from the art room. All students are invited to view the board, read about the artist, and answer questions on an answer sheet. Every month two answer sheets are picked at random. The two children with correct answers are chosen and prizes of Friendly's sundaes are awarded to them.

Congratulations to October's winners of the "Renoir" contest, Dawn Fredericks (Ms. Yelland's class) and Sal Randazzo (Ms. Huberman's class). November's winners of the "Matisse" contest were Jr. Pava (Mrs. Clarke's class) and Keith McLoughlin (Ms. Ventura's class). Congratulations! We're so proud that you're "art smart"!

Student Council News

Clear Stream Adopts Two Friends of the Sea

Students at Clear Stream brought in their change and took their best guess during Student Council's Fish Guess Contest. There they were, 610 gummy fish crammed in a fishbowl waiting for a home. Students came out in full force to place their 10 cents guesses. All of the money raised enabled our school to adopt a whale and a manatee. This was part of Clear Stream's Animal Awareness project this year. You will all be pleased to know the gummy fish found a home in Room 9. Mrs. Amalfitano had the closest guess of 615. She promised to share the fish with her class. Student Council and our friends of the sea would like to thank all who participated.

National UNICEF Day

October 31st a day in our children's lives that is filled with excitement and anticipation. However, in some areas of the world, it is yet another day where children are fighting for their lives. While our children are sifting through their Halloween bags for the "Good Stuff", there are children wondering if they will ever eat again. Clear Stream recognized the need for help. Student Council sponsored "Trick-or-Treat For UNICEF". Students in grades 3-6 voluntarily carried around the famous orange boxes and collected spare change. All of the pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters, and even some bills, totaled almost \$500. Mrs. Ehrenreich's fourth grade class collected the most money.

A check has been sent to UNICEF on behalf of Clear Stream Avenue school. This money will be used to help children in other parts of the world who are innocent victims of war. During the last decade, more than 1.5 million children have been killed in wars. Another 4 million have been blinded, lost limbs, or suffered other disabling injuries. In addition, more than 5 million children now live in refugee camps. Our money will help children receive food, water, emergency medicine, and allow for special counseling to help heal the mental scars of war.

A big thank you to the community for dropping your change in the UNICEF boxes. An even bigger thank you to the students who participated. Because of your efforts, there will be children who do not go to bed hungry.

Miss Agnesini



Music Notes



The Clear Stream Fifth and Sixth Grade Chorus had a busy month in December with two performances of holiday music. The 56 voice chorus, under the direction of Mrs. L. Pratt, music teacher, presented four pieces on the holiday assembly on December 16 in the school gym. On December 21 after school the chorus went carol singing in the neighborhood, returning afterward to the school for hot chocolate and donuts.

The children meet weekly at 7:45 AM in the gym to rehearse. They performed earlier this year at the Centennial Celebration for the Pledge of Allegiance.



Clear Stream sixth graders Diana McConeghy and Kristin Zurlo, pictured above, have been selected to sing with chorus in the Nassau Music Educators Association All-County Festival to be held in January, 1993. Mrs. L. Pratt, music teacher, reported that the girls are already working on the music, and will attend two days of rehearsals with the approximately 300-voice choir before the concert at C.W. Post.



Instrumental Music Trust News

There is now a district wide Instrumental Music Charitable Trust to which tax deductible donations can be made. This trust will help supplement our instrumental music program. Presently, booster stickers are being sold and will continue throughout the school year.

Kaleidoscope - A Musical Revue is our major upcoming fund-raiser and will take place on Saturday, January 23, 1993 at 8:00 PM in the Central High School Auditorium. Tickets will go on sale shortly.

The next meeting for the Music Committee will be at Clear Stream Avenue School, on Wednesday, December 16th at 8:00 PM. ALL ARE WELCOME.

If you have any questions, please call:

Joanne Ferraioli	791-7232	Forest Rd.
Kathy Russo	872-9393	Clear Stream Ave.
Cathy Tillotson	561-2296	Shaw Ave.

Thanks for your support.

Instrumental Music Committee

Taken from *PTA Today*, November 1992, excerpts from "Missing the Beat: Schools Without Music":

...The best teaching has always insisted that music and the other arts be present at the center of curriculum--and for an excellent reason. The arts are basic to education because they are a universal language.

The growing perception and treatment of music and the other arts as *diversions* from the "really important" subjects of reading, mathematics, physical science and social science run contrary to the wisdom of every educated people.

For our children's sake, we believe the time has come --now--to present to the American people a compelling case for bringing music and the other arts to the core of our public school curricula....

Part of music's intrinsic value is visible...in the way it reinforces one of the primary reasons we educate: to prepare our children for citizenship. Membership in an orchestra, chorus, band or jazz ensemble mirrors the requirements of living in a civilized community.

This arresting analogy was drawn by John McLaren, president of BBE Sound in Huntington Beach, California: "The school band or orchestra is a powerful metaphor for civilization itself. It teaches the child with immediacy and intensity all the basic lessons of life in a civilized community. [It] teaches children to live and work together...to learn the laws the community has established to govern itself and to peacefully abide by those laws. In a band, the whole is greater than the sum of its

parts. It is ironic," McLaren concluded, "that we are still arguing about the importance of music education."

Part of our difficulty in understanding the intrinsic value of music and music education stems from what Robert Marsh, the music critic for the *Chicago Sun-Times*, identified as the confusion between short-term and long-term objectives in education.

Marsh said that the chief long-term objective of education is defending and preserving the values of civilization; its value here far outweighs that of *any* short-term objective. Decrying an America in which the ability to run a business is considered the highest skill a man could possibly have, Marsh made a significant point: Commerce does not create civilizations, *art* does, because that task requires grappling with the deepest questions of human life and meaning.

Marsh argues that schools must provide students with the means to discover what is within them and help them develop it, not just for the sake of their own self-satisfaction, but for the good of the society--indeed, the civilization. And that cannot take place if music is not a basic element of the curriculum.

It is obvious that proficiency in music must be taught and learned. Not so obvious, but equally true, is that meaningful appreciation of and participation in music must be taught and learned as well. Thus, the full worth of music demands music education as its natural counterpart....



Safety Committee News

During the month of November we had the pleasure of having Valley Stream fire fighter Ed Ochman speak to the Noon Time Monitors on the proper way to exit the lunchroom area in case of a fire. Ed presented several scenarios where fires might start and the proper exit to use. We now know that these women have a better understanding of how to handle a fire in school. Ed also has drawn for us a new fire dismissal diagram for the lunchroom. Thank you, Ed!

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For all of you mothers out there, you're going to love this news flash.... We have received our new sand for the new equipment in the playground. So now all of our children will be emptying new sand in our homes and not the dirty old sand that we have had previously!

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As mentioned at the November and December PTA meetings, we are holding a defensive driving course. It will be held on Tuesday, January 12th and Thursday, January 14th. The time is from 7:00 PM - 10:00 PM for both nights. The cost is \$20.00 per person, which is half price. This course will help you reduce your liability insurance by 10%. There is still room for more if you are interested--please contact Pat McCormick at 285-8618.

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This matter is of great importance to us as it should be to you. Please do not park/stop illegally on Clear Stream Avenue or Cedar Street at any time to drop off your children or to pick them up. I know you feel that you are careful, but accidents can happen, and if an accident happens at the times when the children are going to school or going home, the end result can be a tragic one!!! So, please take the extra time and park your cars on either Buscher Avenue or Cedar Street. In addition, the Fire Department has graciously permitted us to park in their parking lot. So **please, Parents**, heed this message because you never know when tragedy can strike, or when the policeman will be there to issue tickets to the offenders. All of us need to cooperate to ensure the safety of all children at Clear Stream. Thank you!

Safety Committee

Citizen of the Month
Winners

OCTOBER

Grade 1

Kristofer Bacchi
Angela Bentvena
Matthew Doino
Hena Khan
Andrew Stache

Grade 2

Michael Belmonte
Lauren Bastardi
David Weisblatt
Melissa Lombardo

Grade 3

Joseph Albanese
Christina Campolo
Lisa Fiore

Grade 4

Kristen Lakovits
Theresa Lombardo
Paula Randazzo

Grade 5

Daniel Brody
Anthony Garcia

Grade 6

Bryan Moore
Sal Randazzo
Gina Buonpane

NOVEMBER

Grade 1

Joseph Bacchi
Asma Khan
Allison Sheffield
Rumman Anwar
Antonella Sciscioli

Grade 2

Corinne Monahan
Kenneth Russo
Jacqueline Sciarra
Kimberly Monfiston
Jessica D'Alessio

Grade 3

Patricia Manger
Benjamin Susman
Anthony Khatchoui

Grade 4

Peggy Breuer
Dennis Riese
Nazia Khan
Adrain Briscoe
Lisa Taormina

Grade 5

Rosalba DiBartolo
Matthew Hollywood

Grade 6

Michael Garaputo
Erica Bohringer
Liam McLoughlin

Upcoming

Courtesy/Citizenship Topics

1/ 4/93 Setting Goals for Yourself

1/11/93 Listening to Others with Respect and Attention

1/19/93 Following the Ideals of Brotherhood Week

1/25/93 Using Only Appropriate Language

2/ 1/93 Cooperating with Others

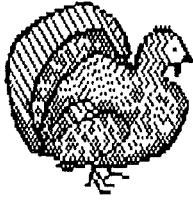
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2/22/93 Forgiving Others and Ourselves

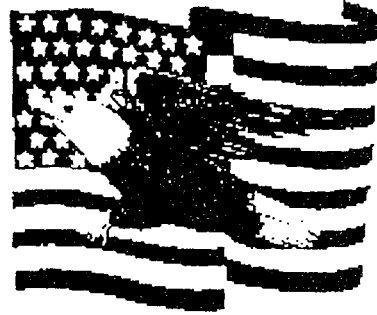
3/ 1/93 Accepting Forgiveness from Others



October Courtesy Winners (November's picture not available)



The Pilgrims and Indians of the Kindergarten class celebrated Thanksgiving in school on Wednesday, November 25 by having a Thanksgiving Breakfast.



What really made this breakfast so special was that the children, with the help of parent volunteers, baked the pumpkin bread, corn bread and cranberry bread. They also made jam and butter.

We all had a wonderful time.

The Clear Stream Kindergarten Class

From Mrs. Franklin's Class:

Mrs. Franklin's First Grade Class celebrated the Holiday Season by whipping up a batch of mouth-watering Cranberry Relish. We cut and chopped the cranberries, apples, and oranges, measured the sugar, and mixed and stirred till our treat was ready. It was so much fun.

We learned great words like measure, recipe and ingredients. When we finished we filled our jars with the relish and took it home. The relish received rave reviews. Everyone loved it and Mom got the recipe to save for next year.

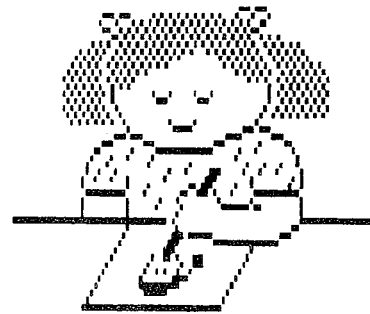


On November 2, the students from the sixth grade participated in a "mock Presidential Debate". The students spent several weeks researching the three major candidates. By lottery selection, each class was assigned a candidate to support in the debate. The classes performed enthusiastically with campaign slogans, buttons, and posters. During the debate, the speakers reflected the abundance of knowledge acquired by the students both in class and at home.

The debate began with an informative poem recited by Mrs. Ehrenreich's fourth grade class. In addition, they ran the school election which ended in a Bush victory. This proved to be a great learning experience for all of the students.

From Mrs. Ventura's Class:

The children in Mrs. Ventura's second grade class received their first Pen Pal letters last week. The class is busy writing to their new friends in Denver, Colorado. They are also planning to make a word search of their first names to send with their letters.





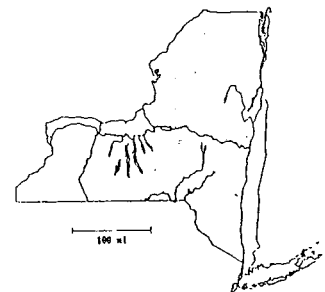
Ashley Dunn, Lauren Mirando, Danny Krzyzanowski, Andrew Stache, and Billy Moore, recent participants in the Central H.S. production of *The King and I*.

From Mrs. Spiess' Class:

Big congratulations to Danny Krzyzanowski; he did a wonderful job in the show "The King and I". We are getting ready for our "outa space" play called *Santa and the Space Sleigh*. It will be performed on December 18th. We are also working hard on all our holiday projects--such as writing our letters to Santa (I think his special elves will answer them this year). Happy Holidays To All!

From Mrs. Clarke's Class:

The children in Mrs. Clarke's class celebrated National Geography Week by making cookies in the shape of New York State and of course included Long Island. The children worked together in small groups adding and mixing all the ingredients. They decorated the cookies with white frosting that they made and then showed the waterways of New York State with blue icing. These cookies were not only beautiful looking, but tasted so-o-o scrumptious. This activity was a follow-up to a lesson on the importance and purpose of our waterways.



Mrs. Clarke's class is happy to be working with Mrs. Jill Silverman, a very caring and enthusiastic student teacher from the C.W. Post campus of Long Island University. Mrs. Silverman will be with us for another week. We wish her good luck in the future, and we will certainly miss her.

Congratulations to Kirk Sendlein for being a winner in the essay contest, "What the Flag Means to Me." Congratulations also to Theresa Lombardo and Paula Randazzo, our November Courtesy winners and Adrian Briscoe and Lisa Taormina, our December winners. Raquel Quezada was the big winner in the school gift wrap fund raiser sale. We are very proud of these children.

Welcome back Paula Randazzo and Melissa Makarewicz. These lucky girls had a wonderful vacation in sunny Florida. Yes, they did see Mickey Mouse and said, "Hello" to him from all of us.

Book Fair

Clear Stream's Annual Book Fair, held November 4th and 5th, was a tremendous success! Record numbers of books, posters, and related materials were purchased by students, faculty and parents alike. As a result, not only did we increase our cash profits this year, but our Library and PARP profited as well. The PARP (Parents As Reading Partners) Committee was able to select more great books which will be used as prizes awarded to the children during the PARP program beginning in February. The Library received books plus bonus coupons to be redeemed for books and other items for the children to enjoy.

The children had a great time shopping and browsing through the bookcases and novelty items. Because books make wonderful gifts, lots of early holiday shopping was done by all.

A special thank you to all the parents who volunteered their time and talents. Their efforts and enthusiasm were greatly appreciated.

Delia Doino

Delia Doino helps Kimberlee Stache and Christina Campolo.



Parents As Reading Partners

It's that time of year again, when all the children will be taking part in a contest. The contest this year will be to design a poster.

There will be winners from the following breakdown: grades K-3 and 4-6. All of the posters will be displayed during the six week program. The winners of the poster contest will receive a \$10.00 gift certificate from our local bookstore. The contest will start when we come back from our holiday vacation.

So, please remember to read with your children at night for at least 15 minutes. Share that special time together, you'll never regret it.

Parents As Reading Partners Committee
Bernadette Lakovits
Pat McCormick
Mary Sheffield

School Motto Contest

On November 12, 1992, we invited all members of the Clear Stream family to put on their 'thinking caps' to develop a motto for our school. Participation was not limited to just students. We encouraged parents to work with their children in the creation of our school motto.

We had more than 125 imaginative entries. The selection committee had a difficult task because so many of the mottoes were very creative and truly captured the spirit of what Clear Stream is all about.

The winning entry of the contest was submitted by **Karen Russer**, a sixth grade student. I think you'll agree that she utilized our school's logo and name in a very clever manner:

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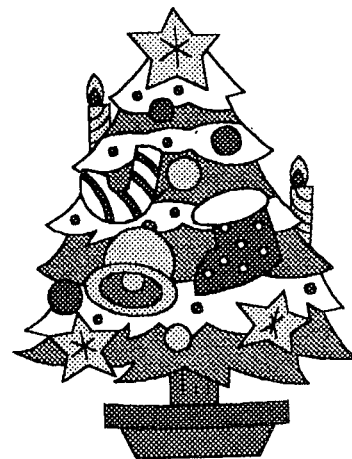
We congratulate Karen and all the members of the Clear Stream family that participated in the contest.

Robert A. Cohen
Principal

How do we learn language?

From the day we are born, we develop our language and thinking skills by listening, watching and experiencing our environment. Through this first hand experience, we learn new vocabulary and learn how to categorize, associate and compare. In fact, as we all know, experience is the best teacher.

Many children in speech and language classes are busy creating edible Christmas trees. In addition to tasting delicious, this activity stimulates and enriches many language skills such as following directions, sequencing, categorizing and using new vocabulary in a natural and meaningful way. There is nothing quite as satisfying as seeing children learn while they are having fun. And yes, your children are having a great time making these delicious edible Christmas trees.



Sharon Schulman

Cooper's Corner

Well, we have finished up the first marking period in our final year at Clear Stream. There was much to do and many accomplishments we achieved.

In September we adjusted to the new demands and responsibilities in sixth grade. Work Habits, Study Skills and Self Discipline were stressed and consistently expected in order to assure success. Throughout the first marking period we learned these were the essential ingredients to guarantee success.

Achievement Awards resulting from success in these areas, which resulted in an outstanding report card, were won by:

1st	Ron Breuer	56 pts.
2nd	Diana McConeghy	
	Mike Garaputo	54 pts.
3rd	Kristin Cuccias	
	Danny Riccobono	53 pts.
4th	Jason Jonker	51 pts.
5th	Tara Salamone	47 pts.
6th	Peter Alexandratos	44 pts.
7th	Bryan Moore	
	Steven Wang	43 pts.
8th	Richard Zobkiw	39 pts.
9th	Eric Robinson	37 pts.
10th	Michele Casale	34 pts.

Points were awarded in subjects for A¹=>C and work habits and self discipline 1 to satisfactory.

There were many exciting and interesting activities throughout the first marking period above and beyond the usual classroom activities.

In October we went to Caumsett State Park. Our science program has an exciting hands on appreciation of nature and environment program. We learned and

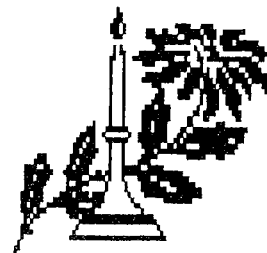
experienced much from our activities (salt marsh, seashore, solo walk, survival, and of course canoeing). Also in October was our first Halloween Happening. Kudos to all the parents for making our day special and certainly tasty.

In November we began our Project Pride Program directed by the Nassau County Police. Drug abuse, peer pressure, self esteem were just some of the areas in which we became more aware and knowledgeable.

Congratulations Diana McConeghy for winning the American Flag Appreciation Award. Congratulations Bryan Moore as October Citizen of the Month Award. Congratulations to Michael Garaputo to November Citizen of the Month.

November was exciting also because of our Presidential Debate and mock election. Our class represented Mr. Clinton. We worked hard in researching material for our debate. On November 2, our four representatives--Jennifer Weisblatt, Michael Garaputo, Danny Riccobono, and Diana McConeghy--presented our approach on Mr. Clinton. It was a very interesting and educational presentation.

In conclusion we are looking forward to the second marking period. Life in sixth grade in Room 21 will continue to be demanding, but also exciting and interesting.



Fashion Show



The Fashion Show for the KARE program (before school and after school child care for school age children) is a go-ahead. Save the date - **Thursday, February 4th** - at the Pompeii, \$25.00 per ticket.

Volunteers have been going around town for some great raffle items--haircuts, dinners out, gift certificates (we even have someone to donate a simple will). If anyone has anything they would like to donate, please let us know.

Don't forget the date! This is a fund-raiser; we need money to cover startup costs. If you have any questions about the KARE program, give Cathy or me a call.

Make it a great night out!
We need your support!

Alice Swahn 285-8626
Cathy Montefusco 561-7170



Clear Stream Helps Special Olympics

In the middle of October, 85 students in grades 4 - 6 participated in a "Run For The Gold" program to benefit Special Olympics. Special Olympics is an international organization dedicated to the year-round sports training and athletic competition for mentally and physically challenged persons. Some of Clear Stream's teachers also took part in this worthwhile endeavor by either running with their class or running after school.

The participants filled their sponsor sheets and then took part in "Run For The Gold" during Physical Education classes. Special Olympics will take these sponsor sheets and bill all of the sponsors so students do not have to collect the money themselves. Awards are also a part of this program. Students will receive awards according to how many sponsors they were able to get. All students will receive a certificate; others will receive sports bottles, T-shirts, and wag-bags with the "Run For The Gold" logo.

Clear Stream's teachers and students will have raised \$5,444.00 when all donations are collected. Ms. Yelland's fifth grade class raised the most money for Special Olympics, \$1,089.00; Ms. Burgess' fifth grade class came in second, raising \$954.00; and Mrs. Clarke's fourth grade class came in third, raising \$909.00. The top student bring in the most money for Special Olympics was fifth grader Bernard Lam, who received pledges for \$529.00. Students who raised over \$100 were: fourth graders Dana Albert, Jessica McComb, Raquel Quezada, and Ellen Weiss; fifth graders Richard Kalinowski, James McCormick, and Jennifer Allen; sixth graders Jennifer Fusco, Brian Rojas, and Erin O'Neil. Some of the teachers even broke the \$100 mark; they were Ms. Yelland, Mrs. Sacks, Mrs. Ehrenreich, Mrs. Schulman, and Mrs. Pratt.

Clear Stream Avenue would like to thank the participants, sponsors, parents, and teachers for their efforts. Once again, Clear Streamers came through to help others. We are very proud of all of you.



Amy Agnesini

From Our Computer Lab:

Computer Club is in full swing at Clear Stream Avenue Computer Lab. We meet every Tuesday after school. Many different programs are used by our 32 club members. The most popular are Oregon Trails, Science Island, and Blackout to name a few. The students learn to share and enjoy working with each other.

Mrs. Douglas
Computer Technician

Clear Steam Kids' Column

Shopping on your mind lately? Here's what two students in Ms. Yelland's fifth grade class would do if they won a shopping spree at a supermarket. Their strategy may just be worth a try!



I Won a Shopping Spree

by
Johnny Vasquez

WOW! I've won a shopping spree at the supermarket! I can get whatever I want! Here I am at the supermarket. Wish me luck! Good thing I have my family to help me. Go!

Let's see, I have to get hamburgers, hot dogs, hamburger buns, hot dog buns, soda, Pepsi, Sunkist, root beer, Pepsi cans. Nuts! I dropped them. Whoa, anybody get the license plate on that Pepsi can? Progresso soup, spaghetti and meatballs, cheese, yogurt, ah, Ben and Jerry's ice cream, I love it not. Vegetables, yucpoya! I need apples, peaches, pineapples, and coconuts. That reminds me, I need Chips Ahoy, Gushers, and Fruit Roll Ups. They stick to my teeth but I love them.

I've won the game! I can't believe it, just by a Fruit Roll Up, yea! This was too easy. Whoa, I hate that Pepsi can. I like Pepsi, but I hate cans.

I'm finally home. Anyone want Pepsi? Yuck.



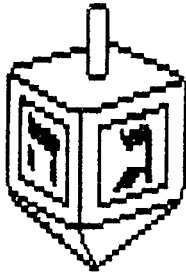
Shopping Spree

by
Ronald Bruhn

I have just won a shopping spree at a supermarket. I can't wait to get all the food and candy I can get my hands on. I want to get Breyers mint chip ice cream, steaks, turkey, hamburger meat, Alpo dog and cat food, whipped cream, ketchup, Entenmann's fine baked goods, five bottles of three liter Pepsi, shrimp, lobster. I selected these foods because everyone in my family likes one of the foods.

I've been thinking of how I'd get all the food and stuff I need. So I decided I would study the aisles, which I did already. I came up with this plan. I do all the aisles farthest from the register first. Then from there I gather up the products that I decided to get. So, I'll be closer to the register when I'm done. It will be simpler to get to the register before time runs out. It will be hard work, but it's worth all the food and candy I'll get.

I will try my best, that's all a human can do. I can't wait until the big race against the clock. If I push myself to the limit, I just might get all the stuff I wanted.

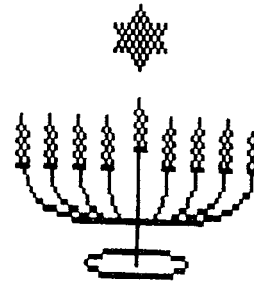


Holiday Boutique

All the cheer and joy of this holiday season was felt during this boutique. All of the children left with an armful of gifts for everyone they wanted to give joy to. The volunteers were able to spread the cheer to all the students and teachers and made this a huge success.

A huge thank you goes out to all those who dedicated their time and effort to making this such a success.

Joanie Ochman
Cynthia Dattoli



Gift Wrap Sale

Clear Stream Avenue PTA's first attempt at a Holiday Gift Wrap Sale proved to be an outstanding success. Many thanks to all the children who participated and to their parents. As always, without the support of our parents, none of our fund-raisers would be as successful as they are. A special thank you to Joanne and Danny Spano and Peggy Robinson for their tremendous help in packaging all the items and prizes for our students.

The top selling class was Mrs. Barbara Clarke's 4th graders, who will be enjoying a pizza party for their efforts. The top seller in the school was the Quezada family. Congratulations to you all!

Valerie Campolo
Gift Wrap Chairperson

Dates To Remember

JANUARY

- 4 School Reopens
- 7 PTA Meeting, 8:00 PM
- 8 PTA Reflections Night, 7:30 PM
- 11 SEPTA Meeting, 8:00 PM, Memorial
- 18 School Closed
- 20 Cracker Barrel, 8:00 PM, Clear Stream ❖
- 25 Dist. #30 Bd. of Ed. Mtg., 8:00 PM
- 27 Breakfast with Supt., 9:30 AM, Clear Stream***Changed from school calendar**
- 28 Cupcake Sale
- 29 Parent/Child Night, 7:30 PM

❖ This will be the first time ever for the Cracker Barrel. It will be at Clear Stream with Mr. McGoldrick and the Board of Education. The format will be different than Breakfast with the Superintendent, with questions and answers from the community.

FEBRUARY

- 4 PTA Meeting, 9:00 AM
- 8 SEPTA Meeting, 8:00 PM, Memorial
- 15-17 Winter Recess
- 19 PTA Candy Sale Begins
- 22 PTA Parents As Reading Partners Begins
Dist. #30 Bd. of Ed. Mtg., 8:00 PM
- 26 PTA Kids' Show, 7:30 PM

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Merry Christmas

Happy New Year

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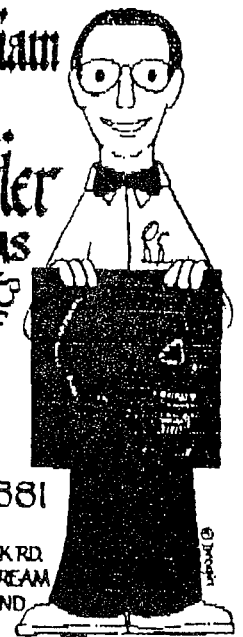


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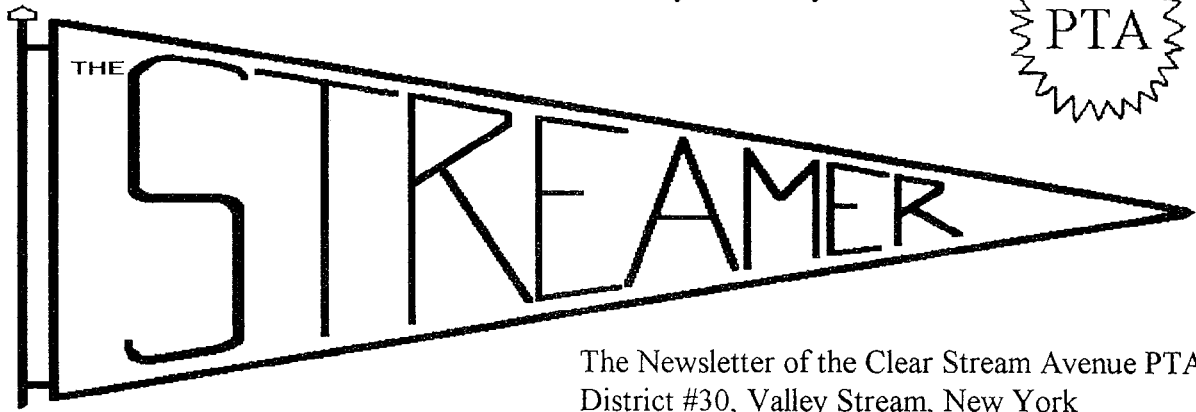
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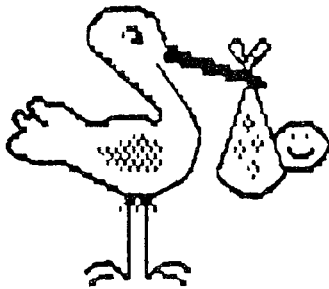
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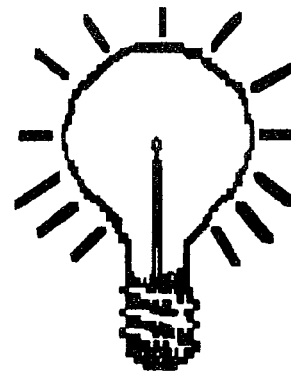
The Newsletter of the Clear Stream Avenue PTA,
District #30, Valley Stream, New York

Happy Birthday, PTA!

PTA is 96 years old this February, and District 30 PTAs will be celebrating at Clear Stream this year on February 11 at 7:30 PM. This "Adults Only" celebration includes entertainment and refreshments in tribute to the founding of PTA.



Congratulations to Mrs. Nancy Lowenkron, our Core Skills Teacher, who gave birth to a baby boy, Ian, on December 30, 1992. Best wishes to the entire family from all of us here at Clear Stream!



Make it a point to attend **Lights on for Education** at Memorial Junior High School on March 4! This event showcases all school districts in Valley Stream, with a variety of demonstrations starting at 7:30 PM, and a legislative discussion beginning at 9:00 PM.

Come and see what students in all of Valley Stream have been doing, and make your interest in education known to our state legislators! It's fun and informative for the whole family!

The Principal's Message

All parents, teachers and administrators want their children to feel good about themselves. We want them to develop feelings of positive self-worth that are evident in school, at home and in social situations. It is our responsibility to nurture these feelings. It is important to praise your child's efforts in school and at home. Your encouragement, caring and support will enable your child to feel secure and capable.

We must help our children develop task commitment. You have often heard me say that children do as we do, not as we say. Therefore, we must be the role models of persistence and determination when faced with the challenges of life. We should show by example that it is important to stick with something that is difficult.

Please remind your children that you have high expectations for them in school. The staff and I try to impart the following message to the children:

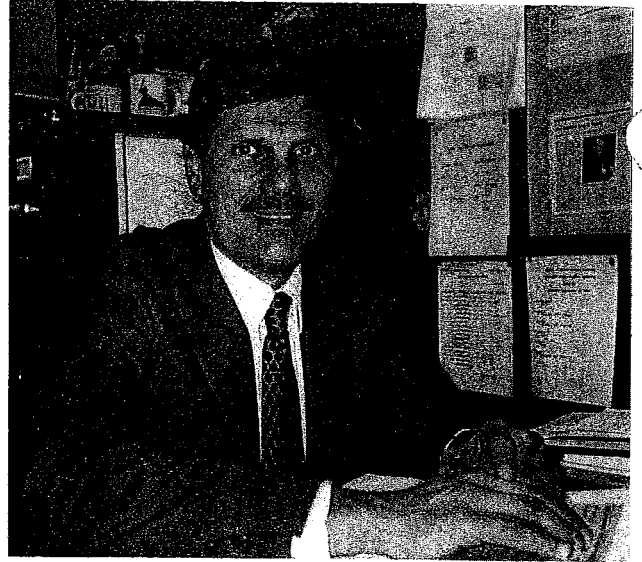
THINK YOU CAN



WORK HARD



GET SMART



I think we would all agree this is a terrific formula for success.

To further your skills at building self-esteem in your child, the PTAs of District 30 have planned a special evening for you. Please join us Wednesday, March 10, 1993 at 7:30 PM in the Shaw Avenue School auditorium to hear a very special speaker. Mr. Richard Ehinger from upstate New York will be presenting a dynamic program that should not be missed. Please make every effort to attend.

The STREAMER is the newsletter of the Clear Stream Avenue PTA. It is published with PTA funds throughout the school year to keep parents informed on:

- interesting events in Clear Stream Avenue School
- PTA activities and involvement in the school
- PTA involvement in District 30 and Nassau District PTA
- information on State PTA in Albany and the National PTA in Washington
- articles published in District, State, and National PTA newsletters and magazines

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Very truly yours,
Robert A. Cohen

Breakfast With the Superintendent

It was Clear Stream's turn for Breakfast with the Superintendent on January 27. Mr. McGoldrick, along with the three building principals, Mr. Kutcher, Dr. Brodeur and Mr. Abbate, all joined many parents for an enjoyable and information-filled morning. Topics for discussion included the budget, test scores, and the music committee.

The Presidents' Message

What an exciting time of year--with Valentine's Day, President's Day, and of course, PTA Founders Day. It's the time of year to celebrate the 96th birthday of PTA. Alice McLellan Birney and Phoebe Apperson Hearst are the founding women who devoted their lives to the needs of children. On Founders Day, we remember PTA's proud past and its promising future.

We at Clear Stream have a lot to be proud of also. Our students can expect the best possible education, due to the excellent teaching staff, our wonderful principal, Mr. Cohen, an equally terrific superintendent, Mr. McGoldrick, and a well managed and dedicated Board of Education. The Board of Education and administration are trying to prepare a budget that is appealing to everyone, but they all need our support as parents to protest budget cuts to our district.

In addition, we can be proud of the support of our PTA in establishing a fashion show to implement the KARE Program here at Clear Stream, and our parent groups who have helped in reestablishing our Instrumental Music program and the Gifted and Talented program.

Clear Stream should also be proud to have been picked as "School of the Week" during the week of January 25 on WGBB 1240 AM Radio. Many children were able to call in and answer questions as well as the teachers, principal, and even the PTA presidents--what an honor!

In looking to our future, upcoming events are the Fun Fair, Kids' Night Out, PARP, Candy Sale, and PTA Day in Albany. Hope to see you continue in your much needed and very much appreciated support. Thank you.

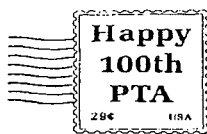
Joanne Spano
Peggy Robinson
Co-Presidents



Put the PTA Stamp on America

With all the recent excitement over the "Elvis" stamp, it's easy to see that stamps can have an impact all around the nation. The National PTA is calling on every unit to participate in a letter writing campaign for a PTA POSTAGE STAMP to commemorate PTA's 100th anniversary in 1997. This is particularly appropriate to consider around the time of the founding of PTA. In order to grab the attention of the Citizens Stamp Advisory Committee, we urge everyone to send a letter indicating your interest and appreciation of a stamp commemorating the 100th anniversary of the PTA (on February 17, 1997). Form letters will not be seriously considered. Individual efforts will have the most impact, even if content is similar. All letters should be sent by June 1993. Send all letters to:

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U.S. Postal Service
475 L'Enfant Plaza
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Washington, D.C. 20260-6757



PTA Founders Day

This year's Founders Day is on Thursday, February 11, at 7:30 PM at Clear Stream. This is a district wide celebration of 96 years of PTA's service to children. The theme this year is 'Join Hands in Celebration'. The children all gave PTA a Helping Hand by writing on cut out hands what PTA means to them. Alice McLellan Birney and Phoebe Apperson Hearst gathered together with 2,000 concerned people on February 17, 1897 in Washington, D.C. to speak on behalf of children and their needs. This day gives us a chance to reflect on the wonderful things PTA has done.

Here are highlights of *some* of PTA's milestones:

- 1897 Alice McLellan Birney and Phoebe Apperson Hearst convened first National Congress of Mothers in Washington, DC. First state congress organized in New York.
- 1903 Studied needs of handicapped children.
- 1905 Called for federal aid to kindergarten and elementary schools and for salary increases for teachers.
- 1908 Changed name to National Congress of Mothers and Parent-Teacher Associations to spotlight the importance of parent-teacher cooperation.
- 1922 Adopted oak tree as official symbol.
- 1924 Changed name to National Congress of Parents and Teachers.
- 1926 Encouraged and assisted Selena Sloan Butler in organizing the National Congress of Colored Parents and Teachers to serve children in states with legally mandated segregation.
- 1938 Became one of four organizations to sponsor American Education Week.
- 1954 Helped field-test Salk polio vaccine and win acceptance of its use.
- 1970 United the National PTA and National Congress of Colored Parents and Teachers to serve the needs of all American children.
- 1972 Launched educational program on alcohol use and called the parents to share in decision making in schools.
- 1990 National PTA president appointed to President Bush's Education Policy Advisory Committee. Launched the *Common Sense* alcohol and other drug use prevention program.
- 1991 In a White House ceremony, President Bush signed a proclamation declaring February 17-23 National PTA Week.

KARE Dinner/Fashion Show

The Dinner/Fashion Show, with almost 185 people attending, was an outstanding success.

There were so many people working together to get the fund-raiser off the ground. For everyone who went out for donations, put music together, made programs, modeled, decorated and volunteered their valuable time for this function, a special and sincere thank you.

We now have enough money for the KARE program in September. A meeting will be scheduled at the end of the school year for parents who would like to use this before and after school program and/or have specific questions.

Thank you all!

Alice Swahn
Cathy Montefusco



Models Mrs. Murray and Mrs. Pratt

Parent Child Night

January 29, 1993 was Parent/Child Night and "Movie Madness" came to Clear Stream Avenue School. Many new stars were born. It was a huge success and a good time was had by all.

Thank you to the Kindergarten and 2nd Grade Class Mothers for helping with refreshments, Custodians Jack, Kenny and Mike for setting up and Christopher, Steven and Paul for handling additional seating and assisting on stage.

Picture on page 8

Linda L. Bastardi
V.P. Program

Budget Alert

Our school budget vote is not until May 5, 1993. This might seem like a long time away, but it is right around the corner. As it stands now, many of our programs that have been cut for this year are reinstated in the new budget for the 1993-94 school year -- programs such as Instrumental Music, Gifted and Talented -- as well as field trips.

To insure that these as well as all our fine educational programs remain, we must remind Governor Cuomo and all our elected officials that we will not stand for another large cut in our state educational aid this year. We can make a difference by writing letters stating "NO more budget cuts for our children's education."

Our officials are as follows:

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Rockville Centre, NY 11570
(516) 766-8383

Congressman David Levy
203 Rockaway Ave.
Valley Stream, NY 11580
(516) 872-9550

Assemblyman Gregory Becker
199 Merrick Rd.
Lynbrook, NY 11563
(516) 593-3980

Thank you.
April Hay

Legislation

PTA Day in Albany is coming up on March 23. On this occasion, PTAs from all around the state visit with our state legislators to express interest and concern regarding a number of issues. One of the primary purposes of PTA is to be an advocacy group for issues relating to children. Here is a portion of a November bulletin from the New York State PTA indicating some of the results of issues of interest to PTA.

The Adolescent Tobacco Use Prevention Act (A3900-E) was passed with many alterations. This bill will stiffen the penalties for illegal over the counter sales of cigarettes to minors, restrict the free distribution of tobacco products, provide for suspension or

revocation of licenses of merchants or vending machine operators for repeated violations, and restrict the areas where cigarette vending machines may be placed.

The Lead Poisoning Prevention Program bill (A11978-A/S8559-B) was passed, with sections removed (which the PTA will continue to work for). This bill did NOT ADDRESS the issue of LEAD IN SCHOOLS.

Notification of Bus Driver Motor Vehicle Convictions (A10825/S6850-A) was a law which took effect September 1, 1992. It requires the Commissioner of Motor Vehicles to notify all motor carriers subject to the provisions of Article 19-A, of any conviction resulting from operation of a motor vehicle against a bus driver employed by

a motor carrier. (This will affect all school bus drivers.)

Also of interest is Certifications of Athletic Trainers (A3834-B/S5177-B), in which standards of athletic trainers will be established by the State Education Department, and Library Books in Contingent Budgets (A9468/S6631), in which library books and instructional materials are now included in contingency budgets.

The Ban on Standardized Testing was not passed, but the Board of Regents will be considering this issue further. The New York State Legislature failed to eliminate standees on school buses.

The Brady Bill (requiring a five day waiting period for handgun purchase) did not get out of the Senate. Fifty-five members of the Senate voted to break a parliamentary stalemate holding up the crime bill, but 60 votes were needed. Senator Moynihan voted FOR this motion; Senator D'Amato voted AGAINST it.

Geography Bee Comes to Clear Stream

Do you know where Montevideo is? If not just ask Clear Stream's resident geography expert, **Daniel Brody**. Daniel was the winner of the Clear Stream Avenue School's Geography Bee sponsored by the National Geographic Society. This competition was held in the school's library on January 13, 1993.

If you can't find Daniel, look for **Anthony Garcia** (Mrs. Burgess), **Brian Kidney** (Mrs. Huberman), **Liam McLoughlin** (Mrs. Lopez), or **Richard Zobkiw** (Mr. Cooper). Along with **Daniel** (Ms. Yelland), these geography whiz kids each won their classroom Geography Bee held on January 7, 1993. All of Clear Stream's 5th and 6th graders participated in these classroom competitions. We are very proud of all our winners.

Daniel Brody now has the chance to qualify for the State Competition. We are all cheering for him. **Good luck, Daniel!**

Mrs. Elyn Fitzgerald
Geography Bee Coordinator



Daniel Brody is congratulated by Mr. Cohen

Physical Fitness Testing Approaching

It's almost that time of year again. Our children have been conditioning since September for the Presidential Physical Fitness Test. If past years are any indication of success, we should do very well. Every year our scores improve and more children earn Fitness Awards. Our overall percentiles have been at or above the national averages. We hope to continue this positive trend.

This year, fitness testing will take place during the weeks of March 22-26 and March 26 - April 2. Students in grades 1-6 are administered the test. It is important that children come to school with proper activity clothing. Sending them to school with a healthy breakfast and lunch can make testing easier for the children. No child will be excused from Physical Education during testing unless a DOCTOR'S note is on file.

Results of the testing can be obtained the night of the Art Show, Wednesday, May 5, 1993. If this is not convenient, please feel free to contact Ms. Agnesini or Mrs. Stein to make an appointment.

Kaleidoscope - A Musical Revue



On Saturday, January 23, 1992, the Parents of District 30 Children Instrumental Music Charitable Trust held a fund-raiser entitled "Kaleidoscope - A Musical Revue" at the Central High School Auditorium.

The show was well attended and warmly received by the community. "Have Cast Will Travel" gave a spectacular show. The performers held the audience captive with a variety of musical selections from *Music of the Night* (from "Phantom of the Opera") and *Cocktails for Two*, to *Millionaire's Hoedown* (by Clebanoff) and *Somewhere Out There* (from "An American Tail"). The Finale, *You're A Grand Old Flag*, had the audience clapping in their seats.

One of the highlights of the evening was the performance given by our small District-wide ensemble. These District 30 students, currently studying music in our schools, played flawlessly. Their dedication, hard work and enthusiasm paid off. They were a credit to their teacher, Ms. Concetta Madonia, and to their schools, parents and community.

The President of the Music Trust, Mrs. Joanne Ferrioli, expressed thanks to Supt. Howard (High School District) and Supt. McGoldrick (District 30) for their help and support. Mrs. Ferrioli extended the group's appreciation to the performers of "Have Cast Will Travel", the parents, community, the Board of Education and to all of those who support instrumental music in our schools.

All in all, "Kaleidoscope - A Musical Revue" was an enjoyable family experience.

From the Instrumental Music Department:

Congratulations to the following fifth and sixth graders who were awarded "Musician of the Month." Those awarded were Daniel Brody, Jimmy McCormick, Brian Kidney, and Karen Russer. To receive this award, certain qualifications must be fulfilled, such as: musicianship, preparedness of each lesson, enthusiasm, attitude, helpfulness and good citizenship. Once again, congratulations on all of your hard work, and keep on practicing.



Parent Child Night "Movie Madness" (Article Page 5)

Music Notes



Clear Stream Chorus Members Become Recording Stars!!!

Did you hear the Clear Stream Chorus's latest recording on the radio? You would have if you listened to WGBB AM radio during the week of January 25! When our school was featured on the "Small Things Considered" program that week, the chorus was invited to send a recording. Duke Ventra, a Central High graduate and friend of Mrs. Pratt, graciously invited half the chorus to his nearby professional recording studio to make the recording. After spending an hour discovering that recording is very hard work, the golden-voiced group had recorded three numbers that were used several times during the week. Many thanks to Mrs. Lakovits, who walked to the recording studio on a Friday afternoon after school.

Diana McConeghy, one of our star chorus members who recently took part in the All-County Chorus as a representative from our school, also was a featured singer on the radio program, and Karen Russer, chorus and band member, played **NEW YORK, NEW YORK** on the flute.

Mrs. Pratt is proud to announce that seven chorus members have half-year perfect attendance. They are: Cristen Dattoli, Jamie Moore, and Susan Sheffield from the fifth grade, and Kelly Coleman, Jennifer Fusco, Diana McConeghy, and Karen Russer from the sixth grade. New members joining in January were: Amanda Wright, Richard Zobkiw, Frank Miale, Matthew Hollywood, Javier Bernal, and Eddie Roth.

Handbell Choir began rehearsals in January and has already performed twice at assembly programs. Members are Mike Albano, Peter Alexandratos, Ronnie Breuer, Jason Jonker, Bryan Moore, Sal Randazzo, Danny Riccobono, and Eric Robinson. Congratulations to an outstanding group!

Watch for the Handbell Choir, the Fifth and Sixth Grade Chorus, and the Clear Stream Band at their Spring Concert on Thursday evening, April 22, 1993.

Clear Stream Celebrities

For one very special week in January, the students, staff, PTA Co-Presidents Mrs. Spano and Mrs. Robinson, and our principal Mr. Cohen had the wonderful opportunity to be celebrities on the radio. During the week of January 25th, the Clear Stream Avenue School was saluted as the School of the Week on the radio show **Small Things Considered** on station WGBB.

The host of the show, Larry Miller, spoke to each child and adult who was able to get through to the radio station. Mr. Miller almost instantaneously developed a good rapport with the students by initiating conversations with them about their interests, sports, computer games, baseball cards, comic books, etc. After chatting with each child, Mr. Miller asked the children a question about things going on in their classrooms. Mr. Miller made the children feel at ease and was very knowledgeable about children's T. V. shows and other topics that interest children. The audience was also pleasantly entertained by Diana McConeghy and Karen Russer, two lovely sixth grade girls who made their radio debut through Mr. Miller's encouragement. Diana sang the song **Someday**, and Karen played **New York, New York** on her flute. Both girls gave a splendid performance. Additionally, under the direction of Mrs. Pratt, the Clear Stream chorus performed three songs on the show, and they did a marvelous job. During this week-long tribute to Clear Stream, our mayor Mr. Donley and Mrs. Cuomo, the Governor's wife, were also guest speakers on this show.

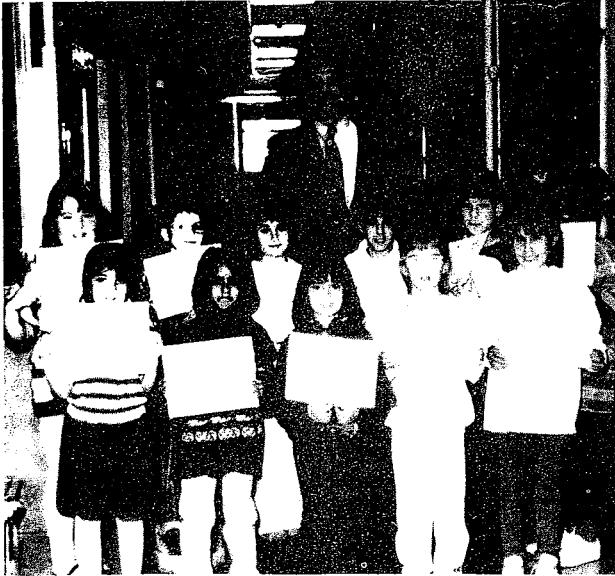
The grand finale of this tribute to Clear Stream consisted of a drawing of the names of those children who spoke on this show. The winners of this drawing were Andrew Stache, Anthony Garcia, Kristin Zurlo, and Danny Brody. Mr. Miller made a visit to Clear Stream and gave these children gifts. He also gave a delightful book to each child in the school who participated in the show during the week.

The Clear Stream Family is extremely proud to have been part of such a valuable and memorable experience. We thank Mr. Miller and WGBB for making our children feel special and for giving them the opportunity to express themselves on the radio. Larry Miller and his show **Small Things Considered** made our children feel like "Super Stars".

Barbara Clarke

Courtesy/Citizen of the Month Winners

	DECEMBER	JANUARY
Grade 1	Jordan Driskell Antonia LaBarbera Christopher DeLaney Ashley Arbucci Dania Barrera	Joseph Filippazzo Theodora Kaimis Amanda Taormina Julia Yang
Grade 2	Billy Varellas Katie Hay Joey Riccardo Maria Lazardis Peter Yellico	Joseph DiPalma Laura Riccobono Erin Romano Dennis Torres Matthew Singer
Grade 3	Joseph Albanese Anthony Khatchoui	Kimberlee Stache Steven Krzyzanowski Adam Klein
Grade 4	Kristen Lakovits Stephanie Sciscioli Michele Magnuson	Peggy Breuer Kirk Sendlein Christina D'Alessio
Grade 5	Michael Pellele Elizabethte Quezada	Sam Infante Anthony Garcia
Grade 6	Ronald Breuer Kristin Zurlo Monica Ballestas	Kristin Cuccias Kelly Coleman Edward Roth



November Courtesy Winners



(December's and January's pictures not available)

Cooper's Corner

Cooper's Corner has had another exciting and interesting time period. The second marking period, from November to January, has held many new successful adventures for us in Room 21.

First, many of us participated in many new activities other than regular school work.

Our group entered the school essay contest on Homelessness. Our interesting and well written essays, while not judged winners, certainly made us keenly aware of a major problem and concern for our society. Our 11 participants were awarded certificates.

Some of us also participated in the PARP (Parents As Reading Partners) poster contest. We worked diligently and artistically and as usual were rewarded in more ways than one. We look forward to participating in this educational program beginning in February.

We have initiated our Rent A Reader Program. Some of our capable and responsible students began working in Mrs. Fariel's class. We work, share, and help these younger students in their classroom activities. More of us will be working in other classrooms during the 3rd marking period.

December brought forth the holiday spirits. Our classroom was turned into a Winter Wonderland as we decorated, and boy, did we decorate! Our Christmas party was of course very successful as we had first, a special breakfast and later in the day THE PARTY. Thank goodness we had 10 days off to recover.

In January it was time to put a total cooperative effort into our play, Cybernella. We auditioned for parts, planned our scenery and programs and began rehearsals. Well, the play was as much fun and entertaining for us, as well as the audience.

Our school, in participating in a weekly show with WGBB, allowed us more interesting opportunities. Several students from our class made the airwaves and did an exceptionally fine job.

Our class has begun our own kind of TRIVIAL PURSUIT contest. We call it Drain Your Brain. We put 8 teams together in which they compete in a double elimination contest. Categories are World History, Geography, English, Math, Science and Grab Bag. The questions are geared to 6th and 7th grade level. We are in the middle of some exciting and very close matches.

Achievement Award Winners for the second marking period, with points based on grades as well as work habits, responsibilities and self discipline, were:

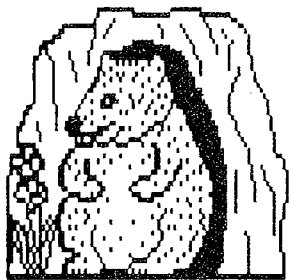
1st	Ronnie Breuer	63 pts.	6th	Michael Garaputo	54 pts.
2nd	Bryan Moore	59 pts.	7th	Michele Casale	52 pts.
3rd	Diana McConeghy	58 pts.	8th	Katrina Berardi	51 pts.
4th	Jason Jonker	57 pts.	9th	Eric Robinson	46 pts.
5th	Kristin Cuccias Danny Riccobono	55 pts.	10th	Peter Alexandratos	45 pts.

Mrs. Maclean's Class Play

On Friday, 15 January 1993, Mrs. Maclean's Third Grade class presented the play, "Sir Bookworm". The children took the parts of various characters from books in an attempt to encourage reading. The message of the play was **Read A Book**. It was a fun play and a very fitting beginning to the Parents As Reading Partners program.

Animal Concern

The children of Clear Stream Avenue School have been investigating the rights of animals and their responsibility to animals. The children were treated to a lively visit from a local veterinarian who brought a dog from his surgery in October. The next month, November, the children learned about the elephant and its endangered status. They wrote letters to President Bush to request that he extend the ban on the importation of ivory into the United States of America. President Bush very graciously answered the letters and sent a reply and a color photograph. In December the children, with the assistance of Student Council, raised enough money to adopt a manatee and a humpback whale. January brought a discussion about hunting and the primary grades were asked to collect pictures of animals which are hunted and the upper grades wrote opinion papers on whether hunting is good or bad. These were all assembled as a bulletin board in the main hall of the first floor. Through these programs, the children are developing a respect for animal life and realizing that animals have rights but that it takes the interest and commitment of people to insure these rights.



From Mrs. Ehrenreich's Class:

The children have been very busy rehearsing for our play "The Revolt of the Foolish Molar" which will be performed on February 11 for Founders Day and on February 12 for a school assembly. This daring dental drama highlights good habits for dental health month.

After viewing the inauguration on January 20, the children wrote to President Clinton emphasizing problems they felt needed his attention. They are eagerly waiting for a reply!

We are also in the midst of presenting demonstrations based on how-to books read. So far we've enjoyed Kristen Lakovits' and Allison Kelly's cookies, Tom Novello's and Brendan Driskell's karate, Laura Martingano's and Jamie Faber's magic, Greg Leitstein's and Mike Pogozelski's paper airplanes, Peggy Breuer's paper folding, and Valerie Robinson's fashion drawing.

From Mrs. Spiess' Class:

There are many exciting things happening in Mrs. Spiess' class in February. We are celebrating "Groundhog Day" by going outside to see if we can see our shadow. We will of course be celebrating St. Valentine's Day with cards and special treats. We will also remember to take special care of our "real" hearts.

Chocolate Chip Cookies are a big item here in Room 1. We will read about them, write about them and try to decide who makes the best Chocolate Chip Cookies in the whole world. We will then graph the results. The book The Doorbell Rang by Pat Hutchins was a big help for this project.

We will begin a very important project on recycling soon. Perhaps we will enter a contest sponsored by the Town of Hempstead. We hope we win!!

We are so happy to have a student teacher, Lorraine Radice in our class. She has so many great ideas. Mrs. Radice is married, lives in Valley Stream and has two children, a little girl in 1st grade and a son in 5th grade.

Have a loving month in February!

Parents As Reading Partners

Parents as Reading Partners (PARP) will begin on February 19th. To get the children excited about this program, a poster contest was held. The children had many creative reading themes and our judges had a hard time selecting only two winners. The judging was done by Mrs. Dorb, Mrs. Glynn, and Mrs. Menkes. Our two winners were Christine Mundy in the 4th - 6th grade category, and Andrew Lau in the K - 3rd grade category. They each received a \$10 gift certificate to a local bookstore. (Picture on page 17)

PARP is a six week program sponsored by our PTA that encourages parents to spend 15 minutes each day reading with their child. Each week a tally sheet will come home for the parents to sign. This is a great opportunity to turn off your television sets and share some of your favorite childhood storybooks with your children.

Remember

Be **E**ager **A**bout **R**eading!

PARP Committee

"How can I get my child to read at home?"

Any teacher will tell you that they have been asked this question dozens of times each year. Of course, the obvious answers are to provide books your child will be interested in, read to your child, and read yourself to set a good example for your child. Any parent will tell you they have heard these same answers time and time again.

Below are some *different* ideas we hope you will find helpful. Most of these suggestions were taken from The Chrysler Learning Connection's pamphlet "Recipes for Reading Success."

Limit T.V. and Video Game time. Most children if given the choice will choose T.V. over books. Turn off the television for a period of time each day. Encourage your child to read a book or play a board game during this time. Board games are excellent tools for getting children to read, follow directions, think critically, and practice verbal skills.

Use everyday chores, such as cooking and shopping, to practice reading skills. Ask your child to write your shopping list, plan the week's menu, or read a recipe. Your child can search magazines and newspapers for coupons and then locate the item for each coupon in the store. Let your child read the sales flyers for several supermarkets to determine which

supermarket has the best deals. Reward your child's efforts by serving his/her favorite meal after shopping. Start a family journal. Have each family member write a few words about their day. If a child is too young to write, he/she can dictate his/her thoughts to an older family member. At the end of each week take time to read favorite parts of the journal. These journals will also provide interesting reading material for your children when they are older.

Create a family message center. Set aside an area where family members can leave notes, schedules, post cards, report cards, etc... All important information can be posted here for all family members to see.

These suggestions are practical and fairly easy to implement. We hope you try some of these ideas to encourage your child to read at home.

Ellyn Fitzgerald
Ann Glynn
Reading Specialists



Preschool

Our next Preschool Meeting is scheduled for March 17, 1993 at 1:30 PM. If you know someone who should be entering Kindergarten in September, 1993, please inform them of this meeting.

Upcoming Dates to Remember:

March 17, 1993	1:30 PM	Meeting with Parents & Children
April 29, 1993	7:30 PM	Tour of School (Parents Only)
April 30, 1993	9-11 AM	Kindergarten Registration

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Roseann DiPalma
Preschool

Clear Stream Kids' Column

For Founders Day, all children were asked to respond to "What the PTA Means to Me." Here are some of the responses that we have seen decorating the auditorium on colorful Helping Hands:

I like the PTA because they gave money to the Playground, and they made Reflections.

Mike San Inocencio

Thank you for all the cupcake sales, and the pumpkin sales, and the Mother's Day sales. Thank you for all you do.

Natasha Hirji

Thank you for helping me for our school pictures.

Angela Bentvena

Thank you for the Fun Fair and for the Reflections Program.

Lisa Riccio

I thank the PTA for PARP because it helped me improve my reading.

Neha Sethi

Thank you for giving us the Holiday Boutique. I can buy gifts for Mom & Dad.

Asma Khan

PTA helps people when there is a family needing money for their child's trip. They also sponsor bake, book, plant, holiday, and Mother's and Father's Day sales. They help people as well.

Brian Kidney

I would like to thank the PTA for the Book Fair because I like to read a lot in my free time.

Peggy Breuer

Thank you for Breakfast With Santa.

Ganze Ozedmir

*Roses are red
Violets are blue
They are kind
to me and you.*

Jay Maltese

I would like to thank the PTA for the Fun Fair because it's fun and we get to win prizes.

Allison Kelly

The PTA means help to students who can't afford to go on the trip. The PTA means help for parties. The PTA means cupcake sales. Without the PTA the school would not run.

Brian Rojas

Cupcake Sale

The PTA's annual Cupcake Sale was held on January 28 starting at 2:15 PM, and continuing through dismissal time, so that all students could take the opportunity to buy delicious treats. As usual, the Cupcake Sale would not have been possible without the help and support of the many parents who baked or bought goodies to be sold, and the volunteers who manned the tables during the sale. Thanks to all of them! The profits from the sale will once again be given towards the High School Scholarship Fund.

Program

At our January meeting, District 30's Computer Coordinator, Mr. G. Camilleri, gave a very informative presentation on computer programs used in the classroom.

The Board of Education has been invited to speak at our March meeting. They will be discussing the Budget. Please join us.

Linda L. Bastardi
V.P. Program

Gifted and Talented Committee

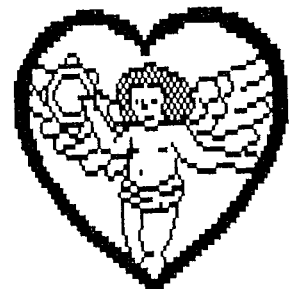
At the December 21 Board of Education meeting, three members of the committee presented their proposal for an after school "club" during the remainder of this year for those students who were eligible for the Excel Program, and who are not now being served. Additionally, the committee indicated its support of a budget for the 1993-94 school year which includes a three day/week position for a teacher of the Gifted and Talented, and stressed the importance of serving *all* children in the district.

The Board was very receptive, and approved expenditures for a "club", which will be on Tuesdays starting on February 23rd. Three teachers have been selected to work with the students in each of the three schools for a number of weeks, after which time the teachers will rotate to another school to work with its group of children. Mr. Laudano (Science), Mrs. Biscardi (Computers), and Mrs. Baron (Art) will develop the theme "Rain Forests" from their own specialty. It should be an interesting adventure for the children. If your child was eligible for the Excel program, he or she is welcome to participate.

The Gifted and Talented Committee is continuing to meet to hammer out the development of the program to be proposed for next year. The aspect that the committee is addressing first is the issue of how to determine which students should be eligible for admission to the program.

Carol Russer

Deadline for next issue: April 2



Reflections Night



Clear Stream Avenue School completed its fourth annual Reflections Program on January 8th at an awards ceremony called Reflections Night. Reflections is a cultural arts program that the National PTA developed in 1969 to encourage students in grades K - 12 to express their thoughts and feelings through the creative arts. The evening of Reflections Night is a time to honor each student for their participation as well as the winners and to display all the creative works of our children.

Each year a new theme is chosen. This year our theme was "Imagine That". Categories include visual arts, literature, music and photography.

Our judges were the Herald's own Rick Kopstein for photography, Memorial's art teacher, Mrs. Reyer, for visual arts, and Ann Farone, a St. John's University teacher for literature.

Our nine winners will go on to be judged at the district, state and national levels. Congratulations to all the children. They did a terrific job.

Winners

Honorable Mentions

VISUAL ARTS

Camoy Briscoe
Allison Sheffield
Benji Susman

Junaid Khan
Nadeem Khan
Andrew Lau
Sara Palazzolo

Tanya Rios
Karen Russer
Allison Sheffield
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Andrew Stache

Anthony Garcia
Patricia Manger
Nicholas Montefusco

We would like to thank all the children for their enthusiasm and to thank all our volunteers for all their help.

Reflections Chairpersons

Cathy Montefusco

Veronica Yellico



Reflections Night

The Magic Art Room

Our children are magically creative at Clear Stream. Through their vivid imaginations, abundance of energy, and positive attitudes, students continue to produce wonderful art work.

Some recent projects:

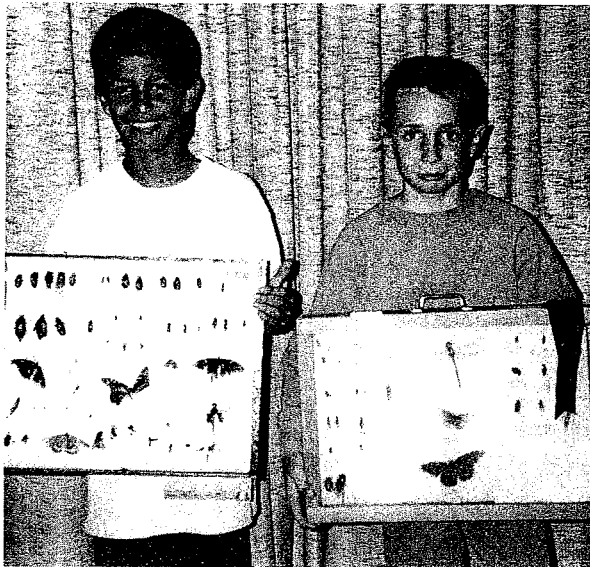


Fifth graders are counting the number of States they used in their collages. Students were asked to design a person, place or thing using only shapes of states. The person from each 5th grade class who uses the most states in his/her design will win a McDonalds Lunch from Mrs. Menkes.

Third graders have been studying the art of Chinese Calligraphy. After learning to draw symbols called Chinese Characters, these students put symbols together to produce complex words and even whole sentences!

"The Tangram Magician" paid a visit to the second graders in the art room. Students learned how to combine triangles, squares, and parallelograms in their art work.

Congratulations to our January Art Smart Contest winners: Joyce Chan from Mrs. Huberman's class and Johnny Vasquez from Ms. Yelland's class. Our children are gaining an appreciation for fine art through the Art Smart Bulletin Board...ahh, the magic of art!



Clear Stream Avenue School is proud to announce that Cilo Lewis and Steven Hay are the First and Second Place winners in the Long Island Fair for their insect collections. Insect collections are a science project required by our 4th grade science program. The awards were given by the Agricultural Society of Queens, Nassau and Suffolk Counties.

PARP Poster Winners (Article page 13)



From Mrs. Clarke's Class:

The children in Mrs. Clarke's class did a wonderful job in their class play, "A Bat for Babe". The children wanted to perform in a play with a baseball theme and this play was perfect for them. They learned that Yankee Stadium was the house that Babe Ruth built. They also learned some background knowledge about Babe Ruth's life history and how he enjoyed helping children.

Our class made beautiful floral fans. Each fan was made from wallpaper, donated to the class by Mr. & Mrs. Ochman. The children arranged silk and dried flowers on the fans. Each arrangement was an original creation. The children were proud of their fans and gave them as a gift to their parents.

Congratulations to Lisa Taormina, Adrian Briscoe, Stephanie Sciscioli, Michele Magnuson, Christina D'Alessio, and Kirk Sendlein, our recent Courtesy Award winners.

We were so excited that six children in our class had the fantastic opportunity to talk to Mr. Larry Miller on the week long tribute to Clear Stream Avenue School (on radio station WGBB). These children were: Jessica McComb, Antra Antranik, Lisa Taormina, Nicole Zobkiw, Theresa Lombardo, and Kirk Sendlein. Congratulations to these radio celebrities.



Students with Fans



Some home made New York State cookies (last issue)

Dates to Remember

MARCH

- 2 PTA Babysitting Course (5th & 6th grades only, by preregistration), 6:30 PM
- 3 PTA Meeting, 8:00 PM
- 4 Lights On for Education, 7:30 PM, Memorial JHS
- 5 PTA Candy Sale Ends
- 9 PTA Babysitting Course, 6:30 PM
- 10 PTA Parents' Self-Esteem Workshop, 7:30 PM, Shaw Ave.
- 13 PTA Fun Fair, 9 AM - 3 PM
- 15 SEPTA Meeting, 8:00 PM, Memorial JHS
- 16 PTA Babysitting Course, 6:30 PM
- 17 Preschool Meeting with Parents & Children, 1:30 PM
- 22 Dist. #30 Bd. of Ed. Meeting, 8:00 PM
- 23 PTA Day in Albany
- 26 Kids' Night Out, 7:30 PM (* Changed from school calendar)

APRIL

- 1 PTA Meeting, 8:00 PM
- 2 PTA Parents As Reading Partners Ends
- 5-12 Spring Recess
- 14 District #30 Budget Hearing, 8:00 PM, Forest Rd.
- 19 SEPTA Meeting, 8:00 PM, Memorial
- 22 Spring Concert
- 29 Preschool Parents Tour of School, 7:30 PM
- 30 Kindergarten Registration, 9:00-11:00 AM



Cracker Barrel

On Wednesday, January 20, the Board of Education and Mr. McGoldrick held a Cracker Barrel. This first informal gathering of community and PTA members was a very informative evening. Questions were asked at random and answered in easily understood terms. We look forward to this becoming a tradition in District 30.

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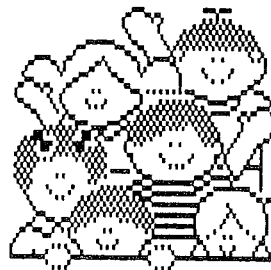
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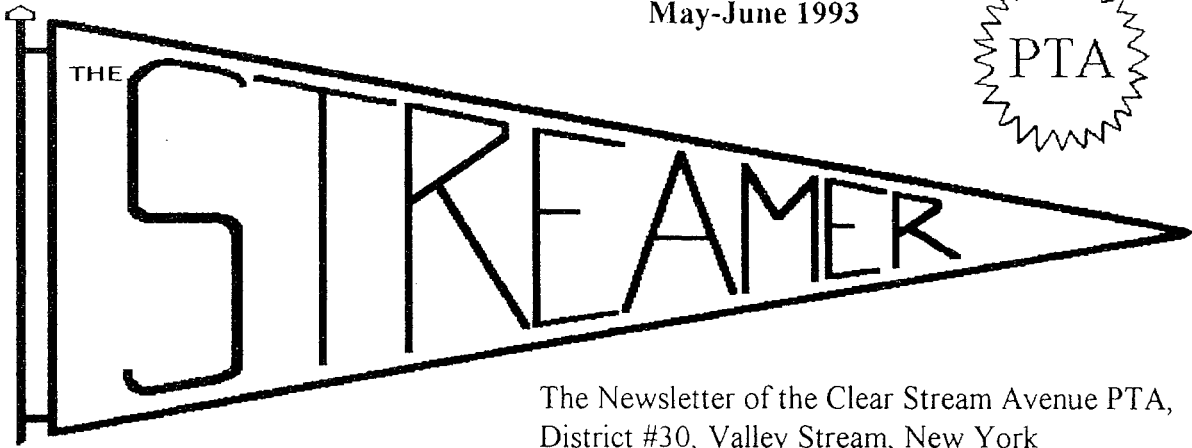


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HAPPY VACATION!

Preschool

Please keep in mind if any children move in on your street during the summer, please inform their parents to contact the school as soon as possible. Thank you and have a wonderful summer!

Roseann DiPalma
V.P. Preschool



*Congratulations
to the Class of '93!*

Look for memories of Clear Stream throughout the
STREAMER.

*My fondest memory is all the fun I had at Clear
Stream.*



Play Day see p. 5

Tutor, Anyone?

In the last issue of the **STREAMER**, Toni Fusco, one of our PTA members, and a certified teacher for Grades N, K-6 Elementary Education, and Grades 7-12 Secondary Education, indicated that she is available to tutor children. However, her phone number in the last issue was incorrect. The correct phone number for Toni Fusco is: 285-1148.

The Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

As the 1992-93 school year rapidly draws to a close, I feel a flood of wonderful thoughts. It is my belief that our children have had a very successful year. They have shown considerable growth in their academic endeavors and their social skills. I am very proud of each and every one of them. I thank you for being cooperative and understanding parents that strive to work closely with each member of the Clear Stream staff. Furthermore, I am very appreciative and proud of my staff. The longer I know them, the more outstanding qualities I see in them. They really are an exceptional group of caring professionals.



As we did last summer, we have developed a summer reading program for each grade level. I urge you to make this part of your summer routine. Each child that fulfills the requirements of the program will be recognized for her or his efforts in September. Additionally, please utilize the Henry Waldinger library to foster the value we as parents and educators place on literacy.

I wish you all a happy and healthy summer vacation. I look forward to seeing you in September.

Very truly yours,
Robert A. Cohen
Principal

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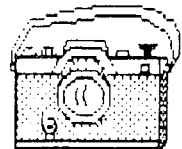
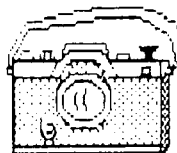
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My favorite memories are when we played basketball with Mr. Cohen, Caumsett and the haunted house we did for Halloween in sixth grade.

Many thanks to all our contributing photographers:

Valerie Campolo
April Hay
Mary Sheffield
Joanne Spano
Miss Agnesini
Mrs. Clarke
Mrs. Pratt



The Presidents' Message

Dear Parents, Faculty, and Staff,

It is with great sadness that I write this, my last **STREAMER** letter, as Co-President of the PTA. It's been a long, though two years, but as I turn over the reins to my successors I feel their journey can only go easier. I have made a lot of friends along the way and I hope to keep and cherish these friendships for years to come.

There are also many things I've learned and the main one is "you can't please everyone all the time." However, I felt I always kept the unit's best interests at heart while not losing sight of the fact that we are here for the children's benefit.

For all those who gave their support and help I extend my heartfelt thanks. Please continue your vigilance in making this PTA better every year.

To Mr. Cohen, a special thank you for all your guidance and understanding, and to my co-presidents, I cannot tell you how much I have counted on you for support and assistance. I would be remiss if I didn't mention the encouragement, loyalty, tolerance and aid from my Executive Committee, even to making sure I am where I should be at the right times.

I have gained an enormous amount of pleasure and pride in serving this unit and hope I gave as much as I received. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to perform.



Sincerely,

Joanne Spano
Co-President

At Caumsett, I fell turning off a light. At Parent-Child Night 1993, I got a case of the giggles on stage.

The best thing that happened to me during the past 7 years was that I was chosen to go to the "All County Music Fair." I was honored and proud!

PTA Installation Dinner

Our Installation Dinner was held on June 3rd at the Arbor Inn, in Rockville Centre.

The new slate of officers was installed. Lifetime PTA Memberships were awarded to Mrs. Evelyn Salamone, Mrs. Sue Tedesco, Mrs. Lane Griffin, and Mrs. Noleen Douglas.

A good time was had by all.

Linda L. Bastardi
1st V.P. Program

I will never forget the teachers who have taught me what I know: Mrs. Lipski, Mrs. Amalfitano, and Mrs. Lopez. Without them I wouldn't be where I am now.

I remember in first grade, I was Little Bo Peep in our play. I will also never forget all of the great teachers I have had all the years here.

Teacher Recognition Day

In appreciation for the good work done by the teachers and staff at Clear Stream, PTA once again held Teacher Recognition Day on April 28th. The theme of the day was the Clear Stream motto - **Future Stars Clearly Stream From Here**, in recognition that our students begin greatness through the efforts of the wonderful Clear Stream staff. The gym was transformed into a futuristic starscape using the school colors. A multitude of parents cooked, baked, or bought goodies to treat all of the staff to lunch. Many thanks go to those who provided food, the volunteers who helped to set up, serve, and clean up, and to Gert Marrero and Sue Tedesco, who coordinated and organized this traditional PTA event.



I loved the teachers I had, Mrs. Lopez and Mrs. Burgess.

My 6th grade play and teachers were my favorite part of 6th grade!

My greatest memory is having the best teachers from 2nd - 6th grade, who were: Mrs. Murray, Mrs. Cabral, Mrs. Ehrenreich, Mrs. Burgess, and Mrs. Lopez.



Computer News

Congratulations to Michael Vigorito, and Derek Giacomantonio, co-winners of our Math Blackout competition from Mrs. Huberman's class. Runners up Steven Wang and Javier Bernal did a terrific job for Mr. Cooper's class. Mrs. Lopez's class was very excited to be back in computer lab after their Keyboarding Classes were finished to go to their special, and favorite programs.

A great BIG thank you to all students from grades 4, 5, and 6 for their wonderful cards and letters which I received after keyboarding classes were over. Mrs. DeCarlo loved her thank you notes. We are really glad you enjoyed our time working together. A special word of thanks to the following students for all their help during 6th grade Magazine Work: Erica Bohringer and Brian Kidney, and to Jennifer Fusco for all her help during Computer Club.

Mrs. Douglas
Computer Technician



Play Day 1993

On May 26th, students in grades 3 and 4 participated in Play Day. Throughout the morning, Clear Stream athletes took part in the following activities: Dash, Hurdles, Sack Race, Bean Bag Shuttle Run, Broad Jump, Basketball Shooting, Softball Throw, and Frisbee Toss. Early on in the contest the Blue Team had a commanding lead. However, as the day progressed, the White Team gradually caught up and eventually took the lead. Going into the last event, the famous Rope Tug, the White Team was 11 points ahead. The White Team won 3 out of 4 Rope Tug challenges to capture the Play Day title.

At the conclusion of all the events, the teachers mustered up their courage and had a sack race. The top 3 teachers and District #30 Superintendent Mr. McGoldrick took on the student champions of the sack race. Mr. Cohen, Mrs. Pratt, Ms. Inella, and Mr. McGoldrick gave it a good try, but the students wiped them away. Let's hope Mr. McGoldrick doesn't send us his dry-cleaning bill.

Many thanks to the PTA for all of their help. In addition, PTA purchased participation ribbons so all of the students walked away winners. Of course, we can't forget to thank Mr. Cohen and all of our teachers for their participation and support. Play Day is truly a team effort and Clear Stream has quite a team.

Due to Field Day (grades 5 and 6) being on June 14, an article cannot be placed in this issue.

Ms. Agnesini



This is my first year here, but I had fun and I liked the sixth grade. I liked the trip to Caumsett and the basketball tournaments.

An interesting activity is when we went to Washington D.C. on March 5th. That was so fun. Kristin forgot her camera and I had to take all the pictures. Half of the pictures was half of a body. I cut off so many people's heads. It was so funny!

Crazy Hat Winners

Once again, the Student Council declared a Crazy Hat Day on May 20, and the following students were selected as the "craziest" representatives from each grade.

Kindergarten Natalie Antranik
Rebecca Delaney

Grade 1 Gamze Ozdemir
Allison Sheffield
Thomas Costanza

Grade 2 Laura Riccobono
David Weisblatt
Richard Isler

Grade 3 Robert Bruhn
Jason Sinaly
Matthew Roth

Grade 4 Peggy Breuer
Lisa Taormina
Nicky Hayden

Grade 5 Nicole Pytel
Rickey Kalinowski

Grade 6 Ronnie Breuer
Theresa Isler
Edward Roth



The most unusual thing that ever happened to me was when I saw all of the crazy hats for the first time. At first I didn't know what was going on.

One embarrassing thing at Clear Stream was when I dressed up as a girl in my 6th grade play "Cybernella."

I loved my costume and my dance for "King Tut." I had the best part in my play!

OOPS!!!

In the last issue of the **STREAMER** there were two names left off of the Presidential Physical Fitness Award list. Both of these students scored above 85% on all five testing areas. One of these students was accidentally left off the list, Christina Campolo from Mrs. Cabral's third grade class. However, one was purposely left off the list until she was awarded her

certificate and patch at the awards assembly. You see, it is not customary to give awards to students in first and second grade for fitness testing. But, when we had a second grader qualify for the most difficult award to attain, the Presidential, we made an exception. This year, Tania Rios from Mrs. Murray's second grade class performed way above the national average. Way to go Tania, we are very proud of y

Ms. Agnesini

Read-A-Thon '93

Grade 5 students at Clear Stream are raving about their recent ten hour read-a-thon. On Tuesday, May 25th, from 7 AM to 5 PM, students were involved in the following reading related activities:

- ♦ Silent reading periods when all students read Shoebag and those who completed that book went on to read either The One Eyed Cat or Shiloh.
- ♦ Reading related activities in special areas with Mrs. Pratt, Ms. Agnesini, Mrs. Fitzgerald, Mrs. Glynn and Mrs. Menkes.
- ♦ "Storyteller," Steven Rosenthal, came over from Central High School and had the children enthralled with his tales.
- ♦ Principal, Mr. Cohen, showed the children how to read a baseball box score and Superintendent, Mr. McGoldrick, read a favorite American myth and legend.

