



Bulletin Board

Week of February 8, 2010

First Grade Valentine's Day Book Drive

The first grade classes will again be holding a Valentine's Day book drive. We are collecting new or gently used children's books. The books can range from pre-school board books up to young adult chapter books. All of the books collected will be donated to Cam-Care which is part of Cooper Hospital. When children come into the clinic, they will be able to select a book and then take it home with them. First graders would like to spread their love of reading to others by giving books filled with love for Valentine's Day. If you would like to donate a new or gently used book, please bring it into school by **Friday, February 19th**. We will be collecting the books in the first grade classrooms.

Lions Club International Used Eyeglass Box has been placed in the library. Please send your old unused eyeglasses to school and recycle.

The **2010 MathCounts** team is practicing hard this week with Teacher Joseph, getting ready for the Saturday, February 6th competition at Rowan University. Congratulations to this year's team: Lauren Brill, Ann Ciancia, Chloe Patrick and Ryan Wolfe, and to the alternates: Madison Brown, Blaine Fox, Matthew Graesser, and Talia Kramer. (The snow make-up date is Saturday, February 13th.)

Monday, February 8th Reception for Teacher Lucia from Uruguay

Our visiting teacher from Uruguay, Lucia Gadea, arrives on February 5th and will be with us for two weeks. She teaches English to 12, 13, and 14 year-old students at a large school in Barros Blacos, Uruguay. Parents along with faculty are invited to join us in welcoming Lucia at a small reception with tea and cookies at 3:15pm in the Hanshi Library.

Tuesday, February 9th Violin Night Presentations / 1st Grade at 6pm 2nd Grade at 7pm

Violin classes will be performing and sharing our class activities with their parents. Presentations will take place in the Big Exciting Space in the Hanshi Building.

Wednesday, February 10th Violin Night Presentations / 3rd Grade at 7pm

Presentation will take place in the Big Exciting Space in the Hanshi Building.

Wednesday, February 10th 7th Grade Trip to Chestnut Ridge Bakery / 9:30am - Noon

The 7th grade continues its year-long program in working with mentally/physically challenged adults by visiting the Chestnut Ridge/ARC Bakery in Washington Township.

Friday, February 12th School Closed for Teacher In-Service Day

Monday, February 15th School Closed for Presidents' Day

The **Yearbook** staff is working hard to meet deadlines. We are happy to have made our first deadline this week. As we begin to work on the lower grades pages and winter activities, if any parent has interesting pictures of class activities, please see your homeroom teacher, Teacher Joseph, Shaner or Patti to have them downloaded to our picture drive for Yearbook consideration. Thank you!

Upcoming Activities—

Parent Association Meeting

Monday, February 22nd

In the Library

The Executive Committee will meet at 6:15pm. All parents are invited to attend the General Meeting at 7pm.

2010 FSMH Winter Outing Deadline

Skiing, snowboarding and snow tubing will now take place on **February 28th** at Hunter Mountain.

February 12th is the FINAL due date for all money and permission slips. Click here for a [Registration Form](#).

We need 12 more to make the trip run, so please don't delay. Regrets or confirmations will be sent out on the 16th.

Third Grade Wax Museum

The third grade students will "bring history to life" this month. We will share the results of our month-long biography research projects at the Third Grade Wax Museum on **February 19th**. This event will be held throughout the day in our third grade classrooms. Stop in to meet some noteworthy personalities from history!

March Parent Teacher Conferences

Conferences will be held on Thursday evening, March 18th between 5:30pm and 8:00pm, and on Friday, March 19th between 9:00am and 1:00pm. Conference appointments are made by **calling the main office**, and are scheduled in **fifteen minute intervals only**. If at any time you feel that more time is needed to speak with your child's teachers, please make arrangements to meet with them at a mutually agreed upon time on a day other than conference day, so that all parents are able to have their time with the teachers. Please remember, that school will be closed on Friday, March 19th. There will be an Extended Day field trip scheduled on that day for registered users only.

If you are unable to attend on the conference days, but would still like to meet with a teacher, please email the teacher with your request. If you have any questions, please call the main office at 478-2908.

For basketball schedule information please see the FSMH website link [Winter Basketball Schedules](#).

Box Tops and Marketplace

Currently, our school has earned \$530 from Box Tops for Education. An additional \$75 was earned by online shoppers at Marketplace. We encourage all FSMH families to sign up at [BoxTops4Education.com](#). Shopping online through Marketplace gives our school "free money" from percentages of your total purchase. Remember, you can use your Scrip Cards for all your purchases through Marketplace. This doubles Friends School earnings. For the current Box Tops for Education collection sheet due on **February 19th**, [click here](#).

Dear Friends School Family,

Thank you so much for helping me with my service project. With your help, I was able to exceed my goal of 100 boxes, because I was able to pack 126 holiday boxes for the Senior Citizens! All of your donations were appreciated.

We delivered the boxes to the Bentley Senior Living home in Pennsauken, NJ. There was so much joy and excitement on the faces of the people when they opened their boxes! Many of them don't have families, but what I didn't know is that some of the people **do** have families, but they never come to visit. When I found that out, I made a decision to visit at least once a month.

Again, thank you so much for all your help. I hope it made you feel as good as it made me feel!

Sincerely,
Ugenée Monroe
8th Grader