

THE MARGARET GIOIOSA PLEASANT PLAINS SCHOOL

P.S. 3 NEWSLETTER

MAY/JUNE 2009

PRESIDENT'S PITCH

It's hard to believe that the end of the school year has come so quickly. Before we know it, summer will be here. We hope that everyone had a wonderful school year with all the PTA sponsored activities which we have enjoyed volunteering for. We know that the children enjoyed them all.

Congratulations to all our graduates and good luck in middle school! We are sure that you will continue to succeed in whatever you do.

We would like to thank all the volunteers for all their hard work and dedication throughout the year. The chairpersons of each committee has made every PTA function worth going to. It's wonderful to make money for the school but it's another to make memories for the children which we believe was accomplished this year. There are too many people to name, but you know who you are and you know that you are greatly appreciated. Those of us who dedicate all our time for others, do it for the way it makes us feel and not for the glamour because we know there is no glamour in it.

Please continue to volunteer your time with the PTA. Each year we lose volunteers who graduate out but the number of PTA sponsored activities always stays the same or increases. Without volunteers, the PTA can not exist so volunteer for your child and for your school. Always remember, that PS 3 is the place to be! Have a wonderful summer.

With warmest regards,
Dawn Chadwick & Shari Piscitelli/Co-Presidents

PTA phone number
718-984-1021/Extension 1101

FOR THE LAST TIME

As I leave PS 3, after many years, I take with me the comfort of knowing that I leave it in very dedicated and capable hands. Over the years I have made some decisions that not everyone was happy about. I hope that everyone recognizes that the decisions I made have always been for the good of the school and for the good of the children. Through my many years at PS 3, I have made good friends who have stood by me

through good days, bad days and in between days and I thank you.

As a president and parent I leave with the wonderful memories of Holiday Fairs, Talent Shows, Plant Sales and even elevator construction.

As this chapter of my life comes to an end, another one starts, but I will always remember my wonderful time at PS 3. I thank you all for allowing me the opportunity of being with your children and watching them grow. I salute all the staff who have made my years and my children's years at PS 3 unforgettable. Good luck to you all. I will miss you.

And for the last time for me, PS 3 really is the place to be!

Yours truly,

Shari Piscitelli

SINCERE APPRECIATION

On behalf of the PTA, we want to take this opportunity