The children had breakfast and dinner, provided by our very supportive PTA and served by parent volunteers, and brought their own snacks and lunch. While eating, they watched videos of some favorite books.

At the end of a long and exciting day, students left with a certificate, a book, a Clear Stream Reader pin and many fun filled memories. Still to come are their painted tee shirts which are at the printers.

Ms. Yelland and Mrs. Burgess are especially grateful for the assistance of parent volunteers throughout the day and PTA's purchases of books, breakfast and dinner.



Children at Read-A-Thon examine a lizard.

I remember that in Kindergarten we had Show and Tell, and we brought in stuff to show.

One funny thing that happened while I was at Clear Stream Avenue was when I was in 5th grade. When we went to Washington we were in our room eating food and having pillow fights. And then Mrs. Amalfitano came in our room and she was jumping on the bed with us.

Parents As Reading Partners

We wish to once again extend a special thank you to Jim D'Aguanno, who for the last two years has made our participation certificates, and donated them as well as all of his time. Thanks, Jim.

PARP Committee

A Letter to My Sixth Grade Class from Mrs. Lopez:

Our shared home for this year - Room 23 - was the site of ten months full of determined learning and exciting shared events. There were those current events - groan! - that couldn't hide your interest or your good ideas during our talks on Mondays. You surprised yourselves, but not me, with your understanding of our complex world! Then, will you forget Ancient Egypt and your groups which lead the class into being experts on an ancient time few know about? Was your favorite story Knights of the Round Table? King Arthur lived again in your reports of excellence with those fabulous drawings which I hate to return.

Caumsett came with its overnight trip and the fun of outdoor living passed with Ace, Carrot Bottom and both Bobs into fond memories. Who can forget those canoe rides, the survival huts and that eerie midnight walk? How about that chicken dinner that nearly did us in?

Almost too soon it was Halloween and our haunted House was such fun and *sooo* effective we could go into business scaring people. Even Mr. Cohen shuddered at our creepy crawly table. Too bad we had to put the lights on for that little first grader who got too scared until she saw your friendly faces.

The Holiday Parties passed into happy memories of all that great food made by our parents, the laughter and those games. Who remembers who was that last girl to have **two!** boys try to sit on her lap? Wasn't she a good sport?

"Robin Hood Tricks the Sheriff" was our play, and how could you forget the littlest Lassie of them all? Your acting, your art work and yes, your nervousness, all combined to give our audience a great time. How that dance showed your style!

Of course, there was the hard work of those tests. You studied hard and worried a lot, but you have the right to feel proud as you aced them. Wasn't it great to know that you even beat the social studies exam?

Our final events are here almost before we're ready for them. Mystic on June 11 and then - Graduation! It's been a wonderful year with study and fun mixed. You're a wonderful group, 6 - 23! Continued success in your lives! I'll miss you!

Mrs. C. Lopez



Some of the good memories that I have at Clear Stream Avenue School are Caumsett, parties, the haunted house that our class made at Halloween, our class play "Robin Hood Tricks the Sheriff", and the 6th grade graduation.

The Great New York Read Aloud

During National Library Week, April 19-23rd, about 55 grandparents or other relatives of Clear Stream Avenue students participated in the *Great New York Read Aloud*. These adults came to school to read to the class during their library period, and share the pleasure and importance of reading. Children whose relatives participated were able to select a favorite book to be read during this special occasion.

Cooper's Corner

It finally has arrived - THE FINALE - Day #183. Our last day of a most interesting, exciting and memorable year. Sixth grade was supposed to be our best year and for MOST of us it was.

For the 19 impressionable minds in Room 21, it is time to move on to new challenges. We are ready and prepared for our next level. We will look back and appreciate our many years in the security of Clear Stream Avenue. Our parents, teachers and friends were helpful in preparing us for what lies ahead.

Congratulations

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|-----------------------|------------------------|
| 1. Peter Alexandratos | 11. Mary Neary |
| 2. Javier Bernal | 12. Danny Riccobono |
| 3. Katrina Berardi | 13. Eric Robinson |
| 4. Ronnie Breuer | 14. Tara Salamone |
| 5. Michele Casale | 15. Marshall Smith |
| 6. Kristin Cuccias | 16. Steven Wang |
| 7. Jason Jonker | 17. Jennifer Weisblatt |
| 8. Anthony Mauceri | 18. Ernie Yurich |
| 9. Diana McConeghy | 19. Richard Zobkiw |
| 10. Bryan Moore | |

Thank You - from Mr. Cooper
E.Y.S.V.

A funny and unusual thing happened in sixth grade. It was my sixth grade play. During the play the scenery started to fall down and yet we still continued.

I loved the way Mr. Cooper turned work into play. He always managed to turn a boring lesson into a fun, educational game.

From Mrs. Spiess' Class:

Congratulations to Erica Shea and Lisa Riccio for being "Citizens of the Month." We have noticed how polite they have been for the month of May.

We have been having lots of fun working on our Valley Stream Map. Besides knowing where all our classmates live, we are also measuring distance from one place to another. Using our maps we are planning to go on a walking tour in late June. We hope to stop at three houses. It should be a great day.

One glorious day in May, we went out to the school yard and blew bubbles. We then came into the classroom and wrote stories about where we think our bubbles traveled. Joseph Filippazze wanted his bubble to go to Florida; he even drew a map to show the way. Carlos Quezada wanted his bubble to go to Hawaii (such exotic places). A fun time was had by all!

Congratulations also to the Laurita family on the arrival of baby Dominick.

Happy Summer to all!!!



My favorite memory was when Mrs. Huberman rescued me from the deep water at Caumsett.

"Talking to Your Children About AIDS"

On April 20th, the PTA, in conjunction with staff and the Board of Education, brought a program to our parents on "Talking to Your Children About AIDS."

First, everyone took a quiz on facts about AIDS and how the disease could be contracted. We had a guest speaker, Dr. Frederick Siegel, a specialist in hematology research at Long Island Jewish Hospital. A video was shown from District PTA. A group discussion followed with our panel. The panel consisted of Dr. Siegel, Mr. McGoldrick (our Superintendent), Mrs. Lombardo (school nurse from Shaw Avenue and parent of children at Clear Stream Avenue), Mrs. Friedman (school psychologist), Ms. Agnesini (physical education teacher), and our principal, Mr. Cohen.

Folders of information were also distributed. Any PARENTS wishing to view the film or obtain the information packet should contact our PTA Co-Presidents.

Linda L. Bastardi
1st V.P. Program

One thing I can never forget is in the third grade when Karen Russer and Erica Bohringer showed us a brain-teaser from Excel. The trick is there are three houses next to one another. The houses need water, oil, and gas. You must connect each resource to each house without crossing lines. Nobody could figure it out.

Gifted & Talented Committee

Thanks to all those who voted to approve the 1993-94 school budget, the Gifted & Talented Program will be instituted in the fall. The Committee is meeting on June 8 to discuss the qualities of the teacher that we will seek for the 3 day/week program. The process of selecting and interviewing children for admission to the program will not begin until the fall. Those children who were previously eligible for the Excel program will be eligible for the new gifted program.

The children who participated in the after school Excel Club this year may be coming together as a district group with the three teachers of the program for a final activity encompassing all their projects.

Thanks to many of you who have expressed an interest in keeping appropriate education for all students, and to the Board of Education for their response to the committee's reports, we were able to return a gifted and talented program to this district.

Carol Russer

When I'm older and I look back at 6th grade, I will always remember our Christmas party because there was singing, dancing and most of all, I was with all my friends!

I remember that I came in September and had a Christmas party and Richie and I were enemies. I received a letter from him and he wished me a Happy Christmas.

Citizens of the Month

APRIL

Grade 1
Brent Larsen
Michael Bianculli
Billy Moore
Coty Cunningham

Grade 2
Timothy Jaszczuk
Manny Karamalis
Joanna Lockspeiser
Andrea Baggio
Lyonell Monalli
Tania Rios

Grade 3
Robert Bruhn
Anthony Khatchoui

Grade 4
Allison Kelly
Nazia Khan
Adam Ochman
Melissa Makarewicz

Grade 5
Susan Sheffield
Marlon Briscoe

Grade 6
Anthony Mauceri
Jennifer Fusco
Christopher Traina
Edward Roth

MAY

Erica Shea
Lisa Riccio
Jenna Pytel
Nadcem Khan
Matthew Swahn

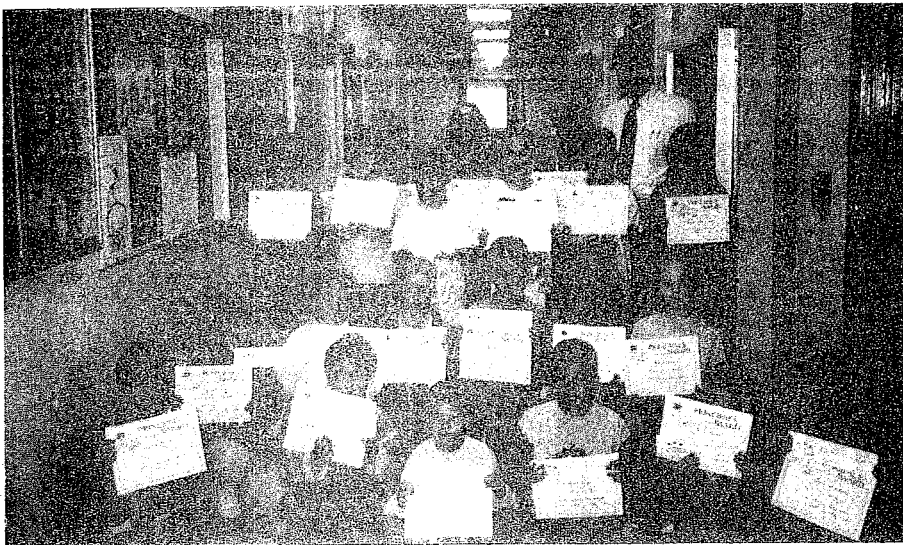
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Andrew Alvarez



April Courtesy Winners

One of my best memories is the time when at Washington D.C. my teacher let me have responsibility at a rest stop. I felt proud!

Last year I went to Washington, D.C., and it was real fun, but when it was time to go to sleep, I was snoring so hard John, Mil, Chris, Eddie, and Danny were hitting me with pillows.

Safety News

As a final entry in our Safety News, I just wish to thank everyone who has helped me during the year.

At this time of the year with all of our children riding their bicycles, it is important that we as parents stress bicycle safety. Please try to reinforce the following rules:

1. Always wear a proper fitting bicycle helmet when riding your bicycle.
2. Always ride with traffic and not against it.
3. Always observe all of the traffic rules. You must follow the same rules as the cars.
4. Always beware of your surroundings.

Coming up in September will be a bicycle rodeo. Keep looking for news and information regarding this event.

As the summer progresses and the air grows hot as well as increased idle time, it is imperative that if you see something that doesn't look right in the area around the school or school yard, please call 911 immediately, in order to reduce vandalism during the summer. So, everyone please be alert and report anything that is not copacetic.

Thank you and have a safe summer.

Pat McCormick



I remember when we went to Safety Town, and I was the first one in my group in the little cars. When we stopped at a stop sign, everyone bumped into me.

I remember my first grade play. I was a lamb and Amanda as Bo Peep chased me through the woods. I liked all the teachers I ever had, too.

Student Council Dance-A-Thon for A.D.F. a Huge Success

On April 23rd, students in grades 4-6 joined forces with Dennis Oehler and Todd Schaffhauser (both para-olympian gold medalists) in a Dance-A-Thon to raise money for the American Disability Fund. Dennis and Todd are soon to embark on a six-month run across the United States called "The Great American Challenge." Their purpose in undertaking this run is twofold; (1) to spread their message of achievement and hope for all people including the disabled, and (2) to raise money for the American Disability Fund - a fund which will give disabled Americans access to the expensive technology they need to help them.

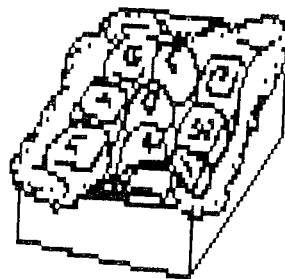
As usual, Clear Stream students were out in full strength. Over 100 students and 80 adults (parents, faculty, and staff) danced the night away. PTA generously sponsored the DJ sound of "Spotlight Productions." At the end of the evening, we had a basketball shoot-out with Dennis, Todd, Mr. Cohen, Mr. Cooper, and Ms. Agnesini. The student finalists were Paula Randazzo - 4th grade, Danny Rader - 5th grade, and Anthony Mauceri - 6th grade. This was truly a memorable evening.

Clear Stream far exceeded their goal of \$1,000. When T-shirt profits, adult admissions, and Dance-A-Thon pledges were collected, our total was over \$3,100. Our dancers who brought in the most money were: Michael Pogozelski - 4th grade, Cristen Dattoli - 5th grade, and Michael Vigorito - 6th grade. A BIG THANK YOU to all our dancers, parents, teachers, Mr. Cohen and Student Council for all of their help to raise funds for the American Disability Fund. Once again, our school has proved "Clear Stream Cares."

Ms. Agnesini

I remember Caumsett, basketball tournaments, and the haunted house. Most of all, I remember my 6 wonderful teachers.

Getting stuck in the mud at the Caumsett salt marsh was hilarious.



From Mrs. Clarke's Class:

Mrs. Clarke's Class made delicious chocolate candies with peanuts, raisins, and Rice Krispies. This was a scrumptiously fun project after reading the book Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. We also created a Chocolate Cook Book with some of our favorite chocolate recipes. We used keyboarding skills that we learned in Keyboarding this year to prepare our recipes. The class also created their own mouth watering designs for chocolate bars, which are on display in our room.

Congratulations to Melissa Makarewicz, Adam Ochman, Ellen Weiss, and Patrick Cuccias, our recent Courtesy Award Winners. Welcome back Lisa Taormina from your recent trip to Jamaica. Good Luck to Nicky Hayden, as he begins his vacation in Florida.

Membership

At the close of the membership drive at Clear Stream Avenue for the school year September 1992 through March 31, 1993, we totaled 379 members.

As a result, one of the awards given to our PTA was the Early Bird Award, which is awarded to our unit for a payment before November 1 that equalled at least 50% of the previous year's membership.

We also received 100% membership for Clear Stream, which means one parent for every child in the school joined PTA, and 100% teacher membership, which is every staff member in Clear Stream.

Congratulations--we could not have achieved these awards without your support!

Gert Marrero
Membership Chairperson

I remember that on the first day of Kindergarten, I felt like a big girl because I was going to school.

Having a pillow fight was my best memory from Washington!

Program

At our May 5th general meeting Dr. Joseph Amato, a clinical psychologist, was our guest speaker. Dr. Amato dealt with the issue of the lack of respect in our society and its effect on our children. A question and answer period was held at the end of the talk.

Linda L. Bastardi
1st V.P. Program

Unity

I dreamed I stood in a studio and watched two sculptors there.
The clay they used was a young child's mind, and they fashioned it with care.
One was a teacher; the "tools" he used
Were books and music and art,
One a parent with a guiding hand, and a gentle, loving heart.
Day after day the teacher toiled, with touch that was deft and sure,
While the parent labored by his side, and polished and smoothed it o'er.
And when at last their task was done, they were proud of what they had wrought.
For the things they had molded into the child could neither be sold nor bought.
And each agreed he would have failed if he had worked alone,
behind the parent stood the school, and behind the teacher - the home.

Author Unknown

Clear Stream Kids' Column

The Corner That Smiles

by

Christina Campolo

Every corner in the world should have a corner that smiles just like we do at Clear Stream. It is the best way to start each day. Even though corners can't really smile we have somebody that makes it that way. Mrs. Egan is our smile.

Every morning Mrs. Egan crosses all the students safely because that is part of her job. The other part of her job is to give us smiles and sometimes even hugs. It makes the rest of the day happier.

When we get out of school in the afternoon Mrs. Egan is waiting for us so she can cross us safely home. She is always there even when the weather is not that good. Sometimes when it rains I'm not in a good mood until I pass our corner that smiles.

I think we're very lucky to have Mrs. Egan as our crossing guard because she cares about us. She's the best crossing guard in the whole U.S.A. I love her very much.

When my classmate was stuck in the mud at Caumsett, I laughed so much!

My favorite memory is in third grade when it was a Christmas party and we had cupcakes with icing on top. I wanted to liven up the party so I took the wrapper off and shaved my face in it. When I looked up, the whole class laughed!

Last year I went to Washington, D.C., and it was real fun, but when it was time to go to sleep, I was snoring so hard. John, Mil, Chris, Eddie, and Danny were hitting me with pillows.

I have a good memory of Caumsett. The salt marsh was the best. I lost my shoes and the mud was all over me. Everybody was muddy. It was very exciting and very fun. I wish I could do it again.

My favorite memory was being in the room with my friends at Caumsett.

I remember in Kindergarten, when we didn't give Mr. Libertini enough room in the Meeting Center, he would say that if we didn't move, he would fall and make us pancakes. Also, when a group went to the Block Section, everyone raced to get to the Hollow Blocks.

I remember when Mrs. Huberman overheard our "girl talk" in the cabin at Caumsett.

A funny thing that happened to me was at Washington D.C. trip. It was 6:00 AM and my ear was right next to the telephone so when it rang I got very scared.

Some memories are plays, animal shows, and our 6th grade haunted house. It has been a great elementary school.

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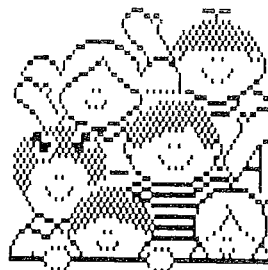
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**NEWS
LETTER**

FAST FACTS AND FIGURES

survey conducted to find out some of the problems resulting from double session revealed that your child loses:

- 1 hour of school -- every day
- 1 day of school --- every week
- 4 days of school - every month
- 2 months of school - every year

in six years of junior and senior High School, your child would lose one school year and 2 months, or 20% of the schooling to which he is entitled.

From 1963 to 1967, our buildings, even with additions, will be overcrowded.

State aid is available to our district which will permit the additions to the High Schools to be built at no increase in taxes to district 30. Any increase in taxes will result from the cost of educating the greater number of students which must be paid for whether they are on single or double session.

Your High School Bldg Program
REGISTER VOTE
NOV. 7 or 10 NOV. 17

FOREST ROAD P. T. A.
Forest Road School
Valley Stream, New York

THE BOOK FAIR IS COMING . . .

Your PTA is sponsoring a **BOOK FAIR** in our school on **FRIDAY, NOV. 6th**, from 7 - 9 p. m., and on **SATURDAY, NOV. 7th**, from 10 a. m. - 4 p. m.

As in the past, there will be a large selection of approved books for all ages--i.e., classics, mysteries, science, sports, adventures, biographies and many others--ranging in price from 25¢ to \$2.00 and up.

A primary function of the **BOOK FAIR** is to give our children an opportunity to acquaint themselves with the wonderful world of good books. A child takes a long stride in developing the reading habit when he is permitted to buy books of his own selection.

Encourage **YOUR** child to **READ**. Expose him to the very wonderful adventures contained between the covers of a book. It will mean a brighter future for him.

Parents are cordially invited to attend--to browse--to purchase. **PLAN AHEAD, NOW--PLAN FOR THOSE SPECIAL OCCASIONS, FOR THE HOLIDAYS, AND FOR GIFTS OF ALL KINDS--PLAN TO GIVE A BOOK!**


Shirley Sternberg, Chairman

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PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER



No. 2

Valley Stream, N. Y.

NOVEMBER 1969

INDEPENDENCE & RESPONSIBILITY of **THE YOUNG**

Do We Teach These Values **to our** **PRE-TEENERS**?

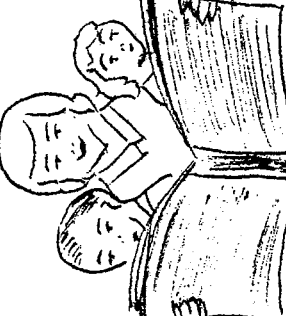
N O W ?

BORIS HIRCHORN
Guest Speaker

SOCIAL PRESSURES on **PRE-TEENERS**

BERNARD SCHWARTZBERG
Guest Speaker

COME to our Book Fair



2nd & 3rd Grades Meeting - Nov 23rd 8:30 PM.

Curriculum Meeting - Nov 23rd 8:30 PM.

6th Grade

Parents Meeting - Sat, Nov 7 10 a.m. - 4 P.M.

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MORE ON THE GREEN ACRES APARTMENTS

As of Sept. 29, 74 of the completed
Garden Apartments were occupied--an
increase of 11 over the Sept. 1 re-
port. In addition, there are now
reported to be 5 children enrolled
in the Forest Road School and 6 in
South High--an increase in each of
these schools of one child.

REGISTER!

SAFRURDAY, NOVEMBER 7 - 10a.m.-10p.m.
or
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19 - 3 p.m.-10p.m.

at
FOREST ROAD SCHOOL

(If you registered while voting on
the high school budget, it is not
necessary to re-register. If you
are registered, you will receive of-
ficial notice before registration
date.

VOTE!

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17 - 10a.m.-10p.m.
at
FOREST ROAD SCHOOL

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK.....

At this time, I am sure you are all
aware of the IMPORTANT REFERENDUM
that we will vote on this coming
NOVEMBER 17th. As you probably know
by now, this is for additions to all
existing High Schools and Jr. High
Schools in Valley Stream. Since our
district qualifies for aid under the
State Emergency Aid Program, there
will be NO INCREASE IN OUR TAXES for
these proposed additions.

Due to present crowded conditions,
and before completion of any build-
ing program, our Jr. and Sr. High
School students will be on DOUBLE
SESSION NEXT YEAR. Most important
of all is the fact that unless the
necessary additions are voted in, we
will continue to operate on this
double session standard.

I am sure there is no need to tell
any parent in the Forest Road School
that this type of education--double
session--is far from ideal, but I
cannot stress the point enough. Un-
less we have a heavy affirmative vote
in this community, we jeopardize the
chance of this building program go-
ing through--and thereby the chances
of our children receiving a high
standard of education. The impor-
tant thing we must remember is that
if we do not vote at all, it is as if
we had voted "NO"--REGISTER, if you
are not already registered, on NOV.
7th or 10th--VOTE "YES" on NOV. 17th.

Lenore Cooper
President

MICHAEL BARTH BLOOD BANK

The Michael Barth Blood Bank will be
open, this year, on NOV. 16th from
3-8 p. m. at the Blessed Sacrament
Church. Your PTA is urging you once
again to donate a pint of blood to
this worthy cause and to aid, thereby,
young Michael in his fight against
hemophilia.

After a particularly bad year, dur-
ing which Michael spent over 50 days
in the hospital and received over
100 pints of plasma and blood, he is
again suffering from severe bleeding
(of the knee and ankle) and desper-
ately needs more blood.

DONATE A PINT OF BLOOD ON NOV. 16th
and add your prayer to it that a
cure may be discovered for this
dread disease in the very near future.

**Double sessions mean
half-day schedules
Register
Nov 7 or 10
VOTE
NOV. 17**

IN and ABOUT OUR SCHOOL

From Kindergarten through the Sixth
Grade, Science and Nature Study has
taken a strong hold on our young-
sters this season as witnessed by
the several and varied trips and ex-
periments carried on by the classes:

On the Kindergarten level, Mrs. Will-
iams' class visited the Valley Stream

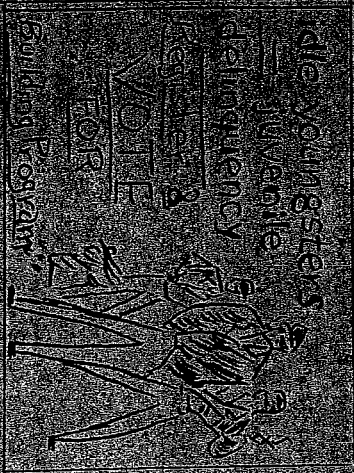
NOTEWORTHY DATES

- NOVEMBER
- 5 - Public Hearing - H.S. Bldg. Pro-
gram-Harbor Rd. School 8:30pm
 - 6 - Forest Rd. Book Fair: 7-9 p.m.
 - 7 - Forest Rd. Book Fair: 10am-4pm
 - 7 - REGISTER: Edg. Prog. Ref. (10-10)
 - 9 - 2nd & 3rd Grades: Curric. Meet.
 - 10 - REGISTER: Edg. Prog. Ref. (3-10)
 - 10 - High School Board Meeting
 - 10 - "Finnian's Rainbow" Technical
Help Needed Call
 - 11 - NO SCHOOL - Veterans' Day
 - 17 - VOTE: ELDG. PROGRAM - 10 - 10
 - 21 - Children's Series - 2:30 p.m.
(Merry-Go-Rounders)
 - 23 - 6th Grade Curriculum Meeting
 - 24 - Dist. 30 School Bd. Meeting
 - 25) THANKSGIVING RECESS: starts
(30)

IN and ABOUT OUR SCHOOL (Cont.)

State Park for a nature study, while
Mrs. Reinken took her classes on a
nature study and safety lesson walk
right here in Green Acres. Mrs. Fried-
man's 4th Grade went on an expedition
to Tacapausa Preserve in Seaford,
thereby culminating a science study
on insects, leaves, and plants; and
Mr. Gid with his 6th Grade class paid
a most interesting visit to the Idle-
wild Weather Station.

Experiments are not being neglected
in the classrooms either. Our Kin-
dergartners are learning about mag-
nets & the weather; and Miss Manckent's
4th Grade is busy making rock candy
in conjunction with their study of
rocks and crystals.



Edith Selzman & Society, Appeal
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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

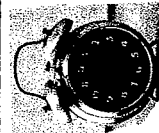
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| Nov. | 4 | Exec. Bd. Meet. 8:30 P.M. |
| | 9 | Inter-School PTA, Shaw Ave School 1:00 P.M. |
| | 14 | Carnival 10:30 A.M. - 3:30 P.M. |
| | 17 | Pre-School Meeting 3:00 P.M. |
| | 18 | General Meeting - Mrs. Sadie Hofstein |
| | 24 | District 30 Board of Educ. Meet. 8:15 P.M. |
| Dec. | 2 | Exec. Bd. Meet. 8:30 P.M. |
| | 4 | Book Fair 7:00 - 9:00 P.M. |
| | 5 | Book Fair 9:30 - 12:00 Noon |
| | 9 | Pre-School Meet 2:00 P.M. |
| | 16 | Holiday Assembly - Magician * Mr. Ed Paterson |
| | 22 | District 30 Board of Educ. Meet. 8:15 P.M. |

ATTENTION PARENTS

A new district-wide group committed to high standards of education has been formed through the joint efforts of principals and district personnel. We seek your suggestions, viewpoints and educational ideas to aid us in keeping your school moving forward toward excellence. Please direct your opinions or criticism by mail, to the EDUCATION COMMITTEE, FOREST ROAD SCHOOL.

We are a new avenue of communication to your school, principal and district administrators. Please show your interest by sharing your problems and ideas with us.

Ruth Misrock 791 2597



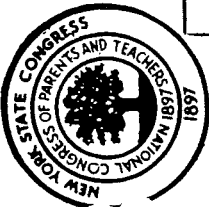
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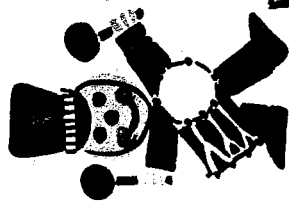
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FOREST ROAD P.T.A. NEWSLETTER

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NOVEMBER
1970
DISTRICT 30
VALLEY
STREAM
NEW YORK



Carnival

ART SALE

Sat.

Nov. 14, 1970

10:30 - 3:30

free admission

fun

for all!



PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

It is our pleasure to greet you all at the beginning of another school year. A special "Welcome" to parents new to Forest Road. We hope this will be a good year for everyone but especially for your children.

Schools are one of the slowest agencies in our society to change. That is fortunate in some ways but unfortunate in others.

Your school has changed, and is changing, and this year should witness the start of something new. Our goal is to individualize instruction. How far we shall go towards that aim this year cannot be predicted but we hope that some steps will be apparent to you before the end of the school year.

Again, best wishes to you all and may we all cooperatively do the best for each and every child.

Maurice E. St. Mary

CARNIVAL

Saturday, November 14, 1970 the Forest Road PTA will be proud to present, for your enjoyment, its 2nd annual CARNIVAL.

A good time is in store for all who attend. Madame Lee returns from her Gypsy homeland to tell your fortune. We promise a goldfish in every bowl and prizes for everyone at our fun filled booths. Shop for bargains at the White Elephant Table. Stay for lunch and enjoy hot dogs, sandwiches, ice-cream and popcorn.

Our children busy creating for the local craft booth. How about you parents?... You fabulous pie makers, flower arrangers, horticulturists and/or budding artists. Donate your creations.

The carnival committee, as a special added attraction, is offering for sale original American works of art at a price that everyone can afford (\$10, \$15, \$20 - - none higher!!) All work will be matted.

So mark the day, SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14th from 10:30-3:30 P.M. and hold off on any holiday shopping. You might find what you're looking for at FOREST ROAD SCHOOL PTA CARNIVAL and ART SALE.

Phyllis Wolin

Harriet Naschek

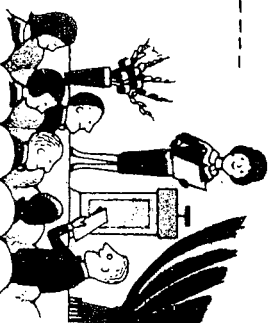
Anita Stralisker

PRESIDENTIAL ADDRESS

It is my pleasure to welcome you to another challenging and exciting PTA year.

Our opening meeting "Meet The Teacher Night" was a great success. I should like to thank Mr. St. Mary and all the teachers for an enlightening and informative evening.

We are delighted to announce that our program for Wednesday, November 18th should be a treat. Sadie Hofstein, Consultant for the Mental Health Assoc. of Nassau County and renowned lecturer has again accepted our invitation to join us at the Forest Road School for a discussion on child behavior. Those of you who attended Mrs. Hofstein's program last year will not want to miss this one and for those who never attended her lectures, you are in for a treat!



The goal of PTA is to bring the home and the school into a closer relationship so that parents and teachers can cooperate intelligently in the training of your child. NOW is the time for all parents to become involved in PTA work. One cannot afford to sit back, relax and let the other guy do your job. It is easy to criticize and idly complain about how things should be run, but it is difficult to convert a criticism or idea into fact, action and reality. If you have any thoughts or suggestions which would benefit our children, or school, please come to our monthly Board meetings held the first Wednesday of each month at 8:30 P.M. at the Forest Road School. That is the proper place to express your ideas.

As a group we must work in unison and not in splinter groups or the betterment of the children and the school. Won't you do your share?

Sincerely,

Ellie Klein

BOOK FAIR

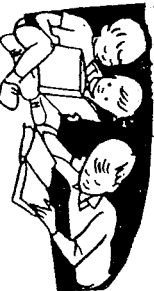
Our Annual BOOK FAIR will be held FRIDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 14th, 8:00 - 9:00 PM., and SATURDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 5th, from

9:30 A.M. - 12:00 noon.

Our wide selection of books will surely please everyone.

Diane Kahn

Marlyn Fogel



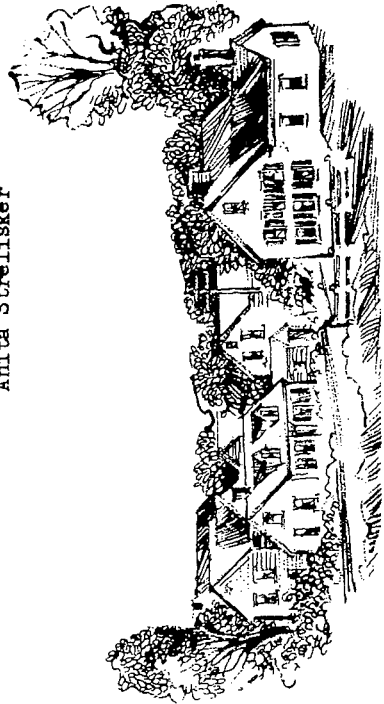
ECOLOGY CORNER

The battle for a cleaner environment is gaining recruits every day. People are now recognizing that pollution, in the air and on the ground, is their problem; a destroyer of health and pocketbooks, as well as aesthetics. But even though many are now aware of the problems, many are overwhelmed by its enormity. People feel there is little that the individual can do. They are wrong. There are ways each individual can help to fight pollution in the community.

1. Soft drinks in aluminum cans or "no-deposit, no return" bottles represent a complete squandering of resources. Many brands come in returnable bottles that last through 20 or more resales. Buy them! Return them!! They are much safer than the thin walled no-returns.
2. Most detergents contain phosphates that stimulate algae growth in waterways, threatening fish with a loss of oxygen. Detergent pollution is one reason for the death of Lake Erie. How much will your home be worth in 5 or 10 years if bottled water will be the only source of supply? Use low phosphate brands such as Diaper Pure Trend, Instant Fels and Blue Magic. Use washing soda together with soap. Better yet, buy the new brands that are phosphate free such as Ecolo-G. Sears now manufacturer a phosphate free laundry product.
3. Use only white paper products. The dye used to color the paper does not dissipate freely in water and as such is harmful to water life.
4. Plastics take decades or centuries to decompose. Don't buy food in plastic wrappers if reasonable alternatives are available. (Unpackaged fruits and vegetables).
5. Report Air Pollution nuisances as soon as you discover them. (Heavy smoke coming out of nearby buildings in shopping or industrial buildings).

Call the Nassau County Department of Health Airpollution Unit.
The phone number is 535 3232.

Anita Strelsker



Our Deepest Sympathy to:

Rose Agree on the loss of her husband
Marcia Chaiet on the loss of her mother

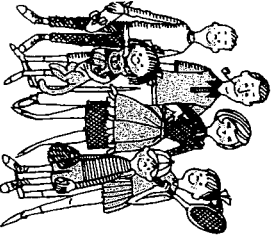
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Best Wishes and Long Life Together to:

Mr. and Mrs. Bengtson (formerly Miss Duck)
Mr. and Mrs. Kessler (formerly Miss Dock)

CHILDREN LEARN WHAT THEY LIVE

- If a child lives with criticism, He learns to condemn
- If a child lives with hostility, He learns to fight.
- If a child lives with ridicule, He learns to be shy.
- If a child lives with shame, He learns to feel guilty.
- If a child lives with tolerance, He learns to be patient.
- If a child lives with encouragement, He learns confidence.
- If a child lives with praise, He learns to appreciate.
- If a child lives with fairness, He learns justice.
- If a child lives with security, He learns to have faith.
- If a child lives with approval, He learns to like himself.
- If a child lives with acceptance and friendship, He learns to find love in the world.



ECOLOGY CORNER

Ecology literally means "the science of the home". It means, of course, more than the physical structure that makes up a home. It means the home in a larger sense as it affects and is affected by the total environment.

The Town of Hempstead Sanitation District #1 has designated Wednesday as "recycling day". Recycling is one good answer to the pollution problems. Natural resources are limited. It doesn't make sense to dig them up, use them once, and then throw them into the environment as pollutants. We want to be able to use them again and again.

Please save all of your weeks newspapers and papers of any kind (egg cartons, paper bags, food wrappers, etc.) Newspapers should be tied or placed in a carton. Paper must be dry or they cannot be recycled. You do not have to set papers out at the curb. Sanitation men will collect paper at the side of your house. Call this number CE 9-5600 for any special pickups.

Boy Scout #267 is conducting an experimental project. Volunteers will collect cans and other metal objects that are cleaned and bagged in either plastic or paper bags on Sundays between 2:00 P.M. and 5:00 P.M. For further information please call 791-9383.

Hewlett High School is now offering a course in ecology, on college level, a course on the basic ecological problems of our time. The fee is \$20.00. Classes begin January 26, and will meet on Tuesdays from 7:30 - 9:10. Checks should be mailed to C.W. Post Center for Continuing Education, Northern Blvd., Greenvale, N.Y. 11548. For further information call: Mr. Russel T. Lauper, Director Continuing Education 516-299-2431.

Anita Strelisker

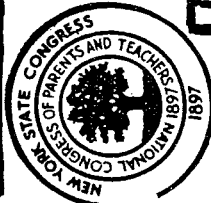
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HOW MANY TIMES MUST I TELL!!
YOU KIDS? GO INSIDE AND PLAY!!

ISSUE II

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FOUNDERS DAY MEETING

WED. FEB. 17, 1971 - 8:15 P.M.
FOREST RD. SCHOOL

TOPIC: ECOLOGY with PANEL of SPEAKERS

Principal Message

You are all aware of the need for more money to keep our schools functioning, and no doubt you are also aware of Governor Rockefeller's request for more federal money for the States.

You are also very aware of the problems we are having with pollution and conservation.

Question: What can we, as individuals, do about such matters?

It occurs to us that, if each of us would write to our State Legislators and our congressman expressing our concern about these problems we might help to force the powers-that-be to take some decisive action. It might also be advisable for all of us to keep up on legislation pending both in the State and Congress, and to make our feelings known before some legislation is passed.

If you want up-to-date information about pollution, plan to attend the PTA meeting of February 17th which should be very informative.

Maurice E. St. Mary

YOUR CHILD'S SAFETY

It has become necessary, unfortunately, to take drastic measures in an effort to assure the safety of our children at dismissal, both at lunch time and at the end of the school day.

In the past, parking violators had been asked to move their cars from the "no parking" areas in front of the school. In the future, the license numbers of these offenders will be reported to the police department. A list of these numbers and their owners will appear in succeeding Newsletters.

Please, for our children's safety, let us heed these traffic regulations.

Evelyn Levy, Health and Safety Chairman

Presidential Message

I know this letter I received from the Valley Stream Council is of vital importance to all parents.

VALLEY STREAM COUNCIL

of

PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATIONS

Valley Stream, New York

December 28, 1970

Dear Sirs:

The Valley Stream Council of Parent Teacher Associations, the coordinating organization representing the 14 PTAs in our area, would like to express the concern of parents and teachers about the growing problem of drug abuse, and the following related matters.

It has come to our attention that the Laredo Cigarette-making Machine is being used for purposes other than its original intent. Young people who smoke various drugs make use of the machine to roll their own marijuana cigarettes. We know that you too are interested in preventing the use of this machine, and machines like it, for such purposes.

Therefore, the Laredo Cigarette-making Machine, or any facsimile thereof, should not be prominently displayed, should not be displayed as a toy, and should not be sold to minors.

We hope you will also use discretion in displaying and selling other possible drug artifacts, such as clay pipes, cigarette paper, cigarette filters, etc.

The schools of Central High School District #1 and BRIDGE, our local Valley Stream Drug Prevention Center, are working to educate our youngsters on the dangers of drug abuse, and we must have your cooperation in order to make this drug prevention program effective. Thank you for your help.

Very truly yours,

(Signed) Marjorie J. Latz

Marjorie J. Latz,

President

cc State and Federal Legislators
Local newspapers

If you know of any stores in the area selling such machines please notify me.

Ellie Klein

Dr. Crown

~ The Forester ~

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COME HOME
SOON!



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

DEAR PARENTS,

MY FIRST TWO MONTHS AS PRINCIPAL AT FOREST ROAD SCHOOL HAVE BEEN EXCITING AND WONDERFUL. I HAVE THOROUGHLY ENJOYED GETTING TO KNOW THE STUDENTS, STAFF, AND MEMBERS OF THE COMMUNITY. EVERYONE HAS BEEN MOST HELPFUL AND FRIENDLY AND I TRULY FEEL AT HOME AT FOREST ROAD.

THIS TIME OF YEAR BRINGS THE ANNUAL PARENTS AS READING PARTNERS PROGRAM WHICH IS SPONSORED BY THE PTA. I HOPE YOU AND YOUR CHILD WILL PARTICIPATE IN THIS TWO WEEK PROGRAM. READING TOGETHER WITH YOUR CHILD CAN BE A VERY SPECIAL TIME TOGETHER AND HOPEFULLY IT WILL BECOME A DAILY ACTIVITY.

IN JUST 15 MINUTES A DAY, YOU CAN GET YOUR CHILD EXCITED ABOUT READING. RESEARCH HAS SHOWN THAT READING ALOUD TO YOUR CHILD IS THE SINGLE MOST IMPORTANT ACTIVITY IN BUILDING READING SUCCESS AND ENJOYMENT. READING, WRITING, AND SPEAKING SKILLS ARE ALL STRENGTHENED. HERE ARE A NUMBER OF SUGGESTIONS TO GET STARTED IN A DAILY READING PROGRAM:

SET ASIDE A REGULAR TIME EACH DAY FOR A STORY OR PART OF A STORY.

READ SLOWLY ENOUGH FOR YOUR CHILD TO BUILD MENTAL PICTURES AS YOU GO ALONG AND READ WITH FEELING.

CHALLENGE YOUR CHILD'S MIND FROM TIME TO TIME BY READING ABOVE HIS OR HER READING LEVEL.

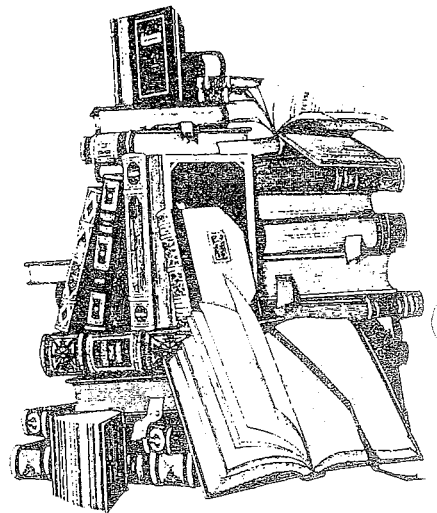
IF YOU CANNOT FINISH A CHAPTER, FIND AN EXCITING SPOT TO STOP. LEAVE YOUR CHILD EAGER TO CONTINUE.

FATHERS AS WELL AS MOTHERS SHOULD READ TO THEIR CHILDREN. IT IS ESPECIALLY IMPORTANT THAT BOYS SEE MEN GET EXCITED ABOUT BOOKS.

ONCE YOU BEGIN THIS DAILY EXPERIENCE, IT WILL BECOME ONE OF THE BEST PARTS OF YOUR DAY AND YOUR CHILD'S TOO.

SINCERELY,

DR. BARBARA CRONIN
PRINCIPAL



CO-PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

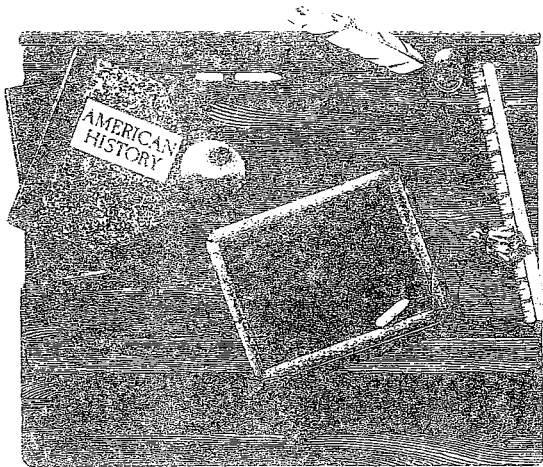
Dear Parents,

This has been a very exciting year for us at the Forest Road School. At the present time it is almost too exciting. We cannot fail to mention that our country is embroiled in a war and our children, young and old, have a genuine concern about it. It is very important that we speak with our children about this conflict and answer their questions as well as we can.

Closer to home, our year has included the departure of Dr. Brodeur, the imminent departure of Mr. Van Ness, and the arrival of Dr. Barbara Cronin. Dr. Cronin has gotten off to an energetic start in the face of new challenges which she meets daily. Many of you may have even noticed her doubling as her own secretary. We understand she can also fill in behind the cash register at lunch when needed. Clearly, Dr. Cronin has been a tremendous asset to our school. Her innovative indoor recess program has been a big success with students, staff, and parents. She has many fine ideas and welcomes a dialogue with parents.

We have had several successful fundraisers thus far this year and several enlightening programs for our children due to the capable leadership of our Vice-Presidents Bonnie Magaril and Maria Fletcher. We look forward to your participation in future events as well. February brings Founder's Day at Clearstream on February 7th and a cake sale on Valentine's Day. Please note that the revised date for the Carnival is March 16th and that this event is as much fun to work on as it is to attend.

We have enjoyed working with all our inexhaustible committee chairpeople and hope for your continued support and participation throughout the year.



Peace to all,

Susan Viggiano

&

Candice Tarr

That Was Then...

Meet the Principal Night was December 4th during which parents were treated to an up-close meeting with Dr. Cronin. They had questions answered, concerns discussed, and gained insight into Dr. Cronin's priorities as well as learned about her past achievements. Refreshments were provided by many of the parents present and organization of the event was well done by Charlotte Lurie and Anne Falley.

The Holiday Boutique, held on December 6th and 7th, was run by the perfectly matched team of Nancy and Amanda Jeuda and Annie Tenzer. The lovely selection of extremely reasonably priced gifts allowed the children to do their holiday shopping in style.

THE STAFF HOLIDAY BREAKFAST WAS HELD ON DECEMBER 21ST. THE FOREST ROAD TEACHERS AND STAFF WERE TREATED TO A DELICIOUS FEAST OF HOME-BAKED COOKIES, MUFFINS AND CROISSANTS ACCOMPANIED BY FRESH FRUIT, CHEESES, AND JELLIES. THIS MAGNIFICENT COUNTRY BREAKFAST WAS ENGINEERED BY ANNIE FALLEY, CHARLOTTE LURIE, AND ELLEN SHURGAN.

January 11th was the first morning PTA General Meeting, done on an experimental basis. The attendance was impressive and hopefully a.m. meetings will be repeated later in the school year. Thanks to Mrs. Gibson and students Susan Galgano, Jaclene Begley, and Brandon Sachs for an informative and fun presentation.

Our special half-price Book Fair on January 17th and 18th delighted children and parents alike. The marvelous selection appealed to all ages and each child found many interesting and exciting books to purchase. This fair was brought to us by Eva Galgano and Laura Silverman who, along with many volunteers, have made possible countless hours of enjoyable reading for us all. And remember that the books purchased can be used as reading material for our Parents as Reading Partners program in February.

Congratulations to Mrs. Furst who has been reassigned to Washington Avenue as secretary to the Superintendent. Mrs. Furst will be missed by all. The district is in the process of finding a replacement for her position.

OVER THE HOLIDAY RECESS, THE GYMNASIUM FLOOR WAS GIVEN A BADLY NEEDED FACE-LIFT COMPLIMENTS OF DISTRICT 30. THE FLOOR WAS REFINISHED AND REMARKED. THE CHILDREN NOW ENJOY A CLEAN, POLISHED GYM. REMEMBERING TO SEND YOUR CHILDREN IN SNEAKERS ON GYM DAYS IS REQUIRED TO INSURE THE FLOOR'S CONTINUED RESILIENCE.

... This Is Now

PTA's national annual reading program Parents As Reading Partners arrives in February. The two week program, nicknamed S.P.O.R.T. will be run by Karen Jacobson and Michelle Strauss. All children are encouraged to participate in this worthwhile event. A special incentive will be offered as an extra bonus and the program will culminate on February 15th with a PTA sponsored assembly featuring The Harlem Wizards.

Forest Road PTA will be hosting Breakfast with the Superintendent on March 6th at 9:00 am. All are welcome to attend this informal and informative event. This breakfast is the District's avenue of communicating information, sharing ideas and discussing concerns regarding our childrens' education. Please join us and support the educational direction of your childrens' school.

THE VALENTINE'S DAY CAKE SALE, HOSTED BY ELLY HABER AND CAROL PHILLIPS, AWAITS YOUR DONATIONS OF SWEET TREATS. IF YOU'VE BEEN WAITING TO ASTOUND EVERYONE WITH YOUR MOST DEVASTATING RECIPE, THIS IS YOUR CHANCE. STORE BOUGHT ITEMS ARE ALSO MOST WELCOME.

The first Pre-School Meeting will be held on March 14th at 3:00pm. Prospective students will be treated to an orientation and new parents can familiarize themselves with our school. New families with school age children ready for Kindergarten, please make time to join us. These meetings will prove to be a valuable social and educational experience for you and your child.

CARNIVAL ALERT!!! The date of our annual carnival has been changed. It will be held on Saturday, March 16th. However, the fun, games and prizes will not be changed. Join us for an exciting afternoon your children will be certain to remember. Contact Bonnie Magaril to lend a hand.

Family Math Day will feature a day of excitement and adventure in mathematics for children ages 5-12 and their adults. There are 53 workshops being offered in the 3rd annual Family Math Day such as M&M Math, Secret Code Arithmetic, Showdown at the Math Corral and Games People Play. Family Math Day begins with refreshments at 8:30am on Saturday, March 2nd at Shelter Rock Elementary School, Shelter Rock Road, Manhasset. Registration fee is \$20.00 for up to 2 adults and 2 children. For further information please contact Susan Viggiano at 791-3705.

DR. CRONIN HAS DEVELOPED A NEW RECESS PROGRAM FOR INDOOR DAYS. THE NEW SCHEDULE ALLOWS THE CHILDREN TO ENJOY MANY SPECIAL RESOURCES IN A RELAXED ENVIRONMENT. VIDEOS, GYM, CLASSROOM GAMES, LIBRARY, AND COMPUTER ARE UTILIZED ON A ROTATING BASIS TO CREATE A SAFE AND VARIED RECESS PERIOD.

~ Odds And Ends ~

The never-ending Parking situation goes on. The parking signs on Jasmine Lane are still in effect, but not being observed by all.

This obvious disregard for the law jeopardizes the safety of YOUR children. We implore you to observe and obey these signs and find alternate parking.

Nutrition Update: There have been some changes to insure full nutritional value from the school lunches our children eat.

The winter brings a variety of soups and sandwiches, an assortment of fresh fruits and vegetables and new dishes such as Turkey Chow Mein.

Ground turkey replaces the beef in the meat sauce and turkey franks will be served instead of ones made of beef.

Spork sets (spoons with fork tines) will be utilized instead of individual utensils. These sets will be more manageable and sanitary for the children.

PTA does have a voice in some of the decisions regarding the school lunches. The next nutrition committee meeting is on March 14th, so if you have a particular concern you'd like mentioned, contact Susan Viggiano before then.

More Nutrition: It is sometimes difficult getting enough vegetables into childrens' diets. With that in mind, we offer the following recipe which tastes like a dessert but is in reality a wonderful vegetable side-dish. And we call it. . .

DIABOLICAL CARROT RING

1 CUP VEGETABLE SHORTENING (CRISCO)
½ CUP BROWN SUGAR
1 EGG
1½ TABLESPOONS WATER
4 CUPS COARSELY GRATED CARROTS
1½ CUPS FLOUR
½ TEASPOON BAKING SODA
1 TEASPOON BAKING POWDER
½ TEASPOON NUTMEG
½ TEASPOON SALT
½ TEASPOON CINNAMON

CREAM TOGETHER SHORTENING AND SUGAR. ADD EGG AND WATER. MIX DRY INGREDIENTS WITH CARROTS. BLEND IN CREAMED SUGAR MIXTURE. PLACE IN GREASED RING MOLD AND REFRIGERATE OVERNIGHT OR FOR 5-6 HOURS.

REMOVE FROM REFRIGERATOR ½ HOUR BEFORE BAKING. BAKE AT 350 DEGREES FOR ONE HOUR. WHEN READY TO SERVE, TURN OUT ON LARGE PLATTER AND FILL CENTER WITH PEAS AND CARROTS.

WORD SEARCH

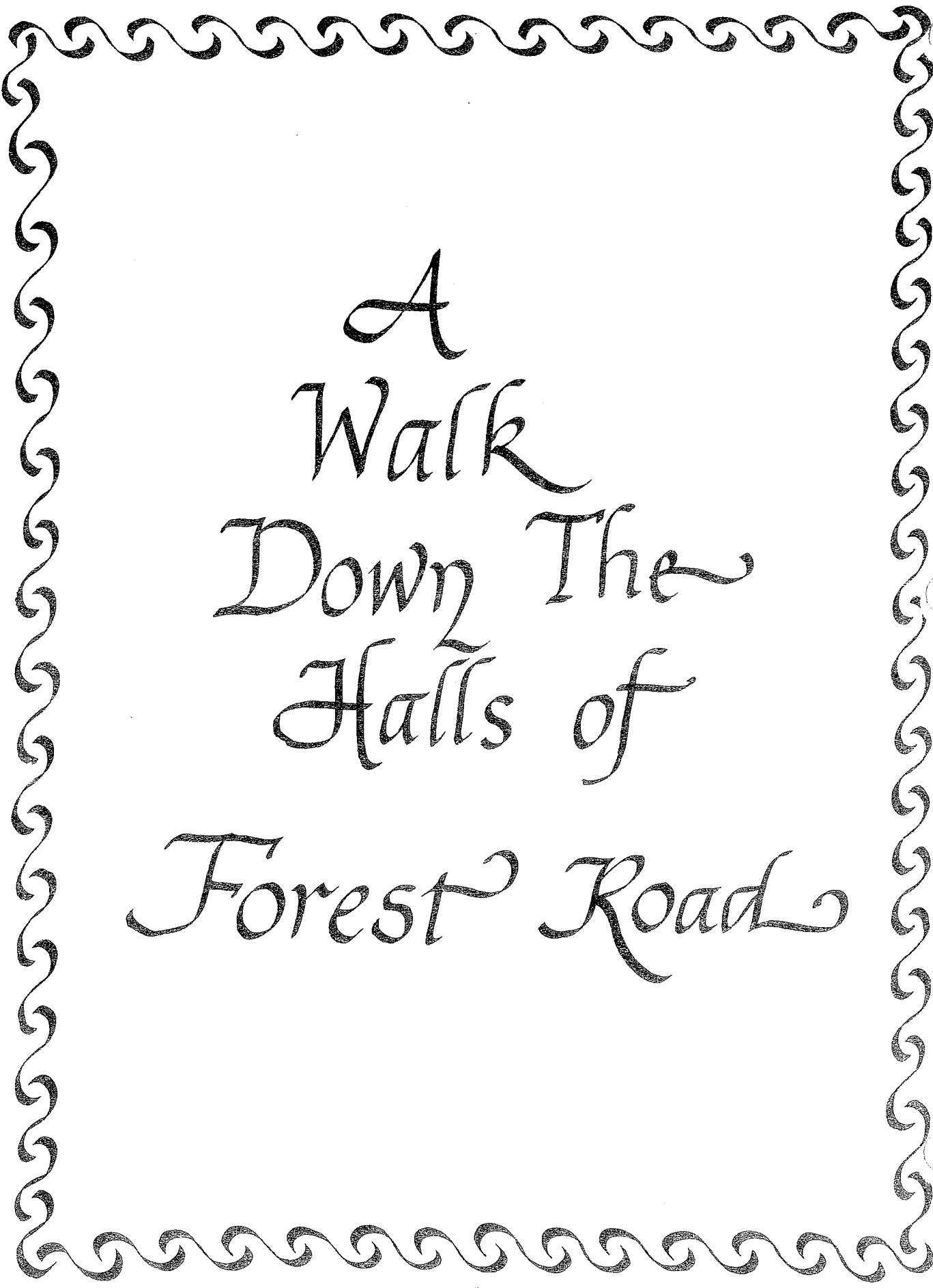
Here is a Word Search for all of you to enjoy! Listed on the sides of this page are 34 words that are hidden below. Test your skill and patience by finding all of them. Just remember that they can be across, backwards, up, down or diagonally. Have Fun and Good Luck!!!!!!

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A
Walk
Down The
Halls of
Forest Road

~ Creative Writing ~

THIS SECTION OF THE FORESTER WILL APPEAR IN EACH ISSUE AS A SHOWCASE FOR THE CREATIVE TALENTS OF OUR STUDENTS. THIS EDITION SPOTLIGHTS THE EFFORTS OF GRADES KINDERGARTEN, FIRST, THIRD, AND FOURTH AS WELL AS ONE OF THE AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS. IN THE SPRING ISSUE LOOK FORWARD TO CONTRIBUTIONS FROM THE SECOND, FIFTH, SIXTH, AND LEARNING CENTER CLASSES.

Mrs. Scheidt's Kindergarten Class

The following are a group of responses to the Reflections Project "If I Had A Wish" theme. They were entered in the visual arts category and this particular group of entries even boasts a competition winner. The children drew accompanying illustrations which we are unable to reproduce here, but even unadorned, the thoughts expressed are delightfully creative.

- I wish my baby brother would be born.
- Daniela Barreto
- I wish I could have more Barbie dolls.
- Lindsay Bleir
- I wish that my mommy would feel better.
- Jessica Bobrow
- I wish I can just be me.
- Joanna Cetta
(1st Prize, Visual Arts)
- I wish I was a black belt in karate.
- Adriana Crescenzi
- I wish that my brother would always play with me.
- Birinder Dost
- I wish I had a toy soldier.
- Michael John Floyd
- I wish I could be a black belt in karate.
- Michael Gorin
- I wish I could have a baby sister.
- Brea Inkles
- I wish for a Ninja Turtle blimp.
- Adam Jeuda
- I wish for a toy girl pirate.
- Scott Laurentz
- I wish I was a black belt in karate.
- Jason Paget
- I wish for a Menorah for my own self.
- Matthew Sirlin
- I wish for a G.I. Joe.
- Sean Spieler
- I wish I had a playground home with a Robot boat in it.
- Kenneth Tenzer
- I wish for a turtle for my house - to keep in a bowl.
- Jun Ting Vuong



- I wish for a reindeer to sink into the water. - Michael Iskol
- I wish that the Ninja Turtle could save the man in jail, so the cop couldn't get him. - Manuel Rodriguez
- I wish for a big giant Menorah. - Scott Weiner
- I wish I was rich. - Elizabeth Weinbloom

Mrs. Moskowitz' Kindergarten Class

The children used inventive writing to complete this assignment:

In this suitcase I will save
 A Holiday vacation memory
 Like a treasure in a cave

- I WTMGMH (I went to my Grandma's house) - Jaclyn Aviza
- I V T O S I N W O (I went out in the snow) - Justin Ballot
- i WT TAZA (I went to a zoo) - Drew Blumenthal
- I N T M (I went to the movies). - Brad Cohan
- I R t E W M Y A L F U R P H G C I H t i S N (I went to Grandma's house) - Evan Cohen
- I WUdMe M Dad (I went to the movies with Evan and his dad) - Brittne Finkelstein
- I W T F R D A B N D R M D (I went to Florida and Big Thunder Mountain) - Brandon Firestone
- I S O V M F HS (I slept over my friend's house) - Keith Fletcher
- I S D MMMSM (I went to the Children's Museum) - Jesse Fox
- I S the BC Thes B GS BS (I saw the big Christmas tree in the big city) - Sharon Hecht
- I M T PSH (I went to Pizza Hut) - Aaron Hendel

I M P (I made pizza)

- Howard Hershey

MRGGC G M R DOG O Y L Z I Y H I Love OP (My uncle gave me a dog and I love my Christmas present)

- Nicole Hutchinson

I HHD A N M D PT (I had a New Year's Day Party)

- Emily Popper

I WI ON O D A W O-T W RD (I went on a chair ride)

- Jamie Schiffer

it OqP Prq H G OIqH (I went to my grandmother's house)

- Krista Siedlick

I WATE e SWIG ET WAS UE F N (I went swimming. It was very fun)

- Jesse Sternberg

Mrs. Barry's First Grade Class

Mrs. Barry's class responded to a variety of writing exercises on topics ranging from 'what is a good mom?', 'if I were rich', and 'special things I like':

If I were a rich man I would buy a house.

- Andrew Yun

Rain makes me think of water.

- Ted Osterer

I love my mom because she loves me.

- Jillian Kornswieg

I like my baby.

- Nikolaos Kanterakis

If I were a rich man I would buy the world.

- Shai Wolkowicki

Outside my window at Christmas time I see beautiful lights across the street.

- Carly Jacobson

If I were a rich man I would give money to the elderly.

- Josh Vogel

I like rain because it waters the earth.

- Rachel Brown

A good mom helps me ride my bike.

- Amie Kraus

If I were a rich man I would give half to my family.

- Daniel Hickey

A good mom reads with you.

- Aurora Kiviat

I love fall because I love to jump into the leaves.

- Deanna Licht

I would like to be a cat because it has a lot of opportunities. I would jump and catch butterflies.

- Cary Verasco

Miss Cafiso's First Grade Class

The children wrote "original silly phrases" using various words in grammar previously learned: adjectives, nouns, verbs, and adverbs.

In addition to practice in handwriting, this writing activity helped the children learn grammar, increased their vocabulary, and encouraged them to think creatively.

The children were excited writing and sharing their "silly phrases" with their peers.

I enjoyed it, too!

- V. Cafiso

pink horse quacks gently	-	Allen Liu
gray nose eats loudly	-	Vanessa Lawrence
stupid cow jogs madly	-	Eric Tarr
curious snow moos sadly	-	Chuan-Shin Hu
crazy elephant meows loudly-		Tara Raphael
silly windows run wildly	-	Samantha Taormina
little boy pecks madly	-	Matt Friedman
orange water flies quickly	-	Keith Phillips
wild crayons giggle madly	-	Laura Nackman
curious lamp hops gracefully-		Beth Coulter
crazy monkey swings sadly	-	Robert Haber
furry man barks carefully	-	Brian Iocco
purple pizza sticks slowly	-	Robert Gorozdi
giant bug skips quickly	-	Jenna Spector
happy baby drives crazily	-	Jessica Shurgan
cold sun kisses sloppily	-	Michael Feinstein

Mrs. Ruschin's Second Grade Class

We will be celebrating a FRIENDSHIP PARTY on Thursday, February 14th, at 10:15. This will be the culminating activity for our studies of E.B. White's Charlotte's Web.

Since the very first day of school, each afternoon at the closing of their school day, students would gather around Mrs. Ruschin as she read "Charlotte". As weeks went on, most of the children acquired their own copy of this favorite book and read along silently. Many lessons have been learned from the friendship between Charlotte, the sensitive spider, and her friend, Wilbur, a spring pig who desperately wants to live and has the good fortune of having Charlotte enter his life. The children also learned tremendous vocabulary and beautiful values from these quiet moments spent with reading.

Mrs. Guttman's Second Grade Class

The students in Mrs. Guttman's class have been busy writing letters, making cards, and drawing pictures to help Amy Guttman send some cheer to an American soldier who is stationed in Saudi Arabia. Amy has been participating in a South High School program by corresponding with a soldier. She has presently received two letters from Soldier Bill. Bill has shared with Amy how very much he appreciates the letters he gets. It really lifts his spirits. That is when Amy asked the second grade to help out.

Not only have the children become involved in preparing cheerful notes and pictures, they have chosen to share their feelings about Desert Storm in their journals. We would like to share one of our most recent letters to Soldier Bill. More will be printed in the next newsletter along with further samples of our creative writing.

Dear Soldier Bill,

My name is Brian. I hope you are okay. I am seven years old. I am in 2nd grade. I have a good family. We are all praying for you. I have one sister, a mom, a dad, and a dog. My dog's name is Lucky. I like to play with my dog. Skateboarding is one of my hobbies. What are yours? Stay safe.

Love,
Brian Rudin

'NIMBLE FINGERS NOT IDLE'

THE MEMBERS OF MRS. RUSCHIN'S NIMBLE FINGERS NEEDLEPOINT CLUB DECIDED THEY WANTED TO SHOW THEIR SUPPORT FOR OUR MEN AND WOMEN IN OPERATION DESERT STORM. THEY CHOSE THEIR WOOL AND BEGAN TO WORK ON NEEDLEPOINT PEN HOLDERS TO SEND TO A FRIEND STATIONED IN SAUDI ARABIA, PFC. KEN DILLINGHAM, OF MEMPHIS, TENN.

THEY TOOK A BREAK FROM THEIR NEEDLE WORK TO WRITE LETTERS TO KEN AND HIS FRIENDS. HOPEFULLY, HE'LL ENJOY THE MAIL AND DISTRIBUTE THE PEN HOLDERS TO MEMBERS IN HIS ENGINEERING COMPANY. THE LETTERS WERE ALL WARM, SINCERE, AND MOVING. THREE IN PARTICULAR FOLLOW, AND ALTHOUGH THOUSANDS OF MILES APART, THE STUDENTS SHARE THE SAME WISH AS OTHERS AROUND THE WORLD: LET THERE BE PEACE, AND SOON.

January 15, 1991

Dear Friend,

Even though I do not know you I feel bad for you because you are very far away from your family. I really hope you come back soon! I am thinking about you. Hopefully there won't be war. My name is Eva and I have one sister. I play the violin and the piano. I am eight and a half.

From, Eva

- Eva Kiviat, grade 3

Dear Friend,

My name is Andrea. How are you? Although you don't know me, I'll be thinking about you over the next few weeks.

I am in the sixth grade. I attend Forest Road School in Valley Stream, N.Y. I like writing, reading, and playing the violin and the piano. What are your hobbies? I have only a brother (who is a real brat) that is in kindergarten. Do you have any brothers or sisters?

It is very sad that the deadline for Iraq is today because it is Martin Luther King's birthday and he stood for peace. Even though the chance is greater that we will have war, I hope that there will not be a war.

I made a pen holder for you in my needlepoint club. I hope you enjoy it.

Andrea

- Andrea Floyd, grade 6

Dear Friend,

I am in 5th grade and go to a school in New York. You don't know me but I am thinking of you and all the other soldiers. My name is Lizanne and I am 10 years old. My hobbies are collecting stickers, pennies, and hairclips. My favorite foods are: pizza, chicken, steak and spaghetti. I hope no war breaks out but if it does I hope you will be prepared. I have a sister named Jessica and she is 12. Do you have any brothers or sisters?

I know this is not a happy time for you but please try to smile.



Sincerely,
Lizanne Romero (grade 5)

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Miss Wakely's Third Grade Class

"I HAVE A DREAM"

I wish for world peace and no war. I wish that everybody is equal and that the whole world has a big rainbow over it.

- Marissa Goldfaden

My dream is to have infinity more wishes.

- Jessica Klein

I wish that the war would stop and there would not be a war again.

- Matthew Magaril

My dream is that they stop the war. Saddam Hussein will see things differently when we win the war. I also dream that I could ice-skate and roller-skate better. I also dream that there would be peace on earth.

- Eva Kiviat

My dream is to be a ballerina and dance on a stage.

- Aviva Onunu

My dream is so that I can have a lot of friends and so that the president of Saudi Arabia should give us oil.

- Oran Taub

I want the war to stop. I want to live in a mansion.

- Billy Fancher

My dream is for all the poor people to have a roof over their head and for them to have money.

- Sara Weiss

To be a very, very, very good horseback rider and that the war would stop. I hope my mom and dad will never die and that I will never, never, never die at all. I want to be rich for my life too.

- Shanna Katz

My dream is to be a rich and very good man. I dream that I could live in a big castle.

- Michael Strauss

My dream is to have peace on earth. And to get better in school. I want the drugs to stop. And everybody to be nice and helpful.

- Stacey Weiner

My dream is to have no war. I want the troops to come home and not die. I hope to get a baby sister and a baby brother. I want to be a teacher when I am 18. I wish that I could drive when I am 17 and go to France and to England. And to own all the world and to be rich.

- Melissa Cohan

My dream is that there will be no World War III and for the war to stop. I hope there will be peace.

- Adam Sherwood

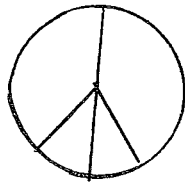
My dream is that no one will die and come safely home. I hope we will have peace forever and never have war again.

- Chris Hutchinson

My dream is that there is no war. And all of the countries are friends. And if they have problems to talk about it over tea.

- Pamela Verasco

The war to stop.



- Erica Finkelstein

Ms. Maresca's Third Grade Class

Ms. Maresca's third graders also responded to the theme
"I HAVE A DREAM"

I have a dream for world peace, because if you think about the world today, it's a whole big mess. Everyday there is something new on the news, eith somebody got hurt or killed. But if the government didn't buy bombs or aircrafts and all that junk people would not be dying. There should be money used to give to hospitals and community workers. And I think then the world would be a better place.

- Melissa Barreto

I want NO war, pollution, violence, drugs, and no drinking and driving. I want everyone to have the same right to do things. I want PEACE!

- Michael Hu

I wish there will be peace on earth and NO WAR! No pollution. No drugs and No killing and for the homeless to have a home. If my wish came true people will live happily ever after.

- Noah Shurgan

I have a dream the war will stop. I have a dream I will not die.

- Justin Ford

I wish there is no war, no drugs, no guns and no violence. We can put money in hospitals and police stations. I also wish there was no pollution from cars because it makes bad air.

- Jessica Owen

I'd wish for world peace. The earth would be good without violence.

- Chris Maffeo

My wish would be for the world to be a cleaner place and not to have drugs. If these things happen, the world would be a better place. We would have no war and everyone would be friends. We'd have great air and there would be clean cement and no drugs and no crazy people.

- Jonathan Biderman

I have a dream for pceace in America. I don't like wars, they are scary. People die from wars. If there were no wars life will be better because we can all live long lives.

- Jessica Schiffer

If I had a dream it would be that there was no pollution in life. I wish that there were no drugs because they can kill people.

- Julie Klein

My dream is no war, pollution, violence, hunger, homeless, or drugs. I also wish I could fly. I wish I could disappear and reappear in another place. I wish me and my family would live forever. If this happened we would spend money on jails and hospitals.

- Sean Falley

No Violence! No Drugs! World Peace! Black people are the same as everyone else. How would you like to sit in the back of a bus all the time? We wouldn't get into wars anymore. Black people should be able to get a drink in a restaurant.

- Frank Suppa

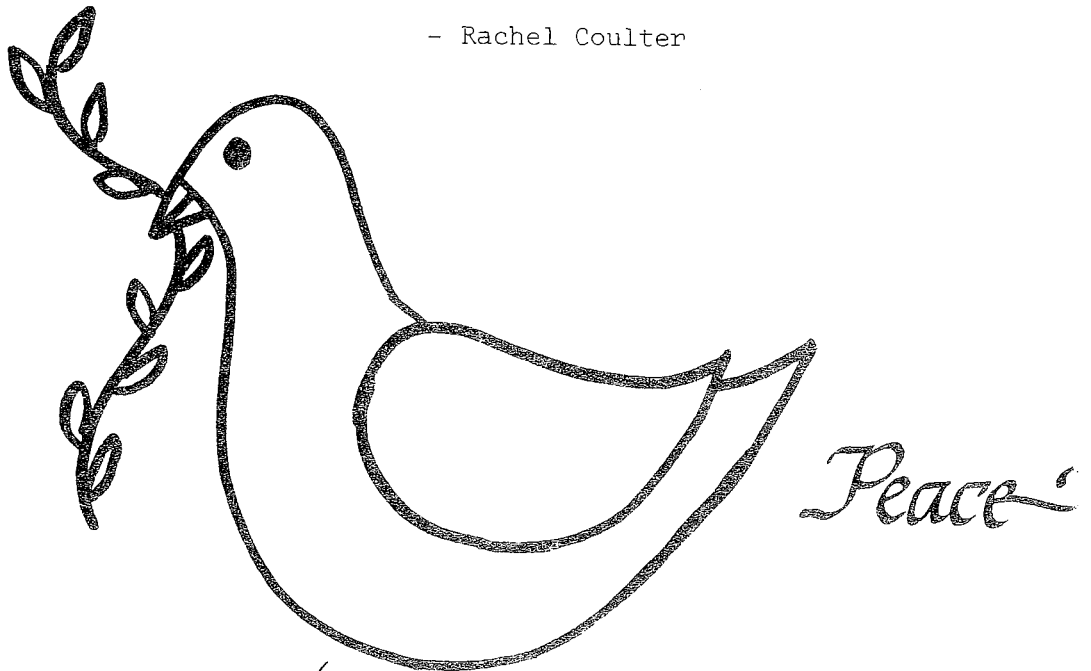
My dream would be world peace. No war, no pollution, no violence. A cleaner place, no drugs are sold in the city. No guns, no knives. I wish there were more hospitals.

- Jordan Slipman

If I had a dream...I would like world peace, no wars, no violence, no pollution.

Without pollution and with world peace, we can have a clean and quiet world.

- Rachel Coulter



The fourth grade classes of Mrs. Stiefel and Mr. Lesser unleashed
their creative energies with a form of Japanese poetry called Haiku.

All flowers blossom
As the morning sun comes up
And brightness appears.
- Terry Beirouti

The shooting stars light
The sky so the moon and the
Sun know where to shine.
- Michael Bronspigel

Wings on pretty birds
Shine with the light of the moon
In the dark black sky.
- Jaclyn Epstein

The stars in the night
Are like lights so people can find
Their way through the dark.
- Charles Fitzsimmons

Raindrops fall from clouds
Watering grass and flowers
Giving life to earth.
- Billy Lazarovitch

The lovely animals
Bring warmth and grace to our world
Cuddly with their fur.
- Melissa Hutchinson

Clouds float in the sky
Bring delightful memories
Of Happy Birthdays.
- Gladys Magh

The sun rose above
It shines and warms me all day
Sets and brings the night.
- Ben Turner

Grass is very smooth
It is green and sometimes brown
Come and watch it grow.
- Matthew Krantweiss

Horses are high up
Riding one is exciting
Even if it's slow.
- Michael Wittenberg

Raindrops falling down
Thumping, making me drowsy
On the ground they fall.
- Sophia Tantillo

Mountains everywhere
Fresh, clean air is all around
Give us energy.
- Johannes Ma

Snowflakes falling in
The winter reminds me of
Lace and ice crystals.
- Jamie Begley

Snowflakes melt on hair
They fall on noses and feet
Eating snow is fun.
- Marcus Fascetta

I drop the big bug
Saying good-bye to it
Hosing him away.
- Nicole Laurentz

Rain falls from above
Making puddles on the ground
Creating rainbows.
- Sarah Leventhal

Grass shines in the sun
People walking create shade
For bugs and spiders.
- Adam Jetter

Birds are beautiful
With their colorful feathers
They bring happiness.
- Mindy Bernstein

Fluffy rabbits jump
Up and down into my heart
Grey and pink and white.
- Aviva Safren

Summer leaves growing
Buds change into their flowers
But in autumn, they fall.
- Seth Bobrow

Disappearing moon
Can be seen in the nighttime
Outshining the sun.
- Karen Nieuchowicz

In Spring we see trees
Brightening up the whole world
With green leaves galore.
- Randy Cohn

Jumping bunnies play
In the woods, close to a stream
So adorable.
- Marc Kline

Sunshine lights our earth
Pretty in the early dawn
Looking down at us.
- Jamie Tarr

My cats can give love
Rubbing faces against me
Cuddly, warm and soft.
- Andrew Schwartz

Icy small snowflakes
All different designs falling
A mountain of white.
- Kate Friedman

Birds have wings to fly
Mouths to eat worms and seeds
Webbed feet for walking.
- Kevin Daly

Stars are bright at night
Their shining fills the black sky
Like the Christmas lights.
- Shawna Heflin

Snow is cold and white
Sleighbing and skating are fun
Going fast down the hills.
- Lauren Wybinow

Trees have big green leaves
Turning colors in the fall
Red, brown, yellow, gold.
- Josh Marks

MRS. WALSH'S FIFTH GRADE CLASS

WE OFFER THE FOLLOWING STORY AS A PREVIEW OF WORK
TO COME IN THE NEXT ISSUE.

THE FARMER

THIS IS THE YEAR OF 1939. VALLEY STREAM IS PARTLY WILDERNESS AND PARTLY THE PLOWED FIELD OF A LARGE FARM. THE WILDERNESS PART, WHICH LEADS FROM VALLEY STREAM ON LONG ISLAND TO OHIO, CONTAINS MANY VARIOUS TYPES OF TREES, FLOWERS, BEES AND OTHER BUGS, BIRDS, DEER, BEAVER, CHIPMUNKS, SKUNKS, SQUIRRELS, 17 LAKES, 10 RIVERS, 3 MOUNTAINS, MANY TALL GRASSES, TURKEY, FISH, AND SEVERAL SWAMPS.

THE PLOWED FIELD PART IS JUST A FIELD THAT HAS BEEN PLOWED BY A FARMER, AN OLD FASHIONED PLOW, AND A TEAM OF STRONG OXEN. THE FARMER WHO OWNS THIS FIELD WILL SOON BE PLANTING HIS CROPS, BUT BECAUSE OF ALL THE HARD WORK THERE IS TO DO AND BECAUSE EVERYTHING IS DONE BY HAND, HE HAS NOT GOT AROUND TO IT YET.

SINCE IT IS NOW THE MONTH OF MARCH AND THE MONTH FOR PLANTING CROPS IS APRIL, THIS FARMER WILL PROBABLY BE PLANTING HIS SEED ANY DAY NOW. HE MAY START PLANTING BEFORE HE HAS FINISHED HIS OTHER WORK HE WOULD LIKE TO DO BECAUSE IF HE DID NOT START EARLY ENOUGH, HIS CROPS WOULD NEVER GROW PROPERLY.

THIS FARMER AND THE OTHER PEOPLE HERE IN VALLEY STREAM HAVE NO CARS, BUSES, TRUCKS, TRAINS, OR AIRPLANES TO TRANSPORT US FROM ONE PLACE TO ANOTHER. OUR ONLY MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION ARE WALKING, IN A WAGON PULLED BY HORSES, AND ON A SADDLE MOUNTED ON THE BACK OF A HORSE. THIS DOES NOT MAKE US TERRIBLY UNHAPPY, AND WE ALL PUT OUR MINDS TO OUR WORK.

- WALTER COULTER

Reflections

The PTA cultural arts program has come to an end and certificates were awarded at the February 1st assembly. Our children participated in areas of visual arts, music, photography, and literature. This year's theme of "IF I HAD A WISH" was captured in many unique ways by our students. The winning works now go on to compete at district level. We applaud ALL the students on their entries and congratulate the winners and wish them luck. Special thanks to Rosemarie Alario for organizing this event and bringing it to completion. The envelope please....

Visual Arts:

First Place: Joanna Cetta (K)
Second Place: Jamie Jeuda (gr.2)
Third Place: Eva Kiviat (gr.3)
Honorable
Mention: Nikolaos Kanterakis (gr.1)

Photography: Chase Muratore (gr.2)
Music: Bryan Owen (gr.6)

Literature:

First Place: Matthew Galin (gr.6)
Second Place: Jaclene Begley (gr.6)
Third Place: Jamie Begley (gr.4)
Honorable
Mention: Dana Rosenbloom (gr.5)

Following are the winning entries in the literature category:

The earth is our home
We should keep it clean
We should protect our grass
To keep it green.

Keep our wildlife safe
So they won't die
Don't use spray cans
That will hurt our sky.

Don't pollute our oceans
That's not good
Don't chop down trees
Just to use their wood.

Recycle glass
Aluminum too
Reuse your things
Don't keep buying new.

My wish is real simple
It's as easy as pie
It will come true
If we all try.

My wish is that everyone
Reads this poem
And that we all take care of
The place we call home.
- Matthew Galin

The Hopeless

If I had
A wish
I would wish for
Everyone
To have
A dish of food
A life of fun
If everyone
Could see
How hopeless
Everyone can be
I'm sure
They would make
Everyone
Feel Secure

- Jaclene Begley

If I had a wish
It would be worthless to me.
I would give it to the poor
They need it more you see.
They need food and water
They also need a home.
They need a lot of money
They also could use a loan.
So if I had a wish
I would give it to the poor.
When I give it to the poor
It would be worth a million more.
- Jamie Begley

One day it just came to me, I knew what one of
my wishes would be.

If I had a wish to make, I'd wish to stop
everyones' ache.

A doctor is what I want to be, I want to make
all the world healthy.

Everything would go my way, every every single day.

But I learned it's not as simple as that, it's not
like having your own pet cat.

You have to work hard to achieve your goal, you're
not in an act, you're not playing a role.

And at times I might have to work with a knife,
but at least I've saved somebody's life.

- Dana Rosenbloom

MORE AWARDS!!!

January 13th was the date of Family Bowling held at
Woodmere Lanes. Competitive energy aside, it was a
wonderfully fun afternoon shared by approximately 60
people. Trophies will be awarded at the February 8th
assembly as follows:

First Place:

Chris and Susan Viggiano with a
combined score of 269

Second Place:

Julie and Barry Klein - 266

Third Place:

Danielle and Susan Viggiano - 264

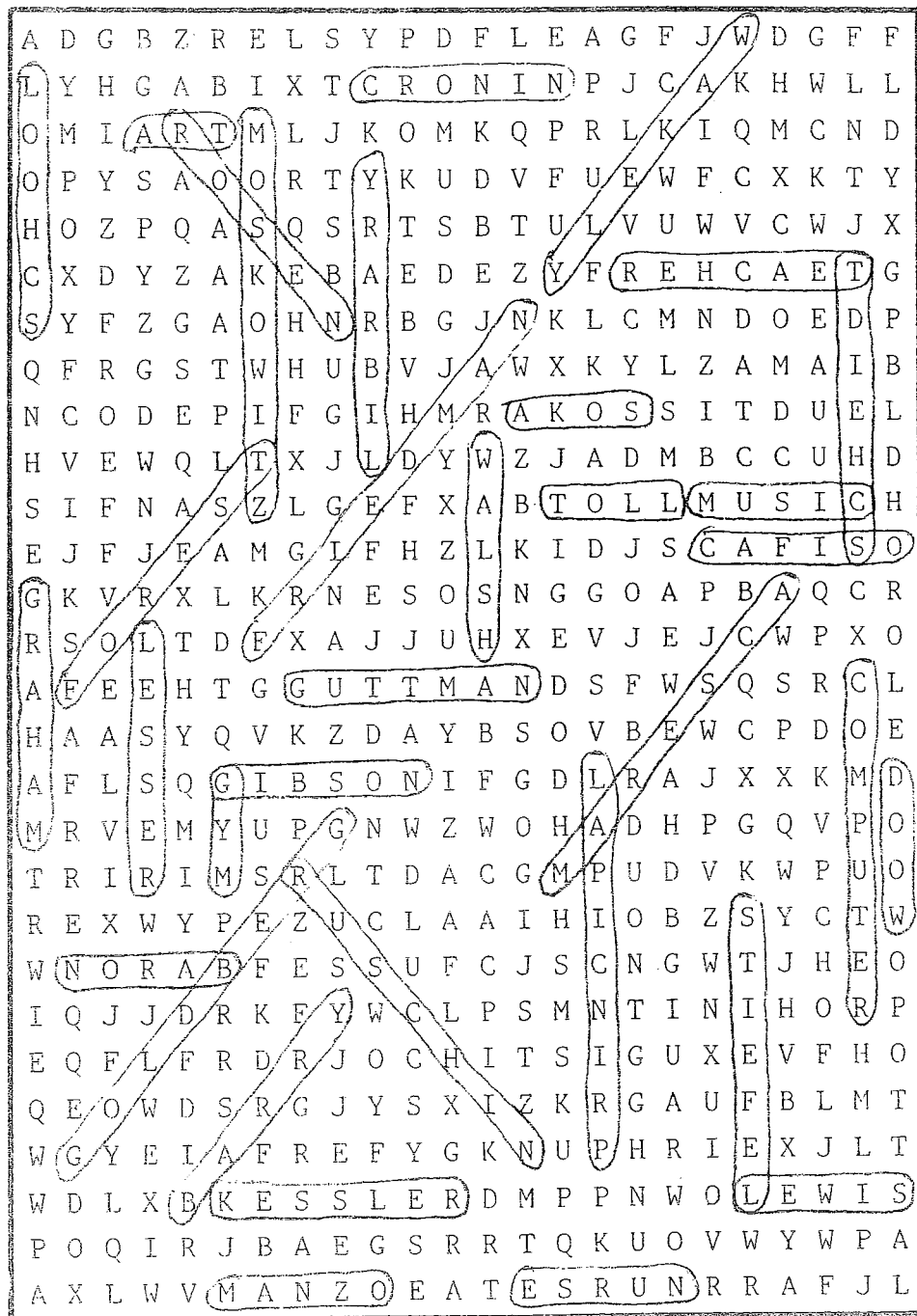
Fourth Place:

Lisa and Ken Seelig - 253

Fifth Place:

Tara and John Raphael - 249

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL!!!



ANSWER KEY

(AS WE WENT TO PRESS WE NOTICED THAT ONE OF THE TEACHER'S NAMES IN OUR WORD SEARCH WAS INADVERTENTLY MISPELLED. SORRY MRS. TOLLE!)

Junior Forester Recipes

Following are two desserts that even the youngest child can help create.

COCOA SNOWBALLS

Equipment

Measuring cups
Medium mixing bowl
Wooden spoon
Ice cream scoop or large spoon
Baking sheet
4 dessert dishes

Ingredients

$\frac{1}{2}$ cup Cocoa Crispies cereal
 $\frac{1}{4}$ cup coconut
 $\frac{1}{4}$ cup chopped nut topping
1 pint ice cream, any flavor

- 1: In the medium mixing bowl, put the cereal, coconut, and nut topping. Stir with the wooden spoon to mix.
- 2: Use the ice cream scoop or large spoon to scoop 4 balls of ice cream. Drop each ball, one at a time, into the cereal mixture. Roll the ball around till it is coated. Work quickly so the ice cream doesn't melt. Place the ice cream balls on the baking sheet. Put them in the freezer until serving time.
3. To serve, put an ice cream ball in each dessert dish. You can also use ice cream cones instead if you like. Serves 4.

HEART CAKE

Equipment

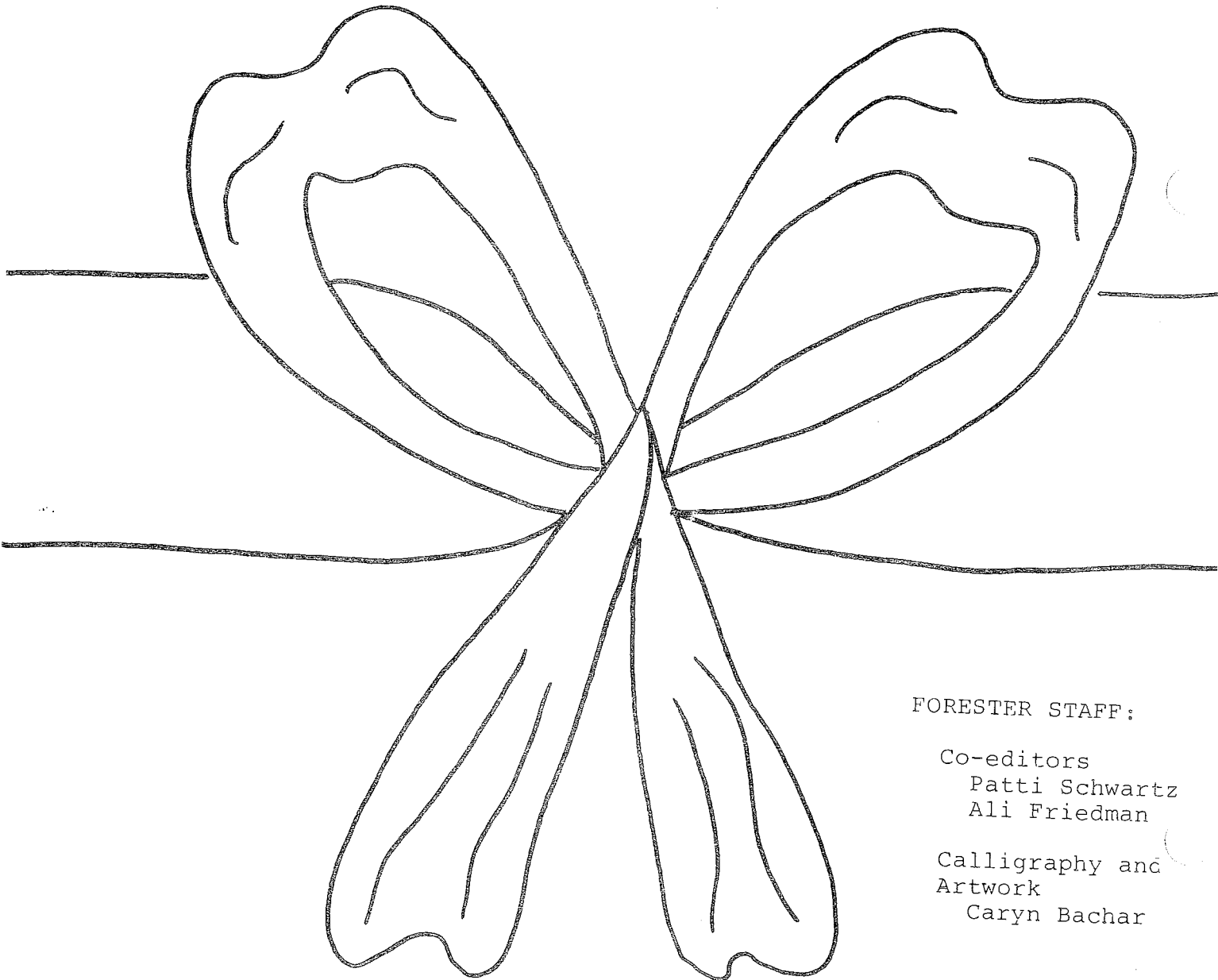
8x1 $\frac{1}{2}$ " round pan
8x8x2" square pan
Potholders
Wire cooling rack
Large tray
Sharp knife
Long spatula

Ingredients

Shortening
Flour
White or sour cream white cake mix with pudding
Fluffy white frosting mix
Red food coloring

- 1: Grease and lightly flour both pans
- 2: Prepare cake mix according to package directions
- 3: Divide batter between pans
- 4: Bake according to package directions
- 5: Cool layers completely. Remove cakes from pans.
- 6: Set square cake on large tray with one point toward you. Cut round layer in half. Arrange each half with cut side against top corners of square cake to form a heart.
- 7: Prepare frosting mix according to package directions.
- 8: Add a few drops of red food coloring to frosting to tint mixture pink.
- 9: Frost cake and decorate as you like.

FEBRUARY	14	-	PTA Valentine's day Cake Sale	9:00-2:45
	18-20	-	Winter Recess (No School)	
	26	-	District 30 Board of Ed. Meeting	8:00pm
MARCH	6	-	Breakfast with the Superintendent	9:15am
	13	-	PTA General Meeting	8:00pm
	14	-	Pre-school Meeting	3:00pm
	26	-	District 30 Board of Ed. Mtg.	8:00pm
	28-29	-	Spring Recess (No School)	
APRIL	1-5	-	Spring Recess	
	17	-	PTA Bingo Night	8:00pm
	18	-	Pre-school Meeting	3:00pm
	23	-	District 30 Bd. of Ed. Mtg.	8:00pm
	24	-	PTA General Meeting	8:00pm
	26	-	Kindergarten Registration	9-11am
MAY	8	-	Plant Sale Pre-order pickup	2:30-3pm
	9	-	PTA Mother's Day Plant Sale	9:30-3pm
	16	-	Pre-school Meeting	3:00pm
	22	-	PTA Installation Dinner	
	28	-	District 30 Bd. of Ed. Mtg.	8:00pm



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MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents,

As this last issue of the Forester for the 1990-91 school year is published, many of us are turning our thoughts to vacation and summertime activities. Summer vacation is a time for children to relax, but it can also be a time for continued learning. Have fun with your child this summer, but don't let learning take a vacation! Here are some activities that you can do with your child to keep his/her mind active and give him/her a good start in school next fall.

READ TOGETHER. Research shows that the most important way parents can help their children become better readers is by encouraging them to read at home.

VISIT THE LIBRARY. Many libraries plan special summer activities. Children need to learn that adults read for fun, too -- so take them, don't send them.

WRITE LETTERS. If you are planning a vacation this summer, have your children write to the departments of tourism in states or areas you intend to visit. And, of course, friends and relatives will enjoy hearing from your children any time. Encourage your child to keep a journal about summer activities and trips. Your child can share this journal with his/her teacher in September.

PLAN OUTINGS TOGETHER. Every community has interesting places to visit. You can always enjoy a picnic in the park, especially if your child helps to plan the meal.

READ MAPS. As you travel across the country, have your children help read road directions. Talk about what you see as you travel.

TEACH CHILDREN TO COOK. Using simple, easy-to-read recipes, children can practice reading, following directions, and math skills. If you are lucky, the results will be edible and maybe you won't have to cook all the time.

STUDY THE WEATHER. Encourage your child to keep a record of temperatures, humidity, etc. in the various areas visited during the summer.

STUDY NATURE BY COLLECTING SPECIMENS. Whether the collection is of bugs, butterflies, ferns, rocks or shells, children like to collect, observe, and classify things. They will enjoy sharing their collections with their new teacher and with Mr. Kaufmann, our science teacher, when they return to school in the fall.

Have a happy, educational and safe summer vacation! Thank you for your support in the budget vote. Your vote of confidence insures the continuance of the excellent programs for our students. Remember, we are a partnership in the education of our children. See you in September!

Sincerely,

Barbara W. Cronin, EdD

CO-PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Dear Parents:

As we near the end of the 1990-91 school year, we reflect on the year from the eyes of the P.T.A. We have had a thrilling year, full of changes and new undertakings for all of us.

First, a few thank-yous. We have had a most successful collaboration with the Green Acres Civic Association this year. Their support of our fund raisers and help with mailings along with our joint efforts toward a common goal are very much appreciated. Thank you Nick Iocco and Howie Guttman and the rest of the Civic Association Board for all your hard work. Thanks also to the P.T.A. Board members and chairpersons for your tireless efforts. To the parents of the Forest Road students, we thank you for all your baked goods and attendance at our programs. Your support enabled us to reach the goal of purchasing a new play structure for the outdoor Kindergarten area. "Toot"-a-loo to "L'il Toot."

Now a few 'you're welcomes'. We helped to select Dr. Barbara Cronin as our new principal. In the face of the many changes she has had to deal with since arriving at Forest Road School she has been a joy to be associated with. Teachers, parents, and the children are enchanted with her. May she be with us forever.

Mr. Van Ness is also retiring and Lawrence McGoldrick will begin his tenure as Superintendent this summer. Be sure to look for our "Meet the Superintendent" night in the fall.

Watch for these upcoming events:

Field Day -- June 6th
Father's Day Boutique -- June 12th
Teacher Recognition Day -- June 14th

Since this is our last newsletter for this school year, enjoy your summer! Join us again next year.

Sincerely,

Susan Viggiano
Candice Tarr

Previews & Postscripts

CARNIVAL - The PTA carnival in March was a rousing success in both the fun and finances departments. Three cheers for Bonnie Magaril and the legion of folk who donated their time and imagination to make this event soar.

BINGO - THE FIRST JOINT PTA/CIVIC ASSOCIATION SPONSORED EVENT TOOK PLACE IN APRIL WITH SPLENDID RESULTS. THE PROCEEDS WERE INSTRUMENTAL IN SECURING OUR NEW PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT AND THE PLENITUDE OF PRIZES AWARDED WAS TRULY ASTOUNDING. A JOB SUPERBLY DONE BY GAIL AND LARRY SCHIFFER AND THE MANY OTHER PTA AND COMMUNITY VOLUNTEERS, CHIEF AMONG THEM JANE KIVIAT'S ENDLESS ENERGY. TEAMWORK SHOWS.

PLANT SALE - Our Mother's Day plant sale was a complete sell-out. Plenty of hard work by Marilyn Marks and co-chairperson Holly Bobrow transformed the halls and lobby of Forest Road into our own Magic Kingdom of greenery for a few days. The children loved their shopping spree and our community will be more beautiful this spring and summer for their efforts. Thanks to all the volunteers who manned the tables and helped the students choose special gifts for their special moms.

CONGRATULATIONS! - Hats off to Reflections winners Jamie Jeuda and Bryan Owen. Bryan placed 4th on the district level for his musical composition and Jamie went on to win honorable mention in the New York State competition in the visual arts category. They are worthy representatives of Forest Road creativity and we rejoice in their achievement.

FIELD DAY - SOME SPECIAL SURPRISES ARE IN STORE FOR THE TEAMS THIS YEAR DURING OUR ANNUAL FIELD DAY, JUNE 6TH. COME AND CHEER OUR STUDENTS ON IN A VARIETY OF SPORTING EVENTS AND A DAY OF FUN. CONTACT CHAIRPERSON COLLEEN HICKEY AT 791-4479 IF YOU'RE NOT THE TYPE TO JUST STAND AND WATCH.

BOWLING - There's still time to sign up for PTA Bowling to begin Tuesday mornings in September at the Woodmere Lanes. Call Nancy Jeuda (791-4869) or Eva Galgano (791-9011). Make that call and then rest your arm for the summer.

Get Well & Hurry Back
Mrs. Scheidt !! We miss you!

Upcoming & Ongoing

ART ENRICHMENT - Every child at Forest Road School knows Leonardo, Michelangelo, Donatello and Raphael -- the Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. But how many know that these green superheroes were named for famous Renaissance artists? All the kids in grades K-3 do, thanks to an innovative Art Enrichment Program created by art teacher Susan Baron and presented by parent Ellen Popper.

In a series of "art talks", the children look at famous paintings and talk about what they see. After lively discussions, they engage in hands-on activities based on the talk. Through this program, we hope that our children will begin to recognize and remember important artists and their work, while experiencing first-hand the power of art to enrich their lives.

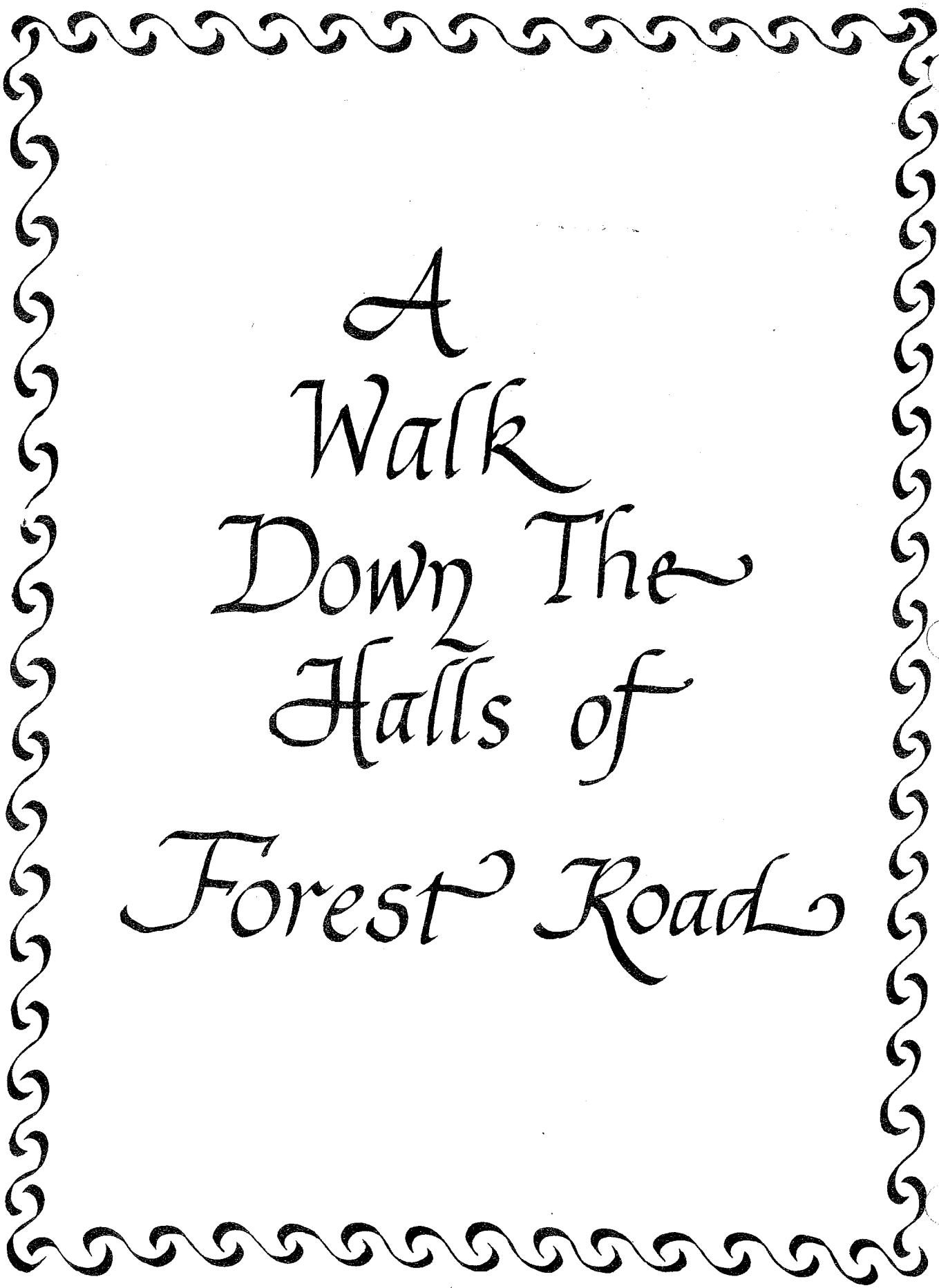
Work from this program was on display in the hall showcase at the annual Art Exhibit on May 8th. We look forward to continuing this exciting program next year. Additional volunteers are welcome and may contact Mrs. Baron.

AND...

- ... THE KINDERGARTEN ENJOYED A SPECIAL SCIENCE PROGRAM.
- ... FIRST, SECOND, AND THIRD GRADES LISTENED TO JANICE BUCHNER, THE STORY TELLER.
- ... FOURTH, FIFTH, AND SIXTH ROCK WITH KEN MEROTTA AND THEIR OWN MUSIC VIDEO.
- ... THE FOURTH GRADE CONTINUES AN ONGOING PROJECT OF CREATING A REALISTIC DIMENSIONAL MAP OF LONG ISLAND TO BE EXPANDED AS SUBSEQUENT SCHOOL YEARS PASS. STOP BY MR. LESSER'S AND MRS. STIEFEL'S ROOMS TO SEE THIS WORK IN PROGRESS.

SEPTA - (Special Education Parent Teacher Association) is a non profit service organization whose goals are to provide information and support to the parents of special needs children, and act as advocates for these children, in districts 13, 24, 30, and CHSD#1. Special needs children as defined here includes students in contained classes, (whether in district or not), mainstream children with itinerant services, resource room, and gifted and talented.

Monthly meetings are held the third Monday of each month of the school year at Memorial Junior High School (on Fletcher and Hendrickson Avenues). Meetings begin at 8:00pm with frequent guest speakers on a variety of relevant topics. For more information please call Barbara Berntsen at 791-3983.



A
Walk
Down The
Halls of
Forest Road

Creative Writing

MRS. GUTTMAN'S SECOND GRADE CLASS

The students in Mrs. Guttman's class took this opportunity to deliver a "Special Message" to their moms for Mother's Day.

The students would also like to share a theme they recently completed on animals. Each child studied an animal and wrote his/her first research report. Then they turned their animals into fictitious characters, added much imagination and created a fantasy animal kingdom.

Please enjoy two samples of the students' creativity in writing and stop by the classroom to see the rest of our works on display.

"I'm proud of my Mom because. . . ."

My Mom trusts me and I trust her and she loves me. She takes good care of me.

- Oren Bachar

My Mom does everything for me.

- Stacey Bobrow

My Mom helps me read and sound out words.

- Michael Fox

My Mom loves me and cares for me.

- Ariel Gorin

My Mom helps me do my homework and many other things.

- Eric Lurie

My Mom is helpful to me. She makes dinner, does the laundry, makes beds, does my hair and puts water in the tub.

- Jamie Mandel

My Mom gave birth to me and I love her and she loves me. She cooks meals for me. She's always there for me!

- Staci Landau

My Mom loves me. She cares about me and I care about her and I love her too. My Mom is always there for me.

- Carolyn Galgano

My Mom had me and she loves me.

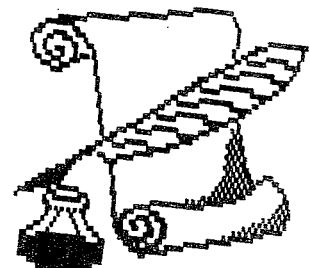
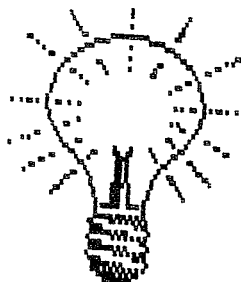
- Nancy Alario

My Mom had me and does a lot of work like the dishes, cooking, and washing the clothes.

- Jamie Jeuda

My Mom had me.

- John Orena



My Mom cooks dinner for me. - Matthew Lowery
 My Mother is a great mother and a special mother. - Joshua Salomon
 My Mom is nice and she loves me and I love her. - Lynn Counio
 My Mom helps me with my homework. - Christopher Ignaciuck
 My Mom is trusting and kind and I love her. - Jacqueline Ram
 My Mom is there when I need her. - Brian Rudin
 My Mom lets me play sports and Nintendo and she loves me. - Greg Silverman
 My Mom had me. - Larry Siedlick
 My Mom loves me so much that she can't tell me. - Jessica Aronoff
 My Mom gives me many things. - Jason Cohen

Wilbur Meets Wilbur

There once was a penguin whose name was Wilbur. He lived in Antarctica. He was tired of living there. He wanted to go to Canada. One day he went to the airport. He went on the plane. But he went on the wrong plane! When the plane landed he got off and said, "This doesn't look like Canada." So Wilbur walked and walked until he got to a farm. There he saw horses, a little pig, a goose, lambs, a dog, a rat, a spider, and in the distance woods. It looked like a nice place to rest so Wilbur went in.

Soon he made a friend. It was a little runt and his name was Wilbur too! Wilbur the pig said that Wilbur the penguin could stay with him until he can go home again. Wilbur the penguin asked Wilbur the pig if there was a lake to swim in. Wilbur said "yes. How do you get there? Oh it's all so simple. You see that pole, well you turn there and go straight." That's so hard thought Wilbur the penguin. Well I might as well just go along.

When he got to the pole he stopped. Then he thought and finally he said "This is ridiculous but I want to get to the lake." So he walked on. Finally he got to the lake. He began to swim. But it started to rain. Wilbur the pig started running out of the barn. He ran all the way to the lake. But Wilbur the penguin wasn't there! "OH NO!" cried Wilbur the pig. BOO! cried a voice that sounded familiar. It was Lurvy. Wilbur the pig ran.

Suddenly Wilbur the penguin arrived. Lurvy was puzzled and said "What on earth is a penguin doing here in the country?" Let's run, cried Wilbur the pig. So both of them ran until they could run no more. Then they walked back to the barn. Mr. Zuckerman was so surprised to see a penguin that he called the police! They came right away. Poor Wilbur the penguin. Then he remembered his flippers. He tried and tried to fly but he was so scared of the police that he couldn't fly. Finally Wilbur the pig said "don't worry, me and the others have it all worked out."

Soon enough all the animals, even the spider, pushed all the men down. Wilbur the penguin decided to stay with Wilbur the pig. Wilbur the penguin made many more friends but Wilbur and Wilbur were best friends. And they did all sorts of things together.

THE END

- Jamie Mandel

The Penguin Who Found An Alien Egg

My name is Emperor. I have a story to tell you about me finding an alien egg. It all started when I was in the rookery. An egg fell from the sky into my nest. Finally it hatched and two antennas popped out. Next I saw a green alien. Then I saw a note. It said, "Who ever gets this baby please take good care of my baby. My planet blew up. Thank you. Kriply."

So I did as he said and then it started crying, I guess for food. So I got fish. He gobbled them up just like that! I brought him to my home, made a cozy spot and turned on a cartoon. He giggled, laughed and clapped his hands. I named him Picky because he picks things.

A long time has passed and he grew up and his hobby is skating.

- Oren Bachar

MRS. RUSCHIN'S SECOND GRADE CLASS

Students in Mrs. Ruschin's class submitted their entries to the Roosevelt Field Mother's Day Essay Contest. All the essays were filled with love, warmth, and pride. Two complete essays and excerpts of all others follow.

I'm proud of my Mom because she is a nurse. She helps save lives. I can't believe it! My Mom helps almost everybody. She works at the hospital at night so she is tired. I hardly see her but she worries a lot about me. That's one reason I love my Mom. There's a billion more ways that I love her. I probably have the BEST Mom in the world. I love when she helps me and when we spend time together, especially when we go to the park.

- Chase Muratore

I'm proud of my Mom because she spends time with me. She cares about me and my sister and my friends a lot. She helps me with my projects. She does best for me. She takes me to school early. She makes me parties. She cares about my Dad's Mom and Dad and her Mom and Dad. She has a good heart. She cares about people in the war that are fighting for the people from all the states. She loves me and I love her. She is the best Mom I think. She even makes a party for my Dad.

- Gabrielle Stoller

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"I'm proud of my Mom because. . . ."

My Mom helps me fly a kite and helps me get ready for my Communion. My Mom helped me read the alphabet, too, and to count to ten.

- Michael Apap

My Mom does most of the things for me; she cooks food for me to eat, and buys me clothes to wear. When I'm at school she cleans the house.

- Matthew Cetta

My Mom is a teacher in Spanish. She makes me very happy and I make her very happy. She is a special Mom. She makes dinner, too.

- Jeffrey Eisenberg

My Mom works as a teacher and gets money and the money she gets she saves and we go on vacations. I'm glad she got married to my Dad and they had me and my little brother.

- Pamela Fallica

My Mom cooks for me and lets me sleep late. She also lets me play.

- Nathaniel Fancher

My Mom helps kids learn. My Mom is a teacher of 3rd grade and she does everything with them and I am proud of her job. She also helps me empty the garbage and do my chores.

- Jonathan Greene

My Mom helps me and Gladys correct our homework. She also helps me on piano when I need her help.

- Brian Magh

I'm proud of my Mom because she had me. She also takes care of my baby sister and my other sister so well. She fixes toys for us and takes us to sports we play. She always loves us and that's why we always love her.

- Danny Morse

My Mom helped me put together my room when I first moved here. My Mom is a very nice lady.

- Simon Rosenthal

My Mom is a fun person. She makes me eat healthy. She makes me eat properly. She makes me read and do work but it makes me happy that she does all those things for me.

- Ashley Rothkopf

My Mom is an Aide and I like her being an Aide. I love her and I like her helping other people.

- Connie Scarantino

My Mom is kind and helpful and when I have a problem she helps me with it. She is always so happy she makes me happy.

- Lisa Seelig

My Mom is a Gym Teacher. She's a SUPER MOM. She gives me good chores to do. She kisses me at night and she got me into school, too.

- Zachary Turner

My mom gave me a desk and lets me have sleepovers.

- Andrew Vardakis

My Mom is a P.T.A. She helps me with my homework and loves my family.

- Danielle Viggiano

My Mom takes me out to Burger King and to Nunley's. She helps me learn when I do not understand it. She cares a lot about me.

- Jamie Winokur

My Mom teaches me how to pray. She goes to school now and I am proud of that because that is how she knows more. She also helps me with Communion and Korean School.

- Caroline Yun

MRS. LEWIS' FIFTH GRADE CLASS

MRS. LEWIS ASKED HER CLASS TO WRITE WHAT THEY THINK "THE PERFECT AGE" IS. WE HOPE YOU ENJOY READING THEIR RESPONSES AS MUCH AS THEY ENJOYED WRITING THEM.

What do you think the perfect age would be? For me, it is 23! I would like to be 23 because I would just graduate from my fourth year of college, and off I will be to my first year of HARVARD MEDICAL SCHOOL! Yes, I have high hopes. Do you? I want to become a pediatrician.

I will have my driver's license, and will not have to ask my parents if I could go out with my friends. I would go on a trip to France, and drive for miles just to see the scenery. I would be on my own in the world. I would be FREE! I could enjoy life and take on new responsibilities. MY LIFE WOULD BE A DREAM!

- Dana Rosenbloom

I think the perfect age to be is 22. I think this is because you are old enough to have your permit and drive. This is very good because you can take all of your friends cruising in your car. Also you are old enough to vote so that you can have a say in our government. For me, this is the age I can move into my own apartment and am free to be on my own. Also, you're old enough to go into hospitals and visit someone who is sick.

- Lizanne Romero

The perfect age would be 18! The reasons why I choose 18 are that I could drive and play at billiard shops. Another reason would be I could see 'R' rated movies alone. I would be able to get a job. During the summer I would get a job at a beach club or as a counselor because I like kids. I would earn a good salary (hopefully \$10.00 an hour). That means I would get \$500.00 a week. I think that would be enough. I would put half in the bank and the other half would be for spending money.

- Alan Dancyger

The perfect age is 25. I want to be 25 because I will be able to have a job. There are many things I can be, but right now I do not know. I also will get a red convertible and a punch buggy. I will have three houses. I will have one in New York, one in Florida, and one in California. I will have a lot of responsibilities, but I will still be free to do what I want. I will visit my mom, dad,

and family often. Maybe I will have my own family. Who knows?
- Ariel Vegosen

I think the perfect age is 13. I have been looking forward to be 13 ever since I was 7. I want to be 13 because I want to have a Bar Mitzvah. I have never been to a Bar Mitzvah in my life, and when my parents go they bring back good stuff. I also want to be 13 because I want Hebrew school to disappear. I still want to be 13 even though it is about 3 years away.
- Joshua Zachman

I think the perfect age would be sixteen. The reasons why are because of my sweet sixteen party, and I can walk to the movies with my friends. I would also get my drivers permit. I can go on dates. I can become a babysitter. I can buy my own guinea pig.

If I can become a babysitter I think it will be fun to be alone in a house playing, or putting a baby to sleep. I will mostly be babysitting for my parents, but will probably not get paid for watching two zoo animals (my two brothers.)
I would love to be sixteen for a week.

- Kristin Vardakis

I think the perfect age would be twenty-two. I would already have a car and I could drive anywhere I want. I would be allowed to have a dog, since my mom won't let me have one now. I would be just out of college and on my own. I would get a job as a stock broker. I'd be rich. In fact, I'd be the richest stock broker in the world. Then I wouldn't have to work anymore, and I could retire and move to Florida. I would have anything I want there and would never have to work unless I wanted to.
- Jason Goldberg

I personally think that 18 is the most perfect age that exists. Eighteen year olds can drive, get into 'R' movies without a parent, and if I'm sick and tired of my parents, I could just pack my bags and move out!

Secondly, my parents would NOT be able to tell me how late I can stay out with my friends. There would be no such thing as a "bedtime."

I would make sure that I was in a good college to get a well paying job (definitely not at Burger King!) In my spare time, I would read all kinds of books to prepare for medical school. I can't predict the future but I know for sure that I will be one happy 18 year old!

- Heather Davidowitz

I think the perfect age is twenty-one because at that age I would move out of a dorm and find an apartment of my own, and it would be my last college year.

At the age of twenty-one I could go to Las Vegas or Atlantic City, drive alone by myself at night and get a part-time job in a store that pays good money.

When I move out of my mom's house I could get a dog. At twenty-one I can do everything I want to do.

- Marc Satin

I think the perfect age is 18. There are so many things you can do! You can get away from your parents, go to the movies with friends and go shopping in the mall. Maybe even get into discos. You can drive without asking your mom or dad to drive you.

Some people even want to go to college. Some people want to be a doctor, dentist, lawyer, judge, and more. When I grow up I want to be a childrens' doctor. I'd want to study to become something, so when I have children I can answer all of their questions.

- Alessandra Crescenzi

I think the age of 18 is perfect because you don't have bedtime and you get to live in a dorm with all your friends. Now that's what I call fun!!

You can travel wherever you want, like on ski trips to Florida. I would absolutely love to take a semester of school in PARIS. I can just imagine 6 weeks in Paris!

On the weekends I would drive in my own car to see my family. I'd get a part time job selling clothes for kids. Half the money I'd put away in the bank. The second half I would SPEND. I would study very HARD so I could get a good education.

- Raneet Goldman

If I had to be the perfect age, I would pick one year old. At one I would get a lot of attention. People would say I am so cute and cuddly. My mom would have to give me a bottle because I can't feed myself. I wouldn't have to clean my room because I'm not old enough. I wouldn't have to go to school or do work because I can't read or write.

I would learn to do a lot of things at the age of one. I would learn to walk and talk. I would have a big birthday because it would be my first birthday. I hope to have many more fun birthdays.

- Amanda Strauss

I would want to be twenty-two years old because I can get married and have my own house. I would have a family and have children. Then I would get a job as a policeman or a karate teacher. I think I would be a good father. I want to be a policeman so people would know someone is there for them and I would make a good salary. That's my perfect age.

- Jason Galvin

I think the perfect age is fifty!! By then I will have figured out what I want to do in life. My problems would be solved (at least I hope so.) It will be called middle age which means I can do just about anything. I have gone through half my life already.

I will have children of my own. They will be grown up and going through the same things I did. This means I will help them through tough times.

I have a feeling that when I hit the age fifty I am not going to think it is the perfect age. I am going to think ten is the perfect age!!

- Brienne Katz

MRS. WALSH'S FIFTH GRADE CLASS

FOLLOWING ARE THREE EXAMPLES OF THE WRITING THAT MRS. WALSH'S STUDENTS HAVE BEEN CREATING DURING THE YEAR. THEY ARE EACH ON A DIFFERENT TOPIC, REPRESENTATIVE OF THE PARTICULAR ASSIGNMENT GIVEN.

Planet Goofy

One day I took a trip to outer space. I came across something very interesting. It looked like a planet. So I landed on it and got out of my spaceship. I went to explore. Then I thought about giving it a name. I named it the planet Goofy. The reason why I named it Goofy is because everything is opposite from the way it is on the planet Earth.

I thought that everything on planet Goofy was amazing. The people walk on their hands. The trees grow in the ponds. The flowers and grass grow in the sky. The sun only comes out at night, and the moon and stars come out during the day. Humans from Earth can live on planet Goofy, but they will have to learn how to walk on their hands. The animals walk on their back paws. It is a funny sight. Some people live in the zoo. The animals go to visit them. The people go skiing during the summer and they swim during the winter. The people eat mushed foods because they don't have any teeth. The cars are similar to the ones on Earth, but the ones on Goofy fly. The people there don't have to work. They get their money from trees called money trees, which grow in the ponds as well. The men have babies and they also raise them, while the women go picking the money from the money trees. The babies there are born with a lot of hair and they are born speaking and walking.

I had a lot of fun visiting planet Goofy. I would like to go there again and bring some friends and family!

- Melissa Morse

The Flying Pig

I was born on June 15th, 1851, on a very large farm in North Dakota. I grew up on that farm, and when I was old enough, I had to clean out the pigs' stall and feed them at dinner time. One day I told my father that I wanted a pig of my own, and the next day was the county fair so he took me there. He told me that he would pay for the pig.

When we got there, I started to look for a pig that I liked. I soon found one and told my father about it. It was a very small and expensive pig, but I didn't care since he was paying for it. When I got home, I put him in the pig stall and gave him dinner. After I came out, I went over to open the pigs' gate.

When I got the gate open, the little pig ran out and flew away. I was so surprised! The only way to get him back was to let him back himself. He came back towards me, started to loop in the air,

and he did some other tricks too. On one of his low loops, I was able to touch him.

Just as I touched him, he flew higher, and I started flying too! So now I was able to get him and bring him back to the pig pen. I tried to tell my parents about it, but of course they didn't believe me.

The next morning after we had eaten our breakfast, they went outside with me to see if I was telling the truth. Sure enough, the pig had squeezed under the gate and was just starting to fly away. Although the pig was so high up that you could hardly see him, I was able to jump up and get him.

Now they believed what I had said, because they had seen for themselves. I think my father now understood why that pig was so expensive: it could fly!

- Walter Coulter

Missing You

One summer my parents decided to go to Greece so my brother and I could meet our relatives there for the first time. Our trip was to be a summer of fun-filled days on the beach, island cruises, a lot of food, and just having a great time. What I didn't realize was that my father wasn't going to be spending the whole time with us - only half.

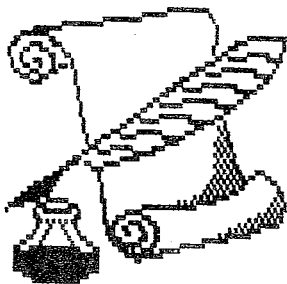
The vacation proceeded on schedule until take-off. We taxied down the runway and just before we took off, a crack in the plane windshield was noticed. This caused us a seven hour delay. Well, we finally reached Greece seven hours late, and were greeted by kisses, hugs, and cheek pinching.

All the fun that was planned I had but there was always something missing. My mom, my brother, my relatives and I went to beaches and ate at restaurants together but I missed seeing my dad.

The month passed quickly and soon we were behind a gate waiting for my father's plane to come in. When his plane landed, it landed on an angle, and my father got off the plane facing opposite from the gate we were waiting at. I could see him come out the door, but then disappear behind the wing. That was when my excitement overcame me. I quickly slipped through the little opening of the gate and ran under the big plane to greet him at the bottom. I jumped into his arms. I was so glad to see him.

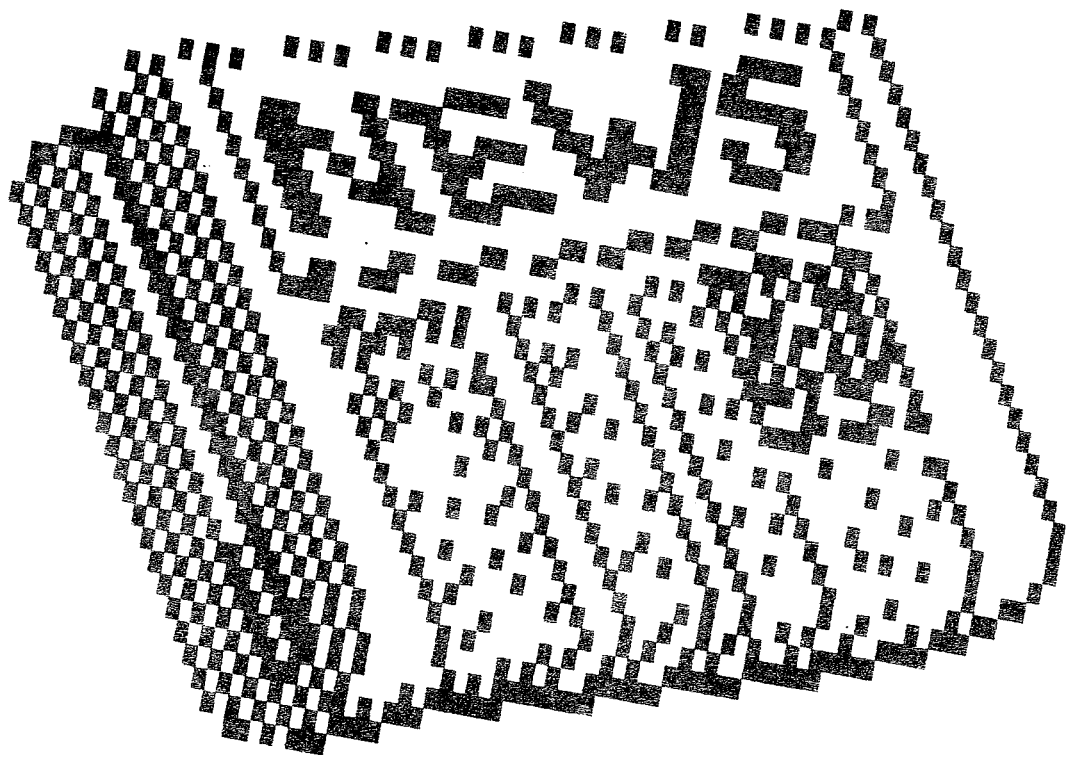
For the next month in Greece, my whole family had a great time swimming, boating, touring the Greek islands, and just being together.

- Anna Kanterakis



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6th Grade & L.C.

Hit the Stands!!

FOREST ROAD NEWS

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SPORTS

Basketball Players

by Michael Rick and David Iocco

Rickey Pierce: Guard/Forward, Milwaukee Bucks Height: 6'4" Weight: 210 Born: 8/19/59 Dallas, Texas

Ricky averaged 23 points per game from 1989-90, plus he wasn't a starter for the team. But when he comes onto the court from the bench he earned himself the NBA Sixth Man Award which he won in 1987. He was a great player.



Bernard King: Forward Washington Bullets Height 6'7", Weight: 205 Born: 12/4/56, Brooklyn, N.Y.

King won the NBA scoring title in 1984-85 by averaging 32 points per game. He scored 50 points twice during that year in back to back games. In the two years after that he couldn't play due to a knee injury. Bernard averaged 22 points in 1989-90.

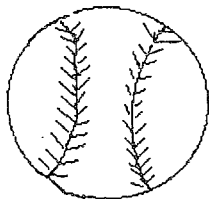
Bol the, TALLEST man in the NBA (7'). He plays for the Philadelphia 76ers.

Bol has 70 family members who live back in Africa that are going to starve in the next decade. If you want to donate food leave a letter with Ms. Goldberg or Mrs. Kessler.

UP AND COMING ROOKIES

BY MICHAEL RICK AND DAVID IOCCO

Dave Justice, in 1990 hit 28 homeruns and had a batting average of .282. He was the Atlanta Braves top outfielder for 1990. With these statistics, he is sure to be one of the league's best players. Kevin Maas, in 1990 hit 21 homeruns and his average was .252. He set an all time record by hitting 10 homeruns in 70 at bats. Kevin was rated seventh best prospect of the year. He is a great baseball player and will be a sure success for the New York Yankees next season. John Olerud in 1990 hit 14 homeruns and had an average of .265. John was player of the year for Washington University with a batting average of .465. John has the power of Babe Ruth and will be a star for the Toronto Blue Jays.



EDITORIALS

WILL IRAQ FILE FOR CHAPTER 11?

AN EDITORIAL BY SETH COHN

After the war, Iraq will need a lot of money to rebuild their country. George Bush has stated that he doesn't want "one single American tax dime" to go to Iraq. Where will Iraq get this money? I feel that Iraq will go into a major depression until the U.S. Presidential elections of 1992. A major question will be "Do we want to rebuild Iraq?" I think we will when Saddam Hussein is ousted from power and charged with war crimes. I think this will happen at that time. Until then, Iraq will ask France, United Kingdom, U.S.S.R., Saudi Arabia, Jordan, and believe it or not, the U.S. and Kuwait for money. I think Jordan will give Iraq some money, France and the United Kingdom will pledge money but never give it, U.S.S.R. can't afford a penny, Saudi Arabia won't give Iraq any money because of damage due to Scud missiles. The U.S. and Kuwait won't give any money due to the damage and destruction done to Kuwait. I also feel that the Allied Coalition will make Iraq apologize for invading Kuwait in front of the world. Iraq owes Kuwait \$14 billion. I feel that Kuwait will lose out on this money.

Another problem in the Middle East is the Arab-Israeli conflict. I think in order to make peace, Israel will have to withdraw from the West Bank. Israel will still be threatened by the Arabs. I also think the Israeli government should give a little more power to the Arabs like letting them vote and letting them become citizens. Once all the oil fires are put out and the country is presentable, Kuwait will again be an oil exporting giant. Kuwait won't be as rich as they were, but will still have money. I think Kuwait will try to stay away from trading with Iraq, but will eventually realize they are losing money so they will start trading with Iraq. The U.S.-Arab relations will suffer with Iraq and Jordan. Most likely, the U.S. will improve relations with Saudi Arabia, Bahrain, Qatar, United Arab Emirates, and of course Kuwait.

"Army Recruiting"

by Brian Fletcher

In their last year of high school, teenagers are visited by Armed Forces recruiters. My question this month is, should they be allowed to do that? When the recruiters come, the kids are still a little young and maybe a little too immature to make that decision.

The Armed Forces recruiters may just tell you the good points about the Forces, like the satisfaction of serving your country, but not the bad points, such as tough training. After the discussion, Seniors may feel pressured to serve their country.

The question is, should Armed Forces recruiters be able to visit high schools before Seniors graduate?, and my answer is NO.

From a little ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

to
A LARGE HIGH SCHOOL

By Matt Mitgang

The transition from an elementary to a high school can and will put a lot of pressure on a child at the age of twelve. The pressure of a high school transition is even harder for a Forest Roader who is entering the school he or she will be in for the next 6 years. Everyone is scared about the change of schools, but some are more scared than others.

Entertainment

By Allyson Fass and Andrea Floyd

Entertainment, these days, consists of watching television and going to the movies. "Full House" which is on Friday nights at 8:00 p.m. Channel 7 has become very popular. Another television program that came out a while ago is "Fresh Prince of Bell Air". It has become very popular. This show is on Monday nights, 8:00 p.m. on Channel 4.

A new movie that came out several weeks ago is "King Ralph". It is doing pretty well. Everybody seems to be running out to see it. "Edward Scissorhands" is a hearttouching sad movie. We hear a lot of people cry after seeing this movie.

"Home Alone" is a very popular movie around the school. Many people have been seeing it two or three times. "Home Alone" has been hitting the charts like hot potatoes. To prove Home Alone is really hot, we took a poll on "Home Alone", "Edward Scissorhands", "Look Who's Talking Too", and "Three Men and a Little Lady". We interviewed Ms. Maresca's third grade class and Mrs. Lewis' fifth grade class. This is how the results turned out.

HOME ALONE	ED SCISSORHANDS	LOOK WHO'S TALKING TOO	THREE MEN AND A LITTLE LADY
15	0	0	0
13	0	0	0

Food

Vicki Orena

Bernardetta Giambrone

Mary Plunkett

During the month of March, there are two holidays that we have treats for you to make. For St. Patrick's day, you can make Shamrock Cupcakes. For Easter, try our Peter Rabbit Cake. We hope you enjoy our snacks.



Ingredients: green food coloring green gumdrops(or jellybeans) 1 can of white frosting 1 package of any flavor cake mix

Directions: 1.Prepare and bake cupcakes as directed 2.Allow cake to cool 3.Add one or two drops only of green food coloring to white frosting 4.Frost cupcakes with light green frosting 5.Slice a gumdrop or jellybean to form thin (circle sized) slices as shown. 6.Arrange three peices of gumdrops on the cupcakes to form a shamrock 7.Cut out the stem from the remaining gumdrops.

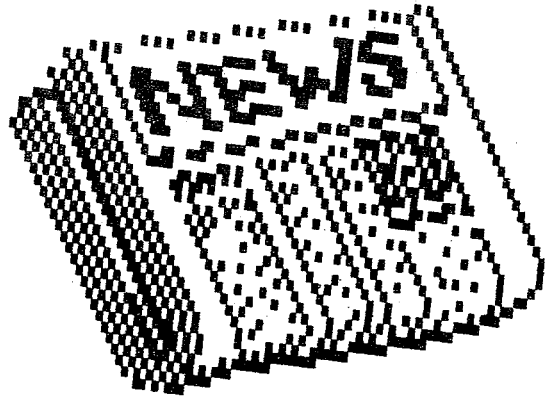


PEOPLE

By:Kerri Salomon & Vicki Orena

We recently had an interview with our new principal, Dr. Cronin. Our creative principal told us plans for the future and her past. From what we have learned, our principal is a hard worker. We should all welcome her and give her our support. Here is the conversation that was brought up at our interview:

- How do you feel about being a principal in Forest Road School?
I am very happy to be working with children kindergarten through sixth grade.
- What were you doing before you came to Forest Road School?
I was principal of an elementary school in Westchester County. This school only had kindergarten through second grade.
- What was it like being the new person in school and not knowing anyone?
It was a little bit lonely and scary until I got to know everyone in school. Everyone was very helpful to me from the first day. Forest Road very quickly felt like home.
- How was your first day of school compared to now?
Now, I know all the routines, so things can get done faster.
- What new improvements are you planning to make for our school?
The first improvement that was made was changing the inside recess time. Hopefully, we can look at other new ideas.
- How do you feel when people compliment you on your job?
I have received compliments and it makes me feel very happy to know that my efforts are appreciated.



BUSINESS & ECONOMY

BY BRANDON SACHS

On March 6, 1991, President Bush addressed the members of Congress and some guests. Here are some excerpts from his speech.

* OUTLINE FOR PEACE IN THE MID - EAST *

1. PEOPLE MUST WORK TOGETHER FOR REGIONAL SECURITY.
2. CITIZENS MUST ACT TO ABOLISH THE GULF ARMS RACE.
3. CREATE NEW JOB OPPORTUNITIES FOR PEOPLE IN THE GULF
4. MUST STRENGTHEN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

* EFFECTS OF OPERATION DESERT STORM

In the March issue of "Money" there were 2 important Here are 3 of them.

Q: Will recession get much worse?

A: Experts say it's possible federal chairman Greenspan is trying to end our economic slump by pushing down interest rates, but if the war lasts past March 30, hard times could stretch into the third quarter.

Q: Will there be a war tax?

A: Probably not, but if the war lasts longer than 6 months a tax hike may be unavoidable. A levy on gas and imported oil seems more likely than an income tax surcharge.

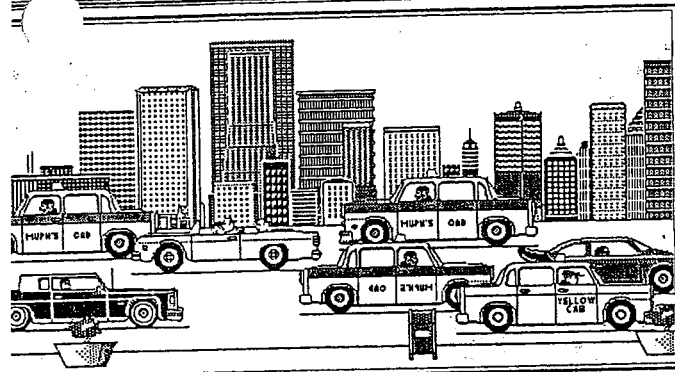
Q: Will it be cheaper to fly soon?

A: Yes, jet fuel is likely to get cheaper soon. Also many people are cancelling trips due to terrorism.

Airlines will have to cut their fares to lure back costumers.

Next month I will write about how terrorism can help us, and how the war affected your house, employment, and expenses.





A TRIP TO NEW YORK

On the 31 of January, LC4 went on a trip to New York City. We had so much fun. First, on our way to the train station, we walked about half a mile. No one complained about the walk. We talked most of the way. We raced through the park. Mrs. Wood's daughter raced me and she beat me in a race. She was so fast and very cute. On the way back to Forest Road, Mrs. Rini was racing though the park she was really racing across the park. We were on the 9:30 train and the ride was short. We arrived at New York at 5:00. We got to the Empire State Building and in the basement was the Guinness World Book of Records. We saw so many things. One of them was the world's tallest man. He was almost 9 feet tall and they had a picture of him. You had to look up. We went up to the 86th Floor and we got off the elevator. We went outside. It was cold but we were so excited. We looked down and we saw people who looked like ants. We went to the souvenir shop and bought a lot of things. After that we went to McDonald's and everyone had a feast. Everyone had french fries. We had Big Macs, hamburgers, chicken sandwiches, cheeseburgers.

story by Joanne B.

DWIGHT GOODEN

Dwight Gooden is a man of his words. Just a few days ago Dwight Gooden tied his salary with Roger Clemens of the Boston Red Sox. Dwight Gooden is staying with the Mets for another year. Since Lyle Strawberry left the Mets last year the Mets are picking up speed. They got Dwight Gooden to stay. How long can this last? I know one thing the Mets are on a better smooth road to victory!

story by Mike Iulucci

THE NEW YORK METS AND FRANK VIOLA

Frank Viola's elbow a sore spot, bone spurs concerns Mets. Just a few days ago Frank Viola was at the work out camp doing what he always does, pitching baseballs. All of a sudden, Viola's elbow was throbbing with pain. Frank Cashen, The Mets general manager and the manager were concerned that Viola would not be able to pitch. Frank Viola said as he left the ball park the other day, "My Elbow felt 100% better!", he left the ball park feeling great!!!!

story by Mike Iulucci

SUPER BOWL XXV

Super Bowl xxv started like this. It was the first down Bills quarter back through the ball to the Bills receiver, it was going great. The Bills receiver caught the ball, he ran to the thirty, he ran to the thirty. Boom! The Bills receiver was tackled. Three of the Giants slaughtered the Bills receiver. Five downs later Bills leading it 3 to 0 on a field goal. Second down for the Giants. What is this the Giants tied it at 3 on a field goal by Man Bahr!! The Bills retaliated by scoring a touch down that made it a 10 to 3 game. Even nobody thought the Giants were out of it for good!! BUT, ten minutes later Giants quarter back Jeff Hostetler was on the Bills territory when Hostetler got tackled by two of the Bills. Then they got the touch down by O. Anderson. Bills came back the score was 12 to 10. The stadium was shaking the people were going wild. To make a long story short the Bills got the short end of the stick the Giants were leading by a score of 20 to 19. The Bills lost on a missing field goal by Norwood. All of a sudden the game was over the Giants won the Super Bowl xxv by a score of 20 to 19.

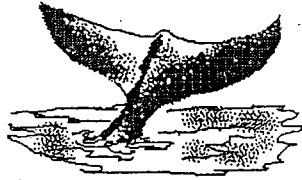
story by Mike Iulucci and Ronny Fazio.



FIRE!

Fire trucks zoom to the house. An ambulance raced to the house to help the man. The house was on Green Street. Dad told me the man played with matches. Both floors were on fire. The old man lived by himself. This happened on February 10, 1991. Matches are dangerous for anyone. Fire drills are important in the house. Every house must have a smoke detector.

Joey E.



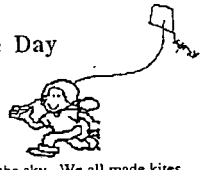
WHALE TALES

This story was about a boy who went every summer to Lapush on the Washington coast. He liked to spend time at the docks. When he was thirteen years old, he got a job as a boatpuller on a troller Maggie. He got excited when he saw a whale.

written by Mike Gamba

1991 Kite Day

Mrs. Woods class had a kite day in school. We were going to see how long our kites were going to stay up in the sky. We all made kites. They were very nice. We all went to the back of the school. We started flying our kites. Some of our kites went up and some did not. Some of the kites ripped and some did not.



Lori Rutkowski

Patrick and the Dinosaur

One day Patrick went to the zoo. He told his brother that he saw a Dinosaur. His brother said there are no more dinosaurs living. Now they are all dead. They only live in your imagination.

written by Chris Viggiano



by Mike Gamba

Heroes In Our Hearts

Thank you for helping us to fight for the right.
 You've risked it all to defend our cause,
 You've used the American Flag against Hussein
 You've closed the doors on an ugly war.
 As students we worked on the war in a few ways,
 We read the newspaper and watched the news,
 Letters to soldiers, a display was made,
 Listening to the radio really gave us the blues.
 You are heroes in our hearts,
 You did your very, very best,
 You helped many, many, people
 And you put the war to rest.
 THANK YOU!!!

Written by LC4

~ Reflections ~

Winners

Musical Category...

"If I had One Wish"

Words by

MUSIC

IF I had one wish what would it be, would it be for someone else or me

Oh! I don't know what I'd wish for if I had one wish

z/vamp about (end)

Verse 2

Maybe some money, a new car, peace on earth or a trip Mars, IF I had one wish I don't know what if

would be. I really don't know! If I had one wish!

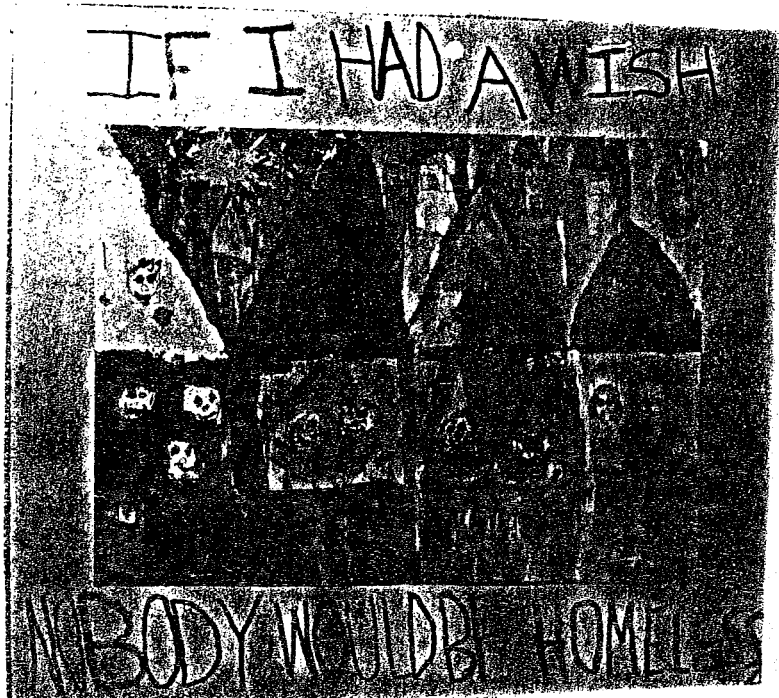
Verse 3

IF I had one wish I know what it would be good health to my whole family I've hope you've

enjoyed my little song, called if I only had one wish! IF I had one wish!!!

BRYAN OWEN 95.6

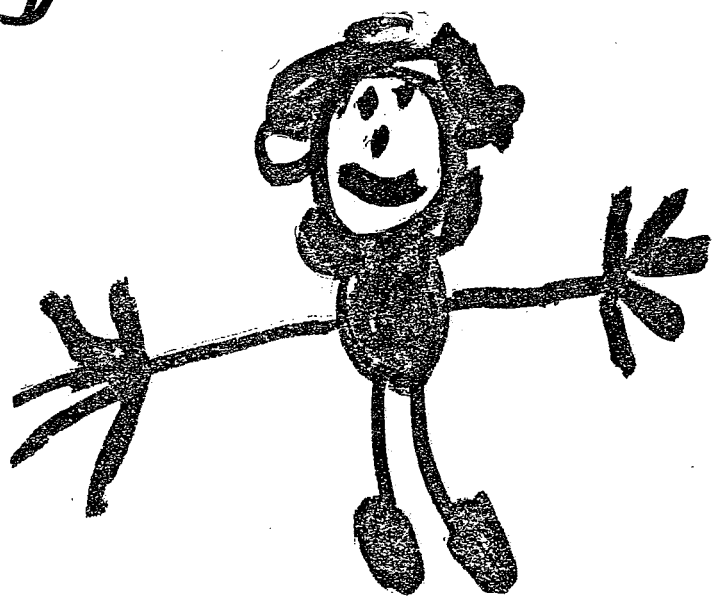
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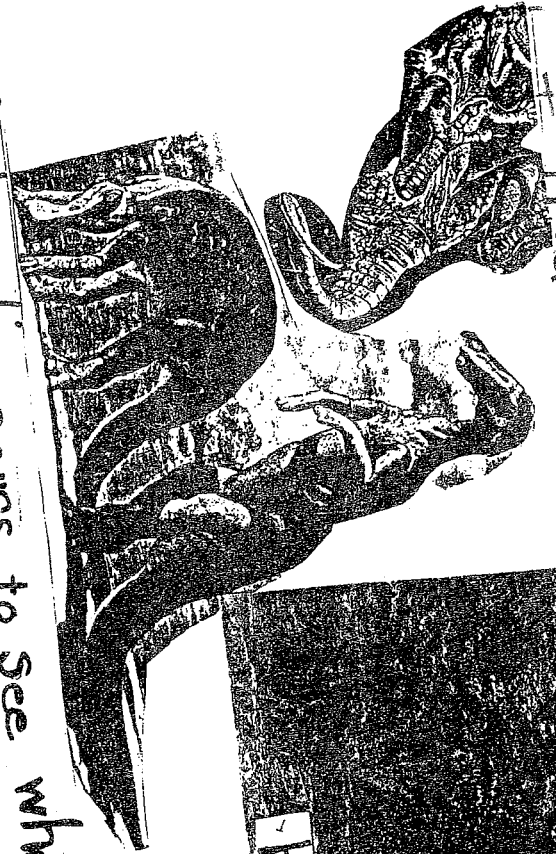
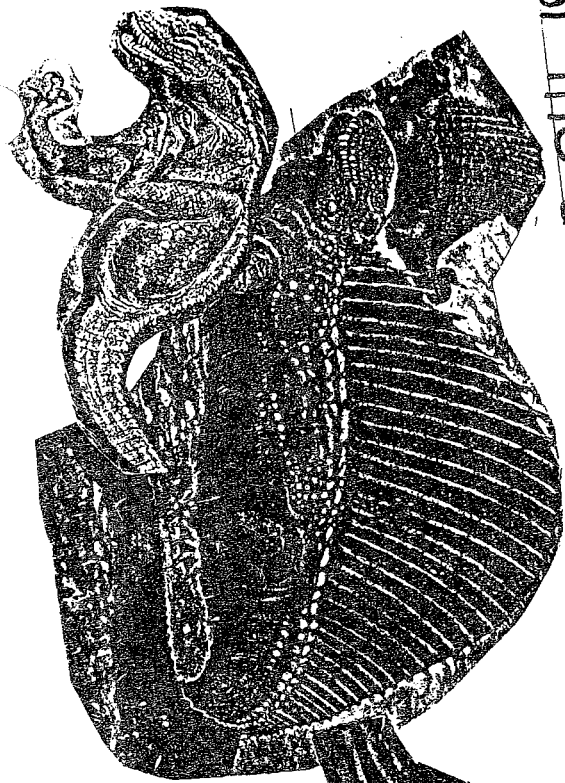
Jamie Jevda
gr. 2

The Jevda family attended a Reflections awards ceremony in New Hyde Park. Jamie's picture is now touring the state on display.

JOANNA CETTA
gr. K



"I wish I can just be me."



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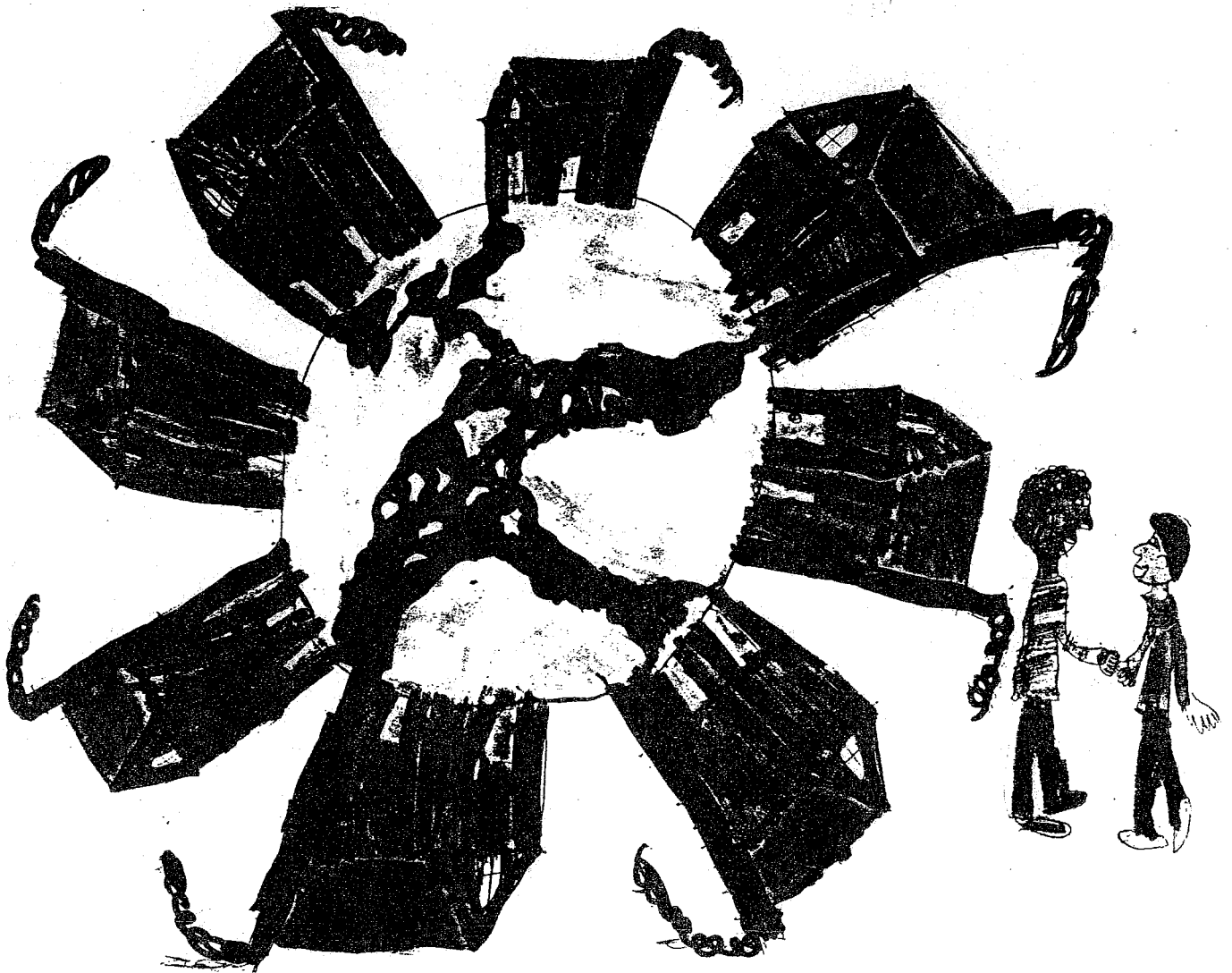
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If I had a wish...



EVA Kiviat
gr. 3

Congratulations to all !!

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CO-PRESIDENTS:	MARIA FLETCHER SUSAN VIGGIANO
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ASSISTANT FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT:	BONNIE MAGARIL
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TREASURER:	LAURA SILVERMAN
CORRESPONDING SECRETARY:	JANICE BROWN
RECORDING SECRETARY:	ROBIN LAURENTZ
FINANCIAL SECRETARY:	ELLY HABER

JUNE CALENDAR

JUNE 5	PTA EXECUTIVE & GENERAL MEETING	8:00PM
JUNE 6	FIELD DAY	
JUNE 12	FATHER'S DAY BOUTIQUE	9-3:00
JUNE 14	TEACHER RECOGNITION DAY	
JUNE 19	SIXTH GRADE GRADUATION	
JUNE 21	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL (AS IF YOU'D FORGET)	

HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY SUMMER!

FORESTER STAFF:

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1993



Calendar



OCTOBER

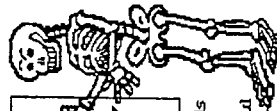
- 20 PTA meeting 8 pm
- 22 Pumpkin Patch
- 23 40th Birthday BASH!
10:00am-2:00pm
- 24 (Rain date)
- 25 District #30
Bd. of Ed. mtg. 8pm
- 29 6th grade party

November

- 2 School closed
- Election Day
- 4 PTA Exec. Bd. mtg.
9:15am
- 5 School Pictures
- 10 PTA FASHION SHOW
- 11 School Closed
- Veterans Day
- 15-19 Education Week
- 17 BOND ISSUE VOTE
7 am - 10 pm
- PTA General mtg
8 pm
- 22 District #30
Bd. of Ed. mtg. 8pm
- 25 THANKSGIVING DAY
- 25,26 School closed

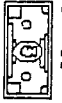
HALLOWEEN IS GREAT

WHEN YOU PLAY IT SAFE!



Halloween falls on a Sunday this year... So let's be extra careful driving on Oct. 31st.

PTA Newsletter



Your Membership Dollars at work

PTA Co. Presidents
Maria Silverman
Maria Fletcher
Editor Joyce Seeks

Forest Road School
District #30
Forest Road
Valley Stream, NY



FALL 1993



THE FORESTER

THE FOREST ROAD SCHOOL PTA NEWSLETTER

Just think Bobbie our very own school is opening.



I love Sis. I bet she will be 40 years old this day 40 years from now.

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Come with us as we go BACK TO THE FUTURE 1953 - 1993



FOREST ROAD'S 40TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

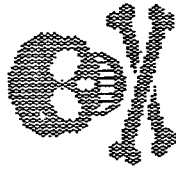
In November of 1953 the Forest Road School was officially dedicated. Forty years later, the Forest Road PTA is planning a Birthday celebration, with the cooperation of District #30. PTA's gift to the school on this special occasion is a new playground. Our school community can take pride in this gift. It was through the fundraising efforts of the PTA, with the cooperation and generosity of the children, parents and community, that this gift was possible.

The gift is a part of the celebration planned. PTA is preparing a community celebration - FOREST ROAD 40 YEARS YOUNG. The festivities begin with a re-dedication program at 10am. This will include musical presentations by the Forest Road children, a flag salute with representation from all the scout troops in our community, a selection by the Forest Road band, speeches, and the presentation of the gift. This will be followed by a series of activities including dancing, refreshments, sack races and a whole lot more.

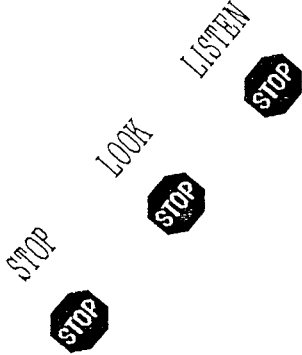
We hope that you will all decide to join us for this special day.

REMEMBER - OCTOBER 23 - SATURDAY - 10am - 2pm
(raindate October 24)

*School is what **WE** make it!*



DANGEROUS SITUATION PLEASE DRIVE WITH CAUTION



SAFETY MESSAGE

Please do not park illegally, double park or make U turns on Jasmine Lane or back out of Jasmine Lane onto Forest Road. People doing so are endangering the safety of the children.

There are **NO STANDING** signs near the school gates on Jasmine Lane. This means "no person shall stand or park a vehicle, whether occupied or not, but may stop temporarily for the purpose of and while actively engaged in receiving or discharging passengers."

Please utilize the abundance of parking further down on Jasmine. Then after parking in a safe and legal manner, escort your child to and from school.

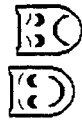
The 5th Police Precinct has been notified. They will begin ticketing illegally parked cars immediately.

We need your cooperation to correct this dangerous situation. We must work together to make the arrival and dismissal of our children as safe as possible. Thank you for your understanding and assistance.



I BRAKE FOR ROAD RUNNERS

DRIVE CAREFULLY



PTA PROGRAMS
Fall update from the
Programming Comm.

Colleen Hickey 2nd Vice President
Alison Smith Committee Chairperson

The Programming Committee has been busy since this past spring searching for quality assembly programs in hopes of providing the students and faculty with some NEW presentations and welcoming back some favorite performers. The following assemblies have been scheduled for the fall:

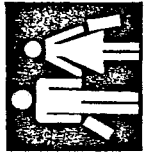
- 1 Tuesday, Oct. 12th: Dr. Quinton Quark's Slapstick Science. Students will learn to balance SCIENCE and FUN!
- 2 Tuesday Oct. 26th: Elizabeth Rowe. Halloween will be arriving early at Forest Road School with this entertaining storyteller.
- 3 Tuesday, Nov. 16th: Attention to Prevention. An assembly program on the dangers of drugs starring Bill Strong (Slim Goodbody's best friend).



DR. QUARK'S
SLAPSTICK SCIENCE

Dr. Quinton Quark's
Slapstick Science Show

Your PTA Dollars
At Work
for kids



**PTA ACTIVITIES AND
THE WORKING PARENT**

by Sharon Hirth Chairperson Fundraising Comm.

Many parents who work full time feel that they don't have an opportunity to get involved in PTA events.

There are activities held in the evenings and on weekends, so that every parent has the opportunity to participate. Also, baked goods are needed from time to time, and they can be dropped off in the morning.

The Carnival and Kids Bingo are on Saturday afternoons, the Fashion Show and Adult Bingo are at night and the Parent-Child Sox Hop will be held on a Friday evening.

If you are interested in a particular event, or aren't sure what activity you can fit into your schedule but want to help out, then just give me a call at 791-5142 and we'll find a special place for you.

Thanking you in advance for your support.

HELP WANTED
Candy & Gift Wrap
Sale 9/28-10/12
Pumpkin Sale 10/22
Picture Day 11/5
Fashion Show 11/10
Holiday Boutique
12/2-12/3

Attention!
Parents needed to
help GET RAFFLE
donations for PTA
Fashion Show
(Nov. 10th)
CALL Debbie Cohan
825-3118

MEMBERSHIP
Reaching out to
ALL FAMILIES

by KAREN JACOBSON
 Financial Secretary & Membership Chairperson

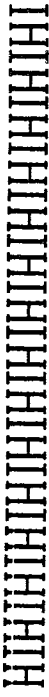
For 40 years the parents, teachers, staff and community of Forest Road School have worked closely together to offer the best possible education and learning environment to the students. The Parent Teacher Association is the mainstay of this successful collaboration. Your membership in the PTA is an integral part of our continued success in seeking a quality education in a supportive environment for this and future generations.

Last year (1992-1993) the Forest Road School PTA was the proud recipient of several outstanding National and State awards with a total of 343 members. Let's make the 40th Anniversary of our school a year to remember. Let us rededicate ourselves to a renewed support and enthusiasm for learning by joining the PTA. Remember: Everyone is welcome to join PTA. You don't have to have a child in school to join. You just have to CARE!



BE
INVOLVED!

JOIN THE
PTA



The Forest Road School PTA would like to bid a warm WELCOME to all our NEW students, teachers, and their families.

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| Jake Blumenthal | Courtney Bleier |
| Adam Cohen | Jessica DelBianco |
| Christina Crouciuc | Megan Falley |
| Brendan Curran | Elyse Farhi |
| Michael Eisenberg | Adrianna Ferraioli |
| Katherine Hicks | Kristen Ann Gensheimer |
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| Dimitrios Kanterakis | Emily Kraus |
| Emily Kramer | Melissa Lefcort |
| Lisa Leinwol | Andrew Paget |
| Briana Lurie | Diana Parisotti |
| Jennifer Lynn | Anthony Plunkett |
| Kelly Ann McDaniel | Benjamin Popper |
| Taylor Norell | Lauren Roth |
| Tejaro Rawlins | Rachel Spector |
| Joseph Rondinelli | Zachary Steindam |
| Nicole Smolin | Scott Ulberg |
| Gregory Sobel | Dean Vardakis |
| Cara Sternberg | Jenny Weinbloom |
| Courtney Weiss | Suzanne Sher |
| Dianna Dimino | Anthony Latino |
| Jason Lucks | Ryan Manacker |
| Glen Manacker | Cory Latino |
| Robert Ruvinsky | Robert Alejan |
| Vincent Berone | Jason Sinaly |
| David Spritzer | Jennifer Heller |
| Rafael Pizarro | Anthony Dimino |



And our new Teachers:
 Dennis Terrel (LCIII)
 Audrey Behar (Contract Substitute)
 Ronnie Horowitz (Gifted & Talented)

REACHING OUT
TO ALL FAMILIES



new physical fitness course

Thanks to our members support in the past years and the support we know you will give us in the year to come, Forest Road PTA is proud to present our school with a new playground.

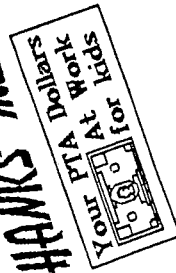
Our new playground is a physical fitness course for children of all ages. The course consists of two large climbers, crawl tubes, a balance beam, a balance platform, a post maze and more.

And for all those who watch the children play, we are adding more benches and some much needed garbage cans and bike racks.

Thanks to the committee who helped to plan the playground. Janice Brown, Maria Fletcher, Elly Haber, Sharon Hirth, Jean Lowery, and Laura Silverman.

Our special thanks to Greg Abbatte for the planning of this playground and his staff for the installation.

THANKS MEMBERS!



Fashion Show
Nov. 10, 1993
7-10 PM
Lawrence Country Club
Clothes by JOY
\$33.00/person
?? Lynn Smolin
Laura Feaser



Co-Presidents Message

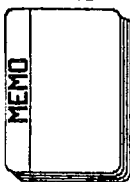
Laura Silverman and
Maria Fletcher

Welcome to the re-birth of THE FORESTER. We in PTA are very excited about this first edition! the beginning of many. This newsletter will be an opportunity to acquaint the Forest Road community with PTA activities and upcoming events. It will be a forum to publicly thank all the people who make our organization such a success.

We are confident that the coming school year will be an exciting and rewarding one for our children and the PTA. If you have any ideas for programs and/or events please share them with us at a PTA meeting, or leave a note in our mailbox at school. There are many ways to get involved, and we welcome all to join us.

On October 23rd the PTA is planning a 40th birthday celebration for Forest Road. Our whole community should be proud of the playground being given to the district on that day by the Forest Road School PTA. It is a visible remembrance of our fundraising efforts. All of our fundraising profits benefit the children; sometimes as gifts to the school, mostly through the programs sponsored by PTA at assemblies.

We hope to see you at our next PTA meeting on October 20th at 8 pm. It looks to be an exciting year - JOIN US.



from the
PRINCIPAL

Dr. Barbara Cronin



It is hard to believe the new school year is already in its second month. The 1993-1994 school year is off to a great start and is in full swing. Before we know it we will be parading for Halloween and planning for the traditional Forest Road School Thanksgiving breakfast.

There are several NEW projects being implemented at Forest Road School this year. Our LIBRARY is currently being computerized and will become part of the Massau School Library System. This will allow interdistrict loaning of books and will effectively enlarge our collection. We also have received a legislative grant which will be utilized to further enhance COMPUTER TECHNOLOGY in the fifth and sixth grade classes. These students will learn how to perform keyword searches, use CDROM and other computer based research materials, create databases, utilize telecommunications, and do desktop publishing.

A NEW district GIFTED and TALENTED program is being implemented. This program will be open to eligible students in grades 4, 5, and 6. Ms. Ronnie Horowitz is developing several units of interest for this program. Also, Ms. Concetta Madonia's INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM has been expanded and a STRING AFTER SCHOOL CLUB will be offered.

The sixth grade will be off to CAUNSETT STATE PARK during the last week of October for their overnight outdoor educational experience. They will study tidal pools and orienteering, take to the waters in canoes, and participate in a nightwalk. This is an excellent learning experience for our sixth grade students.

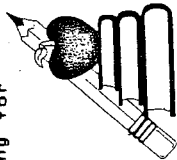
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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE CONTINUED (from pg. 2)

This school year also marks the 40TH ANNIVERSARY OF FOREST ROAD SCHOOL. The PTA is currently planning an exciting day of activities to commemorate this event. We look forward to seeing everyone on SATURDAY, OCTOBER 23RD.

Throughout the fall months the District Planning Committee will continue to meet as it works to fulfill the guidelines of the COMPACT FOR LEARNING. Notices will be mailed to all residents soliciting interested parents and staff to apply for membership on the BUILDING LEVEL SHARED DECISION MAKING COMMITTEE. This is an opportunity for parents, staff and administration to work together to further improve our excellent school.

I am sure the 1993-1994 school year will be busy as well as successful and rewarding for all.



**Special Notice
to ALL VOTERS
Bond Issue Vote
November 17th**

A special public bond issue vote is scheduled for Nov. 17, 1993 for five specified capital improvement projects at Central, Memorial, North and South High Schools.

Three main projects include replacement of the roofs, windows and boilers at the four schools. For more information come to any of the three public presentations scheduled. Feel free to contact Mrs. Hinkemeyer, the Community Information Coordinator, at 872-5605, or Mr. Goldberg the Business Administrator at 872-5610. The PTA encourages All our community members to come out and VOTE!



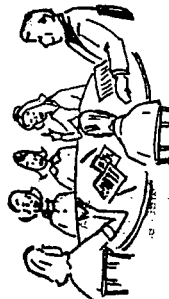
Laura Silverman and Maria Fletcher

As we begin a new year, we would like to take this opportunity to reflect for a moment on the activities which the PTA has been apart of in 1993. We in the PTA, as a community of concerned parents and teachers, should be very proud of our accomplishments. The PTA has sponsored many interesting informative programs for both children and parents. All our fund raising profits go back to Forest Road's children. Of that we can be justly proud.

Our biggest achievement this past year was the successful birthday celebration in October. PTA, working cooperatively with parents, teachers, district staff and the children sponsored a fantastic party. The physical fitness play area is a tribute to all the hard work and dedication of the Forest Road community. This was a real team effort - but that is what PTA is all about. We're a team working together for our children. But a team needs players, and we need the commitment of each of our parents.

As we greet the coming year, we and the Executive Board of the Forest Road PTA hope that 1994 be all that you wish it to be. We hope to see you at our next PTA meeting!

Maria Fletcher
Laura Silverman



General Meetings
1/19 9:30 AM
3/16 8:00 PM
4/20 8:00 PM
5/25 Installation
Dinner

Please join us!



E.Y.I.

To keep all our Forest Road PTA membership updated on what is happening in our schools and community, THE FORESTER is happy to bring you news from CHIME (Children Have Instrumental Music Education), a separate community organization which works hard to enrich the educational experience of all the children in District #30.

Article submitted by Jane Kiviat

Chime is a district wide music booster organization. Our goal is to preserve instrumental music in our elementary schools. Student participation with instrumental music at this level combined with continuation at the high school level is a recipe for academic success. Music education fosters self-esteem, self discipline, and higher cognitive and analytical skills.

In a recent CHIME meeting, Mr. Dean Karahalis, the Director of Music of VSCHSD, pointed out that those students involved with instrumental music scored significantly higher on SAT's. Mr. Karahalis' dedication to his students and his love of music are very special. We wish to thank him for his time and effort.

The District #30 band is in full swing this year under the direction of Ms. Concetta Madonna. Ms. Madonna is committed to excellence and her students are challenged, stimulated, and enthused. CHIME is currently purchasing new sweaters with emblems for the entire band. CHIME needs your support. Please show your support by becoming a member, attending future meetings, and by supporting CHIME fund raising efforts. Our sticker campaign will be starting shortly.

The superintendent, Mr. Larry McGoldrick, and our three building principals are supportive of our district strings club and plan to restructure and reinstate the program as soon as funds become available. They need to know that the parents, students and community value a strings program at the elementary level. CHIME wants to personally thank Dr. Cronin for listening with an open mind to all our concerns.

PTA in Action

Together
we can
do more

Our 1993-94 fund raising season has gotten off to a wonderful start. Thanks to all who helped out with our candy/gift wrap sale. Not only did PTA benefit from this fund raising event, but our children and our school library benefited as well by the presentation of complimentary books from the candy company.

The October Pumpkin Patch proved once again to be a very popular and successful event thanks to the beautiful fall weather and Co-Chairpersons Colleen Hickey and Elly Haber, as well as a large crew of helpers. This sale is one of the many events sponsored by PTA purely for the enjoyment of our children, not for profit.

Thanks to the hard work of Laura Feaser, Lynn Smolin, Debbie Cohen, a wonderful group of volunteers, and some very professional models, for making the November Fashion Show a huge success. DJ Jonathan Eisenberg, a Forest Road alumnus, had our parents and teachers dancing up a storm to round out a truly wonderful evening for all who attended.

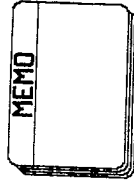
Once again Forest Road School shoppers were given an opportunity to accomplish all of their shopping needs at our PTA Holiday Boutique. Chairpersons Karen Jacobson, Janice Brown, Carol Phillips supervised a fantastic group of parent volunteers and saw to it that everyone found "the perfect gift" for everyone on their shopping list. Thanks to all our helpers.

PTA has many exciting events planned for 1994 and we'd love to see some new faces helping to make these upcoming events enjoyable for our Forest Road kids. Your kids will love to see you getting involved. Please don't hesitate to call any chairperson to volunteer your services (there is a list of chairpersons in your school calendar).

Sincerely

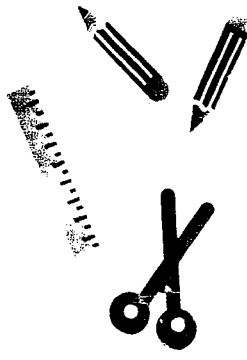
Nancy Jeuda
1st Vice President
Ways & Means

School is what WE make it!



from the
PRINCIPAL

Dr. Barbara Cronin



Dear Parents,

It's hard to believe that it's 1994. As a new year begins most people make New Year's Resolutions on nearly every subject imaginable. Few resolutions could be more worthwhile however, than resolving to set aside some time each day to share reading with your children.

You might start by setting aside 15 minutes a day to read to your child. Bedtime is often a perfect time for story reading, but other times can work just as well. Reading aloud to children can help them prepare for learning to read and can be a warm family time as well.

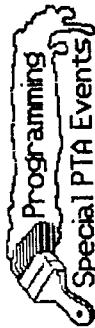
If your child is able to read independently, you can encourage reading by setting aside a regular time when the family drops other activities and reads together. You could take turns reading aloud to each other, or you could read different books. The important thing is to set an example and let your child know that you think reading is important.

A New Year's Resolution to share reading with your child may not only help the youngster develop literacy skills, but can bring a lot of happiness as well.

The beginning of a new year is also an appropriate time for parents to review responsibility with their children. According to recent research, children are not helping around the house as much as they used to, and there is at least one simple reason for this: Parents aren't asking children to do as much. Edward Christophersen, PhD believes parent already feel guilty because they work too hard and spend too much time away from their children and this just adds to the guilt if they demand work from their children. Additionally, busy parents often feel it is easier and faster to do something themselves. Jane Nelsen, co-author of Raising Self-Reliant Children in a Self-Indulgent World reports that when children have the responsibility of doing chores at home they are learning valuable lessons that prepare them for adulthood.

So as 1994 begins let's resolve to read more with our children and encourage them to take responsibility by completing appropriate chores within the home.

From all of us at Forest Road we wish you a very happy and healthy 1994.



It may be cold outside but our program schedule of assemblies and artist in residence programs for the winter of 1994 is really HOT!

Tuesday January 4th

THE CASHOR MARIONETTES

This performance consists of a series of puppets which provide glimpses into the lives of various characters. The goal of the show is to sensitize youngsters to the beauty of life. The show will include music, sensitive portraits, and craft projects.

Tuesday January 25th

A VISIT WITH LAURA INGALLS WILDER PERFORMED BY LONNA MCKEON

This assembly is the "kick-off" event for PTA'S PARENTS AS READING PARTNERS PROGRAM. Lonna McKeon brings the pioneer era to life with costume and period artifacts from The Little House on the Prairie books written by Laura Ingalls Wilder. She will spend the rest of the day at Forest Road School visiting with the students in their classrooms.

Monday January 31st - February 4th

JOSEPHINE NOBISO AUTHOR IN RESIDENCE

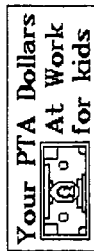
Forest Road School will welcome back Josephine Nobisso a professional writer of twenty years with nine award winning books for both children and adults. She will be bringing her talent, skills, and innovative strategies to all ages and skill levels as she will be spending the entire week visiting each classroom.



Tuesday March 15th

BRANDS CYCLE AND FITNESS

A representative from Brands Cycle and Fitness in Wantagh will visit our school and present two assemblies (K-2 and 3-6) stressing the importance of bicycle safety.



Parents as Reading Partners (PARP)



"Readers are Leaders!"

Dear Parents and Students,

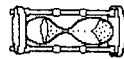
The Forest Road School PTA Parents as Reading Partners Program will begin on January 26th and continue for 2 1/2 weeks ending on February 11, 1994.

The basic goal of this program is to encourage "parents" (grandparents, older siblings and other family members) and children to spend at least 15 minutes reading together each day. You can read to your child, or your child can read to you, or your family may choose to all sit quietly and read together.

The theme for this year is "READERS ARE LEADERS". Through visual displays throughout the school, our "kick-off" assembly (see PTA PROGRAMMING EVENTS), read a shirt day, book fair, various incentives, and a visit from some storybook characters, we hope all Forest Road families participate.

As few as 15 minutes a day reading to or with your child can make a tremendous difference in your child's development. It will be time well spent, time which cannot be recaptured if we let it pass.

Thanking you in advance,
Allison Smith
Colleen Hickey



Spend at least 15 minutes reading with your child today.



FOREST ROAD'S 40TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

The entire community turned out to help Forest Road School celebrate its 40th Birthday. The PTA sponsored event on Saturday, October 23, 1993 was another example of the hard work and dedication of the parents, teachers, students, and neighbors of the Forest Road School family that have continued to support the children of this community since 1953.

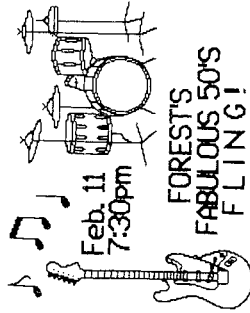
Three cheers for all who volunteered their time, including D-Jay Joey & Company for the music, and all the parents and teachers. Children have a way of knowing that what adults love they give their time to; and by your example the children of Forest Road School know that you care for them and their continued educational success.

Appropriately, the Forest Road School PTA was honored with a Certificate of Merit from United States Representative David Levy in recognition of the organizations outstanding work on behalf of children. The Green Acres Civic Association donated a gift of a new portable public address system to commemorate the 40th celebration and the continuous support of the Green Acres community.

Joyce Seelig
Editor (and reporter)

READING TIPS FOR FAMILIES

- * Make reading a pleasant fun-time activity
- * TURN OFF THE T.V. and radio during reading time
- * Be a reader yourself
- * Discuss books and reading Show you are interested
- * Join a library. Make frequent visits to the library
- * Help your child choose books that are age appropriate (the librarian can be of great help)
- * READ WITH YOUR CHILD OFTEN Set aside time each day
- * Build a home library. (buy books and magazine subscriptions as gifts)
- * Create a special "cozy" place for reading in your home
- * PRAISE EFFORTS AND ENCOURAGE SUCCESS avoid comparing your child to others
- * If your child needs help, consult the teacher for more suggestions



Feb. 11
7:30pm

FOREST'S
FABULOUS 50'S
FLING!

ROCK AND ROLL TO THE
OLDIES WITH DJ JOEY
DANCE CONTESTS
REFRESHMENTS
HULAHOOP CONTEST
50'S ATTIRE (get out
those poodle skirts)
Forest Road kids only
(must come with adult)

All Elvis impersonators
CALL

Elly Haber
791-1293
Sue Viggiano
791-3705

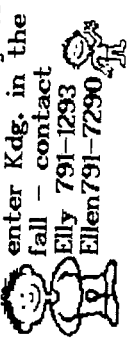
or
if you'd like
to help out

The Mission of the PTA

to support and speak on behalf of children and youth in the schools and before governmental agencies and other organizations that make decisions affecting children.
to assist parents in developing the skills they need to raise and protect their children.
... to encourage parent and public involvement in the schools of this nation.

PRE-SCHOOL MEETING
MARCH 10, 1994

We need your help...
If you know of any
kids who'll be ready to



enter Kdg. in the
fall - contact
Elly 791-1293
Ellen 791-7290

**PTA Program
reminds parents
of the importance
of healthy food
choices for
their children**



**YOUR ARE WHAT
YOU EAT**



The October General Meeting of the Forest Road School PTA included a FANTASTIC, INFORMATIVE program on the effects of food additives and salicylates on children and adults.

The speaker was from THE FEINGOLD ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES, and first spoke from her own moving experience of having a son who was hyperactive, depressed, out of control, and aggressive. After many years of trying to help her son, going to numerous doctors and mental health professionals, it was found that her son's behavior was directly linked to an adverse reaction to food additives and salicylates. After four weeks on the Feingold Program her son was exhibiting remarkable improvement. Today, 20 years later, he is a successful college graduate and businessman.

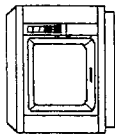
The Feingold Association is a nonprofit organization and support group for families which collects information on food and chemical sensitivities, and makes this information available to professional and the general public.

For example: Besides hyperactivity, compulsive aggressive behavior and short attention span, a child reacting adversely to a food additive can have poor sleep habits, have physical complaints such as - headaches, hives, asthma, ear infections, bed wetting, leg aches. Other symptoms could include poor muscle coordination, speech difficulties, poor eye-hand coordination, low frustration tolerance, and irritability. It was pointed out that emotional depression in girls who were sensitive to additives was fairly common.

If you would like more information you can write to:

THE FEINGOLD ASSOCIATION OF THE UNITED STATES
PO Box 6550
Alexandria, VA 22306
(703) 768-FAUS

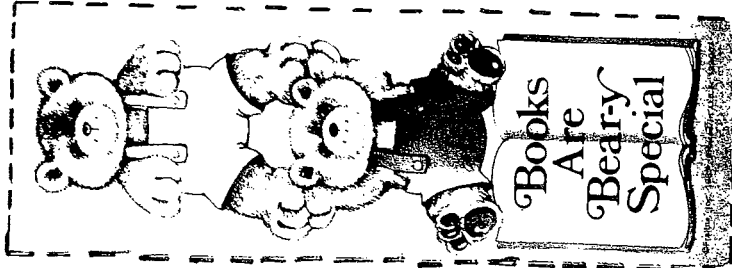
Read more about it:
WHY YOUR CHILD IS HYPERACTIVE by Dr. Ben F. Feingold M.D.
Random House, 1974



**Television
and Reading**

**By the time a child is
12 years old, they have
spent an estimated
TWO YEARS watching TV**

**Don't
Watch
Books
Anymore**



It's been said that television is the school's primary competitor for children's minds. And it is also true that television competes with parents for control over building their children's reading skills.

The most recent research shows that television definitely has a negative influence on children, especially when it is viewed for more than 6 hours a day. If you allow your children to watch TV, do not allow more than one or two hours of viewing per day. Talk to your kids about what shows they want to watch. Make TV viewing time a family affair. Discuss what the show is about. Do not allow your child to sit passively in front of the TV, aptly described by author Marie Winn as the "PLUG-IN DRUG" for hours on end.

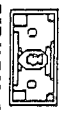
During this month while we as a PTA are focusing on the joys of reading, take some time to review your family's TV viewing HABIT. Maybe you'll decide it's time to UNPLUG and replace the TV HABIT with reading for pleasure, pursuing a hobby, or some other worthwhile activity in the place of TV viewing.

(Article taken from National PTA pamphlet: "Help Your Child become a good Reader")

Calendar



- APRIL 1994**
- 13 Budget Hearings Shaw 8 pm
 - 20 Forest PTA General mtg. 8 pm
 - 21 Forest Pre-school mtg. 3 pm
 - 25 Dist. 30 Bd. of Ed. mtg. 8 pm
- SPECIAL REMINDER**
- APRIL 27**
***VOTER REGISTRATION**
 7-9 am and 4-9 pm
 (All schools)
 also
 Forest Road PTA
 Adult Bingo Night 8 pm
 April 29
 Kindergarten
 registration 9-11 am

PTA Newsletter

Your Membership Dollars at work



- MAY**
- 4 SCHOOL BUDGET VOTE and ART EXHIBIT
 - 5&6 Forest Plant Sale
 - 6 Spring Fling
 - 11 Forest PTA General mtg. 9:30am (library)
 - 12 Forest PTA Exec. Bd. mtg. 9:15 am
 - 18 CHIME mtg. Forest 8 pm
 - 19 Forest Pre-school mtg. 3 pm
 - 23 Dist. 30 Bd. of Ed. mtg. 8 pm
 - 30 Memorial Day School closed



PTA Co-Presidents
 Sara Silverman
 Maria Fletcher
 Editor Joyce Seelig

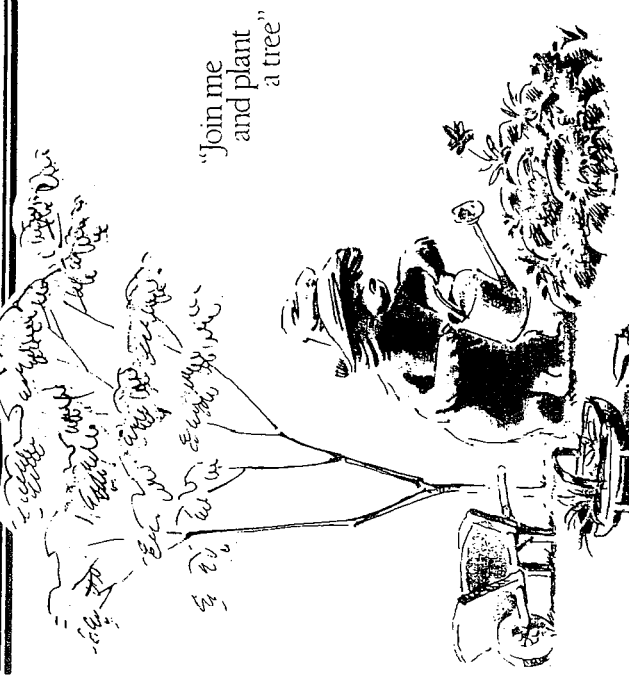
Forest Road School
 District #30
 Valley Stream, NY
 11581

Spring 1994

THE FORESTER

THE FOREST ROAD SCHOOL PTA NEWSLETTER



"Join me and plant a tree"



Co-Presidents Message

Laura Silverman and
Maria Fletcher

It's time to think about Spring! Enough snow and cancellations! With that in mind, we are re-scheduling our Sox Hop as a Spring Fling. You will hear more about this in future flyers. PTA communicates with its members through this newsletter (4 issues a year), our meetings and our flyers. Please check all school bags and backpacks each day for news from the PTA.

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate and thank the FORESTER'S editor Joyce Seelig. The newsletters have been informative, timely and a wonderful asset to PTA's efforts to reach our membership.

Cabin fever has affected all of us. PTA is a wonderful outlet for all your bottled up energy. Programs and activities planned for both children and parents do not just happen. They require a commitment from individuals to plan and coordinate the events for PTA and for you. We need the continued support of all our members who have generously given their time and talents in the past. We also need to have the support of those other individuals who have not shared their energies with PTA. Soon we will be asking for volunteers to chair and participate on the numerous PTA committees which make our unit so successful. Please send in your name to be on one or more of these committees—maybe even be a chairperson. The leadership of PTA guarantees you will have a great deal of help — and a great deal of fun!

Happy Spring

Maria Fletcher
Laura Silverman



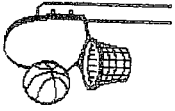
Bicycle Helmet Safety Laws

Statistics tell us that two-thirds of the half a million cyclists that end up in hospital emergency rooms are children between 5-14 years of age. A third of those injuries involve the head and face. However studies suggest that only about five percent of youngsters wear bicycle helmets.

Researchers have studied why children are reluctant to wear helmets. Common attitudes were "because my friends don't wear helmets" and "other kids would laugh at me." Yet when the children were asked how they would respond if the law required helmets, a vast majority said they would comply because then everyone would be wearing them — easing fears of being "different" from their peers.

Recognizing this, the State Senate initiated and fought for the adoption of a new law that "requires children under the age of 14 to wear a safety helmet while operating a bicycle or while riding a bicycle as a passenger beginning June 1, 1994. However, there will be a three-month period, beginning March 1, 1994, when law enforcement officials will be able to stop and issue verbal warnings to adults who are alleged to be in violation of the law.

Under the law, law enforcement officials are authorized to issue an appearance ticket to parents or guardians who are present when their children are found riding a bicycle without a safety helmet. Any parent or guardian found in violation of the law would face a maximum fine of \$50.

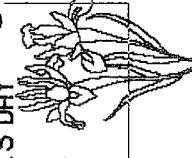


PTA Co-Ed Basketball
Every Tuesday night

PTA Co-Ed Volleyball
Every Thursday night

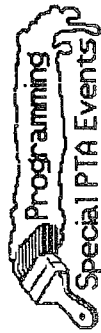
Forest Road Gym
PTA membership
required.

PTA MOTHER'S DAY
PLANT SALE
MAY 5 & 6



Installation Dinner
June 1, 1994 7:30

L. Bagatto Ristorante
410 Rockaway Ave.
Valley Stream



Alison Smith
Colleen Hickey

The PTA Programming Committee has had a very busy year. Here are some of the special events that took place at Forest Road School that helped get us through those long winter months, as well as early Springtime events.

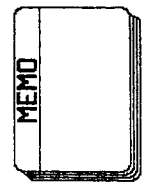
1/25/94 A VISIT WITH LAURA INGALLS WILDER with artist and storyteller Lonna McKeon. (See article Parents As Reading Partners).

1/31 - 2/4/94 JOSEPHINE NOBISO Author/Artist in Residence. Forest Road School welcomed back Josephine Nobisso for the second year. She spent the entire week visiting with the students in their classrooms. We haven't decided who enjoyed the visit the most - the students, the teachers or Josephine Nobisso!?

3/8/94 THE CASHORE MARIONETTES This performance had to be rescheduled from 1/4 (you guessed it SNOW) and it was worth the wait. Both performances were so outstanding! The hand made marionettes, music, props were fantastic - so much to see, hear and enjoy.

3/15 BRANDS CYCLE AND FITNESS Ken from Brands stressed the important new law that requires the use of bicycle helmets and explained the safety reasons for using a helmet. Students from Forest Road are entitled to a 20% discount on any helmet (not on sale) by mentioning this assembly.

4/12 THE OPEN STAGE, LTD. presents MANNERS TO GO Manners to Go is a series of lively skits with original songs and contemporary music. Among the topics are: table manners, telephone courtesy, customs around the world, behavior among friends and the history of manners. Along the way, Manners to Go instills the idea that being courteous is really just being considerate of other people's feelings.



from the
PRINCIPAL

Dr. Barbara Cronin



Dear Parents:

We have weathered one of the worst winters in recent history and Spring is giving us hints that it has finally arrived. Spring's arrival brings not only hopes of warmer weather and greenery, it also brings the need to think about next year's school budget. Effective and efficient use of your tax dollars is always utmost in the minds of District 30's Board of Education and Administration. As you begin to consider our school budget for next year please keep in mind some of the exciting things going on at Forest Road and in our district.

Using funding from a NYS Legislative Grant, our computer lab has been networked. This allows the students and teachers to share resources such as software and printers. Enthusiasm is running high among the students and staff about this new project as well as the new computerized system in our library. We are teaching children to access information rather than just acquire information. Book publishing, computer based research using CD-ROM resources, database work and word processing projects are currently underway.

These computer services, additional literature, and a new math program for Kindergarten and grade 1 are planned for next year. We constantly work to upgrade our curriculums and bring the best possible program to the children of Forest Road and District 30. We look forward to seeing you the Art Show on May 4th and hope you will take the time to vote on the budget and support our efforts for your children.

Sincerely,

Barbara Warren Cronin

"Readers are Leaders"

The Forest Road PTA PARR (Parents As Reading Partners) Program ran from January 26th and was successfully completed on February 11, 1994. We were all pleased with this year's response. Approximately 220 students (along with their reading partners) participated!

The kick-off assembly, A Visit with Laura Ingalls Wilder performed by a talented storyteller Lonna McKeon, was wonderfully entertaining and educational. Ms. McKeon brought the pioneer era to life with costume and period artifacts from The Little House on the Prairie books written by Laura Ingalls Wilder. The students (K-6) were mesmerized for one hour as they listened to stories about life in the late 1800's, and received a unique view on the history, geography and music of our country during its rapid growth and settlement of the west through the eyes of a young girl.

The rest of Ms. McKeon's day was spent visiting the students in their classrooms (grades 2-6). She taught the children the string game "Cats in the Cradle" as it was played by the pioneer children. It was refreshing to see the students so excited about a game that required no batteries, visual effects or money!

The impact this assembly and artist had on the students was felt throughout the school in the days following this special PTA sponsored program. (Our PTA Book Fair sold out of Laura Ingalls Wilder books!)

Another event during our PARR Program was the handing out of bookmarks to students if they were seen wearing their "Readers Are Leaders" pin or if students participated in a "Read a Shirt Day".

As a gentle reminder to return the PARR contracts some storybook characters came to life during lunch time on Feb. 10th. Visits were made by The Berenstain Bears, The Queen of Hearts, Tiger Lily and Where's Waldo.

On March 1st every student received a free bookcover from the PTA. A raffle was held for each class for those students who participated. A total of 30 grade appropriate books were awarded.

We would like to thank the parents and students, Dr. Cronin, the faculty and staff who helped make this PARR Program a success!

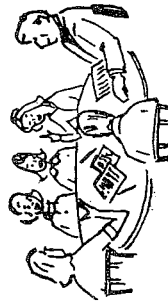
Thank you

Alicen Smith
Colleen Hickey
PARR Committee



THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP

PTA WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS ITS HEARTFELT THANK YOU TO THE 11TH AND 12TH GRADE NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY STUDENTS OF SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL FOR HELPING US WITH THE 40TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION, THE SPRING CARNIVAL, AND BINGO (ALSO IN ADVANCE THANKS FOR VOLUNTEERING TO HELP WITH THE SPRING FLING ON MAY 6TH).



General Meetings

Please join us!

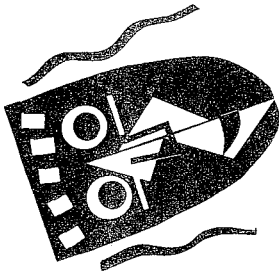


APRIL 20TH PTA GENERAL MEETING 7:30 PM District #30 School Board will talk about the 1994/95 school budget; and Dr. Cronin will discuss whole language.

MAY 11TH PTA GENERAL MEETING 9:30 AM
Mrs. Tolle will present a program on the new computer technology system in the library.

JUNE 8TH PTA GENERAL MEETING 8:00 PM
Ms. Cutting (Principal of South High School) will be our guest to answer any questions you may have.

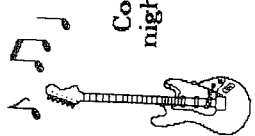
PLEASE VOTE ON MAY 4 ... 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.



Looking for the future
Picasso? Miro? Monet?

COME TO THE ANNUAL
FOREST ROAD SCHOOL
ART SHOW
May 4, 1994

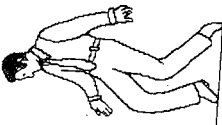
and see the superb
talent and creativity
of our young artists



Come and dance the
night away at the PTA's

SPRING FLING
MAY 6, 1994
7:30 PM

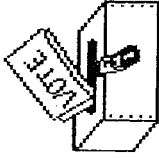
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call Elly 791-1293
or Sue 791-3705
for more information



FOREST ROAD SCHOOL PTA IS PARTICIPATING IN THE
CAMPBELL'S LABELS FOR EDUCATION PROGRAM. PLEASE
SEND IN YOUR CAMPBELL'S LABELS TO SCHOOL AND PTA
WILL DO THE REST!



EXERCISE YOUR
RIGHT TO VOTE
ON MAY 4, 1994



Each year, as many of you know, the school district and the Board of Education plan a detailed budget for the coming school year. The school budget includes everything that is needed to run and operate our schools, and includes all that is needed to bring quality educational services to the students of District #30, and the students of the Central High School District too.

On May 4, 1994 the registered voters will have an opportunity to vote on the proposed budgets of District #30 (this is for all the elementary schools, including Forest) and the proposed budget of the Central High School District (this includes all the high schools in Valley Stream, including South). Many voters forget that they need to vote yes or no on both the Central High School budget and the District #30 budget.

Voters also have an opportunity to vote for one (1) trustee position. Mrs. LeAnne Egan is running unopposed for this position on the District #30 Board of Education.

If you are not a registered voter than you can register to vote by coming to Forest Road School on APRIL 27TH between 7-9 AM or 4-9 PM (it will only take about 5 minutes!).

Then on May 4th EXERCISE YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE and come to Forest Road School anytime between 7:00 AM to 10:00 PM and VOTE!

Joyce C. Seelig
Editor

VOTE ON MAY 4TH
7:00 AM - 10:00 PM

F.Y.I.

AIDS AWARENESS NIGHT PLANNED

PTA is planning to sponsor an AIDS awareness evening program in the FALL 1994 for parents. Anyone interested in being a part of the planning and coordinating of this event, please contact Maria Fletcher (791-3719) as soon as possible.

PRODUCT RECALL

CRAYONS TAINTED WITH LEAD

Concord Enterprises Crayons What's Wrong? Contain lead
Commission has ordered the recall of YELLOW and ORANGE crayons imported from China by Los Angeles based CONCORD ENTERPRISES.

The CPSC said it found hazardous amounts of lead in those two colors. The crayons are sold in a plastic box bearing the labels "12 Jumbo Crayons", "Made in China" and "Non-Toxic." Consumers should either throw away those two crayons or return the set to the place of purchase for a refund. The CPSC said parents should buy only those crayons and other children's art materials that are labeled "CONFORMS TO ASTM D-4326 or similar words." (this article taken from NEWSDAY 3/30/94)

The Roots of Arbor Day

Arbor Day was the idea of J. Sterling Morton of Nebraska City. Morton, editor of Nebraska's first newspaper, tirelessly advocated planting trees on the native grasslands of his adopted state. The early settlers needed trees for fuel, food and building material, and to provide windbreaks and shade.

In 1872 Morton first proposed a tree planting holiday to be called "Arbor Day" at a meeting of the State Board of Agriculture. Prizes were offered to counties and individuals for properly planting the largest number of trees on that day. It was estimated that more than 1 million trees were planted in Nebraska on the first Arbor Day.

During the 1870s, other states passed legislation to observe Arbor Day and the tradition began in schools in 1882. By 1894 Arbor Day was celebrated in every state and has now spread to other countries.

J. Sterling Morton was proud of the success of Arbor Day and noted "Other holidays repose upon the past; Arbor Day proposes for the future."

"Each generation takes the Earth from its fathers, but beneath to posterity as many forests and orchards as we have exhausted and consumed." — J. Sterling Morton
Founder of Arbor Day

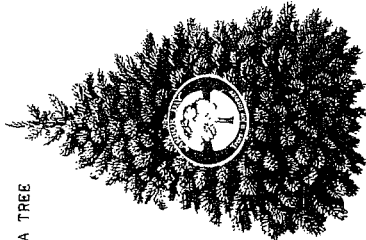


A NOTE FROM THE EDITOR DESK

April 23rd is Earth Day
April 29th is Arbor Day

Consider one of the greatest gifts you can give to your children; and your children's children; and your children's children's children....

PLANT A TREE



ON SACRED LAND

merely a strand in it. Whatever he does to the web, he does to himself.

"We love this earth as a newborn loves its mother's heartbeat. So, if we sell you our land, love it as we have loved it. Care for it as we have cared for it. Hold in your mind the memory of the land as it is when you receive it. Preserve the land for all children who love it."

— Chief Seattle (Chief of Duwamish tribe of the Pacific Northwest), 1852



"The President in Washington sends word that he wishes to buy our land... if we sell you our land, you must remember that it is sacred. ...teach your children what we have taught our children. That the earth is our mother. What befalls the earth befalls all the sons of the earth."

"...the earth does not belong to man; man belongs to the earth. All things are connected. Wherever we go, we bring with us all. We did not weave the web of life; we are

CALENDAR

- December 17 - Winter Concert 7:30PM
- 25-29 - School Closed - Recess
- January 1 - School Closed - New Year's Day
- 2 - School Reopens
- 12 - Bkfst w/the Superintendent 9:30
- 13 - Kids' Bingo
- 15 - School Closed - M.L. King Day
- 23 - P.A.R.P. begins
- 24-26 - PTA Book Fair
- 25 - PTA General Meeting 9AM
- February 14 - PTA Founder's Day at Clearstream 7:30PM
- 19-23 - School Closed Winter Recess

MERRY CHRISTMAS

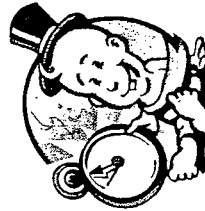


HAPPY KINZAZA



HAPPY CHANUKKAH

HAPPY NEW YEAR



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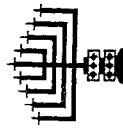


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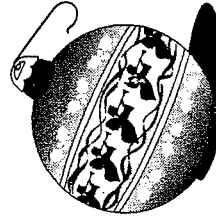
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WINTER 1995



המגזין החודשי
של הוועד הפועל



WELCOME THE HOLIDAYS!!!

OUR WINTER CONCERT WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY, DECEMBER 19. FEATURED PERFORMERS WILL BE THE MEMBERS OF BAND, ORCHESTRA AND CHORUS. THERE WILL BE TWO PERFORMANCES:

- 1:30 PM - AN ASSEMBLY PROGRAM FOR CHILDREN
- 7:30 PM - AN EVENING PROGRAM FOR ALL PARENTS AND FRIENDS

PLEASE COME SHARE THIS SPECIAL PERFORMANCE WITH US!
WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!!



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PTA CO-PRESIDENTS

As winter sets in at Forest Road School, the PTA is very busy planning ways to keep everyone occupied and entertained.

Thanks to your support of PTA's fundraising efforts, PTA has purchased 100 sets of juggling scarves. These juggling scarves will give our children a physical and mental activity to keep them involved constructively during the cold "in" days at lunchtime.

Please join us on Friday January 12 at 9:30AM for **Breakfast with the Superintendent** of Valley Stream District 30, Mr. Lawrence McGoldrick.

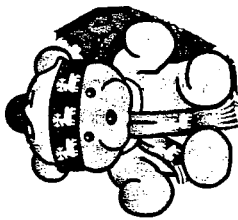
Don't miss out on our **January Book Fair**. The Book Fair will be open to parents at our January 25 **General PTA meeting** at 9:00AM.

Forest Road PTA is an advocate for all the children at Forest Road School. Your help and voice are always needed. If you haven't already joined, please send in your dues now.

Please attend meetings. Please volunteer your time for our upcoming fundraisers. Your children will love to see you helping in their school.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND NEW YEAR!!!

Lucia Silverman & Nancy Poole



PTA PROGRAMMING - 1996

January 9 - Susamarie Cunningham
Soft Sculpture Family Album

January 23 - Kick-off Assembly for PARP
(Parents As Reading Partners)
The Storycrafters

February - to be announced

March 18 - Jim Shack, *Critical Thinking*
4 days in residence during this

March 26 - Hampstead Players
Greek Mythology for Kids

April 2 - All Day Workshop Gym Geography
"hands-on" geography lesson - all classes

April 23 - Laser Theatre
The American Dream

May 7 - Gizmo Guys
Teamwork to Achieve

HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE A SUCCESS

PTA would like to thank all the parents who helped staff the holiday boutique where our intrepid shoppers inform us they got almost all of their holiday shopping accomplished under one roof!

Personal shopping assistants escorted each class through the wares and complimentary gift wrapping was provided to those who appreciated the help in this hectic season!

PTA especially thanks *Donna Magli* for her outstanding organizational skills, Sharon Hirsh, Vice President Ways & Means, Janet Bleier, Fundraising Chair, and *Donna Dimino* for her generous contribution of bargain table items.

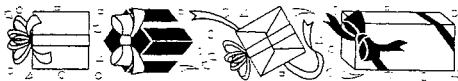
As always, the support of our parents is what makes these events work out so well. If you helped, please accept our heartfelt thanks. If not, why not try volunteering at the next opportunity? You'll have a lot of fun! We guarantee it!



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!!

KIDS' BINGO - JANUARY 13, 1996
1PM - 3 PM

If you'd like to help, contact
Donna Dimino 791-7129



PTA FASHION SHOW THANKS

On November 1, 1995, the PTA conducted its sixth annual Fashion Show and Dinner. It was a huge success and a fun time for all.

Special thanks go to the fantastic models, featuring Marilyn Campo, Sue Aviza, Usha Shah, Eileen Cudary, Eilyn Fitzgerald, Mary Ruschin and Dr. Barbara Cronin. We would also like to thank the other models who presented the furs as well.

In addition, we'd like to thank the staff of the Floral Terrace, D-Jay Joey, Sample Nook and Lever Pastorino Furs. And three cheers to Debbie Conlan, the raffie committee and the raffie sales team at the door.

NEWS FROM MRS. BARON

ARTPACKS

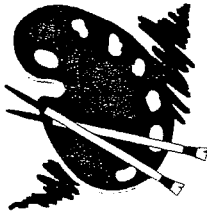
If your child comes home with an extra backpack, don't be alarmed - he did not take his friend's by mistake! He or she is the lucky recipient of the ARTpack.

Started four years ago on a shoestring budget, ARTpacks are now equipped generously by the Forest Road PTA, and there are enough for each class to have one starting in grade 2.

The idea for ARTpacks was sparked by Dr. Cronin's suggestion at a faculty meeting for classroom activity backpacks. Mrs. Baron, our art teacher, felt this would be great in Art also, and would extend the art program to an at-home parent/child fun art activity.

The ARTpacks include art books to be read, art activities to do, art manipulatives to try, art games, etc., all age appropriate for the grade level. A child's name is picked from a hat and he or she may borrow the ARTpack for one week. The children look forward to their turn (everyone will get one).

Perhaps an ARTpack will be at your home this week!



"Never doubt that a single group of thoughtful citizens can change the world - indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."
Margaret Mead



FROM THE DESK OF DR. CRONIN

Dear Parents:

It seems like yesterday that the 1995-1996 school year started and now it is the holiday season and 1996 is rapidly approaching. As the new year approaches, we usually make resolutions on nearly every subject imaginable. Resolving to set aside some time each day to share reading with your children is a very worthwhile resolution.

You might start by setting aside 15 minutes each day to read to your child. Bedtime is often a perfect time for story reading, but other times can work just as well. Reading aloud to children can help them prepare for learning to read and can be a warm family time as well.

If your child is able to read independently, you can encourage reading by setting aside a regular time when the family drops other activities and reads together. You could take turns reading aloud to each other, or you could each read different books. The important thing is to set an example and let your child know that you think reading is important.

A New Year's Resolution to share reading with your child may not only help your child develop and improve literacy skills, but can bring a lot of happiness as well.

From all the faculty and staff at Forest Road, we wish everyone Happy Holidays and an abundance of wishes that the new year brings health and happiness to all.

Sincerely,

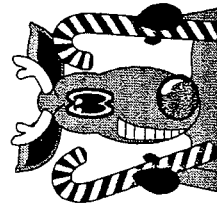
Barbara Warner Cronin, Ed.D.

FOREST ROAD HAS A WINNER!

The Fine Arts Museum of Long Island, in conjunction with Owl 57 Galleries in Hewlett, presented an exhibit of American Work Incentive Posters printed in the 1920s. The museum sponsored its first poster competition, based on this theme, and invited local schools to participate.

Mrs. Susan Baron, art teacher, along with **Mr. Bruce Lesser** and **Mrs. Linda Kessler** entered original works from all our sixth grade students. And yes, we have a winner! **Nikolaos Karterakis** received a Certificate of Merit and a Reabok prize for his wonderful entry at a reception held at the museum on December 3rd. We are proud of all the posters, which will be displayed at school when they are returned.

Special congratulations to Nick!

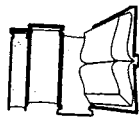




NEWS FROM MRS. HERMAN
READING BACKPACKS IN
GRADES ONE, TWO & THREE

What parents do to help their children learn is very important to academic success. Parents who read aloud with their children create opportunities to establish special bonds. Sharing books offer other bonuses too. Research has proven a parent can help his or her child do better in school...improve as a reader, enjoy a richer, fuller life... all by helping your child discover books. These backpack were designed to promote this kind of parental involvement. They offer parents and their children opportunities to read together and to share fun book-based activities in an easy-to-use format.

Parents and children will read from A to Z with Curious George, explore colors with Brigid, identify shapes on the Frimble Family shopping spree, learn about bears with Goldilocks, solve mysteries, investigate insects, make friends, travel into the earth's core and create poems and riddles.



Backpacks will go home with a different child each week in grades 1, 2 and 3. Each backpack contains books, poems, journals, a game, recipes, facts, science experimenter social studies projects, math problems, etc. A packet is included, for the family to keep, to reinforce the fun and learning long after the backpack has been returned.

Forest Road PTA has donated all the books and backpacks. Mrs. Herman, our reading teacher, has used our new computer lab to create iron-on designs for the backpacks and the accessories.



GET READY FOR PAPP!!

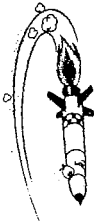
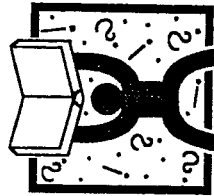
Start thinking about the *lucky person* who will be your *reading partner!*

Get ready for *The Storycrafters!!*
 They do *tandem* storytelling and music!
 They are from *Philmont*, New York.

latitude 42°
 longitude 74°
 (New York State map)

Let's hope it doesn't snow!!!

*look it up in your dictionary



NEWS FROM MR. LAUDANO
SCIENCE BACKPACK KITS

I'm very happy to be working with the Forest Road PTA developing a new, exciting learning opportunity for our students. Science Backpacks is the brainchild of Mrs. Ruth Klein. These take-home kits will provide the students with an experiment or hands-on science activity that will allow them to investigate a topic related to the Science curriculum they are studying in class.

Each Science Backpack kit will include the instructions, materials and equipment necessary for conducting each investigation. We are also planning to provide a logbook for recording the results of the experiment or activity and, whenever possible, a book related to each particular science topic. The kits are also designed for parental participation as well to help provide an opportunity for rewarding family interaction.

I am looking forward to working with Mrs. Klein to bring these Science Backpack Kits to each class in the near future.



Dr. Cronin

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HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!



TO ALL CONCERNED PARENTS:

It could make 20,000 or more Americans sick every year. It probably kills about 500. If its victims are lucky, the damage stops at hemorrhagic colitis (a bleeding intestinal infection). But for many children and people with weakened immune systems, it enters the bloodstream and can cause kidneys or other organs to fail.

There is no known treatment...but there is a known cause: tainted meat, usually **ground beef**. The culprit is bacterium **e.coli 0157:H7**, which can contaminate the meat during slaughter. If the meat is cooked properly the e.coli will be killed during cooking. But rare or undercooked ground beef could harbor the bacteria at its center. That is apparently what happened in 1993 when 500 people became ill and several children died after eating contaminated burgers at Jack In The Box restaurants.

Last year a bill was sponsored that would make it easier for the US Dept of Agriculture to inspect ground beef for **e.coli 0157:H7**. BUT THE BILL DIED....

It is important for Congress to know that we want tougher meat and poultry inspections. So please ask your Senators and Representatives to sponsor the **FAMILY FOOD PROTECTION ACT**. Please fill out and mail the coupon below.

To: Senator Richard Lugar
Chairman, Senate Agriculture Committee
306 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

FROM: _____
ADDRESS: _____

Americans deserve safe food. We need a meat and poultry inspection with teeth. You can help protect consumers against potentially deadly bacteria like e.coli 0157:H7 in ground beef and salmonella in chicken by sponsoring the **FAMILY FOOD PROTECTION ACT**.

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PTA CO-PRESIDENTS

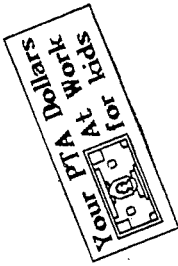
As the school year winds to an end and the summer approaches, we would like to thank you for all your support, help and participation in the events run by the Forest Road School PTA.

Your support helped make the past PTA year a wonderful success! The children of Forest Road School have enjoyed many cultural arts programs because of your support.

We hope to see all of you next year! PTA can use everyone's help!

Have a great summer!

Laura Silverman
Nancy Jeuda



NEW BIKE RACKS ARRIVE

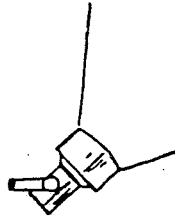
After a long wait, the bike racks purchased by the PTA for Forest Road School have been installed!

Please remember that bicycles are not permitted transportation to and from school on school days. However, our lovely school grounds are available during non-school daylight hours. So, remember this summer when you are looking for something to do that you can now ride your bike over, lock it up safely at the bike racks provided by the PTA, and enjoy some time on the playground or in the field.



IN THE NEWS

Mrs Peggy Badalucco gave birth on April 7, 1995 to Peter Thomas. He weighed 8 lbs. 5 oz. and was 20 inches long. Our best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. B. and their bouncing baby boy.



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NUTRITION UPDATE

Many changes came this school year to the Forest Road cafeteria and, for the most part, they were well received by the students.

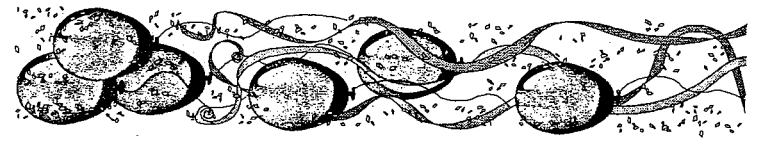
Highlights of the changes were the availability to purchase a second entrée, the addition of soup and salad, different pizza choices and corn was served for the first time. Special days with prizes were a big hit! All these features are planned to continue in the fall. Salad, however, will be back only if produce prices continue to improve.

A new lunch ticket system was implemented this year which has proved to be more accurate. The only change planned for the fall will be that all menu items will now be available to the kindergarten. At the present time, no lunch price increase is foreseen. Watch for the first fall newsletter for up-to-date info.

If you have any comments, complaints or suggestions about the school lunch program, please contact Dorothy Mancini.

PTA CONGRATULATES OUR SIXTH GRADERS WHO WILL BE LEAVING US TO MOVE ON TO SOUTH HIGH SCHOOL.

- Tara Agrio
- Michael Apap
- Stacey Bobrow
- Nicole Bruno
- Matthew Cefta
- Jason Cohen
- Lynn Courilo
- Frank Egan
- Jeffrey Eisenberg
- Pamela Fallica
- Michael Fox
- Carolyn Gaigano
- Jonathan Greene
- Jessica Harnick
- Christopher Ignaciuk
- Jamie Jevada
- Sonu Koshy
- Staci Landau
- Cory Latino
- Eric Lurie
- Matthew Lowery
- Brian Maagh
- Jamie Mandel
- Sandra Marinetti
- Daniel Morse
- Charles Muratore
- John Orena
- Jacqueline Ram
- Marci Ranzer
- Simon Rosenfeld
- Joshua Salomon
- Lisa Seelig
- Lawrence Siedlick
- Greg Silverman
- Gabrielle Stoller
- Zachary Turner
- Andrew Vardakis
- Danielle Viggiano
- Jamie Winokur
- Lisa Yeh
- Caroline Yun



HEALTH PROGRAMMING

PTA had tried to present a CPR training program this year but, unfortunately, it had to be canceled due to a lack of people signing up for the 2 sessions required for certification. PTA hopes to schedule this program again in the fall.

If there is any type of health programming or lectures that you would like to see PTA bring to Forest Road School for our parents, please contact Dorothy Mancini with your suggestions, questions and ideas.



SUNSHINE CHAIR

Charlotte Lurie, former treasurer of PTA has been appointed our new Sunshine Chair for the upcoming school year. A long-standing tradition in PTA nationwide, the Sunshine Committee has been responsible for acknowledging major events, whether happy or sad, in the lives of PTA members.

Occasions that might be appropriately acknowledged by our PTA can be brought to Charlotte's attention at any time during the school year. Your help in letting her know of these events in a timely manner will assist her in bringing PTA sunshine to all members of our Forest Road PTA family.

INSTALLATION DINNER

PTA installed its new slate at Tavern in the Park in Rockville Centre on June 1. Over 50 PTA members attended the celebration to formally induct the executive board for the upcoming 1995-1996 school year.

Mrs. Roslyn Schedit, who recently received her PTA Lifetime Membership award, continued to exemplify her commitment to PTA sharing the evening of good food and fun with parent members and co-workers. Mrs. Linda Kessler and Dr. Barbara Cronin, who both will serve once again on the board.

Executive Board

- Co-Presidents: Laura Silverman
Nancy Jevada
- Vice President Programming: Colleen Hickey
- Vice President Ways & Means: Sharon Hirsh
- Recording Secretary: Ann Falley
- Financial Secretary: Jill Cohen
- Corresponding Secretary: Lisa Vogel
- Treasurer: Karen McDaniel



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

It is hard to believe that the 1994-1995 school year is rapidly coming to a close. It's been a busy and productive year. One highlight of the year was our connection to the Internet and the many e-mail projects that emanated from the upper grade classes. The Forest Road Band grew dramatically in size and musical ability and the orchestra came back this year and also performed quite impressively. The networked computer lab was always a busy and productive place. The Compact for Learning Building Level team met throughout the year to review programs and consider ways to make Forest Road School an even better learning environment.

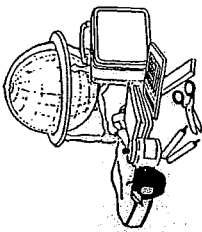
The community and parental support of Forest Road School and the instructional programs within District 30 continued throughout this school year. This was expressed by your overwhelming support during the recent budget vote. You affirmed your support in the polls just as you do every time we ask for volunteers or assistance. We never have to ask twice when we need your support.

The New York State Compact for Learning states "It takes a whole village to raise a child." The Forest Road community exemplifies this each and every day.

From everyone at Forest Road School, we wish you and your family a healthy and happy summer. Remember to use sun block and read each and every day with your children. A new school year will be here before we know it.

I look forward to our continuing partnership.

-Dr. Barbara Warren Cronin

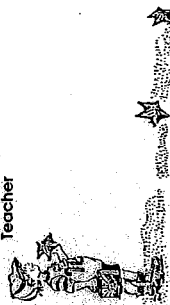


IT MAKES A DIFFERENCE

One day, at dawn, a man was walking on the beach and in the distance he saw a figure that looked as if it were dancing. As he got closer, he saw that the beach was littered with thousands of starfish and the figure was a little boy who was picking up the starfish one by one and throwing them into the ocean.

As the man approached the boy, he said to him, "What are you doing?" The little boy replied, "I'm throwing these starfish back into the water. If I leave them here, when the sun gets hot, they'll dry up and die." The man pointed at all the starfish and said, "But look how many there are. What you're doing can't possibly make a difference." And as the boy picked up yet another starfish and threw it into the ocean he said, "Well, it makes a difference to this one!"

--author unknown
reprinted from New York Parent-Teacher



NASSAU COUNTY BICYCLE REGISTRATION

Nassau County has a bicycle registration program in force to guard against bicycle theft and to help return stolen bicycles to their owners. In the Bicycle Anti-Theft, or BAT, program, bicycle owners can go to any of the county's eight precincts and fill out a registration card with the make, model and number of a free reflective tamperproof sticker that goes on the bike.

The county reports that 1100 bicycles are reported stolen each year. While 240 are recovered, only 19 are returned to their proper owners because serial numbers are not recorded and available.

Take the time to take advantage of this worthwhile program.

NEW GRAFFITI LEGISLATION

Thomas Gulotta says, "In order to maintain the suburbannature of our communities and prevent the type of visual pollution that is often associated with more urbanized areas, we have adopted local legislation designed to preserve and protect our quality of life."

New laws adopted this spring address the problem of graffiti. In addition to compelling cleanup by the defendant, provides for a fine up to \$1000 per infraction and parental liability of up to \$500 for an act of graffiti committed by a minor. Liability will also extend to anyone selling a spray paint can or broad-based marker to minors.

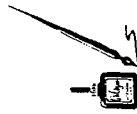
Legislation has been adopted which outlaws the posting of signs on utility poles or public trees. These signs constitute visual pollution, are a danger and distraction to motorists and an environmental hazard to trees which can become subject to disease.

This legislation specifically permits citizens to remove these signs from poles and trees without liability. Whether motivated by civic pride, responsibility, concern for the environment or a desire to preserve the suburban quality of our area, you may participate by removing offending signs. Everybody's participation helps.



**PTA FASHION SHOW
WEDNESDAY
NOVEMBER 1, 1995
FLORAL TERRACE
FLORAL PARK, NY
FASHIONS PROVIDED
BY SAMPLE NOOK**

**WATCH FOR MORE INFORMATION
COMING HOME
AND MAKE YOUR RESERVATION**



**WANTED: NEWS OF MAJOR
EVENTS IN THE LIVES OF OUR
PTA MEMBERS. CONTACT
CHARLOTTE LURIE OR DROP
A NOTE IN THE PTA MAILBOX**

DATES TO REMEMBER

SEPTEMBER

New Parent Breakfast - 9/8
Meet the Teacher Night - 9/14
PTA General Meeting - 9/20
PTA Candy/Gift Wrap Sale begins - 9/22
Rosh Hashanah - school closed 9/25 & 9/26

OCTOBER

Yom Kippur - school closed - 10/4
Columbus Day - school closed - 10/9
PTA General Meeting - 10/18
PTA Pumpkin Patch - 10/27

NOVEMBER

PTA Fashion Show - 11/1
Election Day - remember to vote! - 11/7
PTA General Meeting - 11/15
Thanksgiving Break - school closed - 11/23
and 11/24



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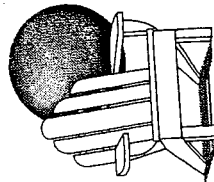
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GOODBYE SUMMER...



HELLO SCHOOL !!!

FROM THE DESK OF DR. CRONIN

Dear Parents:

As the 1995-1996 school year begins, Forest Road School welcomes several new staff members.

Ms. Eileen Cudahy is joining the Forest Road faculty as a grade four teacher.

Ms. Lisa Adlar is joining the Primary Special Education class staff as the Speech Language Therapist.

Mrs. Elaine Angelo and **Mrs. Carol Moeen**, teacher aides, have joined the Forest Road staff after several years at the Shaw Avenue School.

We are also welcoming back **Mrs. Peggy Badalocco** and **Mrs. Suzanne Walsh** who are both returning following maternity leaves.

Everything is in readiness for a great school year. The computer lab has been moved and updated during the summer and every teacher has worked during the summer to prepare his/her room.

This is an appropriate time to share information that the National PTA recently published. They identified the following ten parental behaviors which help children succeed in school. They are listed below in order of importance:

1. Listen to and talk with your child, paying consistent attention to his/her questions and feelings.

2. Show pride in your child's academic growth and accomplishments.

3. Regularly encourage your child with homework.

4. Know your child's current school-work and school activities.

5. Help your child see himself/herself as a capable problem solver.

6. Know your child's academic strengths and weaknesses.

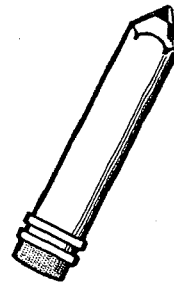
7. Instill a strong work ethic in your child.

8. Encourage your child on to a higher education.

9. Set standards and expectations for your child.

10. Give priority to your child's school-work and reading over nonacademic endeavors (e.g., TV, music videos and recreation).

The teachers and I look forward to working together with you to make this school year a successful one.

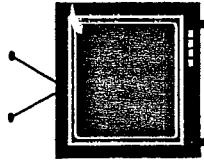


KIDS & TELEVISION

Did you know that by the time America's children reach age 70, they will have spent 7-10 years of their lives watching television? On average, American children view 23 hours of television per week, view 2000 beer and wine commercials per year, have access to 5 violent acts per hour on primetime TV, have viewed 200,000 acts of violence on TV by age 18.

Five important ideas to teach kids about television --

1. You are smarter than what you see on your TV.
2. TV's world is not real.
3. TV teaches that some people are more important than others.
4. TV keeps doing the same things over and over again.
5. Somebody is always trying to make money with TV.



Ten Rules for Good Parenting and Television Viewing

1. Limit Viewing (1-2 hours per day).
2. Choose what to watch. (Avoid channel surfing)
3. Watch with your children. (Find out what impressions the show leaves)
4. Discuss what you watch. (Encourage critical thinking)
5. Discuss TV violence. (Think about alternative ways to resolve conflict)
6. Find constructive alternatives to watching TV.
7. Ban programs you strongly oppose... and talk about why. (Be a role model in your own TV habits)
8. Encourage watching high-quality programming...and talk about why.
9. Avoid commercials. (Teach children how advertisers attempt to manipulate viewers.
10. Become active in determining local programming. (Call or write local stations to express approval or disapproval)

- excerpted from the NYS PTA

NEW LAW REQUIRES HELMETS FOR IN-LINE SKATING

NYS officials recently passed legislation requiring children 14 years old and younger to wear helmets while in-line skating.

The news tells us that 27 people have died while in-line skating since 1992; 18 of those deaths involved children under 18 years old. Most accidents involving skaters take place on streets and involve automobiles.

Head injuries are the most common but skaters are also being treated for other injuries such as sprains, fractured wrists and road burns.

While observing the new law will certainly decrease the number of head injuries, it's important to remember that other parts of the body require protection also. The use of knee pads, wrist guards and elbow pads, in conjunction with a helmet, makes this a sport that is totally enjoyable and safe.

In-line skating does not belong on the trafficked streets. Parks and playgrounds with smooth, paved surfaces are where our children belong when skating. Enjoy!



HELPING CHILDREN LIKE THEMSELVES (cont.)

- * Concentrate on improvement, not perfection.
- * Help your children develop tolerance toward those with different values, backgrounds, etc.
- * Give your child the responsibility of helping someone else.
- * Be available.
- * Let them know that you value and care about them.
- * Show them that what they do is important to you.
- * Remind them of the special things they have done.
- * Tell your children they are terrific and that you love them.

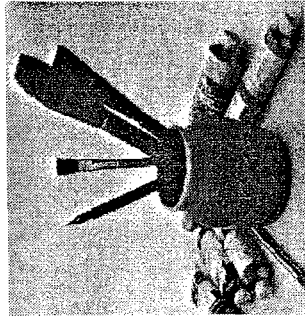
MESSAGE FROM PTA

As we begin the new school year, PTA reminds all parents at Forest Road School that PTA does not function without the support of the parents.

In an effort to help all children at our school, we ask you to remember that PTA is about inclusion. All parents are welcome at our general meetings. Your opinions and input are what make a difference.

Your presence at PTA meetings and volunteering to help out at PTA functions, whether fundraisers, programming, etc. make a difference to your child! If you have no experience, call to us; you will get invaluable experience. If you are new to the school, come to meet new people and, maybe, make new lifelong friends. If you have very little free time, we'll find something for you to fit your busy schedule. If you have lots of free time, we'll find lots for you to do.

We urge you to join and become a part of our PTA family.



NEWS FROM THE ART WORLD.....

Did you know your children are involved in an art enrichment program that features famous works of art? A parent volunteer visits the classroom with a copy of a famous masterpiece and encourages a discussion of the picture. This program helps to stimulate their interest in the arts, and the children are very responsive. Would you be interested in volunteering? Contact PTA.

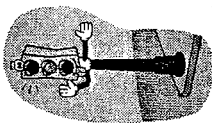
Artpacks are backpacks stocked with art-related materials - books, projects, etc. that go home with your child to explore. Mrs. Baron distributes them. Look forward to your child having their turn at this wonderful activity. Please be sure to return the artpack in a timely fashion.

If you have any gently-used backpacks looking to be put to good use, send them in so the number of artpacks can be increased.



SCHOOL IS STARTING AND THAT MEANS IT'S TIME ONCE AGAIN TO REMIND EVERYONE ABOUT ...

parking and traffic regulations around our school



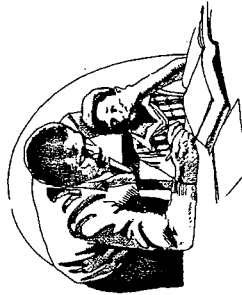
- * Do not park on Jasmine Lane where the signs clearly mark "DROP OFF" only.
- * Do not double park anywhere.
- * Observe the stop signs. Come to a complete stop because the children may not!
- * No U-turns are permitted on Jasmine Lane & Forest Road.
- * Keep the crosswalks clear. Do not park or stop your car for dropoff blocking the crosswalk.
- * No parking is permitted in front of the school on Forest Road.
- * Do not park in or drive through the school parking lot at arrival and dismissal time.
- * Pass this information on to whoever will be driving your child to school!

KEEP OUR CHILDREN SAFE!!!!

HELPING CHILDREN LIKE THEMSELVES

- * Be a good role model.
- * Clearly define and enforce limits and rules.
- * Show respect and allow for individual action.
- * Reward children when appropriate.
- * Take their ideas and emotions seriously.
- * Make a wide range of activities available.
- * Encourage activities that make your child feel good.
- * Teach your child how to deal with money.
- * Have reasonable expectations for your children.

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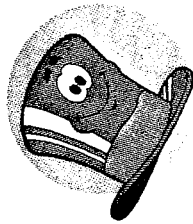


A NOTE ABOUT PTA FUNDRAISING

All PTA funds are used for our children. One of PTA's proudest achievements is our very special PTA programming. Using funds from PTA fundraising events, we are able to bring exciting and educational programming to the school for our children.

In the past this has included creative writing workshops with authors-in-residence, dramatic presentations, musical presentations, magic shows, nutritional information programs and more.

We look forward to bringing more challenging programming for our children this year. Watch our newsletter for further information on these events!



DO YOU WANT TO BE A MODEL OR JUST LOOK LIKE ONE ????

MODEL FOR OUR PTA FASHION SHOW ON NOVEMBER 1, 1995

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED, SUBMIT YOUR NAME AND TELEPHONE NUMBER TO

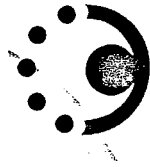
MARA STEINDAM 791-8542

OR

JOAN RONDINELLI 791-5862

BY SEPTEMBER 22, 1995

NAMES WILL BE RANDOMLY DRAWN AND WINNERS WILL BE NOTIFIED BY OCTOBER 2, 1995



JUGGLEBUG®

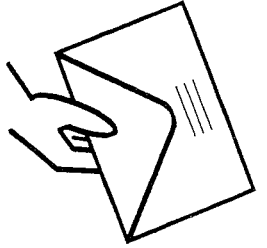
JUGGLEBUG ORDER FORM

If you've misplaced the order form your child brought home from the Professor Confidence Assembly, we've reprinted it below. Please send in your order with a check made payable to Forest Road PTA by November 14. Delivery should be in time for the holidays!

Description	Qty.	Cost	Total
Slow-Motion Scarves, set of 3		5.50	
Soft plastic juggling balls, set of 3		10.00	
Squeelie juggling balls, set of 3		10.00	
Juggling Rings, set of 3, 1.3" diam.		16.00	
Spinning Plate set, plate & 2 1/2" dowel		10.00	
Joy Of Juggling Book		6.00	
Learn to Juggle Video		15.00	
			Total \$

Name: _____

Teacher's Name & Room Number: _____



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THE FORESTER

The Forest Road School PTA Newsletter



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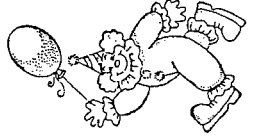


HALLOWEEN FACEPAINTING
- IT'S FOREST FOLDERS
- CLOWN AROUND

Once again, Chris Agostino & Co.- Face Factory - presented the art form of facepainting in an attractive, enjoyable artistic manner. All of the students who participated were enthusiastic and totally engaged during the workshops. The fifth and sixth graders were wonderful with the younger students, exemplifying the true Forest Road "Spirit."

"Be-A-Clown" Halloween enabled our children to realize that not all clowns are supposed to make us laugh, but they do use costumes, colorful faces and props to get our attention.

Thank you to everyone who helped us make this day a huge success!



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PTA CO-PRESIDENTS

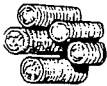
The new school year has gotten off to a very smooth start. All of the children are well settled into their classes and are engrossed in a new year of both academic and social growth.

We, as parents, are obligated to show our support to our children and to their school. Two very important and easy ways to do this are - to join PTA and to become involved in PTA.

The Forest Road PTA runs various fundraising events and other functions throughout the year with one focus in mind - the students of Forest Road School. All money that is raised by PTA goes right back to the children through our wonderful cultural arts programs and the various gifts that PTA has given to the school.

Forest Road PTA is always looking for new people to be involved in our activities. Your children will love seeing you at events PTA sponsors, and you'll be surprised by how much fun taking part can be. Why not start by attending a PTA meeting and hearing about our upcoming plans? We look forward to greeting you at our next meeting!

*Nancy Janda & Luana Silberman
Co-Presidents*

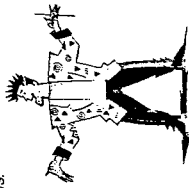


PTA FUNDRAISING

PTA thanks all parents who come to help out and participate in the variety of fundraising activities that enable us to sponsor the many "extras" that enrich our children's lives.

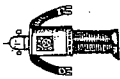
We especially would like to thank *Jill Cohen* and *Alison Smith* for working on this year's pumpkin sale, a not-for-profit event. Thanks to *Holly Bobrow* for help with the extremely successful giftwrap sale. Thanks to *Mara Steindam* and *Joan Rondinelli* for a great fashion show and to *Debbie Cohen* who wore her feet off obtaining lovely raffle prizes. Music provided by *DJ Joey* made for pulse-pounding excitement.

PTA would like to take this opportunity to make a special point of acknowledging another fine job at the fashion show by one of our most supportive families - *The Rondinellis*.



PTA MEMBERSHIP

Thank you to all who joined PTA. It's not too late to join up still!!!
Individual membership - \$4.00
Family membership - \$8.00
Each class with 100% membership receives an ice-cream party!
Any Questions - call *Jill Cohen*
791-3407



NEWS FROM THE ART WORLD

A ROBOT IN FOURTH GRADE?

Strange new faces have been added to Miss Cudahy's fourth grade class. "SR, T.L.By" & "Son," the new additions, are actually two robots made by the students and Mrs. Baron during art class. Computer packing pieces were magically assembled and became this robot duo.

Prior to art class, Miss Cudahy and her students studied safety rules as a part of their health curriculum. They brainstormed rules of behavior to be followed in various areas of the school environment.

The children made small flags, each with one of the rules, to decorate the robots. "SR, T.L.By" got his name from the unit the class was studying - "School Rules To Live By."

Be sure to greet him in the school lobby and see what he has to say!

PARENT ALERT FROM THE INTERNET REGARDING "TATTOOS"

A form of tattoo called "blue star" is being sold to school children. It is a small piece of paper containing a blue star, the size of a pencil eraser and each is soaked in LSD. There are also brightly colored paper tabs resembling postage stamps, wrapped in aluminum foil that have a picture of one of the following: Bart Simpson, Disney characters, Superman, Butterflies, Mickey Mouse, Clowns.

This new way of selling "acid" is designed to appeal to young children. If your child brings one home, DO NOT HANDLE IT! Reaction time is quick and some are even laced with strychnine. Symptoms: hallucinations, severe vomiting, uncontrolled laughter, mood changes and change in body temperature.

Contact your law enforcement agency and seek medical help immediately. The problem it identifies is very serious as several youngsters already have been victimized. The problem is growing faster than parents and others can be warned.



NUTRITION NEWS



What's happening in the cafeteria?

Did you know -

Salad is available every day now. On days with pasta on the menu, a meatless sauce is available upon request.

Starting in November, a soup selection will be available for 65 cents. Many have no meat, vegetable, tomato rice, etc. - just ask Helen in the kitchen.

Pizza and cheese dishes are available many days as well as bagel lunches.

Apple or orange juice may be substituted for milk for the same lunch ticket price.

Red meat conscious? Remember the symbol (T) next to a meat dish on the menu signifies it is a turkey product, (B) signifies a beef product.

If anyone is interested in helping out on the Nutrition Committee, please call Dorothy Mancini (791-5794) for information. Also, call Dorothy if you are having any problems with the school lunch program as well.



FAMILY

A family is a *place*:

to cry and to laugh
and vent frustration
to ask for help
and tease and yell
to be touched and hugged
and smiled at.

A family is *people*:

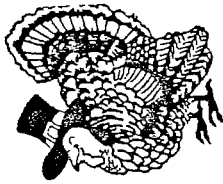
who care when you are sad
who love you no matter what
who share your triumphs
who don't expect you to be perfect
just growing with honesty.

A family is a *circle* where we:

learn to like ourselves
learn to make good decisions
learn to think before we do
learn integrity & table manner
respect for other people
are special
share ideas
listen and are listened to
learn the rules of life to prepare
ourselves for the world.

If we grow up in a loving family, we
are ready for the world!

---Reprinted from NY Parent-Teacher



FROM THE DESK OF DR. CRONIN

As this issue of The Forester is distributed, it is already the third month of the school year and the time of year when we begin to prepare for the holiday season. So, it seems appropriate that I take time to thank all the parents who support PTA and give of their time and talents on committees.

The PTA committees bring the students Book Fairs, Cultural Arts Programs, Carnivals, Pumpkin Sales, PAPP, Plant Sales, Holiday Boutiques, etc. The dedicated parents who work on fundraising committees such as the Candy/Gift Wrap Sale and the Fashion Show help raise the funds to broaden our students programs and 'ves. Events such as field day, Preschool Meetings and class trips are successful because of the support of the parents in the PTA.

So, as this Thanksgiving season approaches, I am stopping not only to be thankful for what is in my own life, but to say thank you to everyone in the PTA who helps make Forest Road School the wonderful and special place that it is.

Sincerely,

Barbara Jean Cronin, Ed.D.

Schneider Children's Hospital Presents Positive Parenting Fall '95

These Monday evening seminars to improve parenting skills are presented by experts from Schneider Children's Hospital. There is free parking and refreshments will be served. Please note that reservations are required for each seminar. Call 1-718-470-8690 for more information and to reserve your place. The November seminars are:

13th - "Ear Infections: When Are Tubes the Answer? When is Speech Therapy Indicated?" Michael Gordon, MD, Dept. of Otolaryngology and Communicative Disorders & Joan Levy, MA, Associate Director, Hearing and Speech Center

20th - "How to Behave When Your Child Doesn't: Discipline That Works" Rona Novick, PhD, Division of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry

27th - "Building Your Child's Self-Esteem" Mary Solanto-Gardner, PhD, Division of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry



PTA PROGRAMMING

SQUEAKY CLEAN

Our first assembly for the school year, on October 3, 1995, was a huge success. Squeaky Clean presented "The History of Rock and Roll." This assembly was both fun and educational. The entire audience was busy clapping, singing along and answering questions as the performers had the ability to bring the entire school together through music!



AND COMING SOON :

November 14 - Mozart, Monsters & Matisse

December 12 - Happy Holiday Show

PROFESSOR CONFIDENCE

Juggling for Success -
starring the Finnigan Family

Can 300 students and faculty members learn the art of juggling in one day while boosting self-esteem and self-confidence? Absolutely!

The Forest Road PTA hosted an exciting day-long program starring not only the Finnigan Family but many of our children in the closing assembly.

The juggling sessions throughout the day helped the children concentrate and stay on task. Dave Finnigan believes that juggling improves math scores, boosts reading levels and can improve handwriting significantly. All of these goals can be accomplished while having a tremendous amount of FUN!

We thank Dave and his children, Dorothy and Ben, for their captivating performances. One thing is certain - we are "confident" that we'd love to have this incredible family return next year!



6TH GRADE HALLOWEEN PARTY

On Tuesday, October 31, from 4:30 to 6:30 PM, the Forest Road School gym was transformed into a "spook-tacular" Halloween Party Room. Cobwebs, spiders, monsters, ghouls, ghosts, body parts (not to worry, fake ones) and tombstones were "boofully" placed - one forgot this was our gym!

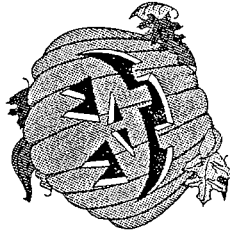
This party, sponsored by the PTA, was attended by the entire sixth grade. The boys and girls rattled their bones to the haunting sounds of DJ Joey & Co, and participated in organized games and activities. There was food, fun and then more food.

On behalf of all the class mothers, we would like to thank each and every student for their fabulous behavior. There weren't any "tricks" all night but plenty of "treats" watching this class enjoy a safe, fun Halloween.

A special thank you to Robert Kamin of Forum Novelities for the "fang-tastic" decorations, to Gino's Pizzeria for a tremendous savings and, of course, DJ Joey & Co. for his constant generosity to our school. Thank you to all the parents who baked, shopped, set up, cleaned up, chaperoned and helped make this a truly Happy Halloween!



PARP IS COMING!!!
JANUARY 23, 1996
read for the gold!



PUMPKIN SALE A SMASH!!!!

Our pumpkin sale was a success thanks to the wonderful selection of pumpkins from Dee's Nursery. The weather was beautiful, the apples were delicious and a great time was had by all.

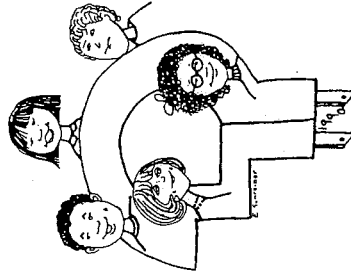
PTA would like to thank all the mothers who helped out!

CALENDAR

February
15 - PTA Founder's Day 7:30PM
20 thru 24 - school closed
Winter Recess


March
8 - PTA Gen'l Mtg 8PM
11 - Carnival 11AM-3PM
31 - PTA Parent/Child Dance

Nurture the Gifts
In ALL CHILDREN



Other Safety Precautions


- Make sure children learn to always ride with the traffic.
- Make sure ~~they~~ ride only one on a bike.
- Make sure they follow traffic lights and signs and signal all turns.
- Make sure they use a horn or a bell.
- Make sure their bikes are in good working order.
- Make sure that when a youngster rides at night the bike has reflectors, a headlight and taillight and that he or she wears reflective clothing.



NYS PTA
A PARTNERSHIP
FOR CHILDREN

WINTER 1995

THE FORESTER



THE FOREST ROAD SCHOOL PTA NEWSLETTER

Wear A Bike Helmet -- It's the Law

For children in New York State under the age of 14, wearing an approved helmet while riding their bikes is not just a good idea, it's required now by law. The maximum penalty for not wearing the helmet is \$50 and parents are responsible. Each year, 60 people in New York State are killed in bicycle accidents. About 7500 bicyclists are hospitalized due to such accidents yearly and 2500 of these have brain injuries. Nationwide statistics show that there is only about a 33% chance of recovery without disability from brain injury due to a bicycle accident.

Tips for Buying a Helmet

Make sure the helmet has passed a recognized safety test. Make sure the helmet is made of thick firm polystyrene or other shock-absorbing material. Make sure that the strap is strong and there is a fastener so that the helmet will stay on. Make sure the helmet fits snugly and that it covers the forehead in the right position. Remember that if a child falls and hits his/her head wearing the helmet, buy a new one.

Reprinted from the Nassau ROCES TBI Project with information from the New York State Department of Health. See other safety precautions in this issue of The Forester.

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**A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PTA
CO-PRESIDENTS**

Happy New Year! As we move into 1995, PTA is continuing to help the students at Forest Road School.

With your continued support, Forest Road School PTA has been able to purchase another set of stage risers for the school. Now, all our children will be seen during our concerts and reviews!

Founder's Day is February 15, 1995. During the program that evening, PTA will be celebrating the founding of National PTA and saluting those who make the "up" the "T" and the "A." Please join us at Forest Road for an evening of celebration. Our second, fourth and sixth graders will be our entertainment for the evening. They will take us on an All-Star Salute to the songs of the United States of America.

Our Book Fair in January was a great success in conjunction with the Parents as Reading Partners program. For the first time, the book fair was open just for parents so they could preview the selections and take the opportunity to

purchase books at cost. As always, the books were sold to the children at cost.

Other upcoming PTA events are Carnival on March 11 and the Parent-Child Dance on March 31.

As you can see, Forest Road PTA offers something for everyone. Please join us for as many events as you can. Your continued support helps all our students at Forest Road School.

*Lauren Silverman
Nancy Spada*



**SPREAD
THE
WORD**



Dear Parents:
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Many thanks!

RECYCLE YOUR LA LIGHTS!

LA Gear Inc. has agreed to give consumers free sweepstakes for recycling after they wear out. LA Gear's My Li'l Lights and LA Lights shoes have small lights that are activated by a switch that uses 1/2 gram of mercury. Minnesota officials complained about the mercury which can cause neurological damage, especially in small children and fetuses. Throwing the shoes in the garbage would be illegal. Consumers can call LA Gear's nationwide toll-free number - 800 - 786-2020 to request the free matters so they can send the sweepstakes back for recycling. A phone call to LA Gear resulted in a very helpful person who explained that there is no danger in wearing the sneakers and that the sole problem is proper disposal.

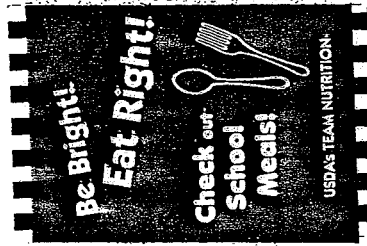
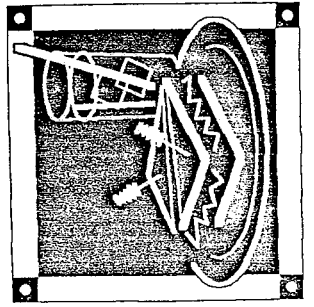


SCHOOL LUNCH NEWS

If anyone is interested in having the salad meal for their lunch, please make sure you let your teacher know in the morning. Only enough salads will be made that have been ordered.

For all you bigger kids with bigger appetites, you may have a double order entree, but you must also order it in advance and the cost is \$0.85 extra.

Soup has been added to the menu for the winter season as part of the school lunch on certain days. You can order it separately with your own lunch for \$0.65.



Enjoy our special lunch days each month - Brunch For Lunch, Treasure Hunt Day, Delimania and Mello Smello Day. If you don't win a Chiller Yogurt for snack, you might want to try the chiller yogurt anyway. It is a healthy great-tasting snack for \$0.45.

Please continue to call Dorothy Mancini at 791-5794 with any school lunch problems or suggestions.



REFLECTIONS WINNERS

The Reflections Program ended at Forest Road on January 13. Winning entries on the theme, "Dare to Discover..." were in the categories of Visual Arts, Literature and Music and went on to compete at the county level. **MELVIN GRULLON's** entry was selected to go on to the state competition.

The PTA is very proud of everyone who entered and congratulate our winners:

Louis Loria	K
Gabriella Barretto	2
Hasan Shakir	2
Soribel Guttierrez	LC1
Melvin Grullon	LC1
Eric Shea	LC1
Richard Godwin	LC1
Alexander Klein	3
Elizabeth Weinbloom	4
Daniella Barretto	4
Greg Silverman	6
Zack Turner	6
Christopher Ignaciuk	6
Brian Magh	6

KID'S BINGO A HIT!!!

Forest Road's Annual Kid's Bingo was a great success. One of the reasons for this was the tremendous work done by 6th grade volunteers. The PTA would like to recognize these wonderful students and thank them for a job well done:

- DANIELLE VIGGHIANO
- JAMIE JEUDA
- JAMIE MANDEL
- JAMIE WINOKUR
- MATTHEW LOWERY
- CHRISTOPHER IGNACIUK
- JOSHUA SALOMON
- JONATHAN GREENE
- NICOLE BRUNO
- GABRIELLE STOLLER
- MARCI RANZER



PARP REPORT

Parents As Reading Partners
"Reading is a Magic Trip"

Dear Parents & Students,

The Forest Road School PTA Parents As Reading Partners program began on January 24 and continued for 2 1/2 weeks ending February 10.

The theme for this year was "Reading Is a Magic Trip." Through our kick-off assembly, book fair, read-in, read-a-shirt day (all who participated received a free keychain), and various incentives (bookmarks, book covers, etc.), we hoped to encourage the practice of reading in the home.

PARP is a successful volunteer effort that has fortified our children's reading habits. It is important for this reason and because it has helped to cement the necessary bond between the home and school to aid with the education process. Together, this effort will make our children more successful and education more fruitful.

We hope everyone joined us on our reading trip by making reading a joy, not a chore! All Aboard!!

Thank you,

PTA PARP Committee
Colleen Hickey & Alison Smith

PTA PROGRAMMING FOR 1995

PTA Programming Committee-
Colleen Hickey & Alison Smith

January - Bodacious Book Show - the kick-off assembly for PARP.

February - Cecile Schoberle Creative. Our author-in-residence conducted creativity workshops in each classroom. Everyone enjoyed expanding their own creativity in a light, entertaining way.

March 7 - Writing Is... Grades 3-6 will experience an assembly program designed to boost their love for literature and writing.

March 14 - A Musical Concert presented by Lyle Cogen. Grades K-2 will be entertained in a quick-paced energetic show that involves children from the first moment to the last.

April 11 - The Young Amadeus Mozart
An entertaining survey of the life and music of the young Mozart.

April 26 - Layne Lieberman Anapol, R.D., King Kullen Nutritionist.
Janey Junkfood's Fresh

Adventure will help students recognize the important role of a balanced diet, daily exercise and become informed consumers. Each student will receive a healthy snack!

May - Jim Snack, Magic in the Classroom, Alice in Wonderland and The Little Prince.



SAVE THESE DATES

Forest Road Carnival -
Saturday, March 11

Forest Road PTA Dance -
Friday, March 31

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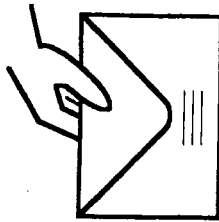


Spring 1995

CALENDAR

April 14-21 - Spring Recess
April 24 - School Reopens
April 25 - Dist.30 Bd of Ed Mtg 8:30PM
April 26 - Voter Registration 7-9AM and
7-9PM
April 26 - PTA General Meeting 9AM
April 27 - PTA Pre-School Mtg 3PM
April 28 - Kindergarten Registration
9-11AM

May 3 - Vote 7AM - 10PM
May 11&12 - PTA Plant Sale
9AM-2:30PM
May 18 - PTA Pre-School Mtg 3PM
May 22 - Dist.30 Bd of Ed Mtg 8PM
May 29 - Memorial Day, School Closed
May 31 - PTA Installation 7:30PM



PLEASE HELP

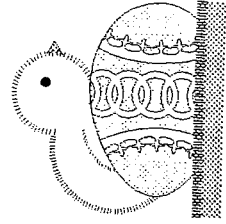
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WELCOME SPRING



HAPPY PASSOVER

HAPPY EASTER



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**A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PTA
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Happy spring! Even though we had a very mild winter, it is still nice to welcome the warmer weather that April brings. The warmer weather also brings more children outside playing, so this is a very good time to remind them about safety.

PTA had a very busy winter. We were happy to see so many new faces participating in our various activities. Last month's Carnival and Rap & Roll dance were well attended and enjoyed by all who were there. Activities such as these could not take place without the hard work and cooperation we always get from the people who chair and help out with each event. We are always looking for new people to get involved, so please don't hesitate to do so.

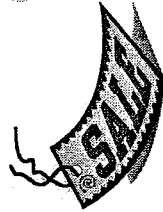
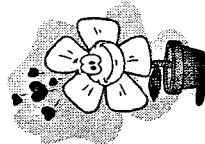
There are two very important dates coming up on the calendar. On May 3, we will be voting on the budget for the next school year, and on April 26 there will be registration for anyone not yet registered to vote. It is vital that every one comes out to vote.

Please contact either one of us with any questions or concerns you may have.

*Nancy Jeuda
Laura Silverman*

**PTA PROGRAMMING
REMINDER**

- April 26 - Layne Lieberman-Anapol, RD
- May 2 - Alice In Wonderland, sponsored by LI Water Co.
- May 9 - Jim Snack - Creative Thinking
- May 23 - Theatreworks - The Little Prince



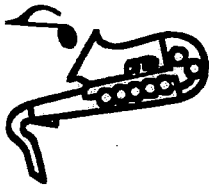
**SLATE SELECTED
FOR 1995-1996 PTA
EXECUTIVE BOARD**

The Nominating Committee met and selected the following slate of officers for the Executive Board of the Forest Road PTA for the upcoming 1995-1996 school year:

- Co-Presidents: Laura Silverman
Nancy Jeuda
- Vice-President: Colleen Hickey
- Programmer: Sharon Hirth
- Ways & Means: Ann Falley
- Recording: Jill Cohen
- Secretary: Lisa Vogel
- Financial: Karen McDaniel
- Secretary: Jill Cohen
- Corresponding Secretary: Lisa Vogel
- Treasurer: Karen McDaniel

Substituted by Nominating Committee:

- Karen Jacobson - chair
- Robyn Laurentz
- Marilyn Lefcort
- Jill Cohen
- Karen McDaniel

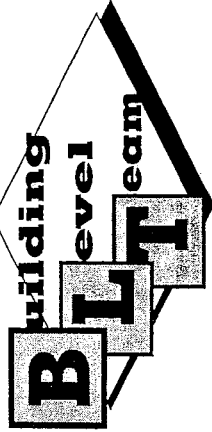


**SPRING CONCERT
BAND, STRING & CHORUS
APRIL 27**

**WORDS THAT CAN HELP
CHILDREN**

- That's great!
- Good job.
- You look terrific.
- You're very special.
- What did you like best about today?
- I like your smile.
- Let's talk about you.
- I want to help you...
- I'm so proud of you.
- I can see why you're angry.
- Let's talk about it.
- I believe you can do it.
- Thanks for your help.
- You're such a good worker.
- Don't give up.
- You're so nice to be around.
- Just do the best you can.
- You're going to be just fine.
- How can we fix it?
- Give it your best.
- You are what matters.
- We can do it together.
- I Love You.

**PTA
PLANT
SALE
MAY 11 & MAY 12**



Forest Road School

Barbara Cronin
Bonnie Estlein
Elyn Fitzgerald
Elaine Friedman
Steve Lurie
Jill Mandel
Mary Ruschin
Laura Silverman
Dennis Terrell
Carol Tolle

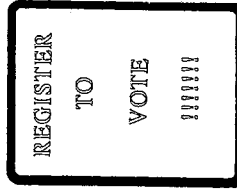
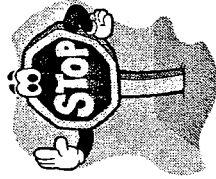
We are the Forest Road School Building Level Team (BLT) of the *New Compact for Learning*, composed of ten members that represent four groups from the Forest Road School community: parents, teaching faculty, support staff, and administration.

The function of this committee is to provide and facilitate ideas to enhance the education of all children in our school. Through our cooperative efforts we envision an educational experience that will provide opportunities for all students to realize their full potential.

The New Compact for Learning is:

- *Setting* standards of academic excellence for all students
- *Helping* all children to achieve high academic standards to the best of their abilities.
- *Strengthening* parent involvement with shared decision making programs in every school.
- *Focusing* cooperation among government agencies at all levels to make better use of limited resources.
- *Working* to prepare all children for the workplace of the 21st century.
- *Creating* a safe, supportive environment for learning.
- *Building* on the successes in our schools.
- *Providing* resources for all schools to improve teaching and learning.

The members of the BLT committee welcome your comments and suggestions. A BLT mailbox is located in the Forest Road School office. For your information, minutes of our monthly meetings are posted in the front lobby of our school. We meet monthly and visitors are welcomed as observers.



Residents may register to vote for the School Budget Wednesday, April 26 at Forest Road School from 7AM - 9AM and 7PM - 9PM. The PTA invites you to register to vote and then join us for coffee at 9AM and stay for the PTA General Meeting. Ms. Ronnie Horowitz will be speaking at this meeting about Gifted & Talented screening.

To top off a full morning, stay for the 10:30 to 11:30 AM assembly that features a presentation by Layne Lieberman-Anapol, R.D., a local nutritionist who will be speaking to our students about good (and tasty) nutrition.

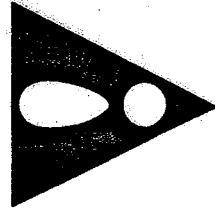
SCHOOL BUDGET VOTE MAY 3

Also vote at this time for School Board Representative.
Remember, your vote counts!

NOTES OF INTEREST

April 24 - Lawrence McGoldrick, District 30 Superintendent of Schools will be speaking at the Mill Brook Civic Association General Meeting at Forest Road School at 8PM.

April 25 - District 30 Band will be performing at the Board of Education Mtg



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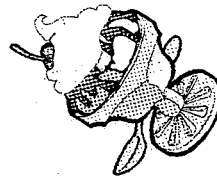


What a tremendous success! Our PTA Parent Child Dance held on March 31, 1995 was just wonderful. Parents and children danced 'til their feet hurt, stopping only long enough to get a soda or an ice cream sundae. Thanks to DJ Joey and company, the joint was jumping, hopping and rocking. Door prizes were awarded to several lucky people, and the Raffie Prize (a CD Boombox) was won by Alyssa Jacobson.

A special thank you goes out to the chairwomen of the event, Susan Viggiano, Karen Jacobson and Elly Haber. This reporter noticed their feet in basins of ice immediately after cleanup!

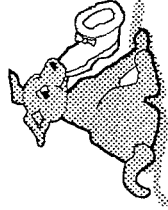
An event like this would not be possible without our dedicated and hardworking custodial staff - Mr. Vinny, Mr. George and Mr. Floyd.

We look forward to dancing the night away in 1996!



IT'S THE LAW -

Remember to pick up after your dogs! Your neighbors will appreciate it and our children's sneakers will come home a lot cleaner!



FUN ZONE REWARDS STUDENTS

Fun Zone Family Entertainment Centers in Lynbrook and Farmingdale would like to reward our children for all their hard work at school.

Mondays through Thursdays, excluding school holidays, children can bring in their report cards and receive .5 game tokens (maximum of 20 tokens) for every "A" (or S+) they earn in Academic Subjects.

BEANBAG CHAIR RECALL

Over 10 million zippered beanbag chairs sold by nine companies are being recalled because they can kill children. The Consumer Product Safety Commission learned of five deaths and at least 12 other cases in which children have inhaled or ingested some of the beanbag filling.

In some cases, children unzipped and crawled into the bags, where they choked on the small foam pellets inside. Other times, they choked while playing with the pellets outside of the bag. Bags currently being sold are glued at the seams to keep the pellets inside and away from children.

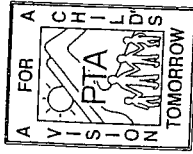
Consumers should stop using any beanbag chairs with zippers and take them away from children immediately. They also should check for a label identifying the manufacturer and contact the company, or call the safety commission hot line at 800 - 638-2772, for repair instructions.

-information received from NY Schools Insurance Reciprocal



CALENDAR

May 8-10 - Plant Sale
 May 8 - Budget Hearing 8PM
 May 12 - Mother's Day
 May 14 - Voter Registration
 May 14 - VSCHSD Bd of Ed Mtg 8:30PM
 May 20 - SEPTA Mtg/Memorial 8PM
 May 20 - Dist. 30 Bd of Ed Mtg 8PM
 May 21 - Voting 7AM-10PM
 May 21 - Forest Road Art Exhibit
 May 27 - Memorial Day - school closed
 May 29 - PTA Installation Dinner 7:30PM
 May 31 - Field Day



June 7 - PTA Volunteer Appreciation Day
 June 11 - VSCHSD Bd of Ed Mtg 8:30PM
 June 13 - PTA Teacher Recognition Day
 June 14 - PTA Summer Book Fair
 June 16 - Father's Day
 June 19 - 6th Grade Graduation 8:15PM
 June 20 - Kindergarten Graduation 9:30AM
 June 20 - 6th Grade Party 1:3PM
 June 21 - Last Day of School
 June 24 - Dist. 30 Bd of Ed Mtg 8PM

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SPRING 1996



A MESSAGE FROM PTA CO-PRESIDENTS

Spring has finally arrived at Forest Road School and PTA has been busy planning to keep our children busy throughout the year.

Let's remember that along with the good weather comes an increased responsibility to be aware of children outdoors. Please obey all the traffic signs and stop signs. Do not make U-turns on Jasmine Lane and Forest Road. Do not park in standing-only areas. Watch out for children darting around the ice cream trucks.

PTA still has many events planned for the remainder of the school year. Your help would be welcomed at our PLANT SALE, SUMMER BOOK FAIR and FIELD DAY. This year, all Forest Road children will receive a water bottle for Field Day. Please write your child's name on the bottle as soon as it comes home.

PTA always needs your help!!! Sign up to chair a committee or be a class parent next year. Watch for the flyers to come home and then send them back!

A MESSAGE FROM DR. CRONIN

Dear Parents,

As I write this letter, winter is giving us another snowstorm even though spring is over a week old. Despite the weather, it is time to think about the activities of spring. Spring brings the New York State Pupil Evaluation Tests (PEP) and Program Evaluations Tests (PET). Listed below are the administration dates:

Grade 5 Writing Part I	Wednesday, May 8, 1996
Grade 3 and 6 Reading	Thursday, May 9, 1996
Grade 5 Writing Part II	Friday, May 10, 1996
Grade 3 and 6 Math	Wednesday, May 15, 1996
Grade 4 Science (Objectives)	Thursday, May 16, 1996
Grade 6 Social Studies Part I	Wednesday, May 22, 1996
Grade 6 Social Studies Essays	Thursday, May 23, 1996
Grade 4 Science (Manipulatives)	Wednesday, May 29, 1996

The **CTBS** (Comprehensive Test of Basic Skills) will also be administered during the spring. Grade 2 will take the reading section and grade 4 will take reading and math. Grades 2 and 5 will take the **TCS** (Test of Cognitive Skills). These tests will be administered June 3 to June 6. Grades 1 and 2 will also take a **UCSMP** (University of Chicago School Mathematics Project) test during the first week of June.

Please make sure your child comes to school well rested on these dates.

In addition to getting your child ready for any upcoming tests, it is also time to review rules about bike and rollerblade safety. All children should wear helmets and other appropriate safety gear. Just remember, before we know it, we will be complaining about the weather being too hot!

From everyone at Forest Road, we hope you had a Happy Passover and a Happy Easter. Enjoy Spring now that it's finally arrived!

Sincerely,

Barbara Morris Cronin, EdD

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SCHNEIDER CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL PRESENTS SPRING 96 POSITIVE PARENTING SEMINARS



Schneider Children's Hospital continues its seminar presentations this spring on Monday evenings to help you improve your parenting skills.

May 6 - "Setting Limits - Discipline That Works" - Rona Novick, PhD, Div. of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry

These seminars are free, refreshments are served, free parking is available and reservations are required. Seminars take place at 7:30PM and LIJ's Epstein Teaching Center on Lakeville Road in New Hyde Park. The entrance is to the right of the Main Building.

May 13 - "Sibling Rivalry - Keeping The Peace, A Positive Approach" - Richard Gallagher, PhD, Div. of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry

To make a reservation for any or all of the seminars, call **718-470-RSVP**.

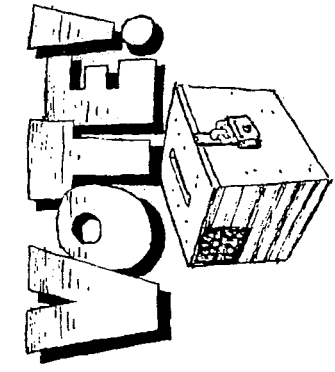
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EARTH DAY CELEBRATED AT FOREST ROAD SCHOOL

April 22 was a lively day at Forest Road as many of the students sported Eco-T-shirts that they had been able to purchase through your PTA. This was not a fundraiser, as the group savings was passed on entirely with shirts sold at cost. Our children chose from the many different styles and everyone's awareness was raised at the sight of endangered species, the tropical rainforest and our planet Earth.

In addition, through the efforts of fourth-grade teacher, Mrs. Stiefl, many Forest Road students had decorated grocery bags with Earth Day themes. If you shopped at Waldbaum's on April 22, perhaps you were lucky enough to enjoy the handiwork of a Forest Road student when you carted your groceries home.



**BUDGET VOTE
MAY 21
7AM - 10PM**

**PTA INSTALLATION DINNER
MAY 29, 1996 7:30PM**

Pancho's Cantina
4245 Austin Blvd.
Island Park, NY 11558

\$20 per person

Please come. Flyer to follow!

SLATE APPROVED FOR ELECTED PTA OFFICERS

At the March PTA general meeting, the slate presented by the Nominating Committee was passed unanimously. The PTA officers for the 1996-1997 school year, who will be installed at the May 29 dinner, are as follows:

- Co-Presidents - Allison Smith
 Jill Cohen
- 1st Vice-Pres. - Sharon Hirsh
 Ways & Means
- 2d Vice-Pres. - Ruth Klein
 Programming
- Treasurer - Karen McDaniel
- Secretary - Arlene Drimal
 Recording
- Secretary - Lisa Vogel
 Financial
- Secretary - Mindy Ram
 Corresponding

Please join PTA in welcoming the new board at the installation dinner at Pancho's Cantina in Island Park.

PTA PLANT SALE

Once again, PTA will host our annual fundraising plant sale. Now that spring looks like it will definitely be sticking around, why don't you take this opportunity to add some delightful color to your garden?

A beautiful selection of annuals, ready for bedding, are available along with vegetable seedlings in great condition to set up for blooming summer enjoyment!

Pre-order pickup - Wednesday May 8 between 11AM and 3:15PM

PTA PROGRAMMING

On May 7, the Gizmo Guys will bring their rollicking antics to Forest Road School. We expect our children to still be laughing when you pick them up at the closing bell. The Laser Light Show has been rescheduled for May 10.

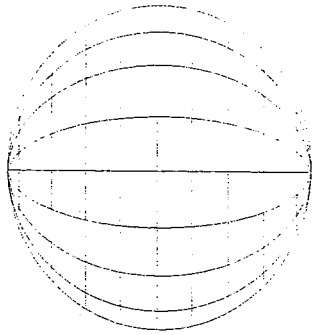
**ROBERT HABER
TOP WINNER IN
FOREST ROAD
GEOGRAPHY BEE**

Once again, the fourth, fifth and sixth grade students at Forest Road School participated in the *National Geographic* Geography Bee. The Bee was coordinated by fifth grade teacher, Mrs. Allison Needleman.

The Geography Bee at the school level consists of three parts. The first part is the "Preliminary Competition," which took place in the individual classrooms. All students were asked seven rounds of questions. When this round was completed, ten finalists advanced to the next part, the "Final Competition." The ten finalists were:

- Grade 4: **Brian Egan, Michael Ram, Sam Smith**
- Grade 5: **Drew Blumenthal, Keith Fletcher, Howie Hershey, Scott Weiner**
- Grade 6: **Robert Haber, Cary Verasco, Josh Vogel**

The "Final Competition" reduced the number of students to two, Keith Fletcher and Robert Haber. After additional rounds of questioning, Robert Haber succeeded in winning



the "School Championship Competition."

Robert took a written test to enter the State and/or National Competition. We are anxiously awaiting his results.

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the Bee. And Good luck Robert from all your friends at Forest Road!



Dare to Discover a New Generation

Mom, can we trade?
Your Beates

Alice in Chains,
Your Volkswagen bus

for my

Jeep Wrangler,
Your Marijuana for my Acid,

Your Pregnancy

for my

AIDS,
Your Mother and Father

for my

Father, his new wife, and my half-sister,
Your Peace

for my

Violence,
Your Love Beads

for my

Diamonds,
Your Generation

in exchange

for mine,
What do you say Mom --

Can we trade?

I didn't think so.

-Julie Brugliera

First Place Award Literature senior division

1994-95 National PTA Reflections Program

reprinted from "Our Children," Jan/Feb 96

WIN/WIN MAGIC GUIDELINE:

1. **COOL OFF** - Take time for cooling off if needed. Find alternative ways to express anger.
2. **1 MESSAGE** - Each person states their feelings and the problem as they see it, using "I Messages." No blaming, no name-calling, no interrupting.
3. **SAY BACK** - Each person states the problem as the other person sees it.



4. **TAKE RESPONSIBILITY** - Each person says how they themselves are responsible for the problem.

5. **BRAINSTORM SOLUTIONS** - Brainstorm solutions together and choose a solution that satisfies both.

6. **AFFIRM, FORGIVE OR THANK.**

These peacemaking skills have applications outside the classroom. Although our children learned these skills during a PTA-sponsored program, they can carry the lessons anywhere else in their lives.

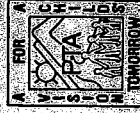
Ask your child to tell you more about these guidelines so that we, as parents, can also utilize these skills.

TEN REASONS WHY I AM A PTA MEMBER

- 1 To be a member of the PTA makes me just a little closer to my children who mean more to me than anyone or anything else.
 - 2 I am a property owner and part of my taxes goes to carry on the school program. I would not be getting all the benefit out of my tax dollar if I refused to belong to the PTA.
 - 3 I want to be fair to the teacher who has pledged to help my children to take their place in society someday. The PTA gives me the opportunity to give their teacher the cooperation needed to help them.
 - 4 The PTA is a clearinghouse for problems that inevitably arise. By being a member, I profit by this opportunity for interchange.
 - 5 My membership in the PTA gives me a chance to help make a community a better community - the kind I want my children to live in.
 - 6 Through the PTA a better parent-teacher relationship is engendered so that my children's school experience is enriched.
 - 7 Rather than harp about faults in our schools, I want to do all I can to make our school the best it can be. This is one of the PTA goals.
 - 8 Being a member of the PTA makes me a party to its policy and operation, as is my right in a country whose government is of the people, by the people, and for the people.
 - 9 Every time I attend a meeting of the PTA, I show my children that I am in their corner. They feel I know how to speak their language.
 - 10 I want my children to be able to say, "My parents belong."
- from the Winston-Salem Forsythe County PTA Council, North Carolina
reprinted from: New York Parent-Teacher Nov/Dec 95

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A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PTA CO-PRESIDENTS

Happily winter is halfway through and the promise of spring awaits us. The cold weather has not stopped PTA from continuing to provide programming and activities for our children at Forest Road School.

The Book Fair, which coincided with our Parents As Reading Partners (PARP) program, was a huge success. Once again, the importance of reading was stressed by PTA, providing the opportunity for children and their parents to purchase books at the distributor's cost. Many thanks to our chairpersons - Ellen Hershey, Leda Stenberg, Jill Cohen, Ruth Klein & Mindy Ram - and their wonderful team of helpers. Thanks also to Robin Laurentz for coordinating our reflections program, this year.

Please plan to join PTA at Clear Stream on February 14 at 7:30 PM to celebrate the 99th year of the founding of PTA. It's important to show our support for PTA by having a strong Forest Road turnout at this annual event. It's sure to be an enjoyable evening.

Upcoming events include our ever popular Carnival on Saturday, March 9. This is a big undertaking and requires help from as many parent volunteers as possible. Your children will love seeing you run a booth and being involved in something that benefits their school.

We've been happy to see so many new faces at our PTA meetings and want to encourage everyone to attend upcoming events and get involved in any way you can. Looking forward to seeing everyone on Founders Day.

Nancy Janda
Laura Silverman

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**FROM THE DESK OF
DR. CRONIN**

Dear Parents:

Recently, I read an article in **Parenting for Student Success** which reinforced the need for a tradition which is often left to the side because of our very busy schedules.

The article began with the question, "What activities lead to success in school?" The results of this Harris-Poll suggest that students who eat together with their families at least four times per week achieved more success in school than students who eat together with their families three or fewer times per week.

Sitting down as a family is a basic tenet of family life but, as we all know, it can be difficult to arrange. Work schedules, religious instruction, sports schedules, etc. make a family dinner time difficult to find. Sitting down to share a meal as a family takes planning and commitment on everyone's part.

The article suggests that the family set a weekly planning time to determine the best time for serving and sharing meals. It is further suggested that the family mealtime not be interrupted by answering the telephone or with other distractions such as the television.

Getting everyone to the table for a family meal several times a week may show rewards with improved success in school.

Sincerely,

Barbara Mance Cronin, Ed.D.

**PTA REFLECTIONS
WINNERS - 1996**

K, L, 1, 2 Division

AIMEE CAMPO - K - Art
BRAD FARBER - K - Literature
Honorable Mention - Steven Magli - K
Gwen Hershney - K

3, 4, 5 Division

DANIELA BARRETO - 5 - Art
ELIZABETH WEINBLOOM - 5 - Literature
ALEXANDER KLEIN - 4 - Music
Honorable Mention - Jonathan Smolin - 3

6 Division

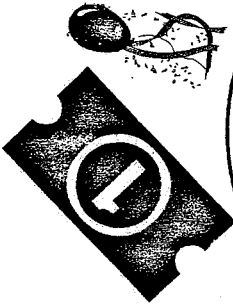
JENNIFER KAMIN - Art
JOSHUA VOGEL - Literature
GIA MANCINI - Music
Honorable Mention - Eric Tarr
Gary Verasco

Judges - Jane Wollman, Joyce Seelig
Chairperson - Robin Laurentz

The theme of this year's Reflections was **Open Your Eyes and See! Watch for a display of the Reflections entries in Gir Acres Mall in April!**



**DO YOU KNOW A CHILD WHO
WILL BE ENTERING
KINDERGARTEN AT FOREST
ROAD IN SEPTEMBER 1996?
PLEASE CALL WITH THEIR
NAMES
WENDY CIORCIARI 791-4266
KAREN JACOBSON 791-1278
LISA VOGEL 568-1901**



**SAVE THE DATE
FOREST ROAD PTA
CARNIVAL
SATURDAY MARCH 9
11 AM - 3PM**

Volunteers needed! Please call
Janet Bleier 791-4353 or
Sharon Hirth 791-5142
if you'd like to help.

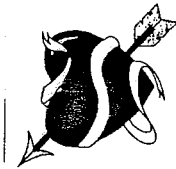


DYSLEXIA SUPPORT GROUP

Adult dyslexics, parents of dyslexics, family members, all are welcome to join this group. Whether you are dyslexic, know someone who is, or just want some information, this is the place to be. Meet others who may share similar experiences or totally different ones!

1st Wednesday of EVERY month
7:30 to 9:30 PM - Malverne Village Hall
99 Church Street
Malverne

For more info - call 565-0623 or 561-8303



CALENDAR

February 14 - Founders Day at Clear Stream 7:30 PM
19-23 - Winter Recess - school closed

March 7 - Lights on Education at Memorial 7:30 PM
9 - PTA Carnival 11 AM - 3 PM
18 - SEPTA Mtg Memorial 8PM
20 - PTA Gen Mtg - 8 PM
22 - Bkfst w/ the Superintendent - 9:30AM Clear Stream
25 - Dist.30 Bd of Ed. Mtg 8PM
26 - PTA Day in Albany



Stanines - scores on a scale that run from a low of 1 to a high of 9, with 5 as the average. They are derived by dividing the entire distribution of students' scores into nine groups based on the standard distribution. They are not as precise as other scores.

WISC - Wechsler Intelligence Scale for Children - common standardized test that measures intelligence in children.

-Excerpted from "Guide to Educational Terms" of the NYS Congress of Parents and Teachers, Inc., September 1995 edition.



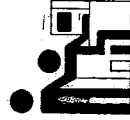
TIPS FOR PARENTS FOR ON-LINE COMPUTER SAFETY

- * Know what your children are doing and with whom they are communicating when they are on-line.
- * Keep the computer in a living area of your home, rather than in a bedroom or other area where a child might use it without supervision.
- * Spend time with your child when he or she is on-line.
- * Request that your on-line service block certain services so you can prevent your child from accessing "adult" bulletin boards.
- * Warn your children NEVER to give out their home address or phone number over the computer.
- * Instruct your children to tell you or any message they receive that makes them uncomfortable.

NATIONAL EDUCATION GOALS (in brief)

By the year 2000

- all children ready to learn
- graduation rate of 90%
- all children competent in core subjects
- first in the world in math and science
- every adult literate and able to compete in the work force
- safe, disciplined, drug-free schools
- professional development for educators
- increased parental involvement in learning

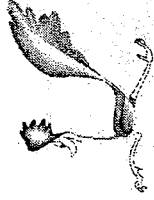


Things to Watch For

Your child may be receiving inappropriate messages or materials via a computer modem or on-line service. Be Alert!

There are several danger signs you can watch for:

- * If your child begins to spend unus amounts of time on-line;
 - * if the computer suddenly and repeatedly goes dark when you enter the room, as though your child were hiding something;
 - * if your child uses a large number of disks to retrieve material from an on-line service or if you find disks hidden in unlikely places;
 - * if your child seems reluctant to discuss the messages he or she is getting.
- excerpted from "A Parent's Guide to On-Line Computer Safety" provided by Senator Dean G. Stelos



NEWS FROM PAPP

The theme of Parents as Reading Partners (PAPP) this year was the Olympics. We wanted to stress multicultural ideas and fitness and athletics. From the posters in the cafeteria to the colorful Olympic Rings tracking sheet to Mrs. Tolle's special library days, this was a fun and wide-ranging theme.

PAPP kicked off with three wonderful assemblies with the Storycrafters. Barry and Jeri told stories from many lands in a colorful and musical way. The youngest children were treated to several fun "join-in" story-songs. The assemblies for the upper grades had more sophisticated stories, many with startling endings. All the children were captivated by the aptly named Storycrafters.

A wide selection of books of all kinds was available at the Book Fair. You couldn't beat the price and, of course, the timing was perfect for finding books to read with that special partner.

Throughout PAPP fun "giveaways" were distributed with the help of the Valley Stream Post Office, Scholastic Books and, of course, our PTA.

We would like to thank all the teachers for their help in making this an exciting event. We hope the children and their special partners will keep on reading together.

Remember, Readers Are Winners!

- Submitted by Ellen Hershey and Leda Stenberg

PTA PROGRAMMING

On February 29, our fifth- and sixth-graders will participate in a one-day Artist-in-Residence program with DAN WHELAN, lithographer. Our young artists will have the opportunity to create their own monolith.



OUR PLEDGE TO CHILDREN The Mission of the PTA (from the National Congress of Parents and Teachers)

- to support and speak on behalf of children and youth in schools; in the community and before governmental bodies and other organizations that make decisions affecting, and
- to assist parents in developing the skills they need to raise and protect their children; and
- to encourage parent and public involvement in the public schools of this nation.

**PLEASE ATTEND
PTA MEETINGS!
YOUNGER SIBLINGS
(FUTURE FOREST ROADERS)
ARE ALWAYS WELCOME!**

DO YOU KNOW WHAT THESE ACRONYMS & TERMS MEAN?

AFT - American Federation of Teachers, a national union that is part of the AFL-CIO. NYSUT is part of the AFT.

BLT - Building Level Team - A committee of teachers, parents, administrators, support staff and possibly community members from an individual school building who analyze the building's needs and then develop and implement a plan of action to help the school become more effective.

CAT Test - California Achievement Test.

Censorship - Using personal or group beliefs or biases to limit community or society access to certain books, materials or information.

Close procedure or test - A method by which words are systematically deleted from a text passage. A passage of approximately 275 words is used. Beginning with the second sentence a word is randomly deleted. Then every fifth, tenth or nth word is deleted. Students guess the deleted words. It is used to evaluate a student's ability to accurately supply the words that were deleted. It reveals the interplay between the prior knowledge that students bring to the reading.

Cognitive process - the ability to internalize information.

DSS - Department of Social Services

Fine-Motor Skills - using the small muscles of the body, mainly hands in eye-hand coordination.

Gross-Motor Skills - using the large muscles of the body.



Hemispheric dominance - the attributing of certain specialized abilities to the right or left side of the brain.

Holistic approach - looking at the whole forest, instead of the trees.

Homogeneous grouping - grouping students with similar achievement levels or ability, sometimes referred to as tracking.

Mean - average score within a group of scores.

Mode - the most common score within a group of scores.

NAGB - National Assessment of Educational Progress - Created in 1969 to conduct a regular survey of education achievement, the elementary, middle and high school levels. It tests students in grades 4, 8 and 12 in reading, mathematics, writing, science, history and geography. These results are sometimes referred to as the Nation's Report Card.

National Education Goals - Six goals for education in America established at an education summit of the nation's governors convened by President Bush in 1989. The target date for achieving these goals is the year 2000.

NEA - National Education Association - this is a national union of which NYEA is a member.

Norm referenced tests - A test that compares a student's performance to students in a known similar group. The norming group may be set up by age or grade level.

Norms group - a sample of students of the same age or grade.

NYEA - New York Education Association - a union in New York State for teachers that is part of NEA.

NYSPTA - NYS Parent Teacher Association.

NYSUT - NYS United Teachers - a union which is part of the national AFL-CIO.

PEP Test - Pupil Evaluation Program Tests - these tests are given by the state each spring in reading and mathematics at grades three and six, and in writing in grade five.

Percentile ranks - the percentage of students in a norm group who scored at or below a particular score. A percentile rank of 95 means that a student scores as high or higher than 95% of all the students in a particular norms group.



Raw score - the first test score that is calculated. Usually the number of correct responses. This score is then translated into stanines.

Rubric - a set of guidelines used in determining scores, typically it contains a scale which states the dimensions being assessed and descriptors that summarize the requirements for properly locating each work on the scale.

SED - State Education Department.

SEPTA - Special Education PTA.

Specials - Classes such as music, art, physical education and library.

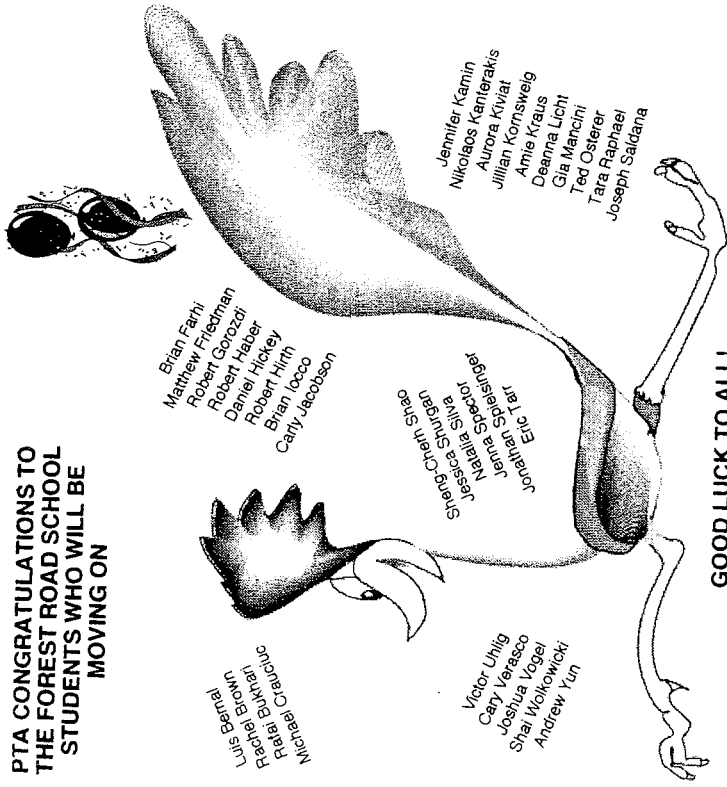
SRP - State Reference Point - twenty-third percentile - students scoring below this are required to have remediation.

Standard deviation - a statistic that describes the variability within a set of scores. On most norm-referenced tests, the standard deviation is 15, with a score of 100 being the mean.

Standard distribution - the distribution of test scores so that 68% of the population falls within one standard deviation of the mean, 14% between one and two standard deviations above and below the mean, and 2% above and below the second deviation. These score ranges being the most commonly used ranges on standardized tests, where the mean is 100.

Standardized test - tests that are given under standard conditions so that a student's performance can be measured against a norm group.

**PTA CONGRATULATIONS TO
THE FOREST ROAD SCHOOL
STUDENTS WHO WILL BE
MOVING ON**



Luis Benral
Rachel Bunker
Michael Cretuche

Brian Farhi
Matthew Friedmen
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GOOD LUCK TO ALL!

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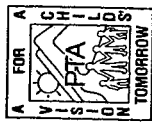


THE FORESTER

The Forest Road School PTA Newsletter



SUMMER 1996



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!!!

The first day of the 1996-1997 school year will be **September 4**, the Wednesday after Labor Day.

Vacation dates -

Dec. 23, 1996 through Jan. 1, 1997
Feb. 17 through Feb. 21, 1997
Mar. 24 through Mar. 28, 1997
Apr. 21 through Apr. 25, 1997

The last day of school will be **June 27, 1997**.

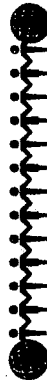
Please note these dates for the '96-'97 school year are a change from the calendar you may have become used to in previous years and you may want to look at them carefully when planning your vacation activities and making next summer camp plans.



A MESSAGE FROM YOUR PTA CO-PRESIDENTS, NANCY JEUDA & LAURA SILVERMAN

It's hard to believe that another school year is coming to an end. Laura and I want to take this opportunity to thank the many people who gave so much of their time and of themselves to make this another very successful PTA year. Our membership has grown and so have the many wonderful cultural arts programs that PTA has provided for the students at Forest Road. All of the fundraising PTA runs throughout the year is for the benefit of the children. Your support for PTA shows your children that you support them and their school.

We must take this opportunity to thank first the wonderful board we have been so fortunate to work with this past year. We also want to thank all of the chairpeople of our various events and each and every one of you who lent your time and talent to help PTA and our children.



In closing, Laura and I want to wish Alison Smith and Jill Cohen the best of luck as your new co-presidents. We know they will do a great job! Our term as co-presidents is flown by, and we want to thank Dr. Cronin, all the teachers and parents for all the support we have received over the years.

Wishing you all a happy, healthy and safe summer.

Fondly,

Nancy & Laura



FRANK SUPPA FUND

As many of you may have already heard, tragedy struck our community when a terrible fire destroyed the home of Frank Suppa. Frank, an eighth-grader at South High School, attended Forest Road School. Frank lost his mother, Maddie, eight months ago.

Frank lives with his dad, Peter, and is an only child. He lost most of his possessions in the blaze, including irreplaceable pictures and videos of his mom. His new dachshund puppy, Gizmo, tragically perished in the fire.

LOVED YOU ENOUGH

Some day when my children are old enough to understand the logic that motivates a mother, I will tell them:

I loved you enough to ask you about where you were going, with whom, and what time you would get home.

I loved you enough to insist that you buy a bike that we could afford to give you with your own money.

I loved you enough to be silent and let you discover that your hand-picked friend was a creep.

I loved you enough to make you return a Milky Way - with a bite out of it - to a drugstore and to confess: "I stole it."

I loved you enough to stand over you for two hours while you cleaned your room, a job that would have taken me fifteen minutes.

I loved you enough to let you see anger, disappointment, disgust and tears in my eyes.

I loved you enough to admit I was wrong and ask for your forgiveness.

I loved you enough to let you stumble, fall and hurt.

I loved you enough to let you assume the responsibility for your actions at 6, 10 or 16.

But most of all, I loved you enough to say NO when you hated me for it. That was the hardest part of all.

- Author Unknown
reprinted from MAPS Musings



GREAT SUMMER

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Dear Parents,

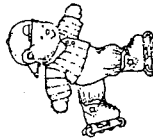
It is hard to believe that another school year is rapidly coming to a close. Once again, we have had a busy and productive year.

The area of computers and technology grew further with the addition of American Online, Scholastic Network and What-on-Earth Cable News Services. Many exciting research projects, on-line communications and other projects were successfully completed including a variety of computer multimedia projects by our upper grade students.

In collaboration with our art program, the fifth grade students completed a wall mural and large quilt, both of which will remain as lasting gifts to the school. Our Building Level Team welcomed several new members (Maria Fletcher, Arlene Drimal and Allison Needleman) and continue to meet throughout the year to consider ways to make Forest Road School an even better learning environment.

Your continued support, which was expressed during the recent successful budget vote, and your willingness to volunteer whenever asked continue to make Forest Road a very special place.

From everyone at Forest Road School, we wish you and your family a healthy and happy summer. Remember to use sunblock, remind your children to wear their helmets when biking or rollerblading and read each and every day with your children. We also hope all our students participate in the



HAVE A

Summer Reading Program so their names can be on an Honor Roll in September. The new school year will be here before we know it.

I look forward to our continuing partnership.

Sincerely,

Barbara Wasson Condie, EdD

Currently, the family is staying with friends and relatives. Unfortunately, their home was uninsured.

Contributions can be made to the Holy Name of Mary Parish Outreach with a memo stating that the money is to go to Peter Suppa. All monies collected will go directly to the family. You may send your checks to me c/o Forest Road PTA and I will make sure Holy Name of Mary receives them. If you have any questions, please call me at 791-6231.

Thank you for any donation you can make. I know it will be deeply appreciated.

Ann Failey/Recording Secretary



FOREST ROAD BACKPACKS UPDATE

What parents do to help their children learn is very important to academic success. Parents who read aloud with their children create opportunities to establish special bonds. Sharing books offers other bonuses too. Research has proven a parent can help his or her child do better in school...improve as a reader, enjoy a richer, fuller life...all by helping their child discover books.



Backpacks go home with a different child each week. The backpacks contain books, poems, journals, games, bibliographies, recipes, activities, interesting facts and jokes. A packet is also included for the family to keep.

The backpacks have a gamut of educational experiences especially correlated to each grade's curriculum and integrating all subjects.

Therefore, the Forest Road backpacks were designed to promote this kind of parent involvement. They offer parents and children opportunities to read together and to share fun book-based activities in an easy-to-use format.

The Forest Road PTA has generously donated all the books and backpacks for this schoolwide project. Mrs. Rene Herman, our reading specialist, has used our new computer lab and all its accessories to create the designs for the backpacks and their contents. This year, Mrs. Herman created 76 backpacks for grades K through 6.

NUTRITION NEWS

Thanks to everyone for responding to the school lunch survey. The most responses came from the 4th grade - Good Job! Your responses will be taken very seriously because the District is considering a new lunch service for next year. They are taking bids on cost, so they wanted input on the present service - Ideal Management.

The survey results, on the whole were positive. Approximately 70% said they were happy with the food choices, amounts of food (except for nuggets and pizza) and the cost. Most popular items that were requested to be added to the menu were french fries, pasta varieties like lasagna and ravioli, and fish - baked and fried. The most popular desserts were the homemade cookies, pudding, jello, chiller yogurt and fresh fruit.

Many of you were not aware that there is a salad on the menu almost every day. It is very fresh and is served in a plastic shell-shaped dish with a cover. It includes fresh vegetables and a protein like tuna or cheese.

For you bigger kids out there with bigger appetites, you can always

order a second entree for 80 cents extra. Hopefully, next year, we will have two size lunches - the regular lunch and a super-sized lunch which will have larger portions.

The most popular type of pizza served is the square and the most popular brunch-for-lunch is waffles.

The majority of you were comfortable with the lunchroom staff and an overwhelming majority would like to listen to music during lunch. We will see what we can do about that.

I was surprised at how few of you use prepaid lunch tickets. I encourage you to consider using them next fall. It is easier because you send money by check only once - the staff reminds you by note that you are running out of tickets and to send another check. The staff is now keeping very good records. We to a better system. The tickets make the line go faster and smoother.

Also, please encourage your children to select ALL the items available to them included in their lunch that day. Ideal Management Food Service offers a well-balanced lunch each day. However, it is a select vs. serve system. Your child must take what is offered; it won't automatically be given to them, except for the entree.



Peanut butter and cheese sticks are available with the bagel lunch, but most often the children are only taking a bagel, butter or cream cheese and a drink. The children are not taking all the items for their complete lunch that you are paying for. Tell your child to try everything!

I look forward to another year as the Nutrition Representative for Forest Road School and please continue to call me at 791-5794 with any questions or concerns. If anyone is interested in helping me out next year, please let me know. The district meetings are only once per month and next year, I hope to do some nutrition programs with the children. So help would be appreciated.

Thanks again and I wish everyone a wonderful and healthy summer! Remember to eat lots of low-fat foods on the grill and plenty of fresh fruits and vegetables. See you next year!

- Dorothy Mancini
Nutrition Representative

(A big thank you to Dorothy from PTA for the work she has been doing for the past few years on the Nutrition Committee on behalf of our children! Keep up the great work, Dorothy)



SUMMER RECIPE

BOW-TIE SALAD WITH HONEY-DIJON VINAIGRETTE

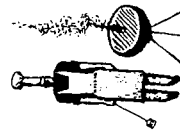
Combine in salad bowl:
1/2 lb. bow-tie pasta (cooked & chilled)
small head Romaine lettuce (cut in strips)
1 cucumber (peeled & cut in cubes)
1/2 cup chopped walnuts
1/2 cup raisins (optional)
Sprinkle with onion powder, garlic powder, salt & pepper to taste.

Dressing:

Mix in small bowl -
1/4 cup honey
1/4 cup balsamic vinegar
1 heaping tablespoon Dijon mustard
1/4 cup olive oil

Whisk until thoroughly mixed. When ready to serve, pour on salad and toss.

Enjoy!



THE EVENT OF THE SEASON

THE FOREST ROAD PTA'S FASHION SHOW

WEDNESDAY NOVEMBER 6TH

WE WILL BE FEATURING THE
FASHIONS OF

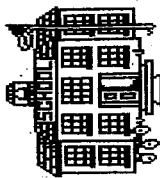
THE MENEKSHE BOUTIQUE
AND THE
LIMITED

BRING YOUR FRIENDS, NEIGHBORS,
MOTHERS, AND SISTERS, ALL ARE
WELCOMED

INVITATIONS HAVE BEEN SENT HOME.
PLEASE RESPOND BY OCTOBER 26TH
MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO FOREST ROAD PTA AND
RETURN TO THE PTA MAILBOX

LOST YOUR INVITATION, NEED ANOTHER
INVITATION, HAVE QUESTIONS ?
CALL JOAN 791-5862 OR ELLY 791-1293

FOREST ROAD SCHOOL PTA PRINCIPAL: DR. BARBARA WARREN CRONIN
FOREST ROAD SCHOOL PTA CO-PRESIDENTS: JILL COHEN
16 FOREST ROAD Alison Smith
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OCTOBER - NOVEMBER 1996

OUR OCTOBER GENERAL MEETING:
OCTOBER 16TH 8:00PM
BREAST CANCER AWARENESS NIGHT

ALL ARE WELCOME.
PLEASE COME WITH YOUR DAUGHTER, YOUR
MOTHER, YOUR HUSBAND.

OUR NOVEMBER GENERAL MEETING:
NOVEMBER 19TH 8:30AM
AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK



**A message from the Co-
Presidents:**

Dear Parents,

As your new PTA Co-Presidents we are pleased to welcome everyone to a new school year at Forest Road. The PTA is planning many exciting events. As always the brings our candy and gift wrap sale, pumpkin sale and fashion show. These events help to fund the programs we have planned for the children this year.

We encourage all of you to join the PTA, come to our meetings and get involved in our programs. It is you ideas, effort and spirit that made the PTA a great organization.

Our next meeting is October 16th.

We look forward to seeing you there.

JILL COHEN & ALISON SMITH

**DON'T FORGET TO SEND IN
YOUR PTA DUES TODAY.**



**NATIONAL PTA
WORKING TOGETHER FOR CHILDREN**

Promise to Children

We promise
to the children of this nation
and to their future
that we will continue
to make them
our first priority.

That the PTA,
caring and just,
through its involvement
in advocacy,
education,
and parenting,
shall guarantee
that all children
be given the opportunity
to reach their full potential.

Joan M. Dykstra
National PTA President

DATES TO REMEMBER

**OCTOBER - 16TH -
GENERAL MEETING
8:00PM**

**OCTOBER - 25TH
PUMPKIN SALE**

**NOVEMBER 6TH
PTA FASHION SHOW
7:00PM**

**NOVEMBER 19TH
GENERAL MEETING
8:30AM**

**DECEMBER 4TH & 5TH
PTA HOLIDAY
BOUTIQUE**

**COMING IN JANUARY -
OUR ANNUAL BOOK FAIR**

**COMING IN MARCH -
AN EVENING OF MAGIC
WITH JIM SNACK**

**DON'T MISS ANY OF THE
PTA EVENTS
NEEDED
AND APPRECIATED.**



UPCOMING EVENTS

Forest Road PTA is planning some new programs for the children at Forest Road School

**BANKING IS COMING TO
FOREST ROAD SCHOOL**

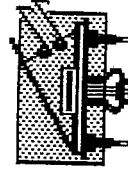
Starting this year Forest Road children will be able to participate in an in school banking program. So have your kids start saving your nickels, dimes & dollars. More information to follow.

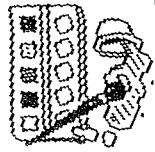
ASK your children on Tuesdays if there was an assembly.

PTA tries to sponsor a cultural arts program at least once a month.

REMEMBER.....

Ask your child what they did in school today





You make the difference in PTA!

PTA is the largest volunteer organization working exclusively to improve the education, health, safety and well-being of ALL children and youth.

Through the PTA, parents, teachers, administrators and others work for quality education and true partnership between home and school.

The National PTA, begun in 1897, brings together the efforts of members, local units and state PTAs on child-centered issues. PTA has played an important role in many areas.

This year as National PTA celebrates its 100th year.

Everyone who cares about children is encouraged to join the Forest Road School PTA.

Family Membership \$8.00
Single Membership \$4.00

The more members we have, the more we can make a difference.

Just send in your membership to the PTA mailbox at Forest Road.

Working together, the PTA puts **CHILDREN FIRST.**



FOREST ROAD GETS A CROSSING GUARD.

Starting in October, the Forest Road Parents can let the Forest Road Students cross at Jasmine Lane and Forest Road safely.

Please obey all traffic rules, they are for the safety of all children and parents.



FOREST ROAD PTA EXECUTIVE BOARD

DO YOU KNOW WHO TO CALL?

CO-PRESIDENTS:

JILL COHEN 791-3407

ALISON SMITH 791-6028

VICE-PRESIDENT WAYS & MEANS

SHARON HIRTH 791-5142

VICE-PRESIDENT PROGRAMMING

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LISA VOGEL 568-1901

PAST PRESIDENT

LAURA SILVERMAN 791-4928

CHAIRPERSON - WAYS & MEANS

JANET BLEIER 791-4353

ALL CHAIRPERSONS AND

CLASSPARENTS ARE LISTED IN THE

DISTRICT #30 SCHOOL CALENDAR

ON THE FOREST ROAD SCHOOL

PAGE.

FEEL FREE TO CALL ANYONE WITH QUESTIONS.

**CAN YOU HELP A FOREST ROAD SCHOOL GRADUATE
EARN HIS EAGLE SCOUT BADGE?**

IT IS VERY EASY.

Andrew Vardakis is a Boy Scout in Troop 116, Valley Stream. He graduated from Forest Road School in 1995. He is presently working on his Eagle Scout Service Project.

He needs your help!

Andrew has chosen to coordinate a blood drive for The Long Island Blood Service. This event will take place on:

Friday October 25, 1996

3:30pm to 9:00pm

St. Joseph's Church

Broadway & East Rockaway Road

Hewlett, NY

His goal is to register 180 donors and gain 100 pints of blood. This special gift costs you nothing, but is the most valuable gift you can give a total stranger or possibly someone you know.

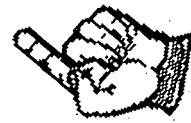
Please help Andrew reach his goal. Call him to choose a convenient time to donate, or if you have any questions. Remember to bring with you a PHOTO I.D. and SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER.

Call Andrew at: Andrew Vardakis,

Life Scout

10 Eastwood Lane Valley Stream, NY 11581

(516) 791-7283 or fax (516) 791-3118



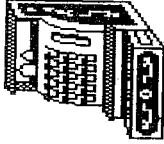
VENDORS WANTED

for a

FOREST ROAD PTA

Spring Boutique.

**Wednesday April 9th
8:00pm**



Cost is \$25. Per table, new merchandise only.

Ask your friends, neighbors.

Shop for all kinds of gifts.

Call Jill 791-3407 or Alison 791-6028

To reserve a table



**"It is The Great Pumpkin
Forest Road"**

A 100lb Pumpkin has been donated to the PTA by our

Mill Brook neighbors.

George & Sylvia Raffenberg

to be used as a fund-raiser

for our school. Raffles will

be sold for \$0.25 each on the

day of our Pumpkin Sale.

Take a chance or two at

winning the best Jack-O-Lantern Pumpkin you have

ever seen. Just think of how many Pumpkin Pies you

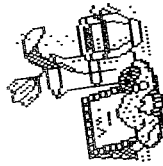
can make! Good Luck.

Send in your Raffle money with you child the day of the

Pumpkin sale. Or.....Stop by the pumpkin sale to

enter yourself.





NUTRITION NEWS

As you may have already realized, Ideal Management has once again won the District #30's food contract. The price of a school lunch has gone up from \$1.15 to \$1.25 per student lunch. Along with the increase in price, you should notice an improvement in quality and selection.

The menu will be more diversified this year and there are more vegetarian selections, hot and cold.

Please remind your children to take everything that comes with their lunch and that they may choose a juice instead of milk with their lunch, if they like.

All of the meat dishes continue to be chicken, turkey or beef products. Salad is available daily, as well. Brunch for lunch is back by popular demand and should be seen on the menu at least once per month.

If you have any questions, problems or concerns regarding school meals, please contact Dorothy Mancini by leaving me a note in the PTA mailbox or by calling me at 791-5794.

HELP IS NEEDED!

FOREST ROAD PTA

is looking for a recording secretary. Our own Arlene Drimal has to leave her position.

Don't you have to take minutes at our once a month board meetings and at our general meetings?

No experience is required

CALL JILL OR ALISON TO VOLUNTEER

SOME QUESTIONS COMMONLY ASKED?

WHEN my child is absent who do I call?

Call the Forest Road School Nurse first thing in the morning.

HOW do I send mail to the Forest Road PTA mailbox?

Just write a note, place it in an envelope, address it to the PTA.

attention who ever you want, send the note in with your child. Your child's teacher will see that it gets to the PTA Box in the School office.

OR you can drop the note into the Forest Road School office yourself, at anytime.



PTA PUMPKIN SALE OCTOBER 25TH



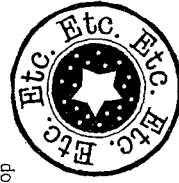
This year our pumpkins will be \$1.00 for a 3-4lb pumpkin. Just the right size for our children to "PICK" themselves.

This is not a fund-raiser for PTA. If you have any questions, or can volunteer to help.

Please call Marilyn at 791-3729 or Lisa at 791-9644.

Your children will come with their classes.

You are invited to come and help and to shop



District #30
Cracker Barrel
November 20th
8:00pm
Shaw Avenue School

The main topic will be space utilization in our schools.

A MESSAGE FROM THE MILL BROOK CIVIC ASSOCIATION!

Block Captains are needed. If you can help contact the Civic Association.

Don't miss out. Don't Forget!
Saturday Evening Oct. 19th

Mill Brook Civic Association
Dance.

Bring your dancing shoes line dancing, the event of the year.

Food and dessert will be served. The fun starts at 7:30pm

Cost is \$ 10.00 per person
Place-Forest Road School Gym



We would like to welcome the newest teachers at Forest

Road School:

Jay Marinoff -- Music
Jodi Freuser- Fine -- ESL
Eileen Pollan -- Instrumental

Nancy Blankshine - 3rd
Grade

LICE, LICE, LICE

DON'T PANIC!

Having head lice is not a serious problem. Lice infestations are treatable and the cure is immediate, if you follow instructions for their elimination precisely. Lice are very contagious and can be spread through the sharing of personal items.

There is no need to scare or blame your child. This does not have to be a traumatic experience for your child. Follow the steps below, stay calm, be supportive and keep your sense of humor.

CHECK YOUR CHILD'S HEAD

Under a bright light, use a pointed stick to separated the hair, start at the nape of the neck: part the hair and scrutinize the scalp. Remember that lice are nearly invisible and shy away from light. Cover the entire head. Not all specks are nits—some maybe sand.

IF YOU FIND ONE:

Lice treatment is a job for adults. Gather shampoo, pediculicide, towels, nit comb and timer.

Wash all you child's clothing immediately, or place in a sealed bag.

Wash your child's hair with regular water-based shampoo that is high in PH. Towel dry hair. Cover your child's eyes with a new towel (make sure they are tightly closed).

Treat hair in the sink. Set your timer according to package instructions.

Examine all household members—and don't forget to check underneath fingernails. Even yours.

Rinse out the pediculicide when the time is up. Towel dry hair with a new towel. Comb damp hair thoroughly to detangle, in preparation for the nit comb. Comb hair with a nit comb to remove dead lice and nits. It is important to remove each and every nit to prevent them from hatching and reinfesting your child and family again.

Part hair into four sections. Pick one section and start at the top of

the section. Lift a one-inch strand of hair.

With the other hand, place the teeth of the comb in the hair, as close to the scalp as possible.

Pull the comb firmly away from the scalp to the end of the hair. Comb all the way to the end of each strand. Remove any remaining nits. Keep each strand of hair back pinned back after you have removed nits. Wipe nits from the comb often with a tissue.

Continue until you have combed each strand in the entire section of hair. Repeat steps in the remaining sections of hair. After combing the entire head, rinse thoroughly. After hair is dry recheck the entire head. Remove any stay nits. Have your child put on clothes that could not have been exposed to lice.

Call parents of children who might have been exposed to your child and ask them to check for lice and nits.

**CALL THE FOREST ROAD
SCHOOL NURSE
MRS. ELAINE FRIEDMAN**

Launder all possible contaminated items: sheets, clothes, towels, etc. Use hot water and dry on hot cycle for at least 20 minutes. Items not machine washable must be dry cleaned or stored at room in a tightly sealed plastic bag for at least two weeks. Soak combs, brushes, etc. in hot water - the hotter the better, but at least 130 degrees F. Items should soak for at least 10 minutes.

Vacuum everywhere!! Carpets, pillows, mattresses, upholstered furniture, even car seats.

Don't panic !!!!



Wonderful
job!

SCHOOL PICTURES



LAURA SILVERMAN

Thank
you!
Thank
you!
Thank
you!



PUMPKIN SALE
MARILYN LEFCORT
RISA SPRITZER

FASHION SHOW
ELLIE HABER
JOAN RONDINELLI

CANDY SALE
SHARON HIRTH
JANET BLEIER

HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE
MINDY RAM
HELENE STEINER
SHARON HIRTH

SCHOOL BANKING
RUTH KLEIN &
THE ENTIRE COMMITTEE

WINTER BRUNCH
CATHY HICKS
LISA VOGEL
MERYL LESHANSKY

KID'S BINGO
ELLIE HABER
SHARON HIRTH



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THE FOREST ROAD SCHOOL PTA NEWSLETTER
JANUARY - FEBRUARY 1997



PLEASE JOIN US AT OUR JANUARY 30, 1997
GENERAL MEETING
AT 9:00AM

COME HAVE COFFEE, ENJOY OUR MEETING AND THEN SHOP AT OUR
BOOK FAIR

AND THANKS TO ALL OF THE MANY VOLUNTEERS WITHOUT WHOSE HELP
TO THESE CHAIRPEOPLE, THESE EVENTS COULD NOT TAKE PLACE.

PLEASE JOIN US !
SIBLINGS ARE WELCOME.

DEAR PARENTS:

It seems like yesterday that the 1996/1997 school year started and now the new year is here. As we try to remember to write 1997 on our checks and correspondence, it is also time to make resolutions. Resolving to set aside some time each day to share reading with your children is a very worthwhile resolution.

You might start by setting aside 15 minutes a day to read to your child. Bedtime is often a perfect time for story reading, but other times work just as well. Reading aloud to children can help them to prepare for learning to read and can be a warm family time as well.

If your child is able to read independently, you can encourage reading by setting aside a regular time when the family drops other activities and reads together. You could take turns reading aloud to each other, or you could each read different books. The important thing is to set an example and let your child know that you think reading is important.

Another activity that leads to success in school is eating together as a family at least four times per week. Sitting down as a family is a basic tenant of family life but as we all know it can be difficult to arrange. Work schedule, religious instruction, sports schedules, etc. Make family dinner time difficult to find. Sitting down to share a meal as a family takes planning and commitment on everyone's part. Research suggests that the family set a weekly planning time to determine the best time for serving and sharing meals. It is further suggested that the family mealtime not be interrupted by answering the telephone or with other distractions such as the television. Getting everyone to the table for a family meal several times a week may show rewards with improved success in school.

New Year's Resolutions to share reading with your child and eating as a family several times a week may not only help your child develop and improve literacy skills, but can bring a lot of happiness as well.

From all the faculty and staff at Forest Road School, we wish everyone an abundance of wishes that the new year brings health and happiness to all.

Sincerely,

Barbara Warren Cronin, EdD



KIDS WHO ARE DIFFERENT

Here's to the kids who are different,
The kids who don't always get A's,
The kids who have ears twice the size of their peers,
And noses that go on for days...
Here's to the kids who are different,
The kids they call crazy or dumb,
The kids who don't fit, with the guts and the grit,
Who dance to a different drum...
Here's to the kids who are different,
The kids with the mischievous streak,
For when they have grown, as history's shown,
It's their difference that makes them unique.

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Everyone "buddy" needs a buddy!

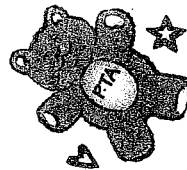
Do you have a buddy with whom to go to meetings?

Become a buddy and make some 'buddy' feel warm and welcome

Ask someone new to come to a meeting.



Remember to do your monthly breast self-exam!



Dear Parents, Faculty
and Staff of Forest Road School:

We wish you all a very happy and healthy New Year!
We are very pleased at our membership response, PTA plays
a valuable part in your child's education.

Please help us celebrate 100 years of PTA at Shaw
Avenue School on February 12 at 7:30pm.

We have many events planned for the children this
winter and we need your help! Refer to the calendar for
committees and events. We are always available for
questions and we look forward to working with you.

Best,

Allison
Smith

Jill
Cohen

vendors wanted

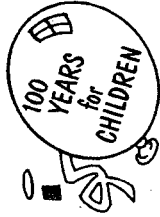
for Forest Road School's
Spring Boutique

Wednesday April 9th
8:00pm

for a Mother's Day Father's Day Graduation and
for any occasion

Cost is \$25.00 per 6ft table, new merchandise only!
Ask your friends, or neighbors.

Call Jill 791-3407 or Allison 791-6028 to reserve a
table.



This year on Founders' Day the
PTA's of Valley Stream School District #30 will be
celebrating their 100th anniversary. To note this day,
all the 5th graders are doing a writing project called
"100 years from now," all the students are working very
hard on their stories. The stories are very creative,
from flying rollerblades and cars, to aliens, robots and
spaceships. These stories are just fantastic!
On behalf of my classmates, let me remind you that
all the parents and teachers are welcome to see our
exciting stories at:

Founder's Day
February 12, 1996
Shaw Avenue School
7:30pm

We've all worked so hard,
Please come!

Michael Ram
5th grader

What's in a Name?

1897

The National Congress
of Mothers

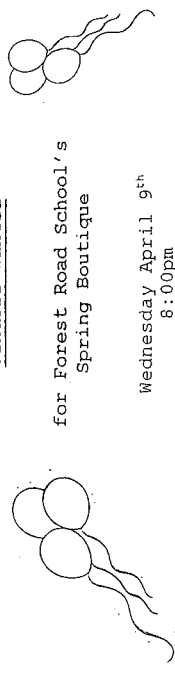
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National Congress of
Mothers and Parent-
Teacher Associations

1924

National Congress of
Parents and Teachers

Although the "National Congress of Par-
ents and Teachers" remains the organiza-
tion's name to this day, the name "Nation-
al PTA" was used more often over the
years. Beginning in the 1960s it became an
informal standard. It has since been trade-
marked, and is now the most common
name used for the organization.



Working Together for Children

Make the Most of Parent-Teacher Conferences

A sample list of questions to help parents make the most of their parent-teacher conferences:

- What subject does my child like most? Least?
 - What can I do to help my child with subjects he finds difficult? How can I help my child study? Prepare for class? Improve his/her work?
 - Is my child trying as hard as he/she can?
 - Does my child participate in class discussions and activities?
 - Is my child in different classes or groups for different subjects? Which ones? How are the groups determined?
 - How well does my child get along with others?
 - Has my child missed classes?
 - Have you noticed changes in the way my child acts? For example, have you noticed squinting, tiredness, or moodiness that might be a sign of physical or other problems.
- REPRINTED FROM OUR CHILDREN MAGAZINE JANUARY/FEBRUARY 1997
The national PTA magazine.

ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS FROM THE EDITORS OF PARENTING FOR HIGH POTENTIAL MAGAZINE.

- How is my child's class structured? What is a typical day like?
 - What do you see as my child's special interests and strengths? What can I do at home to help my child develop his/her talents?
 - Are there any subject areas where my child needs extra help or seems less motivated? How can I assist in those areas?
 - Does my child seem challenged by the academic work or does he seem to complete it with little effort?
 - How does my child react to trying new things? What about his/her reaction to making mistakes?
 - How does my child interact with other children and adults? Does he/she seem well-accepted among his/her peers? Are there any behavior problems?
 - What level of parental involvement is encouraged regarding my child's homework assignments?
 - How are my child's creative thinking and problem solving skills? What do you recommend for development in these areas?
- Remember to tell your child's teacher about your child's home life, personality, concerns, habits and hobbies, and other things you feel the teacher should know about that might help in working with your child. (e.g. religious instruction, after school activities, home life changes, illness, etc).

TO LOBBY FOR OR AGAINST ANY NYS LEGISLATION,
CONTACT YOUR REPRESENTATIVE'S DISTRICT OFFICES
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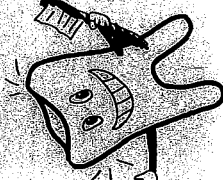
WASHINGTON, DC ACCESS PHONE NUMBERS:
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VICE PRESIDENT AL GORE 202-456-2326
HILLARY RODHAM CLINTON 202-456-6266

TOLL-FREE FOR MEMBERS OF HOUSE AND SENATE:
1-800-972-3542

REMEMBER YOUR VOICE COUNTS!

COMING IN MARCH.....

CARNIVAL MARCH 8, 1997



FEBRUARY IS CHILDREN'S
DENTAL HEALTH MONTH!

REMEMBER TUESDAYS ARE
BANKING DAYS AT
FOREST ROAD SCHOOL



Celebrating CHILDREN
a century of commitment

WHAT'S THE VALUE OF ONE MEMBER?

WHAT'S THE VALUE OF ONE MEMBER?

Ten little members standing in a line,
One disliked the president, then there were NINE.

Nine ambitious members offered to work late
One forgot the promise, then there were EIGHT.

Eight creative members had ideas as good as heaven,
One lost enthusiasm, then there were SEVEN.

Seven eager members remained with spirit and drive,
TWO moved away, then there were FIVE.

Five steadfast members who never disagree,
Two complained of meetings then there were THREE.

Three loyal members! What do they do?
One got discouraged, then there were TWO.

Two lonely members, our rhyme is nearly done,
One joined a bridge club, then there was ONE.

One faithful member who was feeling rather blue,
Met with a neighbor, then there were TWO.

Two earnest neighbors just couldn't wait
Till each won another, until there were EIGHT.

Eight excited members signed up SIXTEEN more,

In another six verses, there'll be one thousand
twenty-four!

Anonymous

If you haven't joined PTA yet send in your dues today.
\$8.00 for a family membership, \$4.00 for a single
membership. Just send in your money ATT: Lisa Vogel,
with your child's name and classroom teacher on it.

We're all Invited

DON'T MISS OUT!
FOREST ROAD SCHOOL PTA'S ANNUAL 1/2 PRICE BOOK FAIR
JOIN PTA AT OUR GENERAL MEETING, THEN PREVIEW THE BOOK
FAIR!

TO VOLUNTEER TO HELP AT OUR BOOK FAIR OR IF YOU HAVE

QUESTIONS CALL:

Jill Cohen 791-3407, Mindy Ram 791-9592
or Laura Silverman 791-4928

We need all the time & help you can give. Your children
love to see their parents helping in their school.



"READERS ARE WINNERS!"

FOREST ROAD SCHOOL PTA

PARENTS AS READING PARTNERS

Begins: January 28, with our kick off assembly :
MULTICULTURAL STORY SALAD

CONTINUES: January 29-31, with our 1/2 price book fair

Continues: February 5, with our "Reading Pajama Party"

Ends: February 13, with the returning of your PARE
tracking sheet.

Don't miss out This year we are all
READING WINNERS!

Keeping the Connection

Good Ideas

HELPFUL HINTS FOR PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

BEFORE

- Establish a positive relationship with your children's teachers early in the school year and work to maintain it.
- If you wish to set up an appointment with the teacher, make a phone call or write a quick note to let the teacher know the purpose of the meeting.
- If, as with many busy parents today, you can't meet with teachers during school hours, then set up a time and location that is good for both you and the teacher. Sometimes teachers and parents agree to meet at a convenient place outside of school or hold the meeting over the phone.
- If you are going to a meeting that was scheduled by the teacher or school, ask beforehand how much time you will have. If you need more time or an additional appointment, let the teacher know up front.
- Prepare a list of questions. About the school's programs. Your child's progress. How you can help your child.

DURING

- Never miss a parent-teacher conference. Use the opportunity to exchange information with the teacher and develop ways to co-operate in educating your child.
- Exercise your right and responsibility to voice your questions and concerns. Express them in constructive ways.
- Ask for ways you can work with your child at home to reinforce what the teacher does in class.
- Recognize and acknowledge how difficult teacher's jobs can be.
- Schedule a time to meet again if you didn't finish discussing everything.

AFTER

- Thank school personnel when they are doing a good job

CONTINUED

MAKING PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES WORK FOR YOUR CHILD

You've Received A Note From Your Child's Teacher Asking To See You.
 You're scheduled to discuss your child's progress in school.
 You would like to talk to the teacher about something. In each of these cases, you may be a little nervous... You're about to have your first, second or third... parent-teacher conference.

Don't worry. A parent-teacher conference is a time when important people in your child's life can talk about how that student is doing in school. It is a chance for you to ask questions about the class or your child's progress. It is also a time for you and the teacher to work together as a team to discuss ways you BOTH can help your child.

All pupils learn in different ways. They have individual personalities and their own listening and work habits. Teachers need to know as much as they can about each student's likes and dislikes. This helps them gear their teaching to students' learning preferences and interests. No one knows more than parents about these things. And no one has more influence over your children than you.

If a child is having problems, it's easy for parents and teachers to get upset during a meeting. To avoid this situation, focus the conversation on what can be done for your child immediately and in the future.

If your child receives special services (e.g., gifted and talented programs, speech or occupational therapy), be sure to review your child's progress with the appropriate school staff.

Parent-teacher conferences are important. If your teacher does not schedule one, you can request a conference. Teachers need your help to do a first-class job. Together, you can work with teachers to help your child do well in school.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- October 22 Pumpkin Sale
- October 29 Magic, Maestro, Please!
- November 4 Election Day - No School
- November 11 Veteran's Day - No School
- November 12 PTA Fashion Show
Inwood Country Club
- November 17-21 American Education Week
- November 18 PTA General Meeting
- November 24 Pirotot & Pirouette
- November 26 Thanksgiving
Breakfast
- November 27-28 School Closed for
Thanksgiving
- December 4-5 Holiday Boutique

- December 16 Forest Rd., Winter
Concert 7:30 p.m.
- December 18 The Nutcracker Ballet
- December 22-January 2 School
Closed
- January 5, 1998 School Reopens



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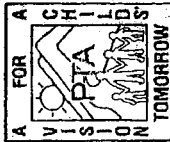
DON'T MISS THE NEXT PTA GENERAL MEETING
Tuesday, November 18 8:30 a.m.
John Stump, Forest Road's new music/vocal teacher, will be the featured speaker.

Forest Road School PTA
Forest Road School
16 Forest Road
Valley Stream, New York 11581

Principal: Dr. Barbara Warren Cronin
Co-Presidents: Jill Cohen and Alison Smith
Editor: June M. Goldman
Co-Editor: Alan Goldman

THE FORESTER

The Forest Road School PTA Newsletter



FALL 1997



A MESSAGE FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS

Welcome back to another year at Forest Road. It was great to see so many new and familiar faces at our first PTA meeting. We have some wonderful events planned for our children this year. We encourage you all to get involved in PTA functions. Every event and meeting is listed in the school calendar along with our phone numbers.

We need your help, new ideas and enthusiasm to make this a great year. Our PTA membership drive is underway--please join! You can make a difference.

Alison Smith and Jill Cohen

ANNUAL PTA FASHION SHOW

When: Wednesday, Nov. 12
Where: Inwood Country Club
Time: 7 p.m.
Cost: \$35 per person.

Fashions by Joy of Far Rockaway in addition to a special showing of outerwear. A cocktail hour will be followed by a sit-down dinner with a choice of three entrees.

Raffles will include Broadway theater tickets. Please bring your friends and relatives to this very special evening.

For more information contact Robin Teramo at 791-6322 or Sheryl Zaretsky at 791-1186.

CULTURAL ARTS AGENDA

The PTA's Cultural Arts Committee has lined up three exciting programs for the students this fall.

October 29th: Magic, Maestri, Please!--This unique magic production blends acting, singing, dancing, mime, comedy and ventriloquism with humor and illusions. Performer Robert Aberdeen has appeared on Broadway and on television.

November 24th: Pierrot & Pirouette--Performing artists Christine Di Mario and Mark Stolzenberg present a dance-theatrical piece about the touching relationship between a frustrated ballerina and a successful but lonely clown.

December 18th: Ballet Long Island Presents *The Nutcracker*--This 50-minute version of *The Nutcracker*, especially designed for school-aged children, includes the elegant Party Scene, the exciting Battle of the Queen Rat and the Nutcracker, the tasteful Snow Scene and the beautiful Land of Sweets.

FOREST ROAD SCHOOL

FOREST ROAD PTA EXECUTIVE BOARD

Do you know who to call?

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Alison Smith 791-6028

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PAST PRESIDENT
Laura Silverman 791-4928

CHAIRPERSON WAYS & MEANS
Andrea Bretscher 791-2248

CHAIRPERSON PROGRAMMING
Elly Haber 791-1293

Please call us with your questions.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

PTA would like to extend an extra special thanks to Lisa Vogel and Cathy Hicks for always providing the best in hospitality for our functions. Also, thanks to Helene Harris for advising on this issue of *The Forester*.

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WHAT'S NEW AT SCHOOL?

New staff members include Mr. John Stump, our new music teacher, who most recently taught in the Hempstead Public School district.

Ms. Danielle Confessore joins the staff as a teacher of special education. She will be assisted by Mrs. Maria Randazzo.

Mrs. Angela Penello is a speech/language therapist within the primary special education classroom.

Finally, Ms. Valerie Campolo is our new library aide.



GET PUMPED UP FOR THE PTA PUMPKIN SALE

Wednesday, October 22

Cost: Only \$1.00 per pumpkin

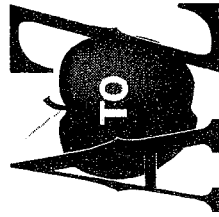
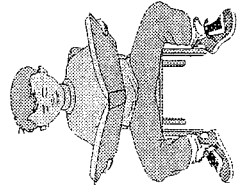
Plus, the PTA will provide each student with a special surprise.

Questions: Call Risa 791-9644 or Linda 791-6582

HELP YOUR CHILDREN SUCCEED IN SCHOOL

The National PTA recently published the following 10 parental behaviors that help children succeed in school.

1. Listen to and talk with your child, paying consistent attention to his/her questions and feelings.
2. Show pride in your child's academic growth and accomplishments.
3. Regularly encourage your child with homework.
4. Know your child's current schoolwork and school activities.

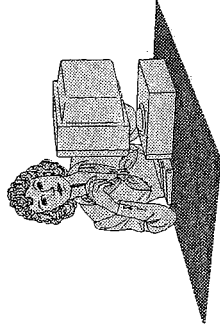


5. Help your child see himself/herself as a capable problem solver.
6. Know your child's academic strengths and weaknesses.
7. Instill a strong work ethic in your child.
8. Encourage your child on to higher education.
9. Set standards and expectations for your child.
10. Give priority to your child's school work and reading over nonacademic endeavors (for example, TV, music videos and recreation).

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

With the start of school comes new routines, schedules and priorities. These simple ideas will help you and your family have a successful school year.

1. Make a plan for after-school activities. Schedule adequate time for homework, play, clubs, sports and practice.
2. Scale back TV time.
3. Establish a family reading time.
4. Reestablish bedtimes for school nights.
5. Keep a large calendar. Mark each family member's activities in a different colored pen.
6. Start a change jar so you'll have spare lunch money on hand.
7. Collect important phone numbers. Update doctor, work and other listings for the school office, after-school program and one or two neighbors.
8. Create a car pool. Compare schedules and determine which parents are available, and at what days and times.



9. Have a backup plan. Find another parent who will exchange school pick-ups in case you are sick or are delayed by work or traffic.
 10. Spruce up a study space for your child. Include pens, pencils, a dictionary, and other needed supplies.
 11. Set up a file for school papers. Place all school notices in it so that they are not misplaced.
 12. Get children in the habit of getting ready for school before going to bed. Set out clothing, pack a lunch, and put the backpack by the front door.
- The more organized your child is the more successful he/she will be in school.

Sincerely,
Barbara Warren Cronin, EdD

**VALLEY STREAM
UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT THIRTY**

**DISTRICT PLANS HIV/AIDS
CURRICULUM**

The District 30 Health Curriculum Committee has completed its final draft of the *Diseases and Disorders* strand of the District Thirty Curriculum. Upon Board of Education approval, this strand will be piloted in the district beginning February, 1998. The *Diseases and Disorders* strand includes State Education Department mandated instructional units on HIV/AIDS.

The district will be conducting parent orientation sessions in each school prior to the implementation of the curriculum. Any questions on this matter may be directed to Gene Nyitray, Assistant to the Superintendent, at 285-9833.



**IN-SCHOOL BANKING
RESUMES**

Banking with the Long Island Savings Bank resumed on Tuesday, October 14, 1997. New accounts may be established, and old accounts are still valid.

Parent volunteers are greatly needed to assist the students in banking every Tuesday morning for about two hours. If interested in volunteering, or if you have any questions about banking procedures, please call Ruth Klein at 791-6226.



**OUR VERY OWN CONCERT
PIANIST**

Jeffrey Biegle, a world-renowned concert pianist and Mill Brook resident, recently entertained our students with music from Beethoven and Chopin, as well as some of his own variations.

Mr. Biegle resides locally with wife Sharon and sons Craig and Evan. Craig is in Mrs. Barry's class.



**CONGRATULATIONS
SUMMER READERS**

The following students qualified for the library's summer reading challenge honor roll:

First Grade: Jon Rawlins, Marni Merenstein, Michelle Pellizzi

Second Grade: Kristine Lee, Kimberly McDaniel, Gregory Pellizzi, Zohaib Mustafa

Third Grade: Alexis Lear, Ketan Panchal, Blair Spieler, Christopher Lowery, Luis Rivera, Michael Gallopin

Fourth Grade: Michael Soto, Dimitrios Kanterakis, Cara Sternberg, Ravi Cattray, Jennifer Lynn, Tejero Rawlins, Jason Luks

Fifth Grade: Jaclyn Mitgang, Tanya Goldman, Michelle Ignaciuk, Ashley Tomasulo, Ben Blum, David Spritzer

Sixth Grade: Danya Spritzer, Jean Lee, Jackie Smith, Robyn Shapiro



**NYS & NASSAU PTA
ALERT!**

**BOARD OF REGENTS
PROPOSED CHANGES**

The NYS Board of Regents will be voting in November on drastic changes in the high school graduation requirements. This will affect all students at all grade levels. Forest Road PTA joins other Nassau County PTAs in requesting your assistance in a letter writing campaign voicing our concerns about the proposed changes.

Please read the letter enclosed in this newsletter. If you agree with its contents, please sign it and return it promptly to your child's classroom in an envelope marked PTA. We will take care of mailing it to make sure your voice is heard in Albany.

Dear Commissioner Mills:

Valley Stream joins you in your quest to upgrade the educational system for all students. We agree that all our students deserve a quality education and that higher expectations will result in improvement.

However, we are concerned that the new standards, raising the number of unit requirements, will not allow our students to enrich their studies with electives offered at the present time. These electives have proved to be effective in making well-rounded students. Our gifted and talented students will be deprived of the electives in Music, Band, Art and Drama since those time slots will be filled by the extra mandated classes.

Additionally, we are extremely concerned about those students who now struggle for a local diploma at their home schools. Many are also attending Alternative Educational Programs and are not officially classified as Special Education students. These at-risk students, many who have varied learning disabilities, will no longer be allowed to earn a local diploma for their efforts and hard work. Self esteem and morale will suffer and these students will be frustrated in their attempts to strive for that unreachable Regents Diploma. We must be assured that these students do not fall through the cracks and are not lost by dropping out due to frustration.

Many students have received local diplomas and gone on to college and achieved beyond their high school learning. They have become productive and professional adults in today's workplace. Please do not leave out these students in your effort to raise standards. Give each student the best chance to become part of the future. Consider the importance of every child's life in your final proposal and move forward with a plan for all students without limiting their opportunities.

Sincerely,

name: _____

address: _____

October 10, 1997

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SIXTH GRADERS CHOSEN FOR COLLEGE SCIENCE FAIR

Benjamin Blum and Benjamin Mandel were chosen to participate in Nassau Community College's First Annual Science Fair Competition. Their project, "Who Listens Better, Men or Women?" was submitted at the March competition, which was entitled "Sustaining the Earth in the 21st Century."

The two Forest Road students participated with sixth graders from District 30's Clear Stream Avenue and Shaw Avenue schools.

CONGRATULATIONS

Rachel Olson, who is graduating from Mrs. Moscovitz's kindergarten class this month, is the proud recipient of a Nassau District PTA Reflections award in visual arts.

KUDOS TO OUTGOING PTA PRESIDENT

Jill Cohen was honored at the annual PTA Installation dinner, held recently at Parcho's Cantina, by returning President Elly Haber, the Executive Board and numerous PTA members.

Jill completed three years of service as Forest Road PTA Co-President, serving for two years with Alison Smith and this year with Elly. A former financial secretary, Jill has always been an active force in PTA fundraisers and activities.

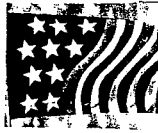
Everyone who has worked with Jill knows what an accommodating, warm and caring person she is. As she steps down from her position as co-president, we look forward to her continued support and wise counsel.

OH BABY! OH BABY!

Congratulations to both Mrs. Peggy Badalucco and Mrs. Eileen McQuaid, our very own Forest Road teachers, on the recent births of their babies.

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SPRING/SUMMER 1999

A MESSAGE FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS...

As the school year comes to an end, we would like to take this opportunity to express our gratitude to all the parents, faculty and staff that have worked so hard to make this year a fruitful and successful one for the PTA.

We especially would like to thank our committee chairpersons and class mothers who have worked tirelessly behind the scenes to make all the PTA events a satisfying experience for the Forest Road students.

It has been a pleasure watching the students grow in knowledge and maturity this past year, especially our sixth grade graduates. We know that the Forest Road experience has given you a solid foundation to build on. We wish all the graduating students success in their future academic endeavors.

So to all members of our Forest Road School family—have a wonderful and safe summer!

Jill Cohen
Elly Haber



See You In September!
Mark your calendars and don't be late. School resumes on Wednesday, September 8!

MANY THANKS.....

The PTA extends many thanks to the following volunteers who have helped make recent PTA events a success.

Carnival—Janet Bleier, Brigitte La Porte, Sharon Hirth

Chinese Auction—Jill Cohen, Elly Haber

Plant Sale—Janet Bleier

Installation Dinner—Andrea Bretscher, Linda Pellizzi

Field Day—Andrea Bretscher, Brigitte La Porte, Dina Cullo, Linda Pellizzi

Staff Recognition Luncheon—Andrea Bretscher, Wendie Ciorciari

Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast—Dina Cullo, Brigitte La Porte

Family Picnic—Marianne Tomasulo, Elly Haber

Summer Book Fair—Helene Steiner, Wendie Ciorciari, Rochelle Gendelman

Newsletter—June Goldman

FOREST ROAD'S FIRST FAMILY PICNIC A SUCCESS

The PTA recently sponsored its first Family Picnic on school grounds on a sun-filled Friday afternoon. Over 100 Forest Road children and their families brought a picnic dinner and enjoyed snow cones, cotton candy and popcorn as they were entertained by a deejay, clowns who did face painting and a magician, who was also an expert animal balloon maker.



Special thanks to Marianne Tomasulo and Elly Haber, who jointly organized this brand-new event. Additional thanks to the volunteers who manned the snack machines and helped keep the picnic running smoothly—Lisa Aponte, Linda Esna, Karen McDaniel, Tammy Weinstock, Robert Haber, Art Harris, Helene Harris, Maria Shea and Barbara Levy.

And a thank you to our custodians, Vinny and Steve, who always put in that extra effort to make PTA events run smoothly.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

The year-long Heritage Celebration at Forest Road has been a great success. We made "Family Trees," wrote about family histories, interviewed grandparents, aunts, uncles, mothers and fathers, and had classroom visits from family members who shared their stories. We learned that we are like candy but the same on the inside, just like M&M's. We filled the showcase outside the office with artifacts from different continents. Isn't it wonderful that our relatives came from all over the world to Valley Stream, so that we could become members of the Forest Road family!

Thank you to the parents whose volunteerism gave the children a spectacular Carnival, Book Fairs, PARP night, Holiday Boutique, Plant Sale, Art Enrichment, the many entertaining, educational Cultural Arts Programs and for the first time, the Forest Road Family Picnic. In September I look forward to working alongside my "old" PTA friends and hope that some "new" friends will be joining us as we work for the children of Forest Road. Wendie Ciorciari and Helene Steiner are already at work planning the Cultural Arts programs for 1999-2000.



As the school year ends I must take the time to acknowledge the hard work and efforts of two wonderful people, Jill Cohen and Elly Haber. Your PTA co-presidents go above and beyond in their efforts for our children. They do not get paid in money but in the happiness and smiles on the faces of our children. This year Jill Cohen completes her tenure as co-president. She will be missed Mrs. Cohen's and Mrs. Haber's consistent support and assistance have helped me in so many ways during this, my first year at Forest Road.

I cannot believe that June is here. My first year as principal of Forest Road School has far exceeded my expectations. It has been wonderful. Your children make me proud of them every day through their friendliness, caring and warmth.

And yes, for those of you who are still questioning, Field Day really was a tie!!!

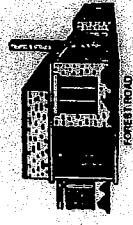
Wishing you a carefree, happy, healthy summer.

Carol Kingsley



Join us at meetings, chair a committee, participate in the education of our children. Together we can watch our children soar into the new millenium.

Andrea Brettscher
Elly Haber
PTA Co-Presidents



We would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our PTA members a happy and healthy New Year. The year 2000 brings with it a sense of hope and wonder.

To know our children are capable of achieving and experiencing such an array of educational and technological advantages is astounding.

Our PTA has and always will strive to ensure that our children receive all the advantages afforded to them. With the continued help and support of our parents and teachers we can accomplish so much.

THE FORESTER

Jot down your ideas and drop them in the PTA Box in the office, attention: Newsletter, or have your child hand them to your teacher or Mrs. Herman, the Reading Specialist. If you have a picture, include it and maybe we'll see your family and your favorite reading moment in print!

Mrs. Herman will make a tent on a rainy day and read with her children by flashlight. Sounds fun!

Mrs. Kingsley always arranges a comfortable spot on the couch with a stack of books to choose from.

What do you do? Tell us!

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* Offer positive comments. Build self-respect and motivate by praising any reading that your child does. Ever child needs to experience success.

Mrs. Herman
Reading Specialist



How does your Family make Reading a Pleasant Experience? Let us Know!

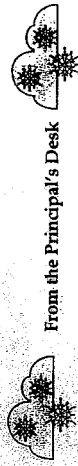
During the Month of February we will be collecting your family's favorite reading experiences, books, places to read, or hints or ideas that have made reading more fun at your house.

Thank you to all who participated in the Book Swap! The extra books were donated to the Valley Stream Rotary.

Don't forget to turn in your *Asro Reading Record* by Wednesday, February 16th to receive your PARP prize for readers.

TIPS FOR PARENTS AS READING PARTNERS:

- * Read to your child everyday. Discuss the story and ask a question or two about what you've read to encourage good listening habits.
- * Have your child read to you. When selecting an appropriate book, have your child read aloud one page. If your child makes fewer than 5 mistakes, the book is at her/his reading level.
- * Set a good example, read yourself every day!
- * Build the right climate, make reading a pleasant experience.



From the Principal's Desk

Outside the days are short and cold. The warmth of family holiday traditions have passed and we still have the long winter ahead of us. A winter where the children are more likely to be sitting in front of the TV or computer screen than outside skating or riding bikes. It is at this time of year that I remember a radio interview that changed my and my family's life.

The person being interviewed discussed balancing one's life with both work and play. This is easy if we are living where the weather is warm. Warm weather provides many opportunities for children and adults to pursue the activities they love during their recreational time. The list of activities is endless. The problem arises when you live where the climate is not so accommodating. (Now we're getting to the good part.)

"Make the best of what your climate gives you." That is what he said. At that point there was a commercial break and I wondered where he was going with this... It was simple really. He told the audience to think about the unique possibilities their area provides for recreation. "What does the climate in your area make available to you?"

That started the pursuit of the perfect winter sport for my family. We tried ice skating but it wasn't a good fit. Hunting and ice fishing didn't make it to the top of our list either. Then we found what was for us, the perfect answer, skiing. A reason to look forward to those long winter months.

I am not suggesting that all the children of Forest Road take up the sport of skiing. (That would make the slopes too crowded.) I am saying that the children should find a hobby, a sport, something that will make the long cold winter a time of interest and activity, not just a time to sit back and wait for Spring, so they can start their lives again. Our climate gave us lemons. It is our job to make those lemons into lemonade!

A special thank you to the family of Anderson Yeh for their generous donation to the Forest Road Library. Ms. Kishin our Librarian is in the process of selecting books which will be purchased with the gift. Anderson continues to contribute

PTA NEWS:

Sports Night, held in January for fourth through sixth graders, attracted about 100 students for an evening of fun and physical activity.

Co-chairs of the event: **Nina Harloff, Sharon Heith, Alicia Matthew, and Ely Haber** worked very hard and they would like to thank the many parent volunteers who made the event a success:

Eileen Morse, Andrea Bretscher, Karen McDaniel, Brigitte LaPorte, Barbara Levy, Tammy Weinstock, Meryl Leshansky, Paul Celentano, Bruce Bleier, Jeff Levy, and Art Haber.

Save the date of **Saturday March 11** for the **Annual Forest Road Carnival** to be held from 11 to 3. **Bridgette LaPorte, Bridgette LaPorte, Janet Bleier, 791-4353** are looking for volunteers. Give them a call!



PARENTS AS READING PARTNERS WRAP-UP

Parents and children were both able to enjoy several fun activities together with the **PARP Program** events. About 100 Kindergartners through third graders and parents were able to hear story

teller: **Davis Bates** at a pajama party in the gym.

The **Book Fair**, chaired by **Barbara Levy and Tammy Weinstock** was a great success and sold over \$2500 worth of books despite the cold weather. That's a lot of reading!

Parents were able to attend a morning PTA meeting where **Mr. Terrell and Mrs. Kingsley** introduced the children who were trained to participate in the new Peer Mediation Program in the District.

The **King Of Pizza** visited the school to conclude the activities with an author visit. Thanks to **Jill Cohen, Louise Edman and Maria Shea** for providing these worth-while reading activities!

Coming Up:

The **Chinese Auction and Dinner** will be held Thursday, **March 23** right after the **7:00 PTA Meeting** and election of **New Officers**.

Watch for the announcement to make your reservation for the delicious Chinese dinner. Admission is \$5 per person.

Helene Harris and Helene Steiner are planning a very fun evening and encourage all parents to come and to bring a "tantalizingly wrapped gift of about \$20 in value" to offer at the auction. Plan to attend and donate to this productive fundraiser.

Thank you to all 100 participants in the PTA Reflections Contest on "Anything is Possible!". Parents will be able to view all of the entries at the March PTA auction event. Special thanks go to the teachers who encouraged their students and our judges this year, Ruth Klein and Heidi Hiss. Congratulations to our Winners:

**P.T.A. Reflections Contest Winners: Forest Road School
1999-2000**

Writing
Sami DiLuccio, Grade 4
Sakina Somani, Grade 5
Andrew Paget, Grade 6

Visual Arts
Laine Teramo, Kindergarten
Rebecca Benison, Grade 5
Francois Gaston, Grade 6

Music
Jenny Weinbloom, Grade 6

Photography
Emily Kraus, Grade 6

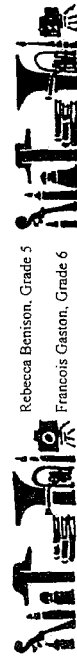
Honorable Mention

Writing:
Khareem Edwards, Grade 1
Rachel Olson, Grade 1
Zachary Weinstock, Grade 1
Stacie Le, Grade 2

Visual Arts:
Megan Gilliam, Kindergarten
Daryl Miller, Kindergarten

Michael Mallazzo, Grade 2
Catherine Toner, Grade 5
Amanda Aponte, Grade 5
Jessica Vuong, Grade 5
Matt Harloff, Grade 6

Cassandra Kennedy, Kindergarten
Daniel Kim, Grade 5



positively to his friends at the Forest Road School.

Our fourth, fifth, and sixth graders participated in the National Geographic Geography Bee. The Bee was coordinated by fifth grade teacher, Mrs. Allison Needleman.

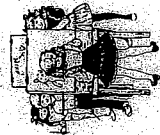
Seven students advanced to the second round of competition. They were:
Grade 4: John Cassino and Susie Jeong
Grade 5: Ryan Ahuja, Samantha Weinstock and Zaid Hamarsha
Grade 6: Andrew Paget and Benjamin Popper

The third round reduced the number of contestants to two, John Cassino and Andrew Paget. The shoot championship was won by Andrew Paget who took written tests to determine entry in the State and National Competition. We are anxiously awaiting his results.

Congratulations to all who participated.

Carol Kingsley, Principal

**Wanted: Kindergarten Children for
The 2000-2001 Year**



To plan properly for school in September 2000 we need to know the Kindergarten children who will be joining the Forest Road family.

Do you have a child or know a child who will be entering Kindergarten in September?

Please call Mrs. Nicolini @ 791-6134 with information.

First Pre-School Meeting: (for parents & children)
Tuesday, March 14, 2000 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Kindergarten Registration:
Thursday, April 13, 2000 A - L 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Friday, April 14, 2000 M - Z 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Second Pre-School Meeting: (for parents & children)
Tuesday, May 9, 2000 7:00 PM

A Musical Note

Barbara Wieder, String Teacher and Orchestra Director, has as her goal, to give as many children as possible the ability to make music throughout their lives and to share her love of playing in an orchestra by challenging our Forest Road orchestra and inviting her students to see her perform with the South Shore Symphony in Rockville Center.

She did her undergraduate and graduate work at SUNY Fredonia and studied with Louise Behrent at the School for Strings in the early 1970's to get a Suzuki string background.

Mrs. Wieder says she tries to stay current with music and publications by attending music conferences and workshops where teachers get a chance to play new music that is recently published.

Her suggestion to all parents would be to encourage their children to play their instruments for them all the time. Help them set aside a quiet time to practice on a regular basis and be sure to take them to concerts here on Long Island and in New York City.

Congratulations to our All-County Participants!

Ben Popper, Band

Alexis Lear, Orchestra
Jenny Weinbloom, Chorus

Kelly McDaniel, Chorus
Stella Kyung, Chorus

Mrs. Wieder said the concert, held in January at the Tilles Center at C.W. Post, was amazing! Great job, students!



LOOK WHAT'S COMING!

With great reviews from our own Mr. Stump we have the "Art of Chinese Dance" coming on February 17, 2000.

This program will introduce students to the elegance and beauty of Chinese culture. Through the language of movement, the dancers reveal the richness of China's long history.

Happy New Year!

REMINDER: THERE WILL BE NO SCHOOL ON TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 15 FOR SUPERINTENDENT'S DAY

From the School Nurse: Hepatitis Vaccine

According to New York State Law all children entering seventh grade on or after September 1, 2000 are required to have the Hepatitis B Vaccine.

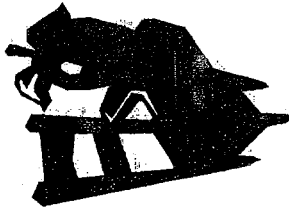
This vaccine is made from synthetic materials. It is given by a doctor in a 3-dose series. (The second dose must be given at least one month after the first dose. The third dose is given six months after the first dose.)

Sixth graders who have not yet received the vaccine will need to start immediately. Other parents may want to plan ahead.

All three doses are needed for full and lasting immunity. If you have any questions please call your pediatrician or Mrs. Kaplan, School Nurse @ 791-6790.

** Happy School Nurse's Day Mrs. Kaplan!*

children. They love every moment of it!"



What are Septa's Goals? (Special Education PTA)

To keep parents informed of issues and changes affecting their children.

To familiarize parents and the Committee on Special Education with education language and with identification and placement procedures for programs serving the gifted and disabled.

Please join us and our guest speaker, Marilyn Scattoreggio from the Long Island Advocacy on "How to be Knowledgeable and your Child's Best Advocate." On February 14, 2000 at 8:00 PM, Memorial Junior High School, Cafeteria 'A'.

Meeting our Faculty

Ms. Taya Kelly teaches First Grade. She graduated from Hofstra University with a dual major in Psychology and Elementary Education.

She plays several instruments including the bassoon and the piano and she loves to dance, in fact she choreographs her own high school's musical in the spring.

She wants to encourage her First Graders to reach their full potential in reading and encourages all parents to "Read at home with your

From Our Crossing Guard

During the school year, it is important for both the children as well as the parents to obey the rules in order to maintain safety.

◆ Parents should **refrain from double parking** on the side of the school at all times.

Although we may think this is a quicker way for the children to get in or out of the car and on their way, it is **unsafe** and may cause someone to be injured!

◆ Please, **do not allow your children to exit on the drivers' side.** This is extremely dangerous because of the passing traffic.

◆ It is my duty to ensure the safety of our children, but parents can help make a difference if they too, follow the rules.

Thank you,

Pat, Crossing Guard
Forest Road



◆ A Review of Drop-Off and Pick-Up Procedures

• All students enter and are released from the playground side of the school. The area along the kindergarten side of Jasmine is reserved for drop-offs. Please park further down the street, and park **ONLY** where the signs allow.

• If possible, please voluntarily make Jasmine Road a one-way street during pick up and drop-off moments moving toward the west along the Kindergarten side of the building. This would eliminate much of the traffic congestion in the morning and afternoon.

• The front entrance of the building should not be used for drop-offs and

pick-ups except before 8:00 am for the early-morning programs.

• **It will be locked after 8:10 am and children will have to walk around to the playground entrances.**

• The faculty parking lot does not easily access the entrances at the opposite side of the building, and should not be used for drop-off and pick-ups.

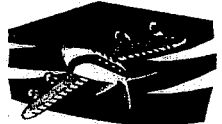
• Please do not make U-turns or double-park on any street that surrounds Forest Road School. These are dangerous on our small streets and pose a hazard to crossing children. Police have been alerted and tickets may be issued.

• Please cross with the crossing guard along Forest Road and do not let the children out of the car on the driver's side.

• Drive slowly and be alert for crossing children and parents. Be patient and we all benefit.

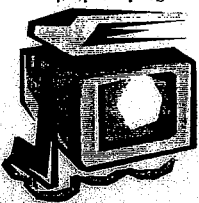
Notes from the Classroom:
A Most Amazing Thing

As part of a writing assignment in the Fifth Grade class of Sherrie Lewis, a student submitted an essay about his summer visit to Jordan to visit his grandmother. Zaid Hamarsha and his family were dropping off his sister at a friend's home when out walked the King of Jordan. They also saw the Queen. Zaid's father knew the king because he works on his plane. The King shook Zaid's hand and his father's. "Seeing the most amazing thing we ever saw!" Thanks to Mrs. Lewis for sharing this interesting experience with us. Congratulations Zaid!



Quest Into the Future

by teacher
Ronni Horowitz



Students in the Quest Program have just submitted their entries to the Toshiba and NSTA Exploration competition. Exploration is a national competition that asks students to select a current technology, research it's history, describe it in it's current form, and then forecast how they envision this technology twenty years from now. Along with their vision of the future, students needed to explain some of the scientific functioning of the technology. They also needed to create five graphics along with print resource materials to get their information. Some of the futuristic technologies that students explored were: ITS, an internet transport system; Shock-o-Brace, a quick procedure to straighten clothes cleaning system. I believe that competitions are a good tool for motivating students to do their best. The competitions that I use in the Quest Program are meant to be educational and enjoyable for students. Winning is never as important as what we gain along the way. I also believe that competition will help to prepare our children for the challenges they will face in the real world. To find competitions that your children can participate in go to the education link on any web browser and connect to competitions.

PTA NEWS:

The Chinese Auction

was a Huge Success! Over 80 people turned out for our annual Chinese Auction and dinner that raised approximately \$2000 for the Anderson Yeh Memorial Scholarship Fund. As a result of your generosity three scholarships will be awarded at South High School's awards ceremony to students who graduated from Forest Road.

Thanks to Helene

Steiner and Helene Harris who organized the event, Elly Haber who memorably led the auction and all who donated and purchased gifts, and the Yeh family.

Thanks to Janet Bleier,

Sharon Hurth and Bridgette LaPorte and all the others who helped make our Carnival a great success!

Two Upcoming Events need many parent volunteers:

The **Plant Sale** will be May 10, 11, and 12 and volunteers are needed during the sale days on the 11th and 12th, and for unloading the flowers from 8:00-10:00am on the 10th. Call **Janet Bleier if you can help her. 791-4353.**

Also, **Field Day** will be Wednesday, May 31 and Parents are needed to run the events. You can be assigned so you can watch your children. **Please call Andrea 791-2248 to help.**

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On April 14 our children enjoyed the **Laser Fantasy**, introducing the Millennium. The show began with a glimpse of celebrations from around the world. Featured were world leaders, scientists and athletes, as well as monumental events like the landing on the moon and the fall of the Berlin wall.



Rounding off our fabulous year of PTA sponsored assemblies will be the **Petra Puppets** on May 4th which will introduce the "Attack of the Reading Robots."

This program will illustrate how reading is the doorway of learning, teaching us how to think and express ourselves as well as providing information on subjects that interest us.

Many thanks to **Helene Steiner** for these numerous arrangements!

THE FORESTER

The Forest Road PTA Newsletter April 2000

A Letter from your Co-Presidents

School with their higher education.

Prior to the auction, we held our election meeting in our cafeteria, for the next year's PTA Executive Board. Upon exiting the cafeteria, we were greeted by our beautiful wall of faces.

And if you looked closely enough, Anderson was there smiling back at us.

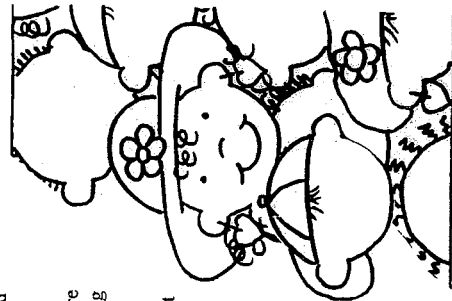
Andrea and Elly

Anyone who has attended Forest Road School knows how special it is. These past months have proven once again that this is true.

First of all, the children, with the help of a visiting artist **Janine Bendicksen** and our volunteer parents, completed a beautiful wall of faces. Each child chose a face to create.

Some were happy, some were sad, and others were just plain funny. Looking closely at the wall, it looked like our Forest Road family: all different colors, shapes, and sizes.

The following week, we held our Chinese Auction. This year all proceeds went to the **Anderson Yeh Scholarship Fund**. Over \$2000 were made to help three deserving seniors at South High



From the Principal's Desk

Every January or February, all fourth grade students take the new language arts test. This test measures what the children have learned during their first five years of school. In the classrooms, teachers are helping students prepare for these tests in a variety of ways. Ongoing reading assignments are drawn from a wide array of resources, including books, newspapers, letters, poems and plays. Exercises used by teachers include asking students to make comparisons or inferences, draw conclusions, summarize the content of reading material and make evaluations.

- ⇒ Parents can help their children by encouraging them to read a variety of materials, and discussing what they have read with family members. Involve your children in discussions

about current events, real life problems and even the television programs they watch. Ask questions such as:

- ⇒ What other situations can you compare this to?
 - ⇒ What conclusions can you draw from what you know?
 - ⇒ How can you explain what this is about in your own words?
- Preparation begins before the children arrive at our school doors.



Here are some ways you can help your young child develop their literacy skills:

- ⇒ Read aloud everyday...even the cereal box! Read the names of stores while walking or in the car.
- ⇒ Read toothpaste labels, license plates. Read anything and everything!
- ⇒ Have lots of reading material around, such as

magazines, newspapers and books.

- ⇒ Let your child see you reading.
- ⇒ Visit the library regularly and get your child his/her own library card.
- ⇒ Talk to your child.
- ⇒ Listen to your child.
- ⇒ Discuss things with your child and include him/her in decision-making events in the family whenever possible.
- ⇒ Go on trips and stimulate his/her curiosity and interest in the world around him/her.
- ⇒ Praise your child even if he/she makes mistakes. Congratulate him/her for taking a risk.
- ⇒ Accept who your child is. Don't compare!
- ⇒ Make and buy books, puzzles and games. These can help him/her learn letters and shapes and words. Give books as birthday presents.
- ⇒ Encourage your child to keep a daily journal. Show him/her that you keep one too. Share your entries with your child.

In the words of Helen Keller, "Alone we can do so little. Together we can do so much."

Carol Kingsley Principal

Budget Information and Meetings

The budget vote for our Elementary and High School districts will be on Tuesday, May 16 from 7:00a.m. to 10:00p.m. at our school.

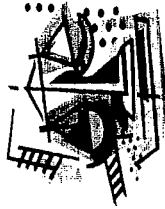
Superintendent Mr. Larry McGoldrick spoke to a Forest Road PTA meeting in April and at a recent breakfast. He said we are seeing a 14-15% increase in our student population every year.

The proposed budget allows the district to add a fulltime reading teacher here at Forest, a district ESL teacher and additional academic clubs, such as a drama program here next year.

The budget will allow an enhanced security program that is "proactive and reasonable and will not impede the legitimate entry of parents, while providing a safe and healthful

environment in which our children can learn."

There will be a budget presentation Tuesday, May 2 at 8:00p.m. at Shaw Avenue Elementary if residents have further questions. Be sure to mark your calendars and vote!



For Your Information:

How Busy Parents Help Their Children Learn

Useful tips from the School Transition Study sponsored by the Harvard Family Research Project

Organize your time to include time with your children, emphasize time home in the afternoons and evenings.

Do a few things at once like pay bills at the same table with a child doing homework, or do homework in the car while waiting.

Make daily routines a time for learning. Use the walk to school teach about safety and getting along.

Be the manager and make arrangements for other people to help, transport, and tutor if you can't.

Do some school things at the beginning of the day. Parents who work evenings can check homework in the morning or visit class before work.

Make breakfast the big family meal if the evenings are hectic.

Do things differently on the weekends to squeeze in family time and traditions the children look forward to.

memorable first year at Forest Road.

Mrs. Angelo by Colleen Walpole PLC

At 8:20 A.M. Elaine Angelo greets everybody with a contagious smile and funny jokes. It is no wonder that the children she travels with on the bus come in bright-eyed and bushy-tailed every day! Mrs. Angelo's wonderful sense of humor has brought many smiles to the faces of children and adults alike.

The calm nature and motherly instincts she brings each day has made our classroom a warm and comfortable environment. Recently when the children were learning about anger management, I asked them "What should you do when you feel angry?" a student raised his hand and simply replied, "You go to Mrs. Angelo!" Mrs. Angelo is so much fun! She keeps a

crate of "stuff" in the back of the room. She stores things like jump ropes, balls and other fun things that she uses at recess with the children. I wish she were my teacher! If you do not see Mrs. Angelo interacting and laughing with the children, she is probably creating materials and getting work ready for them. She makes books, prepares art projects, gets homework ready, makes copies, writes signs and schedules, hangs up work, etc...She is very creative and can always think of ways to add "spice" to any project.

Mrs. Angelo has all the best qualities it takes to be a Teacher Aide. I am very lucky to work with such a wonderful person.

Watch in the next Forester for other important helpers that keep Forest Road School a happy place.



Forest Road Readers

Parents and children on the playground shared some of their reading habits and strategies:

Anthony and Krystal Plunkett read outloud to their little brother **Bryan**.

Nilufar Merchant reads to her children often, sometimes at the dinner table. She keeps lots of magazines, like *Discovery*, around to interest **Rahat(2nd)** and **Mohammed (K)**.

Alisa Hunt (K) writes her own stories and illustrates them and sometimes surprises her mother **Margaret** by leaving them in the mailbox for her to find when she comes home from law school.

Paul Jung, like many of our students including **Louis Rivera** and **Heather Bretscher**, like to read Harry Potter books at bedtime.

Reading always happens just before bedtime at the **Kettering** home.

Skyler(1st) likes animals books and **Ryan (4th)** loved firefighters and construction books.

Linda says they try to read the book that goes along with current movies and videos. She also remembers that her favorite books **Half Magic** are still on the shelves of the Forest Road School Library!

Laura Feizer says that **Samantha** traditionally takes a favorite book, **The Rain Babies** whenever they fly to grandma's house. They also bring books to the pediatrician's office to read while they wait.

Andrea Bretscher loves to read on the beach.

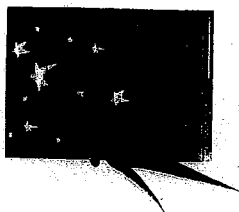
Evan and **Craig Biegel** have favorite books they read over and over, like **Good Night Moon** and **Uncle Wiggly** books.

Rochelle, Janice and **Nicole Gendelman** all cuddle in bed to read together, a favorite place for many Forest Road Readers.

Many of the younger readers like **Matthew(K)** memorize books like **Brown Bear, Brown Bear** so that they can "read" along too.

Matt Douglas(1st) and his family take turns reading aloud a page of a chapter book together.





Science News

"Wow, this place is amazing!"

"I wish we had a classroom like this when I went to school."

These are just two of the many comments that visitors often express when first stepping into the room at the northwest corner of Forest Road School.

The Forest Road Science Center is truly a unique place. Very few elementary schools can boast a room that is a combination small-scale zoo and natural history museum that also doubles as a lab for science lessons.

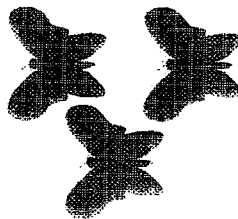
Mr. Ralph Laudano, the school's science teacher, is the "curator" of the Science Center. His desire to share his life-long love of science and nature led him to create an environment that stimulates and awakens the same love for the natural world in his students.

The room is home to a collection of live animals that range from tropical birds to snakes, lizards, frogs, coral reef fish, insects and other arthropods and a hedgehog named "Toothpicks."

Mr. Laudano's years of experience in animal husbandry have given him the know-how to house these creatures in special exhibits that display the animal's simulating their natural habitat. With the use of live plants, branches, vines, rocks and other natural effects, these exhibits help them feel

"at home" in an attractive setting. Most of the exhibits also include a brief fact sheet about each animal, describing its habits and geographic range.

Also on display in the Science Center is a cabinet housing a collection of beautiful mineral specimens from around the world. Ruby and emerald crystals grace this display along with a meteorite and an eighty million year-old fossil from Caumsett State Park.



Along one entire wall there is a butterfly collection of over 300 different species from exotic locations. The wings of these

classes contributes so much to the welcoming, smooth running atmosphere in our library.

Thanks, Mrs. Rini by Cathy Wood and LCI Students

Beverly Rini, my "right-hand friend" Has always been with us, through each little bend. In the beginning of each year we've spent, Bev has created a warm and loving environment.

Her soft spoken ways, you'll never hear her shout,

Instead she encourages the children to work it out.

She can often be seen in the yard, at play, Baseball in hand, the season is on its way! Jumping rope is also fun, She delights in showing the kids how it's done.

With allergies she does her best, As guinea

pigs, fish and frogs put her to the test.

With our annual class kite-flying days, Bev is a wonder at her airborne ways. Up go the kites, as Bev runs along, The kids are ecstatic---nothing can go wrong!

A rainy day at lunch is always so great, She has movies, she's copied with the help of her mate.

Bev's always thinking of things she can do,

Not only for the kids, but the teacher, too! She suggests and creates, she is patient and

A better partner in school---would be hard to compare!

Mrs. DeSantis by Mrs. Moskowitz (K)

Mrs. Sue DeSantis, "Mrs. D." has been my kindergarten aide for the

past 13 years. She "reads my mind" and always knows just what to do. Mrs. D. is wonderful with the children, and a very capable and efficient aide. She is also dependable and loyal. Our teamwork and experience benefit the children and help them grow and thrive in a "loving environment."

Mrs. Moen by Mr. Terrell LC3

My aide is very dedicated to our students. They treat her like a second "Mom." She is always making sure they have all their things packed and unpacked for class. If they don't have their snack she always has something for them. She always has special things for them during the holidays. She truly enjoys working with them and helping them in any way. Sometimes they slip and call her "Mommy."

Classroom Aides

Many Forest Road School Students have extra help in the classrooms. The following are tributes to these aides for their valuable contributions:

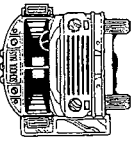
Mrs. Debbie Walsh
by Mrs. Guttman, 1st Grade

Mrs. Walsh
Ready to lend a hand at anytime.

Sincere, kind, and understanding
With a great sense of humor

Always finds time to listen to what the children have to say.

Loves children
Super Friend to all of us in Room 203
Hats off to Mrs. Walsh!



Mrs. Randazzo
by Mrs. Confessore LC2

Mrs. Randazzo greets the children every morning as they get off the bus. She makes sure each student has a snack or breakfast and assists them in ordering lunch.

She writes their homework assignments in their notebooks and helps the students keep organized. She makes sure their desks are clean and their homework goes home.

One of the children's favorite activities is to spend some one-on-one time with Mrs. Randazzo. They enjoy reading books to her, playing games and talking with her.

Mrs. Campolo is new to her position as Computer Technician this year. We welcome her enthusiasm as she motivates both teachers and children. She is

always helping students master their computer skills, while helping them create student projects.

Mrs. Campolo has brightened up our computer lab with her creativity and art work, by Carol Biscardi, Computer Instructor.

Mrs. Sutton by Mrs. Kisin, Library-Media Specialist

Charlene Sutton manages many aspects of the library with competence, warmth and a sense of humor. Among her responsibilities in the library are circulation of all library materials, processing new resources and entering them in our online catalog, tracking down overdue, repairing books, and helping students and teachers locate the titles they need. In addition, Mrs. Sutton supervises the library at lunch time when she assist students with their classwork. Her efficiency and assistance during

magnificent insects sparkle and shine with all the colors of the spectrum, giving the wall a breath-taking effect.

The walls are also decorated with science and nature posters including some prints of Mr. Laudano's wildlife paintings.

Mr. Laudano grew up in Valley Stream, attending Shaw Avenue School as a child. From a very early age, he was captivated by the natural world and had a knack for sharing his enthusiasm with others. This was one factor that led him into the teaching profession. His first job presented him with the challenging task of teaching emotionally-disturbed high school girls at a private school called Harmony Heights in Oyster Bay.

He quickly discovered that the live animals and hands-on projects he incorporated into his teaching were an instant success in this

alternative school setting. After spending nine years at Harmony Heights, Mr. Laudano came to District 30 in 1986 as a sixth grade teacher at his old school, Shaw Avenue. Of course, the animals came along too.

In 1992, Mr. Richard Kaufmann, the Forest Road's former science teacher, retired and Mr. Laudano was transferred to replace him. The Science Center was first set up in Room 218 and later moved to its present location in 1997.

"It has been a real privilege to share the joys of the natural world on display at the Science Center with the children of our school," Mr. Laudano said. "I only hope I can continue to do so for many years to come."

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Art By Long-Distance

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Rivera, Close and Duchamp.

"I am very excited about the video conferences we have had," said Mrs. Baron, the Art Teacher. "It offers the children another avenue for exposure to fine art."



Art Enrichment by Louise Edman

It has been a wonderful year for Art Enrichment at Forest Road School. Under the guidance of Art Teacher Susan Baron, PTA Volunteers **Charlotte Lurie, Ellen Popper, Julie Olson and Louise Edman** have visited the classrooms several times to discuss artworks ranging from Egyptian hieroglyphics to the paintings of Vermeer.

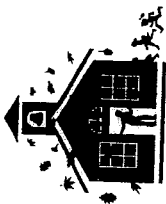
Leggier and Picasso. Our talks cover everything from color, brushwork, and perspective to how each painting makes us feel.

We discuss the history surrounding the artwork, as well as the artists themselves. It is an informal and fun way to learn about art.

The children look forward to sharing their views and often teach us a thing or two! Don't be surprised if your kids suggest a trip to the Museum of Modern Art next vacation!

This is a wonderful way to get to know the children and teachers at the school and we welcome any new parent volunteers who would like to be involved with this rewarding program. Please contact Mrs. Baron at the school, or any PTA board member.

Training is available and the only requirement is a love of art and talking with the children one morning a month.



Congratulations Mrs. Ruschin!

Mrs. Mary Ruschin has been nominated for the second time to be included in *Who's Who Among America's Teachers*.

This honor comes only to teachers who have been nominated by former students as "the teacher who made a difference."

Mrs. Ruschin was nominated by two former Forest Road students who are now in college. Only 5% of the nation's teachers are honored in each edition and less than 2% are included in more than one edition. Congratulations on this achievement!

Remember to Chat

Mrs. Ruschin began teaching second grade in District 30 at Clear Stream Avenue School. She transferred to Forest Road in 1986 and taught half-day Kindergarten and the Gifted and Talented Program.

She was on the original planning committee for our kindergarten program and taught it for several years. She moved back up to second grade and has remained there since.

A favorite spot in her room is "Charlotte's chair" where teacher and students both read and discuss books and events at the end of the day.

She suggests that parents read to their children, but also take time out of their busy schedules just to "talk." "Simply doing things together and talking about experiences is a great way to build a foundation for reading," she says. Her

goal is to reinforce the "value of talking" between students and parents.

Enjoy taking walks or visiting new places like the zoo or aquarium. Such experiences make books meaningful. After seeing a giraffe, for instance, read about one and the experience becomes more real and exciting. (Children will be amazed to find out the number of vertebrae in its long neck.) Have the children draw a picture of what they saw and write a story about it.

Children will also learn new words and gain an extended vocabulary and knowledge when you talk about the things you do. You'd be surprised how many children do not know what their parents' occupations are.

Talk to them about your day, too. Family "chatting" time is a treasure and one children will long remember.

Special Pen Pals



Mrs. Guttman's 1st Grade Class has very special pen pals this year. They are pen pals with Ms. Guttman's (Mrs. Guttman's daughter) First Grade Class at Covert Elementary School in Rockville Center.

The children are enjoying the friendships they have established through letter writing. Letters include information about the latest books they have read, favorite sports, Pokemon cards, and questions and answers about their families.

Mail is always sent "special delivery" between Mother and daughter.

THE FORESTER

Thank you all for these two fantastic years. As one door closes another opens. Welcome to Julie Olson's journey. PTA Co-Residents who will be serving with Andrea Bretscher. Good luck!

Have a healthy and happy summer and I'll see you at PTA in the fall!

Thank You Billy. You enthusiastic community quality service has made a difference for the students and families at Forest Road School. Our hats are off to you and the PTA volunteers who have served this year.

A Letter from your Past President

Where do I begin to express how I feel as my two wonderful years as Co-President of the PTA draw to a close? I have been surrounded by warm, dedicated and caring parents, teachers and children.

Together we have worked hard to promote educational enrichment and a strong sense of community involvement. I'll never forget my summers as MC at the @Times.

Auction, singing at the holiday/holiday to the shocked faces of the kids, brainstorming with Jill Cohen and Andrea Bretscher... the laughs, the tears, the smiling faces, the early morning phone calls.

I never knew I needed to be able to predict the weather to be PTA Co-President.

students.

The Book Fair and the Staff Appreciation Luncheon, and Plant Sale were also very successful. Thank you for your efforts! They have enriched the Forest Road experience for everyone.

Septa Donation

As a direct result of your participation in the candy and gift-wrap sale, we received a lovely gift, an electric marquee that can be seen in the lobby and will be used to remind children and families of special events. Thanks to Petra Hurney our Septa Representative.

A Closing Note

From Andrea and Julie
As the year draws to a close, we would like to thank each of you who have helped our school this year. In just the past few weeks, dozens and dozens of volunteers have helped ensure the success of many events: **Field Day**, the spectacular **Family Picnic**, (complete with good weather,) the **6th Grade Yearbook** and **Graduation** plans for our oldest and youngest

It is a feeling that gave each one of them and us as parents a continuing desire to stay in a community that is helping, cohesive and willing to work together to constantly try and makes things better.

We thank Forest Road for giving our children a terrific foundation for future success.

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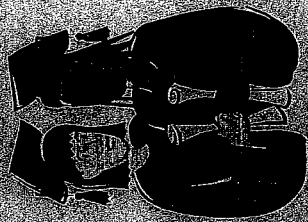
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From the Principal's Desk:



As the school celebrates its 100th anniversary, we at Forest Road have a great deal to be thankful for.

As a student body that shows good citizenship as they work to achieve their academic goals.

As teachers who utilize the best educational practices and who truly care about children.

As parents who encourage their children and appreciate their involvement in their children's education.

As a community that is so supportive of our school and family and

congratulate them for a successful year. I am very proud of the academic and personal growth our children have made this year.

Congratulations to our sixth graders! They will be moving on to South High School where they will spread their wings and make new friends while sustaining the friendships of the past seven years. The foundation they bring will allow them to flourish in their role as students. I am going to miss them.

I have a great deal of thanks to **Elly Haber** and **Andrea Breischer** our PTA Co-Presidents. They have done an outstanding job as they labored on behalf of the Forest Road children.

Andrea has been a quick study this year and has thrown herself into this leadership role with gusto. It is particularly

difficult to see Mrs. Haber complete her term. I first met Elly at the June School Board appointed Principal of Forest Road. Since that meeting she has been a great friend who I have come to rely on. She is an advocate for your children

and is always willing to go that extra mile.

I am looking forward to working hand-in-hand with **Andrea** and **Julie Olson** our new Co-President and pledge my support to the incoming Executive Board.

Thank you to our staff for a wonderful year. Their commitment to your children is the foundation of Forest Road School. They work as a team to provide a nurturing learning environment. It is with sadness that I give **Mary Ruschin** my best wishes on her retirement. Mary is already a legend at Forest. She will truly be missed.

I wish everyone a healthy, fun filled summer. See you in September.

Oops! I almost forgot. I am also thankful for.....

EA Field Day that was not a tie!

Carol Kingsley



Forest Road Memories by Penny and Richard Eisenberg

Forest Road has been home to my family and me for seventeen consecutive years. As I look back to what seems like a flash of light, I smile to think of all the wonderful memories.

I will never forget my friends in neighboring districts who referred to Forest Road as "the little house on the prairie" for in deed when my eldest was in Mrs. Ruschin's kindergarten class in 1983, there were only seventeen children, and one class on each grade level.

Things have certainly changed since that time. I believe change is good, but one thing is for sure, the warmth and the security my three sons have each felt in that building has not changed one bit.

do it alone. Getting involved in the PTA is one of the most rewarding things you can do...I worked (part-time, I admit) for over three years and still did whatever needed to be done.

Get yourself and your friends involved, because in a few short years when YOUR last child graduates, you can look back and be proud! As 6th Grade final graduation plans move towards completion, I find I can't look too far back because all I do is sit here and cry.

As a final note, the Executive Board at South voted me in as Vice President for next year, because being involved in my children's education never ends. Come to meetings, please.



I've been heavily involved in the fundraising aspects of the PTA, because having a large bank balance over 300 children every year.

Many people aren't aware that our PTA pays for so many things we wouldn't otherwise have. It means the best in educational programming, and untold little things.

I'm going to miss the intimacy of the executive board meetings each month, the friendly camaraderie of wonderful people and administrators I've dealt with over the year. We always encourage new people and are always there for each other.

As my last job here, I would love to feel comfortable knowing all our good works continue on without the "old guard". Our new (and old) PTA Presidents will be fabulous. I'm confident. But they can't

Our-Good-byes

Sooner or later every parent will "graduate" from Forest Road School when their last child leaves sixth grade.

We have asked some of these parents to share their thoughts on how their PTA volunteer activities have benefited their children and themselves.

Forest Road PTA Wants You!

by Ellen Kirschner Popper

When my daughter, Emily, now 14, entered kindergarten at Forest Road School I attended my first PTA General Meeting. I was determined to volunteer for SOMETHING even though, at the time, I thought I was not the cookie-baking, fundraising, "PTA type".

At the end of the

meeting the art teacher, Susan Baron, asked for parent volunteers to go into classrooms to discuss famous paintings with the kids. Art is one of my passions, so I jumped at the chance.

That is how I became one of the first Art Enrichment Presenters and I have volunteered for the PTA ever since.

Forest Road is a great school in part because we have an active and dedicated PTA. Volunteering for PTA allowed me to be a "fly on the wall," experiencing the school day through a child's eyes.

When problems arose, I felt more comfortable dealing with them, because I knew the faculty, administration and staff.

My children were always THRILLED to see me at school. Enjoy that now, because once you enter South High they will want you to be an

invisible chauffeur! You'll have to be clever about your involvement at South.

If, like me, you think you are not the "PTA Type," think again. Volunteer your time and you may be surprised at how your talents are utilized.

As Ben prepares to graduate, I look back and I know that volunteering for the PTA enriched the Forest Road experience, not just for my children, but for me.



Janet Bleier

As my final year at Forest Road draws to an end, hopefully a bit of nostalgia will help draw new people into the warm embrace of the PTA here.

Many Thanks!

From Mrs. Kingsley's Desk:



Angela Nicolini is the face Forest shows to the world. She can be seen in the office busily working from early morning to late in the afternoon.

Hers is the voice that greets you on the phone. She is the person who attends to your concerns when you visit the office.

Your son forgot his lunch? Your daughter misplaced her violin? There is no problem, big or small that Angela cannot solve, and she does it with ease, never losing her cool.

She even plays the role of nurse for children who need some TLC when Mrs. Kaplan is having her lunch. Angela is the School Secretary, but her role at Forest cannot be defined.

To me, she is the glue that holds our school together. Angela Nicolini is Ms. Forest Road.



Mrs. Karanos known as "Stella" by all, assists Mrs. Nicolini in the office. She is expert at running the photo copy machine, answering phones, filing and applying a bandaid or giving TLC when Mrs. Kaplan is at lunch.

If that isn't enough...Stella has another role as well—She supervises the children in the lunch room.

Thank you from all of us. What would we do without you?



Our Noon Hour

Aides are essential for the safety of our children during this busy time of the day. They have many different talents and qualifications. For example:

Mary Malone—known as "Grandma" has been at Forest Road School for 11 years. She "loves" the children dearly and the teachers and staff are the best!

Glenda Castoro

She has been married for 34 years and raised six children. She has been a piano teacher and a church member.

Domenica Gallano

She has been married for 40 years and has four children. She is a church member and a piano teacher.

Linda Giambalvo

She has been married for 35 years and has three children. She is a church member and a piano teacher.

Theresa McGrady

She has been married for 30 years and has two children. She is a church member and a piano teacher.

Mary Milone

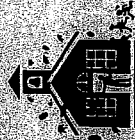
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Peggy Riccio

She has been married for 30 years and has two children. She is a church member and a piano teacher.

Carmen Stutch

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A Spotlight on our Speech Teacher:

Mrs. Jill Luiba grew up in Valley Stream, attended Shaw Avenue school, and did her student teaching there.

She started teaching at Shaw in 1979, just 3 days after she was married.

She worked there until 1985 when her first daughter was born. She took a year off and

returned to teaching at Shaw in 1986. She worked there until 1990 when she took a year off and

returned to teaching at Shaw in 1991. She worked there until 1995 when she took a year off and

returned to teaching at Shaw in 1996. She worked there until 2000 when she took a year off and

Graduates. We will miss you!

Notes from Mr. Lesser's Class

- ...the day I came to Forest Road. I was so nervous that nobody would like me. I was lucky because I saw a friend I knew in 4th grade. She is now my best friend, Sanya
- ...in 4th grade the school had a multicultural fair. Elyse, Meg, Cara, Lauren, and I dressed up as Pook character and danced to the Spice Girls, Crystal Ballz
- ...when I entered 4th grade was my first year here and my teacher was Mrs. Stiefel. We had the multicultural fair and I was England. I also will never forget the trips we had in sixth grade. Marigold, Nanuca
- ...the sixth grade trip to New York City. It was so cool. We went to a Broadway play called "The Music Man" and it was really good with a lot of music. There was a lot of clapping at the end which was hard for me because I had a fractured hand. Seas Esna
- ...the Halloween party. It was really great and it was one of the best parties I have ever been to. I'm kind of scared about going to South because I don't know what the teachers are like at the high school. I know that will get to know them. Rany Castry
- ...the field trips. I will remember how nice my teachers were and how they helped me. I am happy that I am graduating, but when I think back I know I will miss Forest Road School. Zach Stiefel was my favorite teacher. The trips and how to identify trees, plants and birds. I will remember the beautiful trees and I could smell the ocean, and see the Long Island Sound. I also remember the PTA picnic for us. I enjoyed the Forest Road School because of all the friends like David, Brandon, Ritz, Sean, Khamal, Matt, Christina, Marigold, and more who have moved away. I feel good and sad about leaving Forest Road School. Dimitrios Kasteralakis
- ...Forest Road School. I liked Field Day because you play sports and compete. I like to do both of those things. I liked Field Day the most this year because it wasn't as hot and my team won. The laser light show was very cool and funny. Matt Hanoff
- ...all my field trips. I liked them all, but the best was our overnight trip to Caumsett. Kids got chosen to wash the dishes. I was chosen, and I felt like I was at home. Daryl Agualo
- ...the plays. Throughout the years I have been Humpty Dumpty, Little Jack Horner, a chimney sweeps, and Grandpa Drossmeyer from the Nutcracker. We've had some great plays. Michael Seto
- ...that the teachers were always nice and caring. Whenever you needed help they would listen to you no matter what grade you were in. I will always remember the great field trips we took. Elyse Farhi
- ...Field Day. It has a lot of great events. I also liked when our class went to Caumsett and the Broadway show. I have been to the City before but not with the whole class. Tejero Hawkins
- ...when the entire school helped out in the Multi-cultural Fair. Mrs. Stiefel's class room was England and Mrs. McQuaid's class room was India. I will never forget The Nutcracker. I was the mother of the two kids
- ...Emily Kraus
- ...in Fourth Grade we had a native American project. Everyone loved my fabulous cooking. I will also remember in kindergarten when we had a nursery rhyme play and I was one of the three kittens who lost their mittens. Nicole Simola
- ...my favorite events were when we went to Caumsett and to Broadway. Joe Smith
- ...the annual Field Day. I love being in all of those different types of events such as the pitch for accuracy, the basketball shoot, the baton race, and the one hundred yard dash. I will miss this school and all of the teachers. Christina Craviche
- ...all my teachers that helped me. I enjoyed coming to Forest road because this school has special parties. I'm kind of scared to go to Memorial High School because I'm used to elementary schools and I know it will be a lot different. Christopher Swords
- ...when I went to Caumsett I stayed up until 3:00 A.M. just talking. Then in the morning we couldn't get up. Nancy Rice
- ...making friends in Forest Road. I have a lot of friends and I hope that I will still be close to them in South. Diana Parsorelli
- ...I remember in 4th grade doing the Mrs. Stiefel's talk show and the cultural fair when you had your passport stamped. Lauren

returned to District 30 at Forest Road, two days a week for five years.

Her second

daughter was born in 1988 and when she

entered kindergarten,

Mrs. Luiba returned

full-time to Forest Road.

She has been

married for 20 years and when she is not at work

she is busy with

carpooling to travel

soccer practices for both of her daughters. Her

weekends are spent on the soccer field.

Language, like any skill, must be practiced.

Parents can aid this by

providing language

enriching materials,

games and exercises

appropriate to each stage of development.

Make a habit of

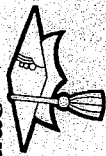
reading to your child and let them read to you

everyday. When possible, watch the TV together

and discuss the plot. But remember to Read, Read, Read!

Congratulations: Sixth Grade

Memories from Mrs. Kesler's Class



I WILL ALWAYS REMEMBER...

- ...hanging out with my friends at recess. Megan Falley.
- ...when I was accepted into the QUEST program. Andrew Paget.
- ...the first day I came to Forest Road in fifth grade. I met everyone in the science room. All the kids invited me to their table. Vanessa Leane-Baptiste.
- ...Mrs. Gibson, a retired F.R. music teacher. She was so nice and got me interested in music. Adam Cohen.
- ...when Mrs. Ruschin read Charlotte's Web to the class. Joe Caspro.
- ...my Forest Road field trip to Cumnert. Mrs. Kesler was taking a shortcut to catch up and she fell knee deep into some "quick-mud". It was so funny because she had trouble getting out. Brianna Lurie.
- ...when I went to the All-Star Cafe with my class for a field trip. It was delicious. Anthony Pickett.
- ...that I went to see The Music Man on Broadway, and the All-Star Cafe with my favorite teacher and my class. Kaahla Valdemar.
- ...every one of the teachers I had at Forest. I will always remember them no matter what, because they taught me and cared about me. Kate Hicks.
- ...when I just came to this school in fourth grade and met my new friends. Many Estrella.
- ...my Kindergarten graduation. Michael Eisenberg.
- ...when I met David Matthews. It was the beginning of fifth grade. I will always remember that day because David became one of my best friends. I hope we will always be best friends. Scott Uhberg.
- ...when I was in the fifth grade playing World Cup Soccer. We tied and it went into a shoot out. I was the last shooter and I got it in! We won the game. I had a phenomenal day!
- ...going to Broadway show and the All-Star Cafe. The show was exciting and the food was the best. David Matthews.
- ...when I got an award from the ESL class. I was so surprised and happy. It was so important and memorable because I will never get an award like that in South High School. Seang Blyonn Park.
- ...the first day of school when I met Mrs. Kesler and class 220. Sarah Khan.
- ...when Diana, Brianna, and I all dressed and MAM's for Halloween. Kelly McDaniel.
- ...when I went to Broadway for a class trip. After the wonderful show and dinner, the class took the bus back. On the ride back, David and I kept switching seats around in the back. While we were switching we were slap boxing. When I got home I was as red as a cherry. Francesca Gaston.
- ...when we went to Cumnert for my sixth grade trip. It was my first school overnight. I was very excited. Brendan Curran.
- ...my friends and teachers at Forest Road School. I will never forget having Mrs. Kesler as a teacher and going to Cumnert. I will definitely remember my first Broadway show, The Music Man. I will remember all of my years at Forest Road School, and of course, Mrs. Needleman and her new baby, Stella Kyung.
- ...when I was in the third grade and was an inhabitant of "Walsh World". Everyone called her the queen and bowed down to her. Many of her royal subjects (including myself) still do. Jersey Weisbaum.

A Pause to Reflect:

My classmates and I are very excited to be graduating and starting a new chapter in our lives at South High school. However, we are very sad that Anderson Yeh could not be here to graduate with us. We will always remember him.
Brianna Lurie

Summer Safety Reminders

grill unattended, even momentarily.
⇒ Never look with dangling sleeves or aprons while the match fire easily.

⇒ Keep an eye on children who are naturally curious about fire. Keep them away from matches, lighters, lighter fluid, and operating grill!

⇒ When done cooking turn off and cover the grill for several hours. Dispose of cold ashes in fire-safe metal containers.

⇒ Buy a fire extinguisher that is the right size, not one to grow into.
⇒ How? Get a heavy duty bike for protection.

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Backyard Fire-Safety Tips:

Outdoor cookouts, picnics, and barbecues make your home and yard a busy area of activity during the summer season. Be sure to include fire safety as a key component at this summer's cookouts.

The United States Fire Administration offers the following fire safety tips to help reduce your chances of being harmed by fire while cooking on a grill this summer season:

⇒ Position the grill on level ground. An unstable grill could fall or tip.

⇒ Grills should not be used under a balcony or deck. A spark or flare-up can easily ignite combustibles.

⇒ Stay with your cooking. Never leave the

Choosing the Right Size Bike

A bicycle of the wrong size may cause your child to lose control and be injured. To keep your child safe, the American Academy of Pediatrics had these recommendations.

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How to properly fit your child's bicycle

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Good Bye

Mrs. Ruschin!

It's hard to believe some of her past students.

I loved being in your class. I will remember that you were my first teacher when I came to school. You were nice, kind and patient with me.
Shelly Stomni

My favorite memory was how you would read Charlotte's Web. I really enjoyed having you as a teacher.
Brad Farber

I can still remember all the funny costumes you wore every Halloween. I like the one with the mother and the baby. In memory, you did keep the turtle with the numbers on him. I also kept my notebook that I earned for neatness. Have a nice and healthy retirement.
Luis Rivera

I will always remember.

⇒ St. Patrick's Day because of you...
Michael Eisenberg

⇒ the drama production you put on of "The Nitetracker."
Stella Kyung

⇒ You had our mothers come in for our "Mother's Day Breakfast."
Kelly McDaniel

Mrs. Ruschin, I will never ever forget when we read the end of Charlotte's Web. You got so upset and Mrs. Herman had to finish it.
Benjamin Popper

Suggestions for Mrs. Ruschin's Retirement:
⇒ Be a painter in Pennsylvania.
Sam Edman

Practice golfing. I could see her on the SLPGA Tour.
Michael Mallazzo

Mrs. Ruschin was the

The Colleague's Corner

by Elynn Fitzgerald, 4th Grade Teacher

Come September, Forest Road will be missing someone very special—Mrs. Mary Ruschin. As I'm sure you know Mrs. Ruschin has retired after 25 years of teaching in District 30.

Mrs. Ruschin has made Forest Road a special place for her students. Her dedication and caring made room 205 a special place, a place where learning was fun and exciting.

Students who were lucky enough to have been Mrs. Ruschin's students left her class with many fond memories. Mrs. Ruschin's students don't look at a spider or a pig without thinking of

Charlotte's Web, and her students can't help but think of her on St. Patrick's Day. I'm sure many mothers fondly think of Mrs. Ruschin on Mother's Day when remembering Mrs.

Ruschin's annual Mother's Day Breakfast.

Mrs. Ruschin's students not only learn how to read and write but also how to be good citizens. They celebrate Teddy Roosevelt Day by bringing in their own Teddy Bears, and of course, they learn all about the American flag in honor of Flag Day.

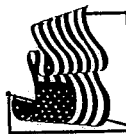
Mrs. Ruschin adds her special touches to lessons and holidays throughout the year. I'm sure everyone knows that on Halloween her classroom is taken over by a witch. Everyone anxiously awaits to see what that witch will become in the afternoon. Her costumes are usually the hit of the Halloween Parade.

Mrs. Ruschin's sense of humor entertains students, parents, colleagues and even administrators. She is rarely at a loss for words and can always come up with a "one liner".

Mrs. Ruschin is a mentor for many teachers. Her wisdom and expertise in many areas are invaluable to the staff. She turns no one away and will help anyone she can. She lends support and encouragement and always seems to know the right thing to say.

Mrs. Ruschin is truly one of a kind. She makes good teaching seem effortless leaving the rest of us wondering, "How does she do it?"

While we will all miss Mrs. Ruschin and are truly sorry to see her go, we wish her nothing but the best of everything. We know she will be successful in whatever she decides to do. Mrs. Ruschin, Forest Road just won't be the same without you. (By the way, who gets your parking spot?)



Up-coming Events:



- Mon , Nov 13 Septa Mtg at Memorial 7 :30pm
- Tues Nov. 14 PTA Exec Board Mtg 8:30am
- Wed Nov 15-December 15 Forest Road Reflection's Program: Everyone Participate and create! (see pull-out section in this newsletter)
- Wed Nov 15 7:30PM Shaw Avenue School: Mr. McGoldrick Environmental update meeting
- Nov 13-17 American Education Week, parents can visit classrooms, contact your teacher.
- Food Drive-through Wed Nov 22 please bring an item to school.
- 8:30am Thanksgiving Breakfast for all students
- Coat Drive: through Dec
- Tues Nov 28 Picture Retake Day
- Wed Nov 29 7:30pm PTA General Meeting
- Tues Dec 12, 8:30am Ex. Board Meeting
- Tues Dec 12, 7:30pm Winter Concert
- Thurs and Fri Dec 14 and 15 Holiday Boutique for students to buy holiday gifts

Fri, Dec 15: Turn in all Reflections entries to classroom teacher
 Fri, Dec 22: No school-Jan 1, 2001

Student Research Sources on the Internet:

- The Following resources include age-appropriate sites to help students answer their own questions, complete homework assignments and do focused online research recommended by the Curriculum Administrator, Magazine
- Ask Jeeves (www.aj.com)
 - Ask Jeeves for Kids (ajkids.com)
 - CNN/lyi (lyi.cnn.com)
 - Encarta Learning Zone (encarta.msn.com)
 - Homework Central (www.homeworkcentral.com)
 - InfoPlease (www.infoplease.com)
 - iTools (www.itools.com)
 - The National Student Research Center (youth.neutara.com)
 - Refdesk.com (www.refdesk.com)
 - Searchopolis (www.searchopolis.com)
 - Study Web (www.studyweb.com)
 - Surf Monkey (www.surfmonkey.com)

Fashion Show Spotlight

Our Fashion Show was a great success! Over 150 ladies enjoyed the dinner, dancing, and festivities at the Bridgeview Yacht Club. Cherpeople: Robin Teramo, Annette Miller and Kathi Maybaum worked very hard to make this a wonderful evening for everyone. Grand prizes of a 14K gold necklace,

dinner for two in NYC with limo service, a photo shoot from "Once Upon a Picture" and many more fun prizes were raffled-off as well as the beautiful theme baskets from gifts donated from each grade.

Thanks to committee members: Linda Katarin, G. Pechelli, Gendelman, S. Pepper, Lillian Cohen, Helene Steiner, Andrea Bretscher and the many other women who helped with set-up and distribute the nearly 150 gifts. What an accomplishment!

"The Fussy Dresser" provided the beautiful clothes worn by our models: Mrs. Kingsley, Lori Blitzer, Petra Hurmy, Kristen Venezia, Melissa McNally, Cathi Irt, Lisa Geraci and Cindy Farber. Our own make-up artist and new Forest Road parent Eunice Duseak helped them look their best.

We were able to earn \$5200 for the PTA budget and we would like to thank everyone who worked so hard, attended and donated! conceratations.org/job_well-done/



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A Letter from your Co-Presidents

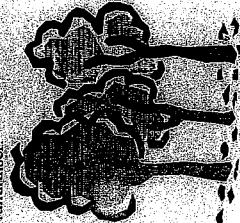
Welcome back to another wonderful year here at Forest Road School. We have seen so many of you at our PTA meetings, Superintendent's Breakfast, and School Board Appreciation events. We hope to see you all at our upcoming meetings.

The Fall is our kick-off for many wonderful events and the fundraisers that will provide much of the support for the cultural arts programs for our children.

We had great fun at our annual Fashion Show. Thank you all for coming and participating. Annette Miller, Kathi Maybaum, and Robin Teramo have worked countless hours along with their committee members to make this a success.

Thank you for your participation in the candy and gift wrap sale. We collected over \$6,500 as our share of the profits. The list of our

top-sellers is included in this issue. Thanks so much to Rochelle Gendelman and Brigitte LaPorte for their efforts in coordinating this fundraiser.



Be sure to send in your PTA Membership of \$4 per adult. There are extra envelopes in the PTA box in the office. Let us know how you want to participate. It makes a difference in our children's education and makes Forest Road School a special place.

We hope all of our children will participate in the Reflection's Program; look for details in this newsletter. Thanks for everything! Andrea Bretscher & Julie Olson

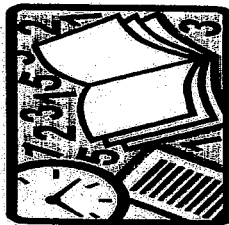
THE FORESTER

From the Principal's Desk

As we start the twenty-first century, the focus on providing our children with the best possible education is greater than ever before.

Educational conversations always seem to include the terms "accountability and standards." With the new Language Arts Standards come higher expectations for student performance, we expect our children to read, write, listen, and speak for information and understanding, for analysis and evaluation, for literary response and expression, and for social interaction. This means that the children must be involved in diversified tasks that go beyond

answering comprehension questions at the end of a passage they have read. Our schools are held accountable for providing the children with the experiences they must have to reach these goals. (I haven't even mentioned the standards for math, science,



and social studies.) However, we cannot do it alone, we must work as a team if we are to be successful in this endeavor.

Here is how you can help:

Establish a study routine. Help your children decide when and where they will do their homework and study. It is usually preferable to do it at the same time and place each day. The study spot should be quiet, neat and comfortable.

Show your children how to make a daily to-do list and how to use a calendar to keep track of due dates on those long-term assignments.

Help your children organize their belongings and prepare their bookbags in the evening before they go to bed. Then put them near the door so they won't be forgotten in the morning. Don't forget that instrument if they are taking music.



Advice from some former Forest Road Students:

We polled some Sixth Graders from Mr. Terrell's Class last year and asked them to share some of their favorite memories of Forest Road and give us some advice for our current students.

Richard Bergin really enjoyed taking the Sixth Grade trip to "The Music Man" and the All-Star Cafe. His advice to students on how to succeed in elementary school is very clear: Do Your Homework.

Allison also loved their field trip and gives the good advice: Don't talk about People behind their backs.

Christopher Swords thanked the sixth grade

teachers, Mr. Terrell, Mr. Lesser and Mrs. Kessler for all they did in arranging the trip to Broadway. He counseled all the students to: Try really hard to get good awards. Work hard, and do your work neatly so your teachers will be happy.

Shelly Slomin remembered when Miss Cudahy became Mrs. McQuaid. Her advice is very important: Don't hurt anyone, ever.

Thank you to these students and good luck to them in Middle School.

Student Council

Representatives were elected from the classrooms. They plan school projects such as the upcoming School Thanksgiving Breakfast and Food Drive. They meet every Tuesday before school and we appreciate their service. Congratulations to their newly elected officers:

Michael Leshansky, President
Corey Leshansky, Vice-President
Amadha Aponte, Secretary
Scott Levy, Treasurer



Brad Farber, Peter Olson, Ryan Ahuja, Chris Lowery
Public Speakers.



Sam Weinstock, Chris Lowery, Meredith Levy, Paul Jung, Jessica Vuong, Zaid Hamarsha, and Anthony Curotto, 6th Grade Representatives.



Warren Fare, Justin Gamba, Chris Beckford, Angela Yeh, Whitney Hodge, Nick Barrett, Steven Alfre Fifth Grade Representatives.
Steven Pratt, Amy Evron, Chet Deochand, Chloe Steindam, and Jake Ciordari Fourth Grade Representatives.

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Please Attach this entry form to the Back of each entry. Do Not Write Your Name on the Front.

Name _____ Age _____ Grade _____ Teacher _____
 Address _____ Phone _____ Special Ed? _____
 Check Which Category: Visual Art _____ Literature _____ Music _____ Photography _____
 Name of Piece _____
 Media (How did you make this creation) _____
 (Music Only) Who performed your music? _____ What is it performed on? _____

Special Education Category Rules *

* New York State PTA refers to the term *Special Education* (for purposes of Judging Reflections entries) as: Those students identified as requiring additional services to meet and maintain basic educational standards

1. Eligible Special Education students may enter in (but are not limited to) the Special Education category.
2. Those students who are identified as gifted and talented must enter in one of the four arts categories only - not in Special Education category.
3. Special Education category entrants may participate in any of the four arts disciplines recognized by National PTA (i.e. Visual Arts, Music, Photography or Literature) and are subject to the same rules posted for each individual discipline (i.e. Students with a developmental age above fifth grade must submit a music manuscript).
4. In conformity with the other four categories (3) Special Education entries (in any combination of arts disciplines) may be submitted per unit for the next level of judging.
5. All Special Education entries to State will be judged on the state level in the Special Education category and receive Special Education recognition before Special Education finalists are mainstreamed for National entry judging.
6. Students entering in the Special Education category wishing to compete for National entry must include developmental age for purposes of proper mainstreaming.

through the playground doors. They may not leave through the front doors. If a parent is not there in a reasonable time the child will be taken to wait at the front office. If you know you are going to be late please call the building. You must come in and sign the child out at that time.

Thank you for your cooperation!

Sarah Kahn, a former sixth grader, Kim Morse, a fifth grader, and Danny Breitscher, a third grader will be part of an art exhibition at the 2000 Conference of the NY State School Board Association. Congratulations to the students and their art teacher, Mrs. Susan Baron.

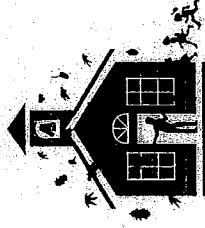
Forest Road Students are Proud to be Ponder! You will be hearing more about this in future issues of the newsletter.

Environmental Update:

As you know, air samples were taken in our school as a result of the appearance of mold in several areas. The test results are back. Mr. McGoldrick will hold a meeting on Wednesday, November 16 at 7:30PM in the Shaw Avenue Auditorium. He will be sharing the results of the air testing. Cashin Associates, the district's environmental consultants who have been supervising the clean-up, will

be present to answer any questions you may have.

Mrs. Carol Kingsley



Teacher Spotlight:

Mrs. Melissa Keane

Mrs. Keane is a second grade teacher in room 206 and has been at Forest Road for three years. She attended the University of Delaware, receiving her B.S. degree in Elementary Education. She received her Master's Degree in Reading at C.W. Post. Prior to working at Forest Road, she taught pre-school in Seaford and first grade in Brooklyn.

Her favorite authors as a child were Beverly Cleary and Judy Blume. She still thinks that they are wonderful and encourages her school children to try them.

Her advice to parents is to talk to our children. Ask them about what is going on in their classroom. If children know that their families are interested in their work, they will take great pride in what they are doing.

She and her husband enjoy traveling during the summer, especially spending time at the beach and reading.

Special Education: PTA

Seneca is a PTA within a school district which brings together people interested in children with educational needs that cannot be fully met in the regular classroom setting. This organization seeks to bring together parents and teachers of all special children to share experiences involved in their education.

The next Seneca meeting will be on November 15th at 7:30PM at Memorial Junior High School at 300 Fletcher Avenue, Valley Stream in California A.

Dr. Palmer will discuss the transition from 6th to 7th grades. If you are interested in joining the group or understanding the special education needs of your child, please contact Melissa Gates, 761-2516 or Patra Hurmev, 561-7558

Candy and Gift Sale

Wrapping!

PTA is proud to announce that our Candy and Gift Wrap Sale was a huge success! Sales totalled \$13,024.50 which will be profit in excess of \$3,500.

Congratulations to the top seller, Kayla Warner-Rawlins who will receive a \$250.00 donation to her sales of \$725. Top sellers of each grade will each receive a skateboard.

- K Brendan Campbell
- 1 Kayla Warner-Rawlins
- 2 Cynthia Santamaria & Charon Vilavetz
- 3 Brandi Broeking
- 4 Micah Gendeman
- 5 Ruby Ann Namoca
- 6 Kyle Burt

The candy and gift wrap orders will be delivered on Wednesday, November 15th. If your child is not capable of carrying their order themselves, please make arrangements to come and pick up your order that day.



Once again, the PTA thanks all participants and their families for their continued support!

A Personal View of the Public Library

by Ms. Carol Klein, our librarian



Although I spend my work day in a library, I also spend my leisure time as a regular patron of the public library and enjoy its welcoming atmosphere, numerous programs and tremendous resources. Even when travelling, I will find a local public library and visit for a pleasant welcome in an unfamiliar place.

My fond recollections of a public library begin with my parents' move to Valley Stream in the 1950's when I was in elementary school. My mother would bring me to the public library which was then located on Rockaway Avenue. Reading was one of my favorite pastimes, and I remember working my way alphabetically through the biographies in the children's section.

As an adult, I brought my own children to the public library to take advantage of its story hours, puzzles, games, picture books and peaceful atmosphere. As my children grew older, they used the library's reference resources and met their friends there to work on homework and projects. Today they continue to be regular library users.

My first job as a librarian was in a public library where I gained an appreciation for its vast resources and its popularity with parents of young children. Meeting the public library helps parents to fulfill a love of books, reading, and acquisition of knowledge for their children and ensures children to become life-long library users.

Does Your Family Have Library Cards?

Millbrook Residents are eligible for a Queens County Library card at the Rosedale Library and a New York State Mandated Access Card that can be used at any Nassau County library.

Anyone five years old or enrolled in kindergarten can apply for a card in person at the East Meadow Public Library at 1866 Front Street, East Meadow (794-2570) or the Levittown Public Library at 1 Bluegrass Lane, Levittown (731-5728).

You need to provide a proof of your identity and residency and to indicate that you live in School District 30 in Valley Stream. Just bring an original drivers license, vehicle registration, property tax bill, lease, rental or mortgage papers, voter registration card, bank statement, or a utility bill. Children in 6th grade and above need a birth certificate or a report card for any of the younger children. The libraries are generally open from 9am to 9pm except Saturday (9-5) and Sunday (1-5). The cards are free and can be used in our local Henry Waldinger and Hewlett Libraries with a few restrictions (no videos or new books).

Venice Dunn, mother of Brandon (K) said it took her about 20 minutes to go to the East Meadow library and was easy to sign-up. She exited on M5 off the Meadowbrook Parkway east about two blocks to Front Street and turned right. She loves the library and often uses the Rosedale library as well. As a child, she always found time to read and she and her friends spent many hours enjoying the library. Even as a tax accountant she says she is a library person!

2000-2001 NATIONAL PTA REFLECTIONS PROGRAM PHOTOGRAPHY RULES

Students must adhere to the General Student Participation Rules in addition to the following Photography Rules:

DESCRIPTION

Any of the following processes are acceptable. Processes not listed are also acceptable, but the original photograph must be taken by the student.

Size

A single print or collage may not exceed 11 inches by 14 inches including a mat.

Prints: A singular photographic print taken by one student with an instant, automatic, or panoramic camera. Photographs can be black and white or color. Photographs may be developed professionally. Prints from slides and transparencies are acceptable. Actual slides and transparencies are not acceptable entries. Any type of photographic paper or film used in the process is acceptable.

Retouched Prints: A print taken by the student that has been painted, drawn on, stained, dyed, or marked on by the student.

Collage: An assemblage of photographs taken by the student. A collage of photographs not taken by the student should be submitted as a Visual Arts entry. A collage should be assembled with strong glue or paste. Spray adhesive should not be used.

OPTIONAL

Photography Question
On the Official Entry Form, explain what process, tools, and techniques you used.

What inspired you to do this work and how was it done?



Sandwich: The sandwiching or layering of one negative, or many, on top of another, to print one singular image.

Multiple Exposure: A singular print from a negative that has been exposed more than once. A photo is taken but the film is not advanced, and then a second or series of additional images are taken.

Computer Generated Art: If a student takes a photo, scans it, adds clip art or another graphic that is not the student's photograph, and prints on regular paper, it is a visual arts piece. If a student takes a photo, scans it, adds other of his/her own photos, and prints on special photography paper, then it is a photography entry. If a student uses interpretive software on a photo taken by the student, it is a photography entry.

PRESENTATION

All prints must be mounted on a cardboard mat, poster board, or some other sturdy material. Frames of any type are unacceptable. Shrink-wrapping is optional but highly recommended. Multiple-page or three-dimensional entries are not allowed. Place Official Entry Form in a sheet protector and tape (with masking tape) to the back of the photograph.

Photogram: An image generated by placing objects directly between the photographic paper and the light of an enlarger. The paper is exposed and silhouetted images of the objects appear on the paper (in their negative form).

Montage: The combination or splicing of multiple negatives to print one singular image.



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MUSICAL COMPOSITION RULES

Students must adhere to the General Student Participation Rules in addition to the following Musical Composition Rules:

Please secure the Official Entry Form to the outside of the envelope.

DESCRIPTION
Students may submit original musical compositions with or without lyrics, which must be the work of one student and may not exceed five minutes. A cappella (voice with no instruments) or instrumental compositions are acceptable.

LENGTH
May not exceed five minutes.

PERFORMANCE
Students are not required to perform their own compositions.

PRESENTATION
All age divisions must submit an audiocassette or CD recording of the composition. Students must submit notation as required by their age division.

Recommendations for Quality Recordings

1. Record only on a name brand, new cassette of C-60 length or less (not on C-90 or J20).
2. Use only *light bias* or *chrome* formula tape and be sure your cassette deck is set for that. Don't use *metal* formula tape. Don't record at too loud a level (in the "red" on the meter).

3. Definitely record with *Dolby B Noise Reduction!* Before recording, make the room you record in as quiet as possible. Close the windows and turn off all noise-making devices in the room, such as air-conditioners, fans, telephones, etc.
4. Make a short test and listen to it. Then rewind and start over. Let the tape run 30 seconds, then state your name and the title of the piece. Wait about 10 or 15 seconds, then start the music. Don't start right on the plastic head-leader!

5. Let at least 30 seconds of silence go by after the piece ends before stopping the machine, to avoid the end being ruined with machine pops, clicks, or other noises.
6. Remove safety tabs from cassette. Remove the safety record-tabs on the thin end of the cassette when totally done taping to eliminate the possibility of the composition being recorded over accidentally.

Required
Audiocassettes or CDs must be submitted in a plastic or cardboard container, and both the audiocassette or CD and the container should be identified with the student's name, grade/division, address, PTA, the entry's title, and playing time. The audiocassette or CD should be packaged with the manuscript (if required) in a large envelope.

OPTIONAL
What inspired you to do this work and how was it done?



'IT WOULD BE REALLY STRANGE IF...'

All Forest Road Students are invited to submit entries in the National PTA "Reflections Program" and create original works on the theme "It would be really strange if..."

Read and keep the following guidelines. Ask your teachers and parents for help and turn in your entries to your teacher by **December 15**.

All entries will receive commendation and be exhibited to other students and parents in the spring, and be eligible for district and national awards. If you have any questions, please call Julie Olson, 792-9629. Have Fun!

Why Reflections?

Participating in Reflections is a great way for students to explore and learn about various art forms. Artistic exploration and expression enhance and develop intellectual, social and physical skills. Creating art is a valuable learning process.

When children express themselves through words, pictures, music, photography and other art forms, they grow intellectually. As children experience the creative process, they learn to analyze their thoughts, feelings and ideas. They learn to look at things, people and experiences in a fresh and exciting way and become more interested in the ideas and works of others. Reflections helps parents recognize the continuous self-discovery process of their children.

Each student can enter in any of the four arts areas:

- LITERATURE - MUSIC - PHOTOGRAPHY - VISUAL ARTS

SPECIAL EDUCATION CATEGORY*

- Each student enters in one age category
- Primary (pre-school - grade 2)
- Intermediate (grade 3-5)
- Middle/Junior (grade 6-8)
- Senior (grade 9-12)

*Special Education entries of developmentally-challenged students should be placed in the grade division that best reflects the student's developmental age.

PTA Waldenbooks Weekend

Forest Road PTA Walden Weekend -- On June 9, 10, and 11, Forest Road PTA will be sponsoring a fundraiser at Waldenbooks in the Green Acres Mall. You will receive 10% off all books not already discounted. The PTA will receive an additional 10% on all purchases! Stock up for Father's Day gifts, Graduation Gifts and summer reading fun! -- Jill Cohen

****PLEASE USE THE COUPON BELOW****
****TO RECEIVE YOUR 10% DISCOUNT****

Contribute to: Forest Road School through your purchases at Waldenbooks Brentano's

Store Location: Green Acres Mall

This coupon entitles you to a 10% discount on eligible merchandise AND Waldenbooks will donate an additional 10% of your purchase price to the Forest Road PTA.

Valid from 6/9/01 through 6/11/01

Magazines, gift certificates and preferred reader memberships are not eligible for discounts. Discount cannot be combined with any other discounts including Preferred Reader.

Bookseller: Use item or group discount 47 code to discount the item(s) 10%

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A Farewell Tribute

to Ely Haber

(sung at the PTA Installation Dinner)

Tune: "There is Nothing Like a Dame"

Ely's really quite a dame, she breaks all the rules,
And she's done so much for us and the children of our school.

She did lice check, book and plant sales, photos,
Holiday boutiques

And we can't forget the pumpkins cause it would
not be complete.

Carnival, wrap sale, fashion show, class parent - a
time or three

What hasn't she done, you tell me!

So...

Tune: "Hello Dolly"

So Long Ely, well so long Ely

We're so sad to see you go but glad you came

You did so well, Ely

We can tell, Ely

There will never be a Chinese Auction, quite the
same.

You had the room smile with your great style

And you knew everyone's name and license plate,
so

Take a bow, Ely, you were the best and how, Ely
Couldn't you clone a few or two--

But they broke the mold when they made you.

So we'll save a special place for you right here!

A Letter from your PTA Co-Presidents:

Did you have as much fun at Field Day and the Family Picnic as we did?

As yet another school year comes to an end, we would like to thank all our parents who made the extra effort for volunteering their time. Volunteering is the key to keeping our PTA alive and flourishing in Forest Road School. Volunteers are motivated by various factors. Look further in our newsletter and read about some of their experiences!

We can't let one of our special volunteers go by unnoticed. Ely Haber has been a driving force in the Forest Road community for the past ten years. From lice check to co-president, Ely has done it all with flare!

From her wonderful personality to her special style of humor, Ely leaves an impression on anyone lucky enough to have met her. She loves every child in the school and they know it.

Ely, your infectious smile will be missed in the halls of Forest Road School. We know we speak for everyone when we say, "You will be missed."

--Andrea Breischer
& Julie Olson

Special thanks needs to go to Andrea Breischer who is finishing her two year term as PTA Co-President. Andrea has been a wonderful leader to work with. She has led with enthusiasm, directness and sensitivity. She is a vocal supporter of the children and the volunteers of the PTA. I will miss her but am glad she will be around the school for a few more years.

I am looking forward to working with Linda Ketting. You have probably felt the benefits of her talents already through her service with the Millbrook Civic Association and the Forest Road Building level Team. Another of Linda's talents is writing fun poems. Who knows what fun we'll have at next year's PTA Meetings. You'll have to come and see!

--Julie Olson, PTA Co-President

Thanks to Donna Duwe who is publishing her first issue of The Forester newsletter. I am sure we will all come to recognize her talents and contributions.

--Julie Olson, PTA Co-President
--Andrea Breischer,
PTA Co-President

Have a wonderful summer!

THE FORESTER



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK.....

The end of the school year is drawing near. The days are growing longer with daylight savings time, the children are spending more time outdoors with the warmer weather, and that other harbinger of Spring, the "TerraNova" (a.k.a. Terra Nova) has many of our children and their parents on edge. Newspapers have been filled with talk about "high stakes testing." Therefore, it is understandable that many misconceptions about our testing program abound. I hope that I can give you a better understanding and clear the air. The TerraNovas are one of many standardized tests that are available to school districts for assessing their students. It was selected for use with your children after a variety of standardized tests were previewed. Second, third, fifth and sixth grade students take the TerraNova. It allows us to compare the achievements of our students to students locally and nationally as well as to keep track of each child's progress from year to year. The results are received during the summer vacation. A parent report is sent home at that time.

These assessments provide an objective look at your child's academic achievements and

We understand, however, that the test provides just a snapshot of one or two days. The results are just one piece of a larger picture that is made up of a report card, teacher comments and a writing portfolio.

As New York State increases its requirements for graduation from high school, we must be ever vigilant in assuring that our children are provided with the tools they need to keep on track. To this end, the testing results are used along with teacher input to determine which students will receive Academic Intervention Services (AIS) such as remedial reading. I hope this information has given you a better understanding of our testing program and will serve to bring down your anxiety levels concerning the TerraNova. If you have any questions, please contact me.

As Summer approaches and only a few days remain of the 2000-2001 school year, it is time to thank everyone in our Forest Road family for a successful year. The effort put forth by teachers and parents has helped the children achieve in academics as well as personal

growth. I am very proud of their accomplishments.

Congratulations to our sixth graders as they move on to "South". The time has come for them to spread their wings and embrace the larger world of Middle School. I know that their roots at Forest Road will help them develop into responsible young adults. I am going to miss them.

I wish to extend my appreciation and gratitude to our PTA Co-Presidents, Andrea Breisboer and Julie Olson. They have been a pleasure to work with during this very eventful school year. With the support of the PTA Executive Board and the many members who are actively involved, our PTA is always there when they are needed. I look forward to working with Julie Olson and new Co-President Linⁿⁿ Kettering during the 2001-2 school year.

Thank you to our Forest road staff who are committed to providing your children with a fine education through an enriched, nurturing learning environment.

Have a healthy, fun-filled summer! See you in September. --Mrs. Kingsley

Security Camera System Procedures

Several years ago, the district added some cameras to our building and playground security system. The following procedures have been implemented for their monitoring:

- Fourteen tapes have been purchased. This supply of tapes on hand allows us to cover a two-week period before a tape is overwritten.
- Mr. Stephen Ostop changes the videotape every two days.
- Mr. Abbate reviews the tapes approximately twice a week.
- Mr. Abbate comments on his findings in a written log. The log indicates if any individuals are noted on the property and what it appears they are involved in (i.e., playground activity, basketball, etc.) No activity is also noted.
- Any problems or unusual activities found when the tapes are viewed, are

brought immediately to the attention of Helen DeSilva, Assistant Superintendent for Business, and the tape is turned over to Mr. McGoldrick.

If you have any questions or comments about the system, please contact Mr. McGoldrick at 285-9880 or Mrs. Kingsley.

Reading Teacher: Cathy Itri

I received my BA in Elementary Education from Adelphi University in 1994. I began my teaching career as a first grade teacher at Public School 19 in Corona, Queens. As a first grade teacher, it was very exciting to watch many of my students acquire the necessary skills and strategies which enabled them to become successful literacy learners. I also learned that some students were not as successful at developing these skills and strategies. I knew that if they were to fill the gap that separated them from their classmates, they would need special reading instruction. I decided to pursue a Master's

Degree in Reading Education at Hofstra University. I received my MA in Reading Education in 1998. Upon receiving my MA, I provided early reading intervention services as a Project Road Teacher at PS 19. In the spring of 2000, I accepted a reading position in The Forest Road School. I currently work with third and fourth grade students providing reading intervention services utilizing both "pull-out" and "push-in" models of instruction. The "pull-out" setting enables me to work with a small group of students who share similarities as literacy learners. The "push-in" setting allows me the opportunity to collaborate with the classroom teachers as we plan our weekly reading lessons which are taught with a team teaching approach. My goal for all of my students is that they develop a love of literature and come to see themselves as accomplished readers.

Continue reading over the summer vacation. Reading is fun!!!

6th Grade Students (cont.)

Social Studies this year. I had a very good year at Forest Road School.

--Justin DiLeace

I have learned many things this past year at Forest Road School. The thing I enjoyed learning the most was in Math. I got really good at it and my mom is really proud of me. I also learned a lot of new things. I am still learning many new and wonderful things in Social Studies and Health. In Health, we are learning about HIV/AIDS. In my Reading class we are reading cool stuff. The Acorn People and Ben and Me were two of my favorite books. I am thankful for a great teacher and a great mom. I think when I get into the 7th grade, I would be the smartest kid in my class. I also learned how to be nice to other students and be helpful to my teachers.

--Berkeley McDonald

I have learned many things during my time here at Forest Road School which will help me in my future.

--Anthony Currato

The Forest Road PTA sends its best wishes to all the sixth graders! We hope your future school years are as successful as those here at Forest Road School.

Congratulations to the fifth and sixth Grade ESL Students under the direction of Mrs. Venezia who have published several editions of the Forest Road News. They covered school events like the classes World soccer tournament, study suggestions, and anti-smoking cartoons. We will include articles in our future newsletters.

School Calendar for June 2001

Wed. June 20 6 Grade Graduation 8:15 PM
 Thurs. June 21 Kindergarten Graduation 9:00 AM
 Fri. June 22 Last Day of School 8:30 - 9:30 AM Dismissal



School Calendar for September 2001

New Kindergarten Students

Playdate: Tues. Sept. 4 3:00 - 4:00 PM

At Kindergarten Playground Families Invited and Snacks Will Be Served

 Wed. Sept. 5

School Begins

School Closings 2001-2002

Sept. 18 & 19 Mon & Tues (Rosh Hashana)
 Sept. 27 Thurs (Yom Kippur)
 Oct 8 Mon (Columbus Day)
 Nov 6 Tues (Conference Day)
 Nov 12 Mon (Veterans Day)
 Nov 22 - 23 Thurs & Fri (Thanksgiving)
 Dec. 24 - Jan 1 Christmas Recess
 Jan 21 Mon (Martin Luther King Day)
 Feb 18 - 22 Winter Recess
 Mar 28 - April 9 Spring Recess
 May 27 Mon (Memorial Day)
 June 26 Wed (Last Day of School)



Physical Education - A Daily Lifestyle

By: Vinny Manzo, Phys Ed As a Physical Educator, I believe in teaching the whole child. My aim is to enable all learners to enhance their quality of life through active living. I feel that through participation in physical education, students will develop the knowledge, attitudes and skills necessary to incorporate physical activity into regular routines and to live an active and healthy lifestyle.

I am a graduate of Adelphi University with a B.S. in Physical Education and a M. A. Degree in Health Education. I am also a certified Personal Trainer and a Competitive Bodybuilder. I enjoy world travel and stock trading.

Enjoy your summer and stay active!!



The Valley Stream Council of PTAs

has launched a campaign to encourage children not to smoke! Smoking cigarettes by young adults has become an epidemic. More and more students as young as sixth grade are smoking. If we join forces as a community, we can get the message out and encourage students to avoid the pitfalls of cigarettes. We need to prevent students from starting to smoke and for those who already are smoking, we need to implement programs for smoke cessation.

We hope we can all work together - PTA, parents, students and teachers - to prevent our children from becoming another statistic.

The National Mental Health Association identified May 8, 2001, as National Childhood Depression Awareness Day. According to the Federal Center for Mental Health Services, one in every 33 children experience depression. The depression rate for adolescents is 1 in every eight children. Children with depression experience some or all of the following: sadness, hopelessness, withdrawal from family and friends, act out anger and lose interest in many activities previously enjoyed. Left untreated, childhood depression can lead to school failure, substance abuse and suicide. The Mental Health Association of Nassau County will provide at no cost: crisis response, bereavement assistance, training to identify children at risk for depression, FREE Help Lines, (516) 489-2322, Kid's Line and Talk 2 Teen Line (516) 489-2322. For more information or assistance please call (516) 489-2322 or E-Mail: education@mhanc.org.



Forest Road Science Fair

The 2001 Edition of Forest Road's Science Fair was held on Wednesday, March 21 from 7:30 PM to 8:30 PM in the school gym. On display were the results of experiments conducted by the sixth grade students over a 3 month period. The purpose for the Science Fair is to allow the participants to answer questions involving life and physical science as well as consumer products. The scientific method of inquiry was followed by all the researchers in the conducting their investigations giving validity and meaning to their projects. Their work was beautifully displayed using graphics, many of which were created using the computer lab with the assistance of Mrs. Campollo. The event was well-attended, despite the heavy rain, by parents and other

Homework Corner

Some helpful hints parents can use to assist their children



children

- Let your child know that homework is important and valuable.
- Set a regular time each day for homework. Allow some time to unwind after school before getting started.
- Provide children with all essential items such as paper, school notebooks and pencils.
- Providing folders for papers and an assignment book will help your child get organized.
- Provide a quiet, clean and well-lit place to study.
- Turn off the TV during study and homework time.
- Be available to answer question- and/or quiz your child. K, K, K, homework his/her responsibility.
- Check homework when completed.
- Read any teachers comments on returned assignments.
- If your child is having difficulties, contact the teacher for assistance.

members of the community. Congratulations to all the participants for making the night such a success. Special congratulations to the award winners listed below:

Mrs. Kessler's Class:
Honorable Mention: Jessica Vuong and Amanda Aponte;
Honorable Mention: Marie Celestano and Jaclyn Haber;
Third Place: Sarina Somani and Vicky Ovasu; **Third Place:** Catherine Toner; **Second Place:** Rebecca Benison and Anam Khan; **Second Place:** Scott Levy, Ketan Panchal; **First Place:** Peter Olson; **First Place:** Alyson Shapiro and Alexis Lear.

Mr. Lesser's Class: **Honorable Mention:** Vicky Esna; **Honorable Mention:** Gwen Hershey and Andrea Chong; **Third Place:** Mohammed Khan and Luis Rivera; **Third Place:** Meredith Levy and Safia Zouiouche; **Second Place:** Joshua Kim and Daniel Kim; **Second Place:** Paul Jung and Christopher Lowery; **First Place:** Samantha Weinstock and Michael Leshausky; **First Place:** Tal Zion and Ryan Ahuja. -----Mr. Laudano

6th Grade Students Share Their Experiences at Forest Road School

I have learned many new things at Forest Road. One of the many things is typing. I have learned how to type fast. I never could type fast. I am very fast now! --Ketan Panchal

At Forest Road, I learned that you should treat others the way you want to be treated. This is important because everyone should be treated with respect and everyone is equal. --Scott Levy

I feel that I have learned and accomplished many things through my Forest Road years. I have learned how to deal with situations in health, such as knowing the right things to do in an emergency. --Zaid Hamarsha

The things I've accomplished are to participate in class more. I've also learned that if I set my mind to anything, I can achieve my goal. I've learned that if I want people to treat me well, I need to treat others well. --Shamatta Curran

I feel that I learned to be polite. I learned to never give up until you finish. I learned to believe in what I believe in and not what others tell me. I learned to be my own person. --Edwin Gaston

I think that I have accomplished studying hard and preparing for the Middle Ages, for our present Egypt, the Middle Ages, and the Renaissance. --Yield Ovasu

Here at Forest Road everyone has at least one accomplishment. I think mine was learning to study and do my best. I am not an A+ student, but I am working on it. --Rebecca Benison

Mr. Terrell's Class

I have not only learned a lot of academic skills, but I have also learned to be a polite, well-mannered person. Forest Road also taught me to believe and have confidence in myself. --Catherine Toner

I feel that I have accomplished making many new friends here at Forest Road School. All of my friends are so honest and true. I hope we all stay friends for the rest of our lives. I also learned many new and interesting things for my future. --Marie Celestano

I accomplished more than learning. I accomplished how to be polite and use good manners. --Jessica Vuong

I think I accomplished a lot of work. I was not able to even tie my shoes in kindergarten. Now I can do Math, Social Studies and many other subjects. The last thing I learned was to be proud of being polite. --Corey Leshausky

This year at Forest Road School, I have learned to do my best and believe in myself. I have also learned to try doing things that I believe are hard and challenging. --Anam Khan

This is my last year at Forest Road and I feel that I learned how to respect my teachers and classmates. I also got a great education thanks to all my teachers. I had a great time in this wonderful school. --Sklon Somani

At Forest Road School, I feel I have accomplished a lot of ways of figuring out how to do a math problem. I am doing much better here than in my old school. I learned how to be more self-confident. --Joseph Hyun

I accomplished a few things in sixth grade. I accomplished writing in script well and I learned how to write. I also learned English better than I did in fifth grade. --Philip Chui

Everything I learned this year will help me at South. I also learned how to study which boosted my learning skills. --Kyle Burke

VOLUNTEERING

PTA VOLUNTEERS SHARE THEIR EXPERIENCES

Volunteering with PTA has been very fulfilling for me. Working with the young children, getting to know them, seeing their beautiful smiles of happiness are all the things I have enjoyed while volunteering for field day, holiday boutique, carnivals, and fashion shows. --Elly Haber

I love working with the children especially on picture day. Combing their hair, straightening their shirts and watching them smile are some of my favorite memories of PTA. -- Jill Cohen

I really enjoy volunteering at the Book Fairs! I get to see how excited the children are over books and I help them choose some books they will enjoy. This is better than a child in a candy store!! -- Linda Kettering

I have participated as a class parent and delegate to council for PTA. My most enjoyable times have been helping and

participating in various activities for the children in Forest Road School. I've enjoyed helping the students find the right book at the book fair and find the right gift at the right price for mom or dad at the holiday gift fair. I also enjoy cheering for both the red and the blue teams while participating in Field Day! It was wonderful to decorate the sixth grade Halloween and Graduation parties. I have also participated in projects with my son's teachers for their class parties. Best of all is the look of happiness on the children's faces. -- Rhonda Blum

I enjoy having carnival day on a Saturday since I work 5 days a week. Every year, I take a vacation day so that I can attend Field Day. I look forward to spending time with the children! -- Petra Horney

Joining the PTA is a way to become involved with your child's education and life!

6th Grade Students Share Their Experiences at Forest Road School

Mr. Lesser's Class

A few things that I have learned from Forest Road School is never give up. When you want to learn something, keep your mind on it. I also learned that my favorite subject is math. I like how you have to add the numbers and figure out a big puzzle. That is what I have learned.
--Rajin Jagarain

I learned that it doesn't matter if I am different. I also learned that we all have strengths and weaknesses and I will stand out and speak about things which I think are right and wrong.
--Sarah Zaman

I have learned a few things this year. First I have learned to try my best and to have confidence. I have learned to try something before I doubt myself. I have accomplished and learned many things that can help me later in life.
--Safia Zouioueche

At Forest Road School I learned to work hard and respect everyone. I learned how to write excellent script and I learned how to be good in life. Thank you Forest Road School.
--Ryan Parlia

At Forest Road School, I learned to never give up my goals, always try my best, and never cry over spilled milk (literally). I also achieved to be polite and respectful to one another. The best part is, I achieved self-esteem at school. Thank you Forest Road School.
--Paul Jung

The one thing that I have accomplished over the year was the courage to do things I could not do. I am no longer scared of the dark. I take many risks now. This brings me back to the time when my class went off to Caumsett. I was scared to walk through the woods at night, but after that wonderful experience, I can do anything. I am very proud of myself.
--Luis Rivera

I feel this year, I have accomplished confidence in myself and also I learned many new things like Math, Social Studies, Spelling and Reading. Now these

are my favorite subjects.
--Geraldine Lopez

I accomplished to study hard, to learn more subjects and to try new things. I learned a lot. I've learned to plan and organize myself. I feel I have learned many new things at Forest Road School.
--Crystal Costello

I've accomplished many things in Forest Road school. I learned how to speak English, Math, Violin, Music, etc. The most important thing I learned was to help people when they are in trouble.
--Andrew Yoon

At Forest Road School, I have learned that you should keep on studying. I have also learned to play new and fun sports. Another thing is that you should try new things.
--Andrea Chong

I think I have learned to treat people the way I want to be treated and to study. When I studied, I made good grades and people treat me nice when I treat them good. I also accomplished to do my best all the time.
--Daniella Owusu

Something I achieved in school was getting out of L.C. I worked my hardest to get out and I did.
--Christopher Lazarovitch

What I learned at Forest Road is to have good manners and not to be rude. You should always raise your hand and be polite. You only do your best by studying and working hard.
--Michael Lesbansky

I am better in certain topics in Math. My friends and teachers helped me. I have learned how some things that have occurred in the past affect us today. I have also learned that people who were bad in certain things became someone famous and successful. They used their heads and invented special things that are important today. I have also learned that people with different cultures may believe certain things from the past but are still important today.
--Meredith Levy

The things I have accomplished and learned at Forest Road School are

whatever I do, I would always try my best at it. By doing this, I accomplished better grades. I also learned not to give up.
--Joshua Kim

I have learned a lot of things. Most of all I learned better English. I also learned not to do drugs and not to smoke. Another thing that I learned is how to respect others.
--Daniel Kim

What I have learned in Forest Road School is all of my academic skills, how to treat others, and many facts about the world around me. I enjoy going to Forest Road because I can be myself and be proud.
--Vicki Essa

I have learned in my two years at Forest Road that studying will definitely bring you to perfection. I have learned that success does not come easy in life; you have to work at it! I also learned that when life gets hard, you should not give up, you should just be optimistic.
--Ryan Abuja

I've learned how to answer my questions on my own by looking closely for it. I also learned not to combine ketchup with macaroni and cheese.
--Mohammed Khan

I think I have learned a lot about many things in Forest Road. I will remember these things for the rest of my life. One of these things was being a good friend. I hope this will help me in the future.
--Tal Zion

I think I accomplished a lot at Forest Road School. I made plenty of good friends and I learned a lot of stuff I will remember for the rest of my life.
--Samantha Welstock

I learned a lot about ancient civilizations. I learned that you have to work hard to succeed in life. I also learned about Algebra.
--Gwen Hershey

I feel that I have learned a lot from the different subjects I have studied such as Math, Health, Social Studies and Language Arts. I also enjoyed reading the books I have read for literature. I think I

***** Important Calendar Dates *****

September Dates

3	Wednesday	School Begins	
4	Thursday	PTA Breakfast	8:30 AM
18	Thursday	Candy/Gift Wrap Sale Begins	
18	Thursday	Meet the Teacher	7:30 PM
		Candy/Gift Wrap Sale Ends	

October Dates

6	Monday	Yom Kippur	School Closed
10	Friday	Breakfast with the Superintendent	8:30 AM
13	Monday	Columbus Day	School Closed
14	Tuesday	Defensive Driving Course	7 - 10 PM
18	Saturday	50th Anniversary Dedication	
21	Tuesday	Defensive Driving Course	7 - 10 PM
22	Wednesday	PTA Meeting	7:30 PM
23	Thursday	Picture Day	
24	Friday	Pumpkin Patch	
31	Friday	Annual Halloween Parade	2:30 PM
		6th Grade Halloween Party	5 - 7 PM

November Dates

3	Monday	Reflections Begins	
4	Tuesday	Election Day - School is Open	
4, 5, & 6		Sixth Grade Outdoor Education Program	
11	Tuesday	Veterans Day (School Closed)	
17	Monday	Open School Week Begins	
18	Tuesday	PTA Meeting	7:30 PM
19	Wednesday	Early Student Dismissal	11:15 AM
		Parent Teacher Conferences	
19 & 20		5th Grade Social Studies Test	
21	Friday	Reflections Ends	
21	Friday	Open School Week Ends	
26, 27 & 28		Thanksgiving Recess	

A Message From the PTA Co-Presidents...

Happy 50th Anniversary to Forest Road School!

This is a special year for the school. Appropriately, the Golden Jubilee coincides with the school looking bigger and brighter. Our children will benefit greatly from the new additions -- a new library and computer room and two new classrooms.

Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 18th. There will be a dedication for the new additions to the school and a celebration to mark the 50th Anniversary. Don't miss this special day.



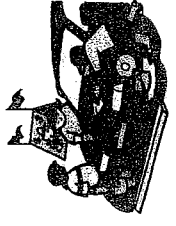
The PTA has many events planned for the upcoming year, including: a yard sale, a car wash, a dinner/dance at the school gym and a free anniversary T-shirt for all the students.

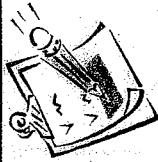
Please consider participating this year in the many events that the PTA sponsors. Join the other volunteers. We can always use more help! Your children will be thrilled to see you involved and you will also benefit by sharing in their education.

We look forward to a productive year ahead.

-- Andrea Bretscher & Edmon Herlthy, PTA Co-Presidents

The Forester





A Message from the Principal ...

Welcome back!

The cool, rainy weather couldn't dampen the enthusiasm of our students and staff on the first day of school. Everyone was excited to meet their new class and to see the new Forest Road School. The students found that the additions look beautiful both inside and outside. The new construction provides us with exceptional teaching spaces, featuring a library and computer lab, an art room instead of "art on a cart" and music rooms for both general and instrumental music. The benefits are too numerous to mention.



However, the start of the school year brings with it concerns for the safety of our children during morning arrival and afternoon departure. The streets around school, especially Jasmine Lane, are very congested with cars driving in both directions. Please obey all traffic signs and general traffic safety. Follow the directives of our crossing guard, Pat. She is there to assure the safety of our children. She can not do her job if you do not listen!



Please join me in working together to make 2003-2004 an outstanding school year for everyone.

Carol Kingsley, Principal



FOREST ROAD SCHOOL HAS A WEB SITE!!

- Provide parents, teachers and students the ability to "GET CONNECTED" to the News and Events at Forest Road School.
 - Provide helpful links to safe educational content and parental tips.
 - Showcase our school and some of the work our children are doing during the course of the year.
 - HAVE FUN!!!
 - Current areas on the site are:
 - PTA Calendar (contains important dates, and times of PTA/School events)
 - PTA Elected Officers
 - PTA Programming (assembles that the PTA organizes for our children and what they are all about)
 - Traffic Safety
 - Parents Place (lists various links to parental advice articles)
 - Kids Place (lists various links to fun activities, homework help, etc...)
 - Helpful Links (links to other community websites)
 - Explain the roll of the PTA and the impact it has on our children's education.
- Any questions, suggestions or volunteers for the website, contact Michael Douglas at: michaeldouglas@myschoolmail.com. Any general questions regarding PTA events, volunteering, programming, etc..., contact us at: forestroad.pta@myschoolmail.com or call the appropriate committee person found on your school calendars.
- Let's get involved and make this a year to remember!
- Michael Douglas, Website



The summer is over and it's time to "GET CONNECTED" again. Realizing the need to get more people involved in the PTA, we decided to take the show on the road... or you could say, on the WEB.

Last year the Forest Road PTA launched its first ever website:

www.myschoolonline.com/ny/forestroadpta

You can also access this website through the Valley Stream District 30 website: www.valleystream30.com

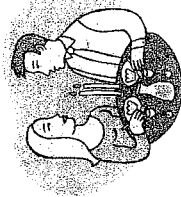
Just click on the PTA link at the Valley Stream website and select Forest Road PTA.

The goals of this site are to:

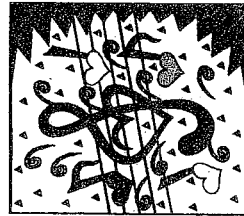
- Explain the roll of the PTA and the impact it has on our children's education.

50th ANNIVERSARY DINNER/DANCE

On Saturday, December 6, the Forest Road PTA will host a 50th Anniversary Dinner/Dance in the Forest Road School Gym from 7 - 11 pm.

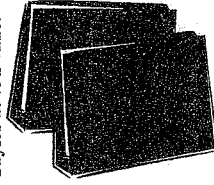


This Dinner/Dance will replace the PTA Fashion Show this year.



We will have a DJ with music from the 50s, 60s, 70s and 80s, Italian cuisine, raffles, and 4 hours of fun. This event is for adults only. Tickets for the Dinner/Dance will be available during the month of November.

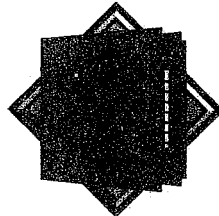
donate a raffle prize? Some suggestions are: Gift Certificates, TVs, VCRs, games, jewelry, or mon to be used to purchase a grand prize! Donations are tax deductible. To make a donation, please call Donna Duwe at 791-0710 or Shana Taylor at 791-7216.



Would you like to advertise in our Journal? Realtors, Electricians, Jewelry Stores, Plumbers, Handyman, Tutors, Etc Anyone can buy advertising space!

Rates are as follows:
 • \$20 - Business Card
 • \$30 - 1/4 Page
 • \$60 - 1/2 Page
 • \$100 - Full Page

Support your PTA and have a night of fun!



The Dinner/Dance Committee is in need of Raffle Donations. Do you or anyone you know own a business, store or a restaurant? Can you



We need volunteers to assist with set-up, clean-up, decorating, donations, etc... Please call Donna or Michael Duwe at 791-0710 and volunteer. Help us make this PTA fundraiser an extraordinary event!!

TRAFFIC SAFETY

crossing the street without looking.

- NO U-Turns on Jasmine Lane or Forest Road. This includes: NO K-Turns or driving into someone's driveway to turn around.
- Keep all crosswalks clear. Do not park your car in a crosswalk for any reason and do not drop children off in a crosswalk.



As the beginning of the school year is upon us, once again I would like to remind you of Traffic Safety around Forest Road School.

Listed below are some traffic rules that can keep our children safe when we drop them off for school in the morning and pick them up from school in the afternoon.

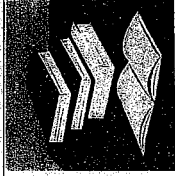


- Do not park on Jasmine Lane where the signs clearly state "Drop Off Only" or "No Standing"
- Do not double park anywhere near the school.
- No Parking in front of school on Forest Road.
- Please follow these traffic rules so that all our children will be safe. —Donna Duwe



- Observe all STOP signs. Come to a complete stop as there may be children possible.

BOOK



Support your PTA and purchase your Book Sox at prices lower than Staples or Morris. If you are interested, please call June Goldman at 791-2666. Prices are \$2.00 each.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

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Please send in your Box Tops for Education. This program helps Forest Road School receive valuable equipment and school supplies. A flyer will be sent home in your child's folder indicating the fall kick-off date and the PTA Incentive.

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE



Please return your forms to your teacher as soon as possible.

JOIN THE FOREST ROAD PTA! Make a difference!

Join the Forest Road PTA.

Membership costs \$8 per person.



\$8 is a small price to pay to ensure that Forest Road can continue to offer the special programs that the PTA supports and brings into our school!

Some programs that your membership dues have funded over the past few years are:

- Pejama Night
- Rugrats Carpoolist
- Scholastic Book Fair
- P.A.R.P.
- Scooby Doo Author
- Family Night
- Bingo



A membership flyer will be sent home during September.



You can submit your membership dues at any time. Simply put your name, your child's name and classroom # and PTA Membership Dues on an envelope. Send this envelope in with your child or drop it in the PTA Mailbox. Please support your PTA and make a difference!

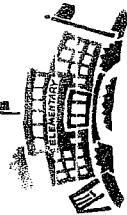
- Michael Duwe,
Financial Secretary

PTA Sponsored Yard Sale

Please save your unwanted items for this upcoming event! This PTA Fundraiser will take place in October. A flyer will be sent home with more information during the first week of October. Volunteers are needed. Please contact Debrah Hussey at 791-8040.

******* PTA SPONSORED EVENTS *******

**FOREST ROAD
50 Year Celebration**



Saturday, October 18

Forest Road Elementary School with be celebrating its 50th Year of serving the children in our community. From the beginning of the year in September until the final day in June, 2004, we will be spotlighting the people and the facility that have helped our children learn and grow over the years. Many events will be open to neighbors, friends, and past students. Mark your calendars and alert your grown children and neighbors to join us for a Golden Jubilee of memories and future plans for Forest and Elementary School.

Our 50th Year Celebration and Dedication of our new facilities: library, computer room, art room, music room and classrooms will be on Saturday, October 18th. Community leaders, past teachers and administrators, students, families and the entire neighborhood are invited to celebrate with us at 10am in the new playground. There will be

games, music, food and fun for all, including a building tour and memorabilia. Come thank our school board for their service and enjoy the morning with us.

**Help
Wanted**

Do you have pictures of Mill Brook, Forest Road School, Group School Activities, Yearbooks or memorabilia that we could display, copy, and return? If so, please contact Julie Olson at 792-9629 or Linda Tobin Kettering at 792-0680 as soon as possible.

Do you have any information of PTA activities or Officers, especially from 1952-1972. We'd like to collect a more comprehensive history of the school and our area.

Our community is unique and the heart of our area has always been our own Forest Road School. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to come together and get to know new neighbors, old friends, and reaffirm our commitment to our fine community and the quality education that is the hope for our children.

**Happy 50th Anniversary
to Forest Road School!**
--Julie Olson

Reflections Program



The Reflections Program will start on Monday, Nov. 3 and end on Friday, Nov. 21.

Teachers may include this Program as part of their curriculum. However, children can create something on their own outside of school. Children may enter this contest more than once and in more than one category. Categories are: Literature, Music, Visual Arts and Photography.



Children must put their name, grade and classroom number on the back of each piece submitted. Any work that has a name on the front of it will be disqualified.



All work should be the idea of the student. Teachers and parents may make suggestions, but each student must create his or her own work. Parents cannot edit the work.

If you have questions, please call Donna Duwe at 791-0710.



DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE

On Tuesday, October 14 and Tuesday, October 21, Defensive Driving Course will be available at Forest Road School from 10 pm. Attendance on both days is required.

This class will be taught by Robert Rottenberg who is also a Mill Brook resident. Taking this class can:

- lower your collision, liability and no-fault premiums by 10%
- reduce points on your driving record by up to 4 points
- teach defensive driving strategies to help you avoid collisions

• teach additional ways of reducing your insurance premiums

This course is approved by the Department of Motor Vehicles.

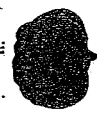
Registration is limited. Sign up early! Flyers will be sent home with your child.

For more information, please contact Linda Kettering at 792-0680.



BANKING

Forest Road School offers a banking program. Students can open an account and deposit as little as .50 in their account weekly. The bank used by this program is Astoria Federal Savings Bank. Flyers will be sent home with more information. Banking teaches children adding, subtracting, saving, and many more important lessons. Questions? Call Veniece Dunn at 792-9749.



Students will receive a free pumpkin on Friday, October 24, courtesy of the Forest Road PTA. Volunteers are needed. Please call Veniece Dunn at 792-9749.

6th Grade Halloween Party



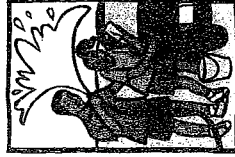
Once again, the PTA will sponsor the 6th Grade Halloween Party on October 31 from 5 - 7 pm.



On Friday, Oct. 31, Forest Road will have its Annual Halloween Parade starting at 2:30 pm in the school yard. Children can bring their costumes to school.

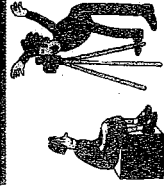
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CAR WASH



COME ONE, COME ALL

Everybody, please come to the Forest Road 6th Grade Car Wash which will be held on September 20, 2003, from 9 am - 5 pm at Hoefner's Service Station. Raindate: September 21. For more information, please contact Shana Taylor at 791-7216.



Thursday, Oct. 23
School pictures will be taken so wear your best smile!

LUNCH PROGRAM



Forest Road has a pre-paid lunch ticket system which allows you to purchase 20 meal pre-paid tickets for \$25. You will also receive 1 free lunch when you purchase the 20 pre-paid lunch tickets. Five day meal tickets are also available for \$6.25.

Lunch tickets can be paid for with cash or a check made out to: Valley Stream School District Lunch Fund (VSSD Lunch Fund). Please write your child's name in the memo space.

If you have any questions, contact the lunch office at 872-7784 between 9 am and 2 pm on school days.

Breakfast is also available for .75 and includes cereal or a bagel and milk and/or juice. Breakfast starts at 7:40 am in the cafeteria. Children are supervised.



CANDY & GIFT WRAP SALE

Candy and Giftwrap brochures were distributed on September 4 and are due back by September 18.

Each participant will receive a prize and the top seller will receive a \$100 gift certificate to Toys R Us.

The top seller of each grade will receive a \$25 gift certificate to Toys R Us. The top participating class will receive a Pizza Party!

Please help your child sell safely and thank you for your continued support. Any questions, contact Brigitte LaForie at 791-6698 or Rochelle Gendelman at 791-9146.

PTA Newsletters

Shaw Avenue School

**Shaw Avenue School
PTA
NEWS
LETTER**

THE PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCE

When parents work closely with their children's school, then and only then can the best possible conditions for the most effective growth and learning be known or obtained and maintained. That both the parents and the school are vitally interested in achieving such conditions for the children of District Unity is made obvious by the close home-school ties which have existed for many years, and which have been immeasurably strengthened by the active interest of the P.T.A.

It is District Unity Policy that each teacher should have at least one conference each year with the parents of each of his pupils. We know that such a conference can be most helpful to both the parent and the teacher. Such a conference can give each certain understandings and insights, which we all hope have wrought the understanding, co-operation and respect of the child.

Whether the conference is for the purpose of considering the child's immediate and special problems, academic or personal; or whether it merely gives the parent and teacher the opportunity to get acquainted, to develop a mutual respect, to come to a deep appreciation of the true facts of the same which they share, the ultimate result of the conference is an increase in the directness of the relation both home and school can give to the growth and development of the child.

Whether the parent or the teacher may request a conference at any time, the parents are urged not to wait for an invitation of a primary problem develops. Let us urge you, when your child's teacher does suggest a conference, to make an appointment at a mutually convenient time, so that you and the teacher can work more effectively together for the benefit of your child.

John A. Busch, Principal

It only takes a little love to make this life more sweet.
It only takes a little cheer to make the day complete.
It only takes a little smile to brighten all the day.
So please a little of each for all who come your way.

congratulations go to Mrs. Lopez on the arrival of her son.

PROGRAM FOR OCTOBER

The regular monthly PTA meeting will not be held this month, due to the intensive Parent Education Program we have lined up for October.

This year, as in the past, Parent Education will be held in conjunction with the grade teas. Here is the schedule of events for the month.

October 14th -- 1st & 2nd Grade Tea. -- Miss Janet Poppe and Miss Lita Krumholz will discuss Handwriting as it is taught in District # 30.

October 21st -- 3rd & 4th Grade Tea. -- Miss Kay Eagan & Mr. John Price will bring you up to date on the scope of the Music Program at our school.

October 28th -- 5th & 6th Grade Tea. -- Mr. Noel Ghambalvo will speak on Physical Education, a program which is so important to the health and well-being of all our children. This will include a demonstration on the use of the trampoline.

Circle the above dates on your calendar; make it a definite point to attend and learn first hand what your children are being taught, how and why. You should know!

For information concerning the Cake Sale * * * * *
Call Mrs. Christensen - VA 5-8942 * * * * *
Rose D'Elena
Parent Education

P.T.A. NEEDS YOU

OCTOBER IS MEMBERSHIP MONTH--Do belong--Don't be a "DROPP-OUT PARENT."
Join us now in promoting the welfare of children in home, school, church and community. -- Support our work, at least to the extent of being a member.

Join now, by enclosing \$1.25 for a single membership or \$1.50 for both parents, in the envelopes brought home by your children, and return to the teacher while your thinking about it.

DO BELONG...and persuade others to join!

Rhoda Stetzer & Lillian Langer
Membership co-chairmen

THE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The following article appeared in the New York State Parent Teacher, the official magazine of the New York State Congress of Parents and Teachers:

"The 'Remedial Case' by Colonel Victor J. Fox, is a novel of the Old West. It is a warning for everyone in education, for every parent of school-age children, and for everyone who teaches, preaches, or holds public office."

Read it. It is a warning to your friends. Nothing is more useless than to talk about it if you have not read it.

Grace and Bert Larsen

PASTORAL AND FIGURES

Within the next few days the School Board of Central High School Dist. will propose to submit to the voters a proposition for 60 classrooms and necessary facilities to be added to the four high schools now existing in our Christiana.

It has been determined that this static emergency building will be available by September 13 and 730 so that only a small amount of additional work will be done. It is a great relief to be reflected in the school day. Although District 22 will not receive full emergency aid, it will receive a substantial portion of the debt service cost.

The details will be read to every aspect of the proposition will be re-read by the School Board when all pertinent data is in final form.

The necessary will also be read to allow full discussion and explanation of the proposition. See back page of this issue for the proposed outline of details.

The recent referendum was, which was attended by the class mothers, their husbands and the teachers, was a great success. --- Thanks to all concerned.

You should have education enough so that you won't have to look up to people, and want more education so that you will be wise enough not to look down on people.

HARRY SCHUBERT'S CHOICE OF ACTORS

The casting for "SOME SINGERS WITH ME" and original score by William Byrd, which Hirschberg, Laura Berrele, Marion Sedwatz, Helen Owen, shows, and the use of being a Shash in Musical Comedy. The Cleanstream & Skunk Avenue PWA's are sure to have a great time having success in their former efforts on this production. As always, we know we can count on everyone in PWA to help us make this one of our biggest achievements.

The first evening's casting turned out some new, refreshing and delicate talent. There were many willing participants, but we used only 70-80% of the cast. The more we have the merrier it will be. There is a need for male singers in the chorus. Fellows, don't be shy, you're only in for a load of fun. This we say to the ladies, if you wished you carry a tune (even if it's only in a shower, well at least you can send him down to rehearsals. If your hobby is shy (you can't be shy) and hold his hand, there's room for all.

Be sure to keep the following dates open: Thurs. Jan. 26th will be the dress rehearsal at which time tickets will be sold for the Ladies. (Children of the cast will be admitted free). Friday, Jan. 27th & Sat. Jan. 30 will be the dates for the two regular performances. Extra performances will take place at Central High School Auditorium.

The show will be directed by Phyllis Bernstein of Cleanstream, who was the successful director of last year's hit "Angels & Angels". The production end will be handled by Ceira & Leane Gram of Shaw Ave., whose previous musical direction will be handled by Jane & Arnold Arden.

Rehearsals will be held most of the time at Shaw Avenue on Tuesdays at 9 P.M., unless the Director specifies otherwise. If you are interested in joining us and want any additional information, you may call the main office idence -- LO 1-1606.

Bernie & Ceira Gram

All of us wish to extend our deepest sympathy to Mr. V. Leatham and family on the death of his mother, and also to Mr. C. Levine and family on the death of his wife Ruth.

NEWSLETTER STAFF

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CHILD KILLED ON SHAW AVENUE?

A near-fatality to a Shaw Avenue student has made no impression on DELINQUENT PARENTS. They still:

Pickup and discharge children on the school side of the street. The safe way is on the opposite side

And they permit their children to cross Shaw Avenue in areas other than the safety crossing.

Disregard of these rules endangers other children -- IT COULD HARM YOURS.

Police protection at Shaw Ave would eliminate these traffic violations. The sad part of this situation is that if parents obeyed the law we would not need police protection -- and we would not be burdened by the additional tax cost. It seems paradoxical that in this case it's the parents who are so difficult to educate.

The school sponsored accident insurance plan does not PREVENT your child from becoming injured. It only gives you money in return for a maimed child -- and that's a pretty poor bargain considering the investment you already have in your child.

Please cooperate with the Health and Safety committee's program by being law-abiding. And remember -- on rainy days too -- its far better to let your child cross Shaw Avenue at the cross zones than to collect on his insurance.

Shirley Wilder
Health and Saf

P E R S O N A L S

The Don Sealions had a baby boy Sep. 11 The John Prices have a baby boy - Garry We're happy Mr Busch is again well enough to be back with us. Ruth Robinson & Sally Knobler thank all those who helped with the Snake Show.

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CLEARSTREAM AVE
P T A PRESENTS

THIRD ANNUAL CARD PARTY

PLAY - bridge, canasta, rummy or whatever you like.

WIN -- prizes - over one hundred winner prizes. Door prizes and favors.

EAT -- refreshments - candies Clearstream Avenue PTA will be dealing us a good time - - -

S O L E T I S G O

Wednesday November 14
8PM Tickets \$1.25



**SHAW AVENUE
PTA
NEWSLETTER**



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CARNIVAL AT SHAW AVE. SCHOOL

GAMES AND PRIZES!
FRANKS AND SODA
BURGERS AND CHIPS
CAKES AND GOODIES!

SAT. NOV. 17th
10A.M. TO 4 P.M.

Hur - ry! Hur - ry! Hur - ry!
Two shows - 11 A.M. and 1 P.M.

" M A G I C S H O W "
Tickets---25¢

T H E P I T F A L L S A N D T H E P E N D U L U M

There is the PENDULUM swinging today in our educational world? As it swings it goes from one extreme to the other (exceptionally good -- extremely bad) and part of our job is to use the good but avoid the bad.

Each person may have his own likes and dislikes, pet theories, and absolute solutions to educational problems. However, it is only through the medium of exchanging information that we can avoid the PITFALLS inherent in rapid change and extreme ideas.

The fields of rapid change are many. Consider the following areas which are constantly in the news headlines:

SPECIAL PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

In language teaching for instance, we need to re-evaluate what languages should be taught and at what grade level we should start.

GROUPING AND SCHEDULING SCHEMES

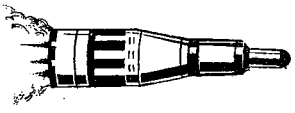
Thirty or more plans are available -- which is best for our situation? How can the new scheduling schemes contribute to our junior or senior high schools?

MATERIALS AND EQUIPMENT CHANGES

Teaching machines? Which ones? Where and when to use? Visual aids programs are expensive. Are they worth it?

C O M I N G A T T R A C T I O N S

- SCHOOL CLOSED
- GENERAL PTA MEETING Veterans' Day
- AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK Featuring Miriam Lehman
- CARNIVAL AT SHAW All children invited
- SCHOOL CLOSED Thanksgiving Day
- PTA EXECUTIVE BOARD MTG Committee Reports



Y O U C A N B E #321

Thank you Mrs. Holbrook for the big rocket you've placed at Shaw depicting our membership drive. Teachers are now 100%. Membership to date is 320. We need yours too - So come on Mr. why don't you be #321!

Call Norma Cohen
VA 5-0903
or
Lillian Price
CU 5-8972

- MON Nov 12
- WED Nov 14, 3:30pm
- Nov 13 - 16
- SAT Nov 17, 10am-4pm
- THURS & FRI Nov 22, 23
- MON Dec 3, 8:30pm

W H E N I S A R A D I S H A R O S E ?

The holidays are fast approaching and (with our fall cleaning all done - Ha!) it is time to think about the food "specials" we would like to make to delight our families and friends. Our next General PTA meeting will further such yummy thoughts. It's an afternoon show featuring the artistry of Miriam Lehman, who will instruct us in the culinary arts.



You, too, can become an artist in your own kitchen. Learn how to turn radishes and turnips into beautiful flowers. See tuna fish and chopped liver molded into interesting shapes. Bring your own paring knife and a few radishes on which to practice. Band aids will be supplied by PTA.

Our wonderful Girl Scouts will provide free baby sitting service at Shaw for those restless young ones.

November 14 at 3:30pm is the enchanted hour when paring knives will turn into magic wands and radishes into roses.

" L I F E L A C K S P A R K ? S M O K E I N B E D ! "

The September issue of The PTA Magazine contains some left-handed advice by Paul Jones, Administrator for the Greater Cleveland Safety Council. For those who are tired of humdrum meli-fie and want to live it up a little around the house, Mr. Jones suggests the following recipes:

"Smoke in bed. This burns up some folks, but it's guaranteed to bring spark into your life."

"Teach Junior to share his toys by leaving a skate or some marbles on the floor or stairs, where others can use them, too."

"Give the stairways -- and even the whole house -- a romantic atmosphere by using dim lights. Everyone falls for this."

The PTA Magazine has entertaining articles of interest, for parents of pre-schooler to teenager. Features dealing with movies, radio, TV, comic books and other parental concerns are found in every issue. There are three publications aimed at keeping parents informed. We can subscribe to:

The Chat \$.75 a yr
New York Parent-Teacher \$1.00 a yr
The PTA Magazine \$1.50 a yr

So that you do not miss any future issue, call me at LO 1-0965, and I will be glad to send in your subscription, or look for me at the next PTA meeting. I'll have issues of each magazine for your perusal.

Wini Jansen

Shaw Biz

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SHAW AVENUE PTA NEWSLETTER

Winter 1999

Letter from the Principal.

Letter from the President:

On behalf of the Shaw Avenue PTA Executive Board, I'd like to wish you and your loved ones a very happy and healthy new year. As we enter the final year of the 20th century, I'd like to reflect on how best to prepare our children for the future-2000 and beyond. While the state is raising the academic standards, I think it's a good idea to think about the goals and standards we set for our children. PTA believes that parents and teachers should work together to achieve the best for all children. I think the most important thing is to teach our children by example, always striving to do your best at everything you try. This teaches our children to try their best to accomplish things, hence helping them to achieve personal success, good self-esteem. Additionally, in this technological age, we need to teach our children to use all resources available to the best of their abilities. This will help them to reach their academic goals. Finally, we have to remember that they are children, they need guidance, love and understanding. All these things combined together with our support are the best way for "us" to help prepare them for the new Millennium. In closing, I leave you with a quote to reflect upon:

"Children are apt to live up to what you believe of them"

Kathy Vagnone
PTA President

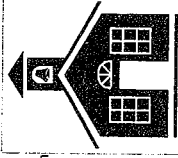
As I watch television or read the newspaper, I am amazed by the strife and conflict that occupies so much of our daily news. Troubles in our Nation's Capitol, the Middle East, Iraq, Europe, Africa, Asia and in our own backyard give pause for thought. How does all of this affect our children?

In our world today, the dissemination of the information is instantaneous. We are aware of events just as they occur. Our televisions have become our passport to the world around us. Our children are so accustomed to hearing and seeing tragic events it has almost become the norm rather than the exception. As educators, we are in competition with these events which are often glorified and sensationalized. It is tough to compete in this climate. As parents, we face the same difficulties of teaching our children tolerance and respect for one another.

Several days ago a teacher approached me with a problem that had occurred in her class. A young child was very upset about the teasing and isolation that was demonstrated toward him by the children in the class. The student indicated that returning to his native homeland would be forthcoming since he had many friends there and did not feel accepted or part of the school community. I

spoke with the teacher and the class and suggested that they visit our newly established "Corridor of Tolerance."

Several months ago I received a series of posters from The Southern Poverty Law Center located in Montgomery, Alabama. The center was founded in 1991 in order to help teachers



with resources and ideas to help promote harmony in the classroom. The posters are colorfully decorated and contain poignant sayings.

Through the generosity of our PTA, the posters were professionally framed for permanent display in our school. A "Corridor of Tolerance" has been created and teachers will have the opportunity to visit the area with their class and conduct meaningful discussions and lessons on "tolerance."

As dedicated educators and parents we want the best for our children. We want them to live and work in a world that is tolerant and we work hard at Shaw Avenue to teach our children honor, respect, compassion and most of all to gain wisdom and strength from our diversity.

"In the spirit of human kindness, we can do great things."

Sincerely,
Henry B. Mazer
Principal

*Designed and Edited by
Tara Starna & Rosam Colucci*

At the Meetings:

Brenda McGuire, Educational Consultant gave a "Parenting Workshop" at Shaw on Wednesday, December 2, 1998. The theme was "Talking to Your Children". It focused on learning how to talk to your children effectively. It stressed that how you say something is very important if you want to receive a positive response. She also touched on sibling rivalry. The evening was both interesting and informative. Everyone who attended left with effective strategies and good tips on talking to your children.

SEPTA

Special Education PTA

A PTA within a school district which brings together people interested in children with educational needs that cannot be fully met in the regular classroom setting.

Where: Memorial Junior High
300 Fletcher Avenue
Cafeteria "A" @ 8PM

When: February 8
March 15
April 19
May 17
June 21

For more information contact:
Petra Hurmey, Shaw Rep.
(516) 561-7558

Fundraisers

MEMBERSHIP
PTA Membership is still available - If you have not joined and would like to Contact Dolores Jacobsen

There was an unscheduled cupcake sale on Friday, December 4, 1998. The money raised will be used towards T-shirts for Multi-Cultural week. Thanks to all those parents who kindly donated baked goods on such short notice.

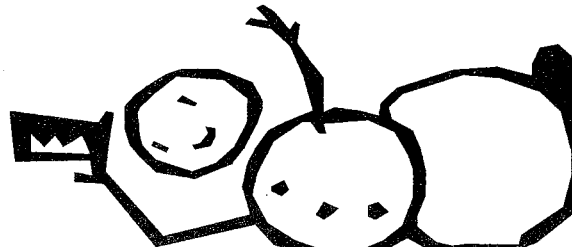
Once again, The PTA Executive Board sponsored "Breakfast with Santa" on Saturday, December 12, 1998. Set up was Friday afternoon, with the executive board and volunteer parents, Karen DiPalma and Debbie Walsh decorating both gyms in anticipation of Santa Claus' arrival Saturday morning. Everyone enjoyed a continental breakfast and all the children received a special gift from Santa. Thanks to the following Student Council members for all their help both Friday afternoon and Saturday morning: Bliss Lanzelotti, Michael Frittola, Rashawn, Lauren Brady, Joey Proccida, Corinne Brady, Christina Dimaggio, Kaitlyn Walsh, Kaitlyn Walsh and Daniell Lapolla.

In November we had our Book Fair, it was a huge success and gave everyone an opportunity to stock up on books.

School Pictures were a big success once again. We hope everyone is happy with their pictures.

6th Grade T-Shirts

The 6th graders were very excited to get their T-Shirts. They chose to have the Viking (school mascot) on the front and their signatures on the back. Thank you to The Hockey Shop for making the shirts and to Annette Badome for helping to get the signatures and distribute the shirts.



THANK YOU!

- Book Fair
- Holiday Boutique
- Nutrition
- Reflections
- Election Day Hall Monitor Volunteers
- Barbara Wilson
- Marianne Estevez
- Mary Aumeller
- Mary Berman
- Marybeth Cully
- Diane Velsor
- Debbie Dolan
- Tara Starna
- Tammy Deto & Genine Iadevaio
- Karen DePalma
- Marianne Estevez
- Annmarie Murphy
- Anne Coen
- Leni Hapfin
- Lucy Ricotta
- Kathy Lee
- Joann DiGenova
- Vivian Rainone

DATES TO REMEMBER

- March 2 PTA Meeting - 8:00pm
- March 6 Kids Fun 10:00 - 2:00
- March 8 PARP Begins
- March 8 Book Fair
- March 26 Breakfast with the Supt. - 8:30am
- April 1 - 9 @ Clearstream School
- April 13 Spring Recess - School Closed
- April 21 PTA Meeting - 8:00pm
- April 28 Spring Concert - 7:30pm
- Light on For Education @ Memorial JHS - 7:15pm

KIDS CORNER

The Shaw Avenue Student Council had an idea. We thought about the people who survived Hurricane Mitch. They are dying from hunger and thirst, so we decided to have a food drive. Every person from every class had the opportunity to bring canned, bagged and boxed food into school to give to the survivors of Hurricane Mitch. With a little help from Ms. Post, Mr. Buckley and Ms. Pernick, we got the job done. When the truck came Friday morning the food that we donated filled up more than half of the truck! Thank you everyone who lent a helping hand.

Submitted by the Student Council

Ballet - Cinderella

The ballet was very funny in some parts. It was enjoyable but long. The costumes were beautiful. I think this was one of the better shows that the PTA has. What I enjoyed the most was in the beginning, they picked people from the audience and taught them a couple of steps.

Submitted by Lauren Brady - Student Council

No Expiration Date

SHAW AVENUE PTA - KIDS CORNER
 ANYBODY INTERESTED IN SUBMITTING TO KIDS CORNER - PLEASE SUBMIT
 AT YOUR EARLIEST CONVENIENCE FOR THE NEXT ISSUE OF SHAW



BIZ!

Name _____

Grade _____

Teacher _____

Room _____

Attach to your submission and drop off in
 the PTA Mail Box in the Main office.



Gifts to the Children

As in the past, PTA bought each classroom a gift at holiday time. Teachers were able to choose a game or book to be used at recess on in days as well as during free time. Additionally, all the children were given a special gift from PTA's Santa - a Shaw Avenue pin.

The PTA purchased playground equipment for each classroom. Each class received a basketball, playground ball, soccer ball, frisbee and jump rope, all color-coded by grade. Mr. Rouse helped with the ordering and distribution. Thanks for your help, Mr. Rouse.

The PTA had four (4) Beautiful posters framed. Their theme is "World Unity" and each carries a small reflection. The teachers will be given study sheets that directly correspond to the posters. They are hanging in the lobby (near K-2 wing). Take a look at them the next time you're in the building.

The PTA had a food drive for less fortunate families at Thanksgiving - Three (3) families were presented with food baskets. A portion of the unused food was donated to the Student Council for their Hurricane Mitch food drive and local charities also for their food drives.

Kids' Fun Day

March 6, 1999

Mary Ann Cooke

Formally called Kids Bingo, this day promises hours of excitement for our children. Tickets go on sale February 23, 24 & 25 in the main lobby at a cost of \$5.00 this includes 2 game boards, 1 raffle ticket as well as snacks and drinks.

Anyone willing to help, we are in desperate need. Please contact Mary Ann Cooke at 285-6890

See you there!

ARTS AND EDUCATION

On November 20, 1998 there was an assembly. Susanmarie Cunningham's Soft sculpture presentation, *A Family Album*. The life size soft sculpture worn by Susanmarie and student volunteers are used to illustrate important life skills, such as -- learning to be a good friend, tempering romance with wisdom, the importance of self reliance, using your own uniqueness to build self esteem, and how to be happy and proud of yourself. The children all seemed to love the show.

Cinderella

Ballet Long Island January 1999

Beautifully danced with lovely music. Excellent fantasy - imagination for children - plus appreciation of the art form of Ballet.

DAS PUPPENSPIEL

Story of the Tree
 Theatre with Puppets

February 1999, an ensemble of uniquely talented visual and performing artists with a single vision - quality theater for children through masks, mime and a variety of puppet types.

Up coming Assemblies

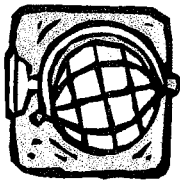
- 3/3 King of Pizza
- 3/15 Picasso People
- 5/5 Whateletales

The Compact for Learning team works collaboratively to provide and facilitate ideas to enhance the education of all children in the school. The building level team is composed of 4 parents, 4 teachers, 1 support staff member and the principal of the school. Team meetings are scheduled monthly and are open to the community. Our members are dedicated to considering the collective needs of our school community.

"Behold the turtle:
 He only makes
 progress when he
 sticks his neck out."

Submitted by AnneMarie Homer

James Bryant Conant



1999 Geography Bee

Submitted by Susan F. Casserman

The 1999 National Geographic Geography Bee School & Championship round took place on December 11, 1998 in the Shaw Avenue Auditorium. Mr. Mazer, our Principal acted as judge while Mr. Riccobono was the timer. Mrs. Wasserman was the moderator. Rashawn Haynes, Jacob Gorski-Halpern, Robert Velsor, Phillip Tan and Zoe Freckleton were the 4th grade classroom winners. Taylor Roach, Yvannis Lejkacitis and Ron Li represented the 5th grade. Nicole Janal, Melissa Fasseria, Timmy Nolan and Sarah Fekler were the 6th grade winners. After answering some very difficult questions, two winners were found. In the championship round, Phillip Tan and Taylor Roach answered several VERY HARD questions and finally Phillip became our school champion! Two days later, Phillip took a written test which was submitted to National Geographic. They will inform us about Phillip's chances of going to the state bee which is held on April 9, 1999. Good Luck Phillip and congratulations to all 4th, 5th & 6th graders who participated. Thanks to the teachers who encouraged the study of geography.

Shaw Biz

POETRY IN A JAR

Submitted by Mrs. Mattheus

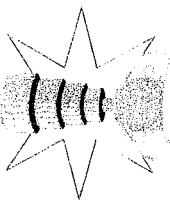
Snowflakes, snakes, bells—each in a jar at the Library Media Center's poetry display. Insects, rocks, dinosaurs, pizza, coins—each was a student's way of illustrating a favorite poem. The display is a celebration of Children's Book Week, November 16-20th. Pupils in grades two through six were invited to participate. "It has provided a rush of interest in our poetry collection," said Mrs. Mattheus, who coordinated the project. Students enjoyed reading their lovely, funny, and thoughtful poems as their classmates attentively listened during their Library class. "Eighty students participated. I was amazed at how cleverly children decorated the jars," said Mrs. Mattheus. The display was open to all students to enjoy through the second week in December. The following children created poetry jars: **SECOND GRADERS:** Cassia Bascom, Mollie Bassett, Everett Bisnauth, Sebastian Donoso, Marie Farooqui, C.J. Ferrer, Sal Gaglio, Elie Kartini, Mehlab Kassam, Victoria Lapolla, Hafsa Lathi, Amsha Mahadeo, Renee Maguire, Jose Martinez, Carolyn Mazariello, Eric Mitchell, Amanda Mill, Jessica Petrakas, Gabriela Robles, Crystal Rodriguez, Kevin Ryan, Kate Schmalhans, Andrew Soudert, Tyrael Stewart and Melody Tan. **THIRD GRADERS:** Binish Anjum, Stephanie Cabrera, Christine Davis, Christina DiMauro, Matthew Florito, Dhana Gutierrez, Nancee Halpin, Danielle Lapolla, Jessica Mendez, Kimberly Santos, Constanza Tapia, Maria Tricorno, Amanda Vagnone, Kaitlyn Walsh, Meghan Walsh, Christopher Young, and Melissa Zdanok. **FOURTH GRADERS:** Danielle Buckman, Michele Bulko, Amanda DeMarco, Cindy Felix, Mark Florito, Zoe Freckleton, Lauren Gaglio, Joquan Crene, Karina Hernandez, Bianca Islam, Marjorie Jacobsen, Marina Khan, Angie Martinez, Victor Nizarro, Erica Rensing, Kyleen Rider, Fabienne St-Preux, Barbara Sutich and Philp Tan. **FIFTH GRADERS:** Lindsey Bran, Danny Conway, Sivan Diaz, Marie Fare, Mark Florito, Shaira Kassam, Lucretia King, Wilson Lau, Kathleen Panglian, Ivana Polonia, Colleen Santos, Matthew Tranguellino, and Chris Vagnone. **SIXTH GRADERS:** Carlie Buccola, Allison Galare, aisha Kassam, Jordan Newell, Laura Spoteck, and Dana Zdanok.

Learn And Enjoy

SPELLING BEE CHAMP

Submitted by: Mary Mattheus

Twenty-seven fifth and sixth grade students participated in a spelling bee at the Shaw Avenue School Media Center. Winners representing each class eagerly spelled over 80 words in the final school contest. The winner was Nicole Javal, a sixth-grade student in Ms. Tsigakos' class. Carlie Buccola, a sixth grade student in Ms. Pedit's class is the alternate. Nicole will receive a Bee t-shirt from Newsday and will participate in the regional semifinal competition on February 2nd. Both students will receive certificates for their achievement. This contest is part of the Scripps Howard National Spelling Bee whose final match is held in Washington, DC in May. We all wish Nicole and Carlie good luck and congratulate all the participants for their effort.



Shaw Biz



Winter Concert

The Shaw Avenue Band, Chorus & Orchestra under the direction of Mr. Adams, Mrs. Kreeger & Mrs. Wiedler presented their winter concert on Wednesday, December 16, 1998. The band performed four songs: Christmas joys (which featured Jingle Bells, Up on the Housetop, and Jolly Old St. Nicholas), The Skarer's Waltz, Festival of the Eternal Lights, and Feliz Navidad. The Chorus performed Hot Cup of Cocoa, Light the Candles, Happy Holiday Feeling and Jingle Bell Rock. The Orchestra performed Here Comes Santa Claus, The Spirit of Hanukkah and Once Upon a December. Countless hours of home practice and months of early morning and after school rehearsals paid off as the students presented an exceptional concert. They have already begun working towards their next concert on April 21, 1999. Be sure to mark your calendars for what is sure to be a wonderful evening.

All County Concert

On Sunday, January 10, 1999 eight music students from the Shaw Ave. School had the opportunity to perform in front of more than 2500 people at the Tillis Center, C.W. Post College. They were a part of the 1999 Nassau All County Music Festival. **Congratulations to:**
Chorus - Jessica Engle, Crystal Hawes, Laura Spoteck, Emily VonHarten
Orchestra - Marisa DelCampo, Stacey Proeda, Stephanie Rotondo
Band - Nicole Javal
These children practiced with their music teachers (Mr. Adams, Mrs. Kreeger & Mrs. Wiedler) during lunchtime and after school to learn their challenging music. In addition their groups met for 2 four hour rehearsals before the gala concert.
Bravo!

SHAW BIZ

Designed & Edited by
Tara Strawa & Raean Colucci

Letter from the President

Welcome back! I hope everyone had an enjoyable and restful summer. As the school year begins, so does all the hustle and bustle. All of our lives become more hectic and keeping in touch with your child's daily activities and experiences help develop a healthy parent-child relationship. I think it's important to set aside a 1/2 hour together each day to discuss school, activities, friends, etc. Children need to realize they are the most important part of your life and that you always have time for them. We all should strive to work towards developing this important family time, whether it be at dinner time, bedtime or any time that works well for your family. In closing, I'd like to encourage you to also keep the lines of communication open with your child's teachers and other parents. This will enable you to always be in touch with what is going on in child's academic life and be an important part of his or her Shaw Avenue experience.

Kathy Vagnone
PTA President

Letter from the Principal

Dear Parents

As the new principal of Shaw Avenue, I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation for your loyal and dedicated support. It is with a great sense of pride that I begin my new career as your principal.

As a community you have demonstrated a unique cooperative spirit which will endeavor to help me provide the best educational experiences for your children. Toward that end, I would like to share a poem which best describes my philosophy of education.

UNITY

I dreamed I stood in a studio
and watched two sculptors there.
The clay they used was a young child's mind
And they fashioned it with care.

One was a teacher: the tools he used
Were books and music and art;
One a parent with a guiding hand,
And a gentle, loving heart.

Day after day the teacher toiled
With touch that was deft and sure.

While the parent laboured by his side,
And polished and smoothed it o'er.
A last their work was done
They were proud of what they had wrought.
For into a child
Could neither be sold or bought.

And each agreed he would have failed
If he had worked alone.
For behind the parent stood the school,
And behind the teacher, the home.

There can be no doubt that academic success requires the blending of the school, the child and the home. I shall work to facilitate that blending and bring about a mixture of academic and social excellence.

"In the spirit of human kindness, we can do great things"
Henry B. Mazer
Principal

PTA DOINGS

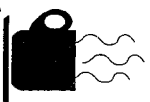
PTA OBJECTIVES

- To promote the welfare of children and youth in home, school community and place of worship.
- To raise the standards of home life.
- To secure adequate laws for the care and protection of children and youth.
- To bring into closer relation the home and the school, the parents and teachers may cooperate intelligently in the education of children and youth.
- To develop between educators and the general public such united efforts will secure for all children and youth the highest advantages in physical, mental, social and spiritual education

New Parents Tea

The New Parents Tea was held on Friday, September 11 in the small gym. While the new parents enjoyed their coffee and bagel they were able to meet and speak with principal, Mr. Mazer, the superintendent Mr. McGoldrick and his staff. PTA board members were introduced. Membership into PTA and volunteering for any of the many functions held during the school year were also spoken about. We hope it was both enjoyable and informative for all the parents who attended.

Submitted by: Dolores Jacobsen



PTA MEETINGS

At our first two meetings this school year we have had a great turnout. We would like to thank all the parents and teachers who came. We hope that the large turnouts continue throughout the year. Next PTA meeting is Tuesday, November 10 at 8:00pm. We hope to see everyone there.

**NO
PARKING
ANY
TIME**

**PLEASE REMEMBER THERE IS NO
PARKING ON SHAW AVE.**

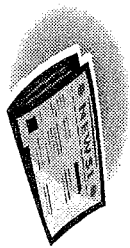
See page 6 for more PTA doings.

Just A Reminder

November 3	Banking Begins for K - 2
November 5	Banking Begins for 3 - 6 & LCIV
November 5 & 6	Book Fair
November 10	PTA Meeting -8:00pm
November 11	SCHOOL CLOSED
November 13	Breakfast w/Santa Ticket Sale
November 25	Picture Retakes
November 26 & 27	SCHOOL CLOSED
December 11	Holiday Boutique
December 12	Breakfast with Santa
December 16	Winter Concert

If you would like to help at any PTA function please call the chairperson listed on the school calendar or any executive board member.

EDUCATION NEWS



Ms. DePace's sixth grade class has been working on a wonderful and exciting project. The students are putting together a Sunday edition of Kidsday. The students have been gathering jokes and recipes that will be placed in the issue. The students have also been writing articles which will appear in the edition. A few students will be lucky enough to interview a celebrity! The issue will appear in the Sunday Newsday on January 31, 1999

SUMMER READING CHAMPS

THE READING STEPS

- Congratulations to the students who took part in the Henry Walldinger Public Library's Summer Reading Program: *Dana Zdanke, Jennifer VanVynck, Timothy Tu, Patricia Tu, Ashley Rainone, Erin Coen, Christopher Coen, Michael Carlino, Jennifer Calvo, Lauren Brady, and Corinne Brady.* Their certificates and pictures are on display in the Library Media Center. Each student was given two prizes by Mrs. Mary Mathews, the Librarian, who is proud of their achievement. Let's give these **READING CHAMPS** a big round of applause for their accomplishment.
1. Choose your book.
 2. Read to yourself
 3. When you're stuck with a word....
 - a. Try to sound it out
 - b. Read the whole sentence with the word in it.
 - c. Does the picture give a clue?
 - d. Quietly ask a friend.
 - e. Quietly ask the teacher

THANKS!

<i>Birthdays Calendar</i>	<i>Eileen Brady</i>
<i>Dance & Twirl</i>	<i>Joanne Zdanke, Fran Buccola & Tracey Blancyflower</i>
<i>Fingerprinting</i>	<i>Linda Roach</i>
<i>Hospitality</i>	<i>Debbie Walsh</i>
<i>Labels for Education</i>	<i>Mary Berman</i>
<i>Membership</i>	<i>Dolores Jacobsen</i>
<i>Public Relations</i>	<i>Dolores Jacobsen & Diane Yelsor</i>
<i>Pumpkin Patch</i>	<i>Rosann Colucci</i>
<i>School Pictures</i>	<i>Vivian Rainone</i>
<i>T-Shirt/Sweatshirt Sale</i>	<i>Marybeth Cully & Rose Stroehlein</i>

Thanks to all the volunteers that helped make these events successful.

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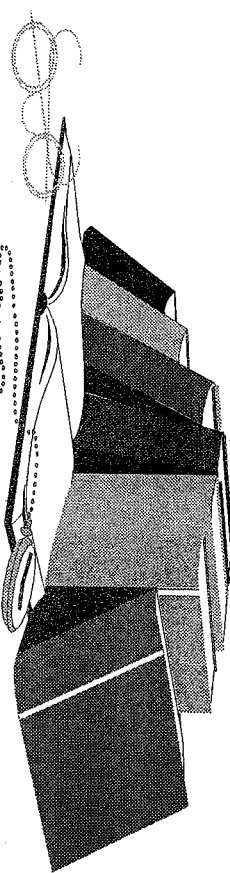
On October 21 approximately 120 new students participated in this program. As important as this program is to the parents of our school it seemed to be a fun day for all the kindergarten students. It also presented a valuable lesson to ALL students and families about safety and caution.

*Submitted by:
Linda Roach*

PUMPKIN PATCH

On October 23 all the kindergarten students got to enjoy the annual pumpkin patch on the lawn of Shaw Ave. School. All the children were able to pick their own pumpkin to bring home. There was no cost to the children since all the pumpkins were donated by the PTA. Fun was had by ALL!!

*Submitted by:
Rosann Colucci*



Home & School

Working Together for School Success

CONNECTION

HOMEWORK HABITS

If homework is a battle for your family, call a truce. Then ask simple questions to help your youngster find homework habits that work:

- * Do you have more energy for homework before or after dinner?
- * Would you rather study alone or with an adult?
- * Where is the best place to do homework?
- * Which material and supplies do you need?

After trying your child's ideas for a few days, discuss what is and isn't working. Make changes as needed. The result? More success in school and less stress at home!

Making the Most of Report Cards

Children can learn a great deal from their report card — especially when you treat it as a tool for growing. Here are some tips:

- "How's school going?" A week before report card arrive, ask your youngster what grades she thinks she'll receive. Make it a game. How close will her guess be?
- "Let's see how you did!" When your child's report card comes home, help her figure out why she got the grades she did. Ask questions, such as, "Why do you think the teacher says you need to pay more attention?"
- "She gave me a D!" Explain that grades are usually earned — and not just given by the teacher. Stress this by asking her to set some goals: "What can you do to improve this grade?"

Worth Quoting

"The road to success is always under construction."



CAUTION!

Lily Tomlin

Adapted from Resources for Education, Inc.

Short Notes

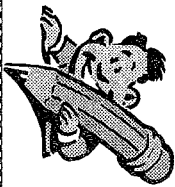
The Finish Line

How can you encourage your child to finish long-term school projects? Set aside a space to store unfinished work. That way, it's easier to return to it later. Examples: a shelf for a science project, a corner for a poster.

Winning Routines

When kids know what's expected, they're more likely to follow through. Make a list of daily routines and post it on the refrigerator. *Example:* brush teeth after meals, sort through book bags daily, start homework at 7:00 clean up after dinner

STUDENTS CORNER



Scope Jokes

Why do basketball players act like babies?

Stephanie Cabrera

What travels with four eyes?

Nicole Scher

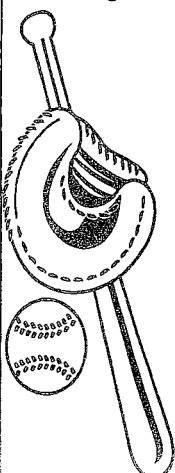
What dog has a watch?

Andrew Alonge

Yankees

by Angela Russe
Ms. Depace
6th Grade

The Yankees are managed by Joe Torre, He has helped the attain fame and glory. One of the best pitchers is Andy Pettite, When he throws a fast ball, no one can get it. Yankees shortstop Derek Jeter, He can run faster than a cheetah. Right fielder Paul O'Neill, Will get on base and sometimes steal. David Wells, our favorite pitcher, pitched a perfect game and got richer. Once the team wins the World Series game, Their lives will never be the same. We hope the Yanks win the first four. And if they do, we'll like them more.



Stuff for Kids to Do:

Event	Grade	Contact
Roller Skating	Kindergarten	Ms. Stein
Jogging	All	Ms. Stein
Math Club	5th & 6th	Mrs. Lufano
Math Club	3rd & 4th	Mrs. Lufano
3rd Grade Club	3rd	Ms. Stein

Anybody interested contact Teachers

SHAW BIZ

STUDENTS CORNER

For your submission in the next SHAW BIZ - STUDENTS CORNER Please fill out or a separate page and return to the PTA Mailbox addressed to SHAW BIZ - All submissions will be considered - If you have a Joke, Poem, Essay, Comic, Artwork etc.



Name: _____

Grade: _____

Teacher: _____

Your submission:

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SHAW BIZ

Volume 3

Shaw Avenue School PTA Newsletter

Summer 1999

From the President:

It's hard to believe that we are approaching the end of another school year. I'd like to thank all of the volunteers who have helped us throughout the year. The PTA is successful because of the volunteers who dedicate their time.

Remember: "You give but little when you give of yourself that you truly give."

On behalf of the PTA, I'd like to wish the "Class of 1999" the best of luck as they enter the next phase of life and education. They take with them many good memories of their years at Shaw Avenue as well as a good academic foundation. We wish them continued happiness and success.

Although PARP has ended, I think that it's important to make reading part of your summer activities. Reading is a good way to relax and spend time with your child. What better way to keep their minds stimulated.

In closing, I'd like to wish everyone at Shaw Avenue School - - children, parents, teachers and staff - - a very happy, healthy and relaxing summer vacation.

Kathy Vagnone
PTA President

From the Principal:

It seems hard to believe that the year has begun and ended at Shaw Avenue. The time has passed so quickly and yet, it was a year to remember. It was a year replete with wholesome memories and positive gains for our school community, as your new principal, it was a year that demonstrated that good things happen when the collective wisdom of the community realizes its potential and works toward making the education of its children the number one priority.

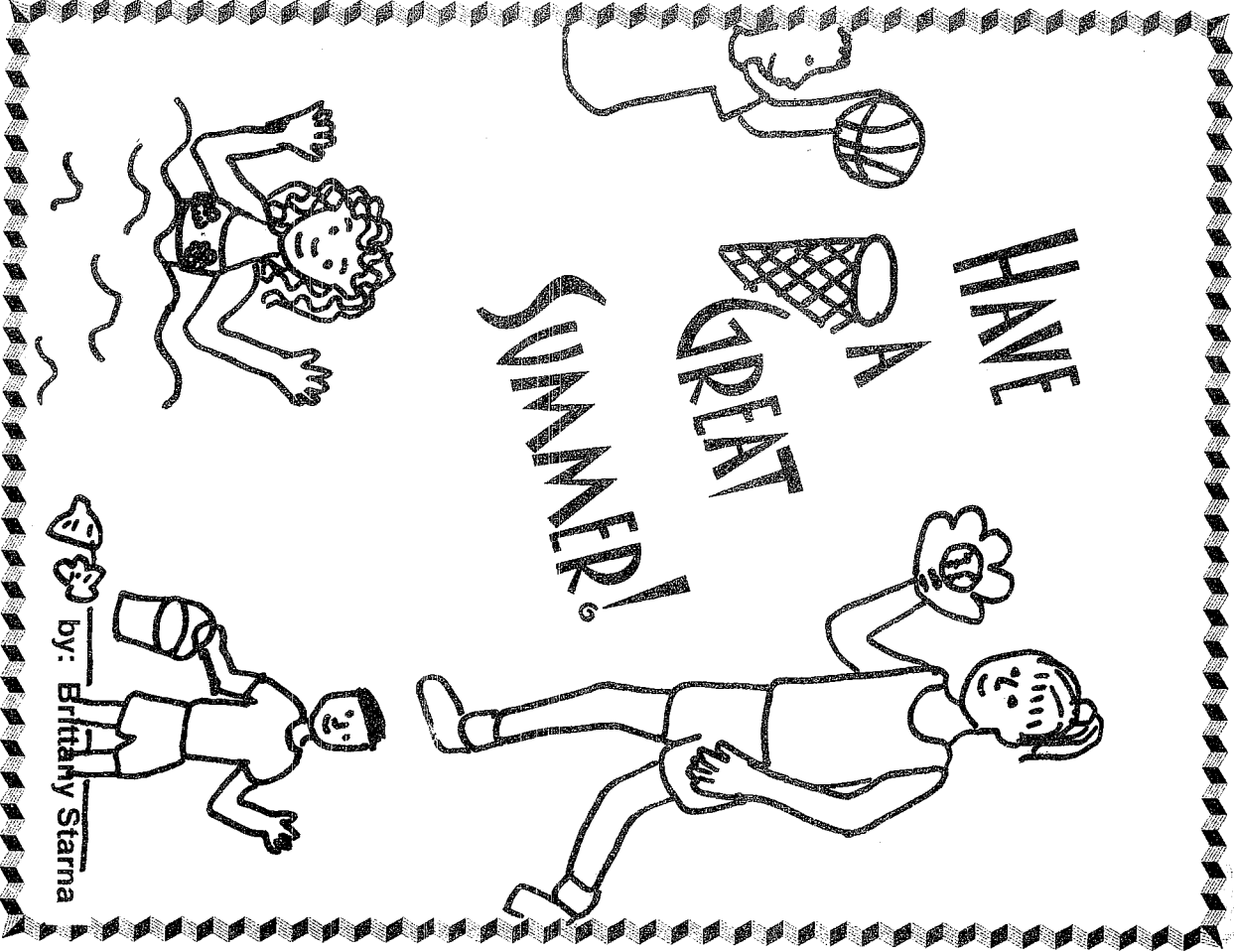
As a school community we witnessed the positive efforts of our P.T.A. in bringing so many wonderful programs and activities to our school. The efforts of our staff in working so hard on our school Science Fair, Art Show, Musical Concerts, Lights on for Education and so many wonderful classroom activities and trips.

The credit for our success extends to the entire network of our staff at Shaw Avenue, the parent community and our children. Our collective efforts have contributed toward perpetuating the rich heritage and tradition at Shaw Avenue. As principal, I am very proud to be part of the Shaw Avenue School community.

Although we will be concluding formal study for many of our children, the educational process must continue during the Summer months. Take your children to the library. Encourage them to read for enjoyment and pleasure. Review previously learned material. Complement your summer trips with educational games and experiences. Make the most of each day. Most of all, have a safe, healthy and prosperous summer vacation.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the entire Shaw Avenue School community for making this year the most meaningful and richly rewarding experience in my 28 years of professional service. With much appreciation.

Sincerely,
Henry B. Mazzer
Principal



by: **Brittany Starna**



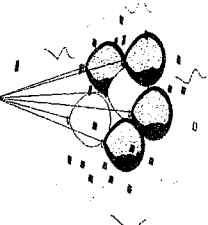
THANK YOU!

On Thursday, May 27th we held our annual Teacher Recognition Luncheon in the small gym. It was a huge success thanks to all the families that generously donated a dish of food for this festive occasion.

- Desmond Family
- Hunt Family
- Petruskas Family
- Robles Family
- Bakich Family
- Dolan Family
- Fasano Family
- Sutch Family
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Submitted by *Vivian Rainone*



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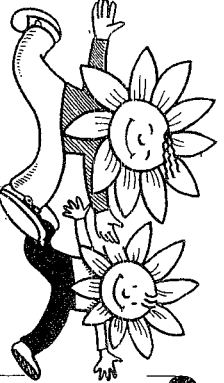
PARENT TO PARENT

Meetings meet needs

With all the comings and goings in our house, we barely had time to have dinner together. We never seemed to know what was going on in each other's minds. Recently, we hit upon a great solution. We started having *family meetings*.

We put the date on the calendar (always the first Wednesday of the month) and post a list for topics and special thank-yous on the refrigerator. Everyone takes turns being leader, refreshment person, and "secretary." Here's how our meetings usually go:

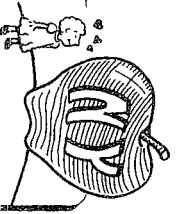
- ☑ Discuss the coming week's schedule. Arrange rides and iron out any conflicts.
 - ☑ Choose daily and weekly chores by drawing slips of paper out of a hat.
 - ☑ Go over any thank-yous and random acts of kindness on our "refrigerator list."
 - ☑ Talk about any concerns on the list of topics. We all make suggestions and, if necessary, vote on solutions.
 - ☑ End with refreshments and a fun activity, such as 20 Questions, Charades, or a board game.
- The whole meeting takes about an hour or so. During that time, our family really feels like a team, and our kids know their opinions count. ♡



LEARNING TO REMEMBER

Memorizing things such as spelling words and state capitals can be tough for some students. Help your child learn by suggesting these memory tricks:

- ★ Think of a silly name, rhyme, or jingle for some students.
- ★ Break long words into smaller words whenever possible. Example: To remember how to spell "principal," try the phrase, "My principal is a pal."
- ★ Write each word several times. Repetition is a simple way to boost memory. ♡



ACTIVITY CORNER

Math in the cards

This game helps your child feel more comfortable with basic math skills.

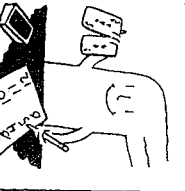
Materials: paper, pencil, a deck of playing cards

Start by making a special deck using all four aces, 2's, 3's, 4's, 5's, and 6's. The aces count as ones. Each player lists the numbers 1 through 12 on a piece of paper. The object of the game? ♡ cross off all the numbers on your list.

With the special deck face down, take turns drawing two cards. Players

use their cards in one of three ways to cross numbers off their lists.

- For example, drawing a 2 and a 5 allows you to cross off both the 2 and 5. A second way is to add 2 and 5 to cross off the 7.
- Or subtract 2 from 5 to cross off the 3.
- The first person to cross off all the numbers wins. ♡



SHORT NOTES

The "write" rule

If your child doesn't take rules seriously, try putting them in writing. Include the rules and what happens if they're disobeyed. Example: "Put away your belongings. Items left out might not be returned for three days." Then, sign it along with your child.

Caution of drug prevention

Kids often think that if a drug is legal, it's safe. Let your child know that over-the-counter drugs can be dangerous if misused. Tip: Together, read the warning labels and stress the importance of following directions.

Design and write

Creating stationery is a simple way to make letter writing fun for your kids. Draw a border on plain paper, and have your kids decorate it with markers or colored pencils. Or use design software (try *Kid Pix* or *Print Shop Deluxe*) on your home or library computer. Then, set aside a letter-writing day. Your kids can write to a relative or a friend who's moved away. Or suggest a fan letter to an athlete or role model.



FAVORITE SIXTH GRADE MEMORIES

When I went to Caumsett and I got sick so I got to watch TV. Also at lunch when I play my favorite sport, basketball with my best friends.

Rachel Rosenzweig

The basketball game.

Dorenda Santora

When we went to Caumsett.

Ivan Selwyn

When William Hernandez was asked his name by the counselor and his answer was: Ah. Then the counselor called William, Mr. Ah.

David Urzuen

All the fun stuff we did like going to Caumsett, the 6th grade basketball game, our trip to Memorial & Central and also our softball game & field day.

Failecia Wilson

When we had the 6th grade basketball game for the girls and when I announced for the boys.

Dana Zlatko

When our class went to Caumsett because it was my first time away from my parents.

Geraldine Paris

The Halloween Party.

Charisse Holder

The trip to Caumsett. Sleeping there with my friends. It was fun at the 6th grade play. Also the fashion show we had in the classroom was fun.

Jonathan Vecchione

The bus ride to Caumsett

Justin Malenfort

When we stayed overnight at Caumsett and Dana's cot kept collapsing during the night.

Melissa Fassetta

Going to Mr. Buckley's and having fun in his class. Making jokes and having fun with Mr. Buckley.

Thorne Lovelace

When we went to Caumsett and we were in the marsh pit.

Nick DeIvecchio

When we had the surprise birthday for Mr. Buckley.

Alison Galante

When Melissa found a roach in her text book and Teresa accidentally fell down on the floor.

Aisha Karam

When our class went to Caumsett & when I sank in a sink-hole in the salt marsh.

Stephanie Rotondo

When I came to Mr. Buckley's class.

Anthony Loria

When we went to Caumsett.

Byron Smith

Having Mr. Buckley's birthday and having cake and soda.

Brandon Chin

The social studies tests and my friends. I made alot of new friends like Brigitte, Erica, Tioume, Allison, Laura, Melissa, Melanie and best of all Corinne.

Teresa Pirilli

The 6th grade multicultural show.

Christopher Alexandre

When we went to Caumsett.

Adam Basopovani

Fashion shows in our class during lunchtime.

Wife Arana

When I was at Caumsett. My bed kept collapsing during the night, so don't sleep in Room 7 on the floor cot. Trust me.

Dana Barbera

At Caumsett, when I fell in a sink hole. The mud was up to my knees.

Erica Law

At Caumsett, my roommates had kept on collapsing. Caumsett was really fun. This is my favorite memory and best field trip ever. The paper fights we have at lunch time, the parties, having Jonathan tell us jokes and Mr. Buckley turning red everytime there's something funny and alot more.

Brigitte Santiago

At Caumsett, when Bliss stole my stocking cap & I woke up with an afro. Another one was when we had paper fights during lunch. The last one was the fashion show we had in class.

Krystal Hawes

Playing the girls basketball games & I also enjoyed Caumsett.

Stephanie Vanyinck

The fabulous teachers.

Ryan Basile

When we held a fashion show in class and Krystal Hawes & myself hosted it & the day we went to see Grease the towed up car couldn't get off the stage.

Bliss Lanzolotti

The trip to Caumsett and the multicultural play. These two events brought the children closer and they formed close friendships that lasted throughout the year.

Mr. Buckley

8th ANNUAL READALLOUD

"It was a lovely week," said Mrs. Matthews. This year National Library Week (April 19-23) was celebrated with our eighth annual *ReadAloud* in the library. Students invited relatives and special friends to read a story during library class. The response was enthusiastic, and this year 80 readers participated. Half had participated in a previous *ReadAloud*. Two of the grandmothers had participated in all eight.

The children loved it. "You could see how proud the child felt as his or her guest walked in the door," said Mrs. Matthews. The shy smiles filled with love, warm hugs and kisses are touching. One child ran to the guest and jumped into the waiting arms. "It was wonderful to have these volunteers in the library, and enjoyable to talk to previous participants," said the Librarian.

Many volunteers said "I would not miss it. I'm honored. It is a pleasure. I had a terrific time." This year several grandmothers brought treats for the children to enjoy.

Once again we had grandmothers, grandfathers, aunts, uncles, godmothers, cousins and family friends participate. Several of our readers were previous students at Shaw Avenue School. One plans to be an elementary school teacher.

These people did a great job expressing their love of reading and the importance of books in their lives. A big "thank you" to all those who participated.

STUDENT COUNCIL

The Student Council is happy to report about another successful Charity Drive. A bake sale was organized for Animal Rescue & Rehabilitation. \$250.00 was raised. We would like to thank everyone who contributed to this wonderful event. As the school year comes to a close the Student Council would like to thank the Shaw Avenue community, especially the PTA for the over/whelming support. We wish everyone a fun and safe summer, and to our graduating members, congratulations and Good Luck.

District 30 Scientists

Valley Stream District 30 grade 6 students participated in Nassau Community College's 1st Annual Science Fair Competition entitled "Sustaining the Earth in the Twenty-first Century". This event took place Saturday, March 13th at 10am.

Clear Stream Avenue School, Forest Road School and Shaw Avenue School each submitted one science fair project. The Students, their families and friends were invited to view the projects at the Nassau Community College Center-->

Building. Refreshments were served and the awards ceremony followed at which the 1st, 2nd & 3rd place winner for each grade were announced. Students worked hard to complete their projects for the competition and we at District 30 are proud of their efforts.

Clear Stream Avenue School
Jessica Lusenskas and Dana Doronal
Project: Your Heart Rate and Mistic

Forest Road School
Benjamin Blum and Benjamin Mandel
Project: Who Liscens Better, Men or Women?

Shaw Avenue School
Jessica Engle and Michelle Zheng
Project: Does a Roof Overhang Cut Cooling Costs?

Submitted by: Annabelle Hawes
Science Teacher

FUTURE SCIENTIST OF AMERICA

On Wednesday evening, March 24th, grade 6 students hosted a science fair in the Shaw Avenue School's gym. The science fair was the culmination of four months of research, preparation and discovery for the 6th grade scientists. The process began when students selected their area of interest and the posed a question which they wanted to know more about. Students then conducted via resource materials and computer. Students were assigned a partner and worked cooperatively to conduct the experiment. A hypothesis was formed and the students then set out to prove, through investigation, whether or not it was valid. This was the exciting and fun portion! Our young scientists discovered either they were correct in their hypothesis or that things were not always how they seemed. Their results were beautifully presented on colorful science boards filled with information, results, charts and graphs. The teachers judged and awarded 1st, 2nd, 3rd and honorable mention prizes. Everyone received a ribbon for a job well done!

First Place:
Michaem Arana & Nick DeIvecchio
Topic: How colored paper affects memory

Second Place:
Jesse DelVecchio & George Bernal
Topic: Force of Airflow

Third Place:
Justin Malenfort
Topic: Who has a steadier hand, Boys or Girls?

Honorable Mention:
Angela Karim & Umar Aabag
Topic: Which Brand of Popcorn Pops the most.
Kareem?

Honorable Mention:
Charisse Holder & Andrew DeMarico
Topic: What is the Effect of Warm-up on Shooting Baskets?
Jonathan Vecchione & Chris Alexander

Science Olympiad

Students at Shaw Avenue School participated in the National Science Olympiad, competition with other students on the same course level from schools all over the United States. There was no limit to the number of students who were allowed to participate. The Olympiad consists of 35-40 multiple choice questions that is based on factual knowledge as well as students' understanding of scientific processes. The time limit for the contest was 35 minutes. Under the direction of Annabelle Homer, science teacher and the 5th & 6th grade classroom teachers, students worked independently on the questions. The top ten individuals' names and their scores were sent to National Science Olympiad, where results are collated. The sum of the top ten scores is the school's team score. Each school team will receive a medal and ten certificates. The contest enabled students to become more involved and interested in many fields of science and provided recognition and awards at both local and national levels. The following students were awarded medals or certificates for achieving top ten scores for grades 5 & 6.

Grade 5: Top Ten Scores	Grade 6: Top Ten Scores
Ron Li	Melissa Fassetta
Joe Kemmer-Miller	Jessica Engle
Adam Phillip	Timothy Nolan
Danny Conway	Jesse DelVecchio
Brittany Starna	Alex Buccio
Jordan Meikle	Michael Frithola
Anna-Corina Sport	Angela Karim
Jessica Rocitta	Sarah Fakler
Derry Noel	Emily Von Harten
Wilson Lau	Justin Malenfort
	Krystal Hawes
	Marisa Del Campo

Ron Li and Melissa Fassetta get medals for highest scores and the rest got certificates.

Team Score 303

FAVORITE SIXTH GRADE MEMORIES

When we went to see Grease at Central High	<i>Antoinette Scuderi</i>
When I went to Caunusset.	<i>John Hernandez</i>
When we went to visit Memorial Jr. High	<i>Melissa Poyes</i>
When I went to Caunusset and went on the night walk	<i>George Bernal</i>
The concert Grease at Central High School	<i>Paricia Wilms</i>
Field day	<i>PJ Allen</i>
The softball game	<i>Umar</i>
Hearing my name being cheered in basketball, softball and in field day.	<i>Paul Bennett</i>
When I went to Caunusset. When we were in the salt marsh, Mike fell in a hole up to his knees and I got stuck and couldn't move.	<i>Marrisa Blanchflower</i>
When I was going to Caunusset and when we versed the teachers in a basketball and softball game.	<i>Joshua Chasky</i>
Our night basketball game. It was fun and the teachers and mothers put up a good fight, but we won anyway	<i>Sarah Fickler</i>
Field day	<i>Bhal J. Gadi</i>
The first day I went to 6th grade. It was such a perfect day.	<i>Richard Hennings</i>
The music festival	<i>Nezika Theonally</i>
Caunusset was the best. We got to sleepover on a night trip. The best part of Caunusset was the night walk. It was so cool. What we did was find a road and we walked it with our eyes closed. I was in Chya's group. She was the best. What we also did was we went to the beach. We also went to a place with all these birds.	<i>Melanie Reither</i>
My class's softball game. I got to pitch to some of my teachers. I had a great time and my team won!	<i>Emily Votharten</i>
The 6th graders VS teachers and parents basketball game	<i>Angela Rasso</i>

FAVORITE SIXTH GRADE MEMORIES

The first day of school. I was so excited. I couldn't wait to see my friends. I was also kind of nervous. I didn't know if my teacher was mean, but now I know she's not.	<i>Raquel Cortes</i>
Field day	<i>Rob DiPiano</i>
The softball game because I thought it was really fun and exciting to see the teachers play.	<i>Jennie Cummings</i>
The basketball game. I really enjoyed playing against the teachers and parents.	<i>Marcy Duvert</i>
The 6th grade basketball game	<i>Mike Pritola</i>
Saying at Caunusset.	<i>John Velcor</i>
When we went to Central H S to see the play Grease	<i>Christal John</i>
Our basketball game against the teachers & parents was the best events in this school because we won!	<i>Tessera Lara</i>
When we had basketball against the teachers and the girls and the boys beat the teachers.	<i>Steven Torre</i>
In the 6th grade basketball game, teachers Vs students. I twirled around and threw the ball in the hoop with a swish.	<i>Johntica Bauman</i>
Our pizza party. We finally earned 75 compliments, so Miss Pedit threw us a party. It was so much fun.	<i>Laura Spottbeck</i>
The day we went on a trip, we didn't have anything to do so we played 7 up. It was very fun. Mr. Buckley's class came in & that made it even better.	<i>Carrie Patterson</i>
The Halloween Party. I only saw smiling faces, that made me happy.	<i>Michelle Gregory</i>
When we went to Caunusset. It was so fun. We went on hikes, walked through the forest, went on a night walk and played fun games with the naturalists. It was also nice to sleep over away from home.	<i>Amanda Roarke</i>
The 6th grade basketball game. It was alot of fun.	<i>Jessica Engle</i>
The Caunusset night walk.	<i>Paul Sookmanan</i>

The basketball game because I love basketball & when I play basketball, I like to have alot of pressure on me & there was alot of pressure on me during the game. Everybody was watching me when I shot, passed & dribbled.	<i>Melissa Abdeljattah</i>
When we went to Caunusset. It was alot of fun. The best part was the nightwalk. It was scary. I also liked the songs we learned, and when we went on the beach.	<i>Laurer Badome</i>
The Halloween Party	<i>Chris Ryan</i>
When we went to Caunusset. My favorite part was when we went on the nightwalk and when we hid in the forest.	<i>Rashed Khan</i>
When we got to walk in the dark, mostly everybody was scared. It was wet. I was in the middle of nowhere when I was walking in the woods.	<i>John Castro</i>
The teachers. They always knew what to say to make it fun. Solving conflicts was their specialty and to top it off they were kind & considerate.	<i>Jesse James DeMarco</i>
When we went to Caunusset. I liked it because we got to stay overnight & missed 2 days of school.	<i>Timmy Nolan</i>
Caunusset, because of all the fun hiking, the nature walk. It was overnight so that made it the best. We went in the marsh, the beach and collected things like berries & shells. It was the ultimate experience.	<i>Jordan Newell</i>
The Halloween party because I got to eat alot & watch people dance.	<i>Samantha Stanton</i>
When we went to Caunusset because it was exciting & it was nothing we expected. It was the best thing so far.	<i>Chrida Zelazo</i>
When we went to Caunusset. I liked the midnight walk & the salt marsh. I liked all the food that was made by nature	<i>Joaquin Souberbelle</i>
When we went to Caunusset. I liked it because my foot got stuck in the quicksand. Also I was roommates with my best friends, Tim Tu & Jesse DeMarco.	<i>Michael Pignatelli</i>
I got to be in the same class with my two best friends, Mike P & Jesse D	<i>Timothy Tu</i>

In Math, we got to play games & we didn't do alot of writing like Miss Pedit always tell us to write notes.	<i>Michelle Zheng</i>
Leaving the sixth grade forever	<i>Sydney Ovinga</i>
I enjoyed Caunusset the most because we all had fun on the midnight walk. I was so nervous but I did it. Also it was funny at night when the beds were squeaking and I had to get up because I had allergies. Then we were in the forest and we got lost in the rain. We tasted strange things too, like onion grass, and a pickle tasting grass. In Caunusset I had the best time!	<i>Carlie Buccola</i>
When we went to Caunusset. It was a very interesting trip. It was fun because we got to bunk with who we wanted and we got to build shelter in the woods. If I could I would go all over again. I really liked the midnight walk but it wasn't really at midnight it was more around nine.	<i>Jasmine Dwyer</i>
The Liberty Science Center.	<i>Melissa Larro</i>
The softball and basketball games against the teachers.	<i>Sandy Jaboin</i>
When I played kickball.	<i>Misicga Anssar</i>
The softball game against the teachers.	<i>Jessie Cortes</i>
When Ms. Tsigakos and the class had interesting discussions	<i>Marrisa DeCampo</i>
When we went to Caunusset.	<i>Andrew DeKortico</i>
When I kicked the speakers with the kickball in gym class	<i>William Hernandez</i>
The 6th grade All Stars Van's the teachers. That was fun.	<i>Nicole Daval</i>
Joking around with Ms. Tsigakos about current events.	<i>Kristen Lottio</i>
The softball game the 6th grade almost won & it was a close game.	<i>Danny Meznika</i>
In Caunusset when I touched the cactus and for the rest of the hike I tried getting prickles out of my finger.	<i>Stacey Prociada</i>
Going to Caunusset & being in the same class as my best friend.	<i>Luz Quiñones</i>

SHAW BIZ NEWSLETTER OCTOBER

GET INVOLVED

Shaw Avenue PTA "It's Not About Bake Sales, It's About Your Child's Education"
 Tuesday, November 2, 1999 • 613 PARENTS NOT IN ATTENDANCE • 43 Parents Present

UPCOMING CALENDAR

- 1st & 3rd WEEK EACH MONTH:**
 Banking Grades K-2 Tuesday
 Banking Grades 3-6 Thursday
- NOV.**
- 8 SEPTA Meeting @ 8pm
 - 8-10 Reflections
 - 8-10 Workshop/Grades K-2
 - 11 Veterans Day-Schools Closed
 - 12-16 Reflections Workshop/Grades 3-4
 - 16 PTA Meeting @ 8pm
 - 17-19 Reflections Workshop
 - 24 Shaw Picture Retake
 - 25-26 Thanksgiving Recess - Schools Closed
- CALENDAR CHANGES:**
- 3/30 Fashion Show
 - 4/11 April PTA Meeting
 - 5/9 May PTA Meeting

STILL SEEKING VOLUNTEERS

- HOSPITALITY**
 Debbie Walsh - 561-1387
- REFLECTIONS**
 Maryanne Estevez - 285-3743
- MEMBERSHIP**
 Dolores Jacobsen - 568-9894
- BANKING**
 Kathy Vagnone - 825-3649
- COMPACT TEAM**
 Kathy Vagnone - 825-3649

PTA Politics: Assemblyman Darcy Speaks at Oct. Meeting

By K. Park

Those in attendance at Shaw Ave's October PTA meeting were treated to a "surprise" visit by State Assemblyman, and former Valley Stream Mayor, James Darcy.

During his visit Mr. Darcy came across as a down-to-earth, "real person" politician as he spent close to an hour sharing his thoughts on the partisan political bottlenecks that plague Albany and outlining several current State and local government projects targeting the revitalization of our schools, parks and business districts in Valley Stream.

Mr. Darcy fielded a series of questions and concerns related to issues like shortage of quality parks and athletic facilities in our area and the poor condition of Valley Stream's downtown business districts. It was even suggested that Valley Stream was becoming less and less "child-friendly" with larger class sizes, fewer after school activities and deteriorating facilities.

Mr. Darcy consistently met such comments with simple, straight forward and direct answers that pointed to the problem of growing apathy on the part of local voters and described how time and time again he has seen small, but vocal, interest groups sway policy away from the good of the community to protect their own individual interests.

In closing, he urged all in attendance to reach out to their neighbors and make their combined voices heard via local elections and through PTA, church and other social-political organizations. He said the only way to bring about change, whether it be a local issue like traffic safety or a State issue like firearm education is to "Get Involved". This sounded very familiar.

THANKSGIVING

FOOD DRIVE

If you have any free turkey coupons that you can donate, we can complete a Thanksgiving meal.

NOVEMBER 16 PTA TOPICS

Mr. Mazer will be discussing the upcoming 4th grade English Language Arts Assessment and its implications on teaching and learning in Grades K-6 as well as the past and the upcoming Mathematics Assessment.

Ms. Rose Davis, a parent at Shaw Avenue who is employed by BSA Advisors is going to speak on college funding.

HELP EARN CASH FOR OUR SCHOOL!

Buy General Mills® products that feature "Box Tops for Education" and turn your purchase into cash for Shaw Ave.

Collect and clip these tops and send them into your children's class in an envelope marked "Box Tops for Education, Attn: Donna Mazzeo." We'll collect the box tops throughout the year and get cash back to make a purchase for the school, i.e., computer games, books for the library, etc.

SHAW BIZ "GET INVOLVED"
Not Just the Name of Our Newsletter

The purpose of the Shaw Biz "Get Involved" newsletter is to reach out to the many Shaw Ave parents that are not attending the monthly PTA meetings and try to get you involved -- for your children's sake.

The conversations and topics being covered at each PTA meeting concern the safety and education of your children and we need your input. "Get Involved" is your way to stay informed and express your viewpoints and concerns about the environment at Shaw.

Please take a moment to share your thoughts, pose a question or suggest a topic for upcoming PTA gatherings. **Get Involved!**

My Question/Comment is:

MAKE ALL SUBMISSIONS TO "SHAW BIZ" CO THE SHAW AVE. FRONT OFFICE

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Next PTA Meeting
NOVEMBER 16
Shaw Ave Gymnasium

A LETTER FROM MR. MAZER

A wonderful thing happened for the City of New York. The NY Yankees won the world series. Yes, the citizens of our great city had a lot to be happy about. Their team had won and there was much cause to celebrate. The calm and civility of the fans was a tribute to each and every New Yorker. New York has a winning team and the Yankees represent all that is good about the sport of baseball.

What have we learned from the World Series games between the Atlanta Braves and the New York Yankees? Can we teach our children anything else besides the rules of baseball or how to play the game? We have learned much from this series and can teach our children a great deal.

To begin, we watched as the umpire made a tough call at second base. Clearly, the video replay showed that it was not what the umpire had said. However, the call of the umpire is final. This caused a great disturbance among the players.

In life there will be many wrong "calls". Yet we must instill in our children the fact that people do make mistakes but we try to maintain a balance. We try to maintain a sense of equity that will enable us to recover from a wrong "call".

In school, we try to establish a sense of fairness and discipline that is conducive to healthy learning. Often, as teachers we may make a wrong "call" but there is no problem that people of reason can not solve. We must continue to play and instill in our children just as Joe Torres did for his team, the Yankees, a passion to play the game as it should be played-with energy, respect, and desire to do the very best that you can.

Whether at home or at school, as parents we act as both managers and umpires. We try to do the best for our children. We want the best that life has to offer. Yet, the pressures of everyday life can cause us to become ejected from the "game". We must exercise a sense of calm and civility the same way that the fans did in Yankee Stadium when the Yankees won the world series. It is good to celebrate and share in the delight of victory but it's also good to accept the vicissitudes that life has to offer.

Sincerely,

Henry B. Mazer
Principal

LOST AND HOPEFULLY FOUND
Please check with your child on a routine basis to see if they have any personal items missing. If so, they should go to the nurse's office to see Mrs. Lombardo about items that may have been found.

HAVE YOU HEARD OF SEPTA...?

As the parent of a child who needs or may need special education, you have numerous rights.

Making yourself knowledgeable of the federal and state laws regarding special education and what you and your child are entitled to is your responsibility.

Please join us on November 8, 1999 at Memorial Junior High School - Cafeteria "A" @ 8:00 P.M.

Summer Reading Stars

Congratulations to the students who took part in the Valley Stream Public Library's Summer Reading Program: **Erin Coen, Christopher Coen, Melina Jagnandan, Ashley Rainone, and Jennifer Van Vynck**. A big round of applause is given to the following children who participated in the New York Assembly Summer Reading Program: **Jennifer Calvo, Brenda Liang, Ashley Rainone, Amanda Vagnone, and Chris Vagnone**.

Their certificates and pictures are on display in the Library Media Center. Each student was given a prize by Mrs. Mary Mathews, the Library Media Specialist, who is proud of their achievement.

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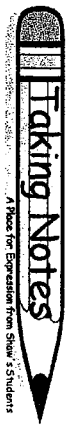
SPEAKERS NEEDED

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REFLECTIONS WORKSHOP-VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

November 8, 9 & 10 Grades K-2
November 12, 15 & 16 Grades 3-4
November 17, 18 & 19 Grades 5-6

In order to have successful workshops, we need volunteers. If you are available any of the days listed above, please call **Marianne Estevez @ 285-3743**



WHAT'S SECOND GRADE UP TO?

The students in the second grade are already preparing their holiday gifts for their families. Each student will make a calendar in the primary computer lab. The students were given the assignment to research a specific month of the year. They were to collect the information for the holidays, birthdays and school functions that would be celebrated during that month.

After the research, the students visit the computer lab two at a time. Mrs. shazar demonstrates for the students how to input information and finally how to draw with the mouse. The students were extremely creative in drawing the pictures that coincide with their month. It was truly an enjoyable learning experience.

(Submitted by second grade teachers: Mrs. Ficarrotta, Mrs. Geffner, Ms. Starler & Ms. Post).

**Don't Miss Shaw Ave's
1999 Winter Concert**
Shaw Ave Auditorium • December 15 • 7:30 PM

LOST AND HOPEFULLY FOUND

Please check with your child on a routine basis to see if they have any personal items missing. If so, they should go to the nurse's office to see Mrs. Lombardo about items that may have been found.

Student Council Reviews Aesop Rocks!

Aesop Rocks came to our school November 29, 1999. Three fables: The Lion and the Mouse, The Goose Who Laid the Golden Egg, and The Grasshopper and the Ant were performed by the group - Five Of A Kind.

In "The Lion and the Mouse", the Lion learned it doesn't matter how small you can still help. In "The Goose Who Laid the Golden Egg", the farmer learned to not be greedy. In "The Grasshopper and Ant", the grasshopper learned you should work before you play.

Winners in the Trivia Hunt in the Library Media Center

Each morning a new question was posted outside the Library's door. The Media Center sponsored a Trivia Hunt for students in fifth and sixth grades for Children's Book Week, November 15-19. "Students eagerly participated in this contest," said Mrs. Matthews. Every morning Mr. Mazer announced the winner during the announcements. Each child received several prizes. Photographs of each winner are on display in the Media Center. Those students are: Erin Coen, Barney Jones, Christina Stronza, Wana Polonia, and Ron Li. Congratulations to these students and all who decided to enter the daily contest.

Second through fourth-grade students were invited to illustrate favorite book characters or scenes from Library books on a paper tee-shirt distributed in class the previous week. Students did a terrific job sharing their love of books as they presented their creations to their classmates. These colorful shirts, plus the books, are on display in the Library. All students had the opportunity to view the Media Center's beautiful pop-up book collection that was on display for the entire week. Pupils enjoyed viewing and reading these titles. It was a pleasant way to celebrate children's books and the joy of reading.

PUMPKIN PATCH

The kindergarten children had a great time on the front lawn of Shaw Ave. In their Pumpkin Patch. Each child got to pick a pumpkin and take it home. It was a beautiful day and the children had a great time - thanks to Chairpeople, Marybeth Cully and Janet Maci, along with Volunteers, Rose Stroehlein and Debbie Leahy.

FINGERPRINTING SUCCESS!

The kindergartners and any older children who had not been previously fingerprinted, were!! The kids loved seeing their imprints and didn't mind getting dirty! Each child who was fingerprinted brought the card home for their parents to keep. Thanks to chairpeople, Marybeth Cully & Tara Staras; volunteers, Linda Roach, Rose Stroehlein & Marvann Ryan for helping to keep our children safer and dirtier...

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<http://www.mamamedia.com>
Safe, fun internet magazine for kids. Helps kids navigate the web
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Preschool and up. Interactive comics, animation & word games
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MAZER

Q: In an educational environment that puts more and more emphasis on the importance of State-wide testing, how is Shaw Ave's curriculum continuing to address the importance of programs like physical education, music and the arts? Are there any programs that recognize and reward excellence in these areas?

A: While today's educational climate requires that children demonstrate their academic achievement through the results of State mandated tests, Shaw Ave remains committed to providing all children with a well-rounded education. Test scores, although significant, do not reflect the totality of a school or a school system. Programs in physical education emphasize athletics as well as academic achievement. The Presidential Physical Fitness Award Program is an example of a program that Shaw students are actively engaged in. Shaw's music program is a critical part of the academic/social environment. Concerts, participation in NYSSMA, and student band, chorus, and orchestra rehearsals are meaningful aspects of our music program that have a positive impact on school climate and student achievement. The annual Art Show as well as our participation in Lights-On For Education are wonderful programs that recognize student achievement in the area of art.

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SHAW BIZ NEWSLETTER Y2K EDITION

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Shaw Avenue PTA "It's Not About Bake Sales, It's About Your Child's Education"

Monday, January 3, 2000

"Y2K" -- Garbage In, Garbage Out

By K. Park

For months and months we have been inundated with the predictions, burdened with the "what if's" and frenzied by potential tragedies that might follow the last few ticks of 1999. Even those like myself who really did not believe that such events would take place, fell victim to the "hype" and rising tides of speculation that drove the entire "Y2K" mania. We all sat and watched as the final seconds of the Millennium ticked away, wondering if technology was friend or foe, good or evil, opportunity or catastrophe. Thank goodness in the end we were all able to breath a sigh of relief and carry on with our traditional New Year's celebration.

"Garbage in, garbage out" is a computer term used to describe the power of computers. While the computational power of computers will continue to grow exponentially in the future, the fact remains that behind every machine, behind every line of code and behind every success and/or failure related to technology sits a human being(s) who brings about these cruds. Good and bad is still the same, the tools have simply changed.

As I look at the after effects of the "Y2K" saga, I see the "garbage in, garbage out" metaphor as an important doctrine of our times, a New Year's resolution for all of us, especially us as parents. It reminds us that in the end "we get out what we put into it".

Y2K resulted in a lesson about the power of people united toward a common goal. The impact of Y2K shutting down our economy and way of life was thwarted by groups of individuals dedicated to problem solving and making the necessary adjustments to allow computers to recognize the year 2000 and function properly worldwide. Imagine what a similar group could accomplish if faced with the challenge of improving the education system -- truly making it the priority we all think it should be.

The challenges of making our educational system more competitive with those of other industrialized nations is as much of a threat to our economy as any Y2K "bug". The growing technology gaps that exist in our society pose as great a threat to our economy and way of life as Y2K. We need to address and attack these educational problems as aggressively as we attacked the threat posed by Y2K. We need to get as concerned about these issues as we did with Y2K. We need to get involved and bring about change.

The tools of technology have brought about new challenges and new opportunities for society, but our role as parents has not changed that much -- in the long run we still need to teach our children right from wrong, and the importance of working hard and setting and achieving their goals. In short, we need to teach them about "garbage in, garbage out".

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- 1st & 3rd WEEK EACH MONTH:
Banking Grades K-2 Tuesday
Banking Grades 3-5 Thursday
- JAN.
- 3 Schools Reopen
- 7 Breakfast
w/Superintendent @Shaw,
8:30am
- 10 Septa Meeting
- 11 PTA Meeting
- @7:30 Reflections Awards
- 17 Schools closed
- 25 Cupcake Sale
- 28 Tent. Schools closed

CALENDAR CHANGES:

- 3/30 Fashion Show
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WHAT IS SEPTA? (Special Education Parent Teacher Association)

Parents, teachers, administrators, students, friends - membership is open to all. Anyone interested in improving the quality of the education of children with special needs. Please join us on **January 10, 2000 @ 8:00pm** at Memorial Junior High School, Cafeteria "A" for an informative evening.

On behalf of the PTA, I'd like to wish everyone a very Happy New Year - 2000! I hope your holidays were enjoyable. Whenever we enter a new year, there are resolutions - new hopes and new promises. In 2000, we not only enter a new year, but a new millennium. I think it's good to look back at all that has been accomplished throughout this time -- how life has progressed. I think we need to remind our children, not only what has been accomplished, but also how people have worked together to develop ideas and achieve success. Now it's time to look forward to new hopes and new promises. Our children are the future of this world, let's teach them how to work together to accomplish great things.

Stacy Wagner



Taking Notes!

A place for expression from Shaw Ave's students

SHAW 1ST GRADERS LEARN... "IT'S NICER TO GIVE THAN TO RECEIVE."

During this season of giving, the first grade students at Shaw Ave have been busy learning that many gifts can come from within themselves. Mrs. Sandy Rubin, K-1 reading teacher, shared the book "The Giving Tree" by Shel Silverstein. The content of the book motivated the children to brainstorm a list of "gifts" that are at their finger tips such as hugs, friendship, and love.

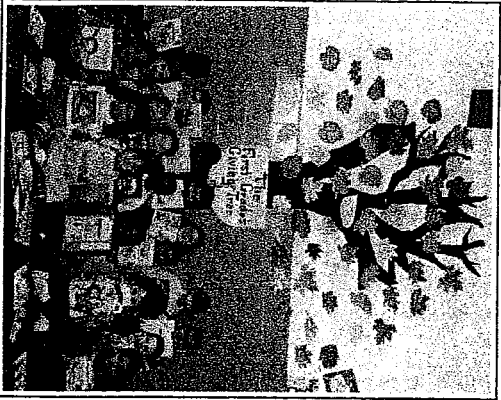
As the children discussed the book with Mrs. Rubin, they decided that they wanted to make a "giving tree" of their own. Through the guidance of their classroom teachers, everyone created sentences during Writer's Workshop telling about the gifts that they wished to share.

Mrs. Chris Shazi, computer assistant, helped the students to create leaves and type their messages on the computer. With the help of Ms. Jill Szymaker, art teacher, Ms. Ging's class painted the trunk and branches of the tree and then all of the children attached their colorful leaves and messages to them.

Once the children became involved with the concept of giving, they were motivated to give a gift that is easily accessible. The group voted to donate one of their used books from home to children who are less fortunate than themselves. The books will be included with holiday dinners that are distributed to families as a result of the Shaw Avenue food drive. Any remaining books will be taken to the Weider Memorial Playground at South Nassau Communities Hospital in Oceanside.

The beautiful "giving tree" is now on display in Shaw's Hallway of Tolerance. The project has not only been a huge and attractive success, but also the first graders have learned an important lesson. Often, it is much nicer to give than to receive.

Submitted by: Mrs. Rubin/K-1 reading teacher, Mrs. Anafilano, Mrs. Bard, Mrs. Ging, and Mrs. Haydock



A BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

12/11/99 - 'Twas two weeks before Christmas and all through the gym, a small Shaw Avenue crowd stood waiting for him. He strolled right in following the jingles and cake, looking so jolly he just couldn't be fake. One after another in a warm cozy setting, each child sat down to ask what they'd be getting. Though the turnout was smaller than anyone planned, the morning was festive and rather quite grand. A jolly St. Nick who knew everyone's name, made all in attendance so glad that they came. But one thing was strange and a little bit weird, he kind of looked like Mr. Ryan, with a white fluffy beard.

(Submitted by Vivian Rainone & Mary Ann Miller, rhymes by K. Park)

Thanks to all who made this day special -- especially Mr. Ryan, the executive board, Mr. Riceobono, Mrs. Littledawes and our Shaw Ave Student Council -- Kristina Anspake, Lauren Brady, Erin Coen, Michael Colucci, Darryl Dennis, Herbie Mazariego, Rene Ruppaine, Jonathan Samsoondarrh, Melissa Zdanke, Erica Correas, Zoe Freckleton, Samantha Hicks, Zohab Mustafa, Nicole Rallo, Robert Stroehlein and Eileen Walsh



An Excerpt from Ann Landers (Newsday Friday, December 31, 1999)

Dear Ann: Too many parents have no idea what goes on all day in school, and yet this is a large part of their child's life. I have heard endless complaints about teachers, homework and administrative problems from parents who will not take the time to get involved and find out how they can help. I have a child in grade school, and I would like to offer these suggestions to parents who want to help their children do well in school: 1) *Volunteer* whenever you can. You'll get a good feel for the place and for teachers and the support staff. 2) *Go* to orientations, open houses and conferences. Meet the teachers. Learn their teaching plans. Get the schedule for midterms and final exams. Find out how your child is doing. 3) *Join* the PTA, and keep current with what is happening in your school and with the students. 4) *Review* the textbooks your child uses, and the work he or she brings home. 5) *Get to know* your child's school friends. Meet their parents. 6) *Ask* about your school's academic test records. Ask the teachers and administration to answer any questions you have. Parents have the right to know. 7) *Volunteer* for advisory committees and board memberships so you can have a say in the policy of your child's school. Please print this letter, Ann, so other parents can help their children.... Louisville Mom on the Inside Track.

Dear Louisville Mom: You have made some excellent suggestions, and I am sure they are workable. The bottom line is GET INVOLVED - VOLUNTEER. Do it for your children. Do it for yourself. This is a win-win situation.

ASK MR. MAZER
"Your Chance to Ask the Questions That Have Been on Your Mind?"
Q: In a world that is increasingly reliant on technology, how is Shaw Ave. utilizing and introducing technology to our children? Are there technology experts within our district that are assisting Shaw's faculty in providing a well rounded and comprehensive view of technology?"

A: Shaw Avenue continues to remain in the forefront of technology as the district plans to install a Wide Area Network (WAN) in all three local schools. Plans are underway for the WAN to be installed during the summer. Each grade three, four, and five classroom will have computer laboratories, students will be able to access the internet within the borders of their classrooms. Mr. Jerry Camilleri and Mrs. Carol Biscardi are the technology experts that work with teachers, staff, and children in District 30. Ms. Kerri Rothman works with all three local area schools by providing children in grades three, four, five and six with keyboarding skills.

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Next PTA Meeting March 14 - 8:00 PM
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SHAW BIZ NEWSLETTER MARCH 2000
GET INVOLVED
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 Monday, March 6, 2000

Letter From The President

District 30 PTA's celebrated Founder's Day on Thursday, February 10th at Shaw Avenue School. Founder's Day commemorates the anniversary of the birth of PTA. On February 17, 1897, 2000 people gathered in Washington, D.C. to discuss "questions most vital to the welfare of children in their home, school and community. What better way to celebrate this event than with involvement from Parents, Teachers and Children? The entertainment for the evening was phenomenal. The children mesmerized all who attended. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank everyone involved in District 30 PTA's Founder's Day celebration. First and foremost the children who worked so hard and performed wonderfully and second the teachers who worked so hard with them - Mr. Adams, Mrs. Annaffranco, Mrs. Bart, Ms. D'Ambrosio, Ms. Ging, Mrs. Granger, Mrs. Keeger, Miss Milano, Mrs. Pennick, Mrs. Phillips, Mrs. Rheinhard, and Mrs. Weider. Next I'd like to thank Sandi Provia for the sky backdrop and Michael Vagnone for the castle -- they were a great addition to the festivities. I'd like to also thank Dong Mitchell who made the PTA candle holder that was used during the ceremony -- it was admired by many. Thanks to John Raimone and Michael Vagnone who helped with the lighting while Pat Phillips and Dolly Ging made sure the sound system worked properly. Finally, I'd like to thank my board members without whom the minor and major details of the evening would never have been together so well. They also made the wonderful desserts that were served at the end. Thanks to Vivian Raimone, Marybeth Cully, Rosann Colucci, Mary Ann Miller, Tara Starna, Barbara DiMaggio, Marianna Esenz and Lisa Frisca. Thanks to all the parents without whose support and cooperation we would not have had the opportunity to have so many children involved.

Thanks again to all who made this evening so spectacular.
Stuffy Vagnone

UPCOMING CALENDAR

- 1st & 3rd WEEK EACH MONTH:**
 Banking Grades K-2 Tuesday
 Banking Grades 3-6 Thursday
- March:**
- 6 PAPER Begins
 - 13 SEPTA Meeting 6:00 PM
 - 14 PTA Meeting 6:00 PM
 - 23 Pre-School Mtg 3 - 4 pm
 - 24 Science Fair 7:30 PM
 - Spring Book Fair 9:00 AM - 2:30 PM / 5:00PM - 8:00 PM
- CALENDAR CHANGES:**
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MARCH 30TH



Taking Notes!
A place for expression from Shaw Ave's Students

FIFTH GRADERS TAKE ON TECHNOLOGY TO COMPLETE A STUDY OF THE UNITED STATES

THE FIFTH GRADE CLASSES AT THE SHAW AVENUE SCHOOL HAVE RECENTLY COMPLETED THEIR TECHNOLOGY-BASED RESEARCH PAPER ON THE UNITED STATES.

EACH STUDENT WAS ASSIGNED A PARTICULAR STATE. USING TECHNOLOGY (I.E. THE ELECTRONIC ENCYCLOPEDIA AS WELL AS VARIOUS INTERNET SITES) STUDENTS "IMPORTED" GRAPHICS, RESPONDED TO TEMPLATE QUESTIONS, AND COMPLETED SUCH PROJECTS AS A POLITICAL MAP, GRAPHIC OF A HISTORICAL SITE, WORD SEARCH, AS WELL AS OTHER PROJECTS OF CHOICE.

SINCEREST THANKS TO MS. ROTHMAN, MRS. BISCARDI, MRS. D'ANGELO, MRS. MATHEWS, MRS. LEVINE AS WELL AS OUR CLASSROOM TEACHERS FOR ALL OF THEIR HELP WITH OUR FIRST FIFTH GRADE SOCIAL STUDIES PROJECT UTILIZING TECHNOLOGY. "THE NEXT TECHNOLOGY PROJECT WILL BE SO-O-O EASY BECAUSE WE LEARNED SO MUCH WHILE DOING THIS ONE!" SAID MANY FIFTH GRADE STUDENTS.

SHAW AVE SURF CLUB

Professor Freedman's Math Help - <http://www.geocities.com/~mathskills/>

Math Shareware - <http://www.lachintosh.com/shareware/library/educational/math.shtml>

Math Comics Page - <http://www.http://www.macsau.edu/~hcmth014/comics.html>

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL REFLECTIONS WINNERS!

Reflections awards were given out to the winners during the January 11, 2000 PTA meeting. The top 3 winners in each category were given a gift certificate and all participants received a key chain.

Here is the list of winners:

VISUAL ARTS

- ↔ *Primary, K-2:*
- 1st Kaitlin Estevez - Mrs. Bart
- 2nd Chelsea Starina - Mrs. Gettner
- 3rd Moya Williams - Mrs. Houdock
- ↔ *Intermediate, 3-5:*
- 1st Ali Kasam - Mrs. Smithok
- 2nd Mehrob Kasam - Mrs. Ferranti
- 3rd Jessica Tumbarello - Mrs. Granger
- ↔ *Middle-Junior, 6-8:*
- 1st Eileen Walsh - Ms. Tsigokos
- 2nd Amanda Augustin - Ms. Tsigokos
- 3rd Michelle Maci - Ms. Pedi

PHOTOGRAPHY

- ↔ *Primary, K-2:*
- 1st Alex Fishman - Mrs. Bart
- ↔ *Middle-Junior, 6-8:*
- 1st Kristen Frotolico - Ms. DePace
- 2nd Lauren Brady - Mr. Buckley
- 3rd Nord Fox - Ms. DePace

LITERATURE

- ↔ *Primary, K-2:*
- 1st Matthew Fassetto - Mrs. Schweigert
- 2nd Justin Chance - Mrs. Bart
- 3rd Sandra Mozle - Mrs. Schweigert
- ↔ *Intermediate, 3-5:*
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- 3rd Joseph Martinez - Mrs. Lipski
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- 3rd Yi (Ken) Cui - Ms. Pedi

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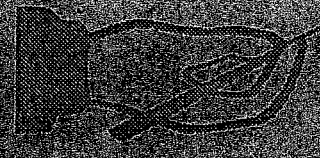
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What's That Growing in Your Class?

Miss DeFace's fourth grade class is really digging into the living things curriculum this year. Her class is studying plants. They have planted their very own flower garden so they can see the life cycle of a plant. The students have been researching the different parts of a plant as well. Each day they measure the growth of the plants and record it on a graph. The students look forward to coming to class to see their plants and so does Miss DeFace.



Labels for Education

The PTA will be collecting General Mills

Boxtops for Education. These boxtops can be found on all General Mills products. Please send in the boxtops to the PTA mailbox with your child's name and class on the envelope.

On the Web

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Coming in November

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11/2 & 11/3 Book Fair

11/7 No School - Election Day

11/10 No School - Veteran's Day

11/13 11/17 American Education Week

11/25 PTA Meeting 8:00 PM, Dr. Peter Dimicco & Tara Molney from LI

Schneider's Children Hospital will be speaking on "Behavior Management"

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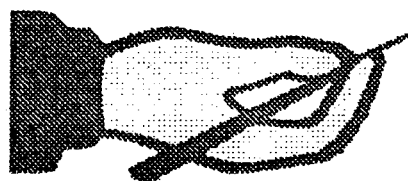
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Celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month

In September, Mrs. Becker-Lawson's class celebrated Hispanic Heritage Month. Many of the students are Hispanic Americans whose families are from Peru, Salvador, Columbia and Puerto Rico.

The class received a special complimentary edition of *Newsworld*. This special section, the latest in *Day in Education's* Living Textbook Series, contains a sample of stories, graphics and photographs printed from *Newsworld*, that celebrate Hispanic Heritage. The students enjoyed reading about the Hispanic culture, story, tradition and the many famous Hispanics who made an impact in virtually all areas of society!



Upcoming events for October

Thursday, 10/26: Shaw Ave School Rededication Ceremony 1:30 PM on front lawn.

Friday, 10/27: Kindergarten Pumpkin Patch and Fingerprinting for all new students.

Tuesday, 10/31: Halloween-"50's Theme"

Summer Reading Stars

Congratulations to the students who took part in the Henry Waldinger Public Library's Summer Reading Program: Jason Boyd, Iteanyi Chukwuma, Christopher Coen, Erin Coen, Elaina Curreri, Ira Dure, Stephanie Lohide, Jessica Petruskas, Ashley Rainone, Erica Rensing, and Amanda Vagnone. Their certificates and pictures are on display in the Library Media Center. Each student was given a prize by Mrs. Mary Matthews, the Librarian, who is proud of their achievement.

Let's give these READING STARS a big round of applause for their accomplishment.

October is Fire Safety Month

On Wednesday, October 11, 2000, the Shaw Avenue Kindergarten classes took a special walking tour through the Clearstream Avenue Fire Station. The students learned valuable information about fire safety, especially the importance of smoke detectors in their homes. The fire fighters showed the children what happens when smoke enters a room and how they can crawl to safety. The kindergarten students were able to climb on a fire engine and learn about the special equipment firefighters use.

At the end of the trip, each child received a hat, coloring book and sticker. What a grand experience!

Wasserman's "Gold Medals"

Mrs. Wasserman's class had been keeping track of the "Gold Medals" won by Olympic athletes during the Summer Olympics in Sydney. The class updated the map on a daily basis and were surprised to see how well some of the other countries did in "winning the gold". When the games ended, the USA was still #1.

Teacher Recognition

Luncheon

Once again our Teacher/Staff Recognition Luncheon was a huge success, thanks to the many families who donated the delicious dishes. A special thank you to

Betty Acosta, Mary Berman, Glenda Castora, Ann Coen, Rosann Colucci, Kathy Russo, Kathy Vagnone and Mary Ann Van Vynck, who also volunteered their time to help serve.

Vivian Rainone
Chairperson

Artichoke-N-Mushrooms

Ingredients:

Sliced Garlic
Oil
3 Packages frozen artichoke hearts (thawed)
2 jars/cans of sliced mushrooms
Seasoned bread crumbs

Directions:

1) Sauté garlic in oil in a deep frying pan.

2) Add thawed artichoke hearts.

3) Cook until artichokes are soft.

4) Add mushrooms.

cook additional 5-10 minutes.

5) Add a breadcrumb a little at a time to absorb liquid.

Serve and enjoy

Rosann Colucci

Friday, 6/15

Friday 6/15

Wednesday, 6/20

Thursday, 6/21

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Friday, 6/22

We Are Not Done Yet!

Father's Day Boutique

Father's Day Dance @ 7:30 PM

6th Grade Graduation

Kindergarten Graduation, 6th Grade Party

School-Wide Picnic, Field Day Awards

Last day of school, classes from 8:30 AM -

9:30 AM

Some Favorite Recipes From Teacher Recognition

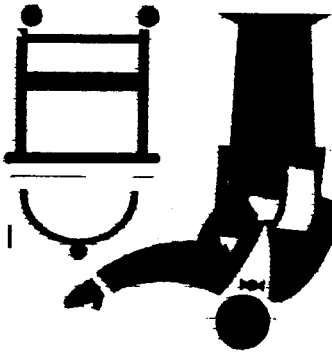
Pineapple Pistachio Fluff

Ingredients:

1 20 oz. can crushed pineapple (with liquid)

1 Pkg. Instant Pistachio pudding

1 8 oz. container Cool Whip (thawed)



Pineapple Slices and/or cherries for decoration

Directions:

1) Mix crushed pineapple (with liquid) and pistachio pudding.

2) Mix pineapple/pudding mixture and thawed Cool Whip.

3) Garnish with Pineapple slices and/or cherries.

4) Chill and Serve.

Lynn Tranquellino

8 Layer Spinach Salad

1 pkg. fresh spinach

salt, pepper to taste

1 tsp sugar

1 lb. bacon, cooked &

crumbled

1 or 2 onions, diced

1 pkg. frozen peas, thawed

Mayo-spread like icing

Swiss Cheese, grated to

cover whole dish

overnight before serving. Lay all ingredients in order. Chill for several hours, preferably

Donna Petruskus

Shaw Biz



The Firefighter in Miss

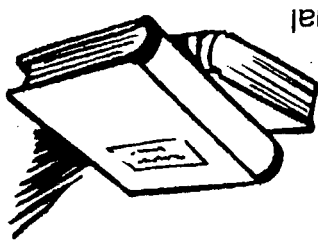
Starter's Class

Firefighter, Mr. Shaw, visited the 2nd graders in Miss Starter's class. He reinforced many of the fire safety rules previously discussed. In addition, he demonstrated the clothing and equipment firefighters use. The importance of escape routes and smoke detectors were some of the topics talked about. Fire safety coloring books, pamphlets and firefighter stickers were distributed with the assistance of Mrs. Shaw.

December and January Events

- 12/13 Winter Concert 7:30 PM
- 12/21 50's Lunch and Time Capsule Ceremony
- 12/22-1/2 Winter Recess Breakfast with the Superintendent at Clearstream
- 1/15 School closed for Martin Luther King Day
- 1/17 PTA meeting at 8:00 PM

Fall Book Fair



The Shaw Avenue PTA held their annual

Fall Book Fair on 11/2 and 11/3. This was a 1/2 price book fair in order to promote reading in our school. It was a huge success and we sold \$3,961.25 in books, computer programs and various other learning materials. Thank you parents, teachers and students for your support in making this event a success for our kids. Special thank you to all committee volunteers who worked with me to make the book fair run smoothly. Jean Ann Adams

Holiday Boutique

On December 7 and 8, Shaw Ave PTA will hold the Holiday Boutique at the school. This is an opportunity for the children to shop for low cost gifts for family members. Children will shop with their class during school hours. If you are interested in helping out on Thursday or Friday, please call Kathy Vagnone at 825-3849.

If you would like to contact the PTA, use our mailbox in the Main Office. You can contact the newsletter by email at mary@thebermans.com. Please visit the district website at www.valleystream30.com.

Reflections Ends

December 15

The theme for Reflections this year is, *It would be really strange if....* Children are encouraged to turn in original artwork, music, photography or literature that completes the phrase. Work will be judged at Shaw Ave and then may pass to District and County-wide judging. All Reflections work must be turned in by Dec. 15. The children's work will be displayed at the January PTA Meeting.

Breakfast with Santa

Breakfast with Santa will be held on Saturday, December 16, 10:00AM to 12:00 PM. Tickets will be selling on Friday, December 1st at 2:30 PM in the main lobby. Please contact a member of the Executive Board if you would like to set up or help out on Saturday, December 16.

PTA Membership

It is not too late to join the Shaw Ave PTA. Memberships are still available as single or family. Please contact Mrs. Betty Acosta at 568-9820 if you are interested and do not have a membership form.

April-May 2001

Shaw Biz

School Happenings

What's Happening In Shaw Ave

Mrs. Bart's class is eagerly awaiting the arrival of their ants for the ant farm (due shortly after spring vacation) and their caterpillars for their butterfly home (due in May). They will be observing and keeping journals of the activities of their new friends.

The students in Ms Ging's second grade have just finished celebrating Dr. Suess' Birthday. We all had fun rhyming our way through these classics. It was great fun for our class to read to Mrs. Ficarrotta's first graders. The students created a timeline of his writings. Oh!, and we do like Green Eggs and Ham! It was just so yummy and green!

Mrs. Decker-Lawson's 6th graders are learning about the people who lived in the middle ages, their heroes, costumes, laws and many things that made the middle ages a unique period of time. They will be taking a trip to Medieval Times to "experience a real live Tournament"

Upcoming Events

April and May

Monday, 4/9- Monday 4/16 School closed for spring break.

Thursday 4/19 PTA meeting @8:00 PM-Our guest speaker will our Superintendent Mr. McGoldrick to discuss next year's school budget. We will also vote for next year's PTA Executive Committee.

Thursday 4/26 Lights on for Education @ 7:15-9:15 PM at Memorial Junior High.

Thursday, 5/10 Volunteer Night (sign up for class parent and committees for 2001-2002 school year).

Friday 5/4 Mother's Day dance.

Friday 5/11 Mother's Day Boutique.

Tuesday 5/15 District Art Exhibit and Budget Vote.

Friday 5/25-Monday 5/28 Memorial Day Vacation.

Banking Schedule

Wednesdays: 4/18, 5/2 and 5/16 (last banking day for 2001).

All banking takes place in the computer room from 7:45 to 8:15 AM. No more deposits after 8:15 AM.

Please note: The PTA is still looking for a banking chairperson for next year. If you are interested please contact Kathy Vagnone at 825- 3849.

Career Day in Mrs. Reinhard's Class

Recently, Mrs. Reinhard's class concluded their studies of community helpers by having a special "Career Day". Each of the students came to school dressed as someone they wanted to be when they grow-up. They carried the special tools they would use in their profession and gave a short speech on why they chose that particular job.

How exciting to see fire fighters, police officers, teachers, artists, doctors and even a veterinarian. The students enjoyed feeling "grown-up" for a day, but were glad to put on their sneakers and play outside in the afternoon!

50th Anniversary Essay Contest Winners

- Grade 1: Daniel Napolionello
Mrs. Bart
- Grade 2: Jason Boyd
Mrs. Geffner
- Grade 3: Nicholas Russo
Mrs. Granger
- Grade 4: Jessica Petrauskas
Ms. Garvey
- Grade 5: Patrick Austin
Mrs. Wasserman
- Grade 6: Hal Berman
Ms. Pedi



What's Happening in Fourth Grade?

The fourth grade students in Ms. DePace's, Ms. Garvey's, Mrs. Miller's, Mrs. Pernick's and Mrs. Tyler's class have been working on a biography report on someone who was born on their birthday. Upon completion of the reports, the fourth grade will be graphing the number of birthdays celebrated for each month.

In addition, the fourth grade students watched the metamorphosis of a mealworm. The students observed their mealworm daily and recorded their observations in a log called "My Mighty Mealworm Memoirs". The students were able to observe the mealworm's life cycle. After the mealworm changed into a beetle, each class released the beetle into the kindergarten garden in the front of the school.

The Shaw Avenue PTA hopes you have a wonderful, safe summer vacation. See you in September!

Potato Famine Hits Fifth Grade

Mrs. Wasserman's fifth grade class has been working on the Irish Potato Famine. Through research, answering scaffolding questions and writing DBQ's, students are gaining a better understanding of the reasons for the Irish immigration to the United States. Our acrostic on the Irish Potato Famine may appear in "Write-on" the district literary magazine.

High Tech Graduation

The sixth grade students at Shaw Avenue are planning a "surprise" for the parents at their Closing Ceremony. The sixth grade students will be working with Ms. Rothman and the sixth grade teachers to put together this multi-media presentation in Power Point. This Power Point presentation will be highlight events during their sixth grade year.

10th Annual Readaloud

"It was a lovely week," said Mrs. Matthews. This year National Library Week (April 2-6) was celebrated with our tenth annual Readaloud in the Media Center. Students invited relatives and special friends to read a story during Library class. The response was enthusiastic, and this year 70 readers participated. Many came to a previous Readaloud and all our grades had readers.

The children loved it. "You could see how proud the child felt as his or her quest walked in the door," said Mrs. Matthews. The shy smiles filled with love, warm hugs and kisses are touching. "It was wonderful to have these volunteers in the Library, and always fun to talk with previous participants," said the Librarian. Some volunteers said, "I love doing it. I look forward to it every year. This program is special. It is a pleasure."

Again we had grandmothers, grandfathers, aunts, uncles, cousins, godmothers, and family friends participate. One Reader was a previous student at Shaw Avenue School. A grandmother and grandfather traveled from Massachusetts to be part of the event.

These people did a great job expressing their love of reading and the importance of books in their lives. A big "thank you" to all those who participated.

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SHORT NOTES



Focus on fixes

When your child makes a mistake, it can be tempting to respond with criticism. Instead, try to focus on solutions. *Example:* Say, "Let's pin your key to the inside of your book bag," rather than, "I can't believe you forgot your key."

Weekly reading

A newspaper's help-wanted advertisements can be a great place for your child to practice reading. Encourage her to find a job description that sounds interesting. Have her think about what the job might be like. Or pretend you're the employer, and give her an "interview."

Family holiday

Need an idea for some fun family time? Ask your child to create a new holiday. Then, see how many ways he can think of to celebrate it. For example, on "Ice Cream Sunday," everyone could eat an ice cream dessert before dinner!

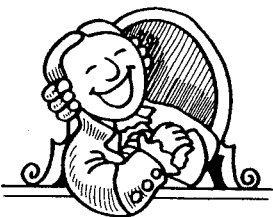
Worth quoting

"Those who stand for nothing fall for anything." *Alexander Hamilton*

JUST FOR FUN

Teacher: Who succeeded the first president of the United States?

Student: The second one.



Being a friend

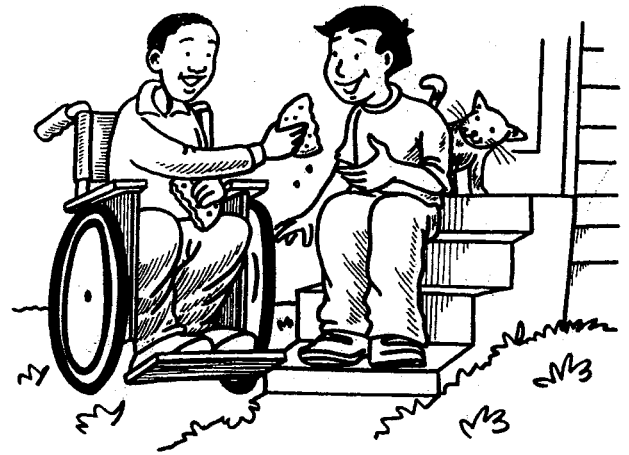
Daniel and Marcus have been friends since kindergarten. They like to talk, laugh, and try new activities together. Their friendship gives them confidence and security.

How can you help your child develop strong friendships? Teach him to be a good friend by talking with him about the qualities below.

Kindness. Your child may not realize that kindness often is shown in little ways. For instance, she could send a smile across a crowded room, say "hi" in the hallways, or split a cookie in half to share. If she performs simple acts of kindness, she's likely to also receive them.

Encouragement.

Most people need their friends the most when the going gets tough. Can your child think of situations when he could make a friend feel better? *Examples:* offering to help a classmate with a difficult math problem; telling a teammate, "Don't worry. We all make mistakes," after he messes up a play. Practicing now will make him more apt to be a good friend as he gets older.

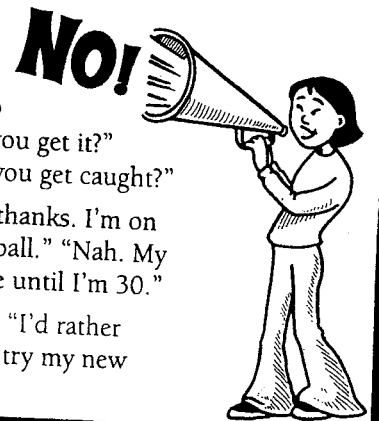


Patience. Your youngster may get frustrated when she and her friends disagree. It's important to remind her that no two people get along all the time. Sometimes people even say things they don't mean, such as, "You're not my friend anymore." Encourage your child to be patient. These storms usually blow over quickly. ♥

Defense against drugs

What's the only drug habit you want your children to develop? The habit of saying no! But saying the word "no" isn't the only solution. Share these additional ways your youngsters can avoid offers of alcohol and other drugs:

- Respond with questions. "What is it?" "What will it do to you?" "Where did you get it?" "What will happen if you get caught?"
- Give excuses. "No, thanks. I'm on my way to play basketball." "Nah. My parents will ground me until I'm 30."
- Suggest alternatives. "I'd rather watch a movie." "Let's try my new computer game." ♥



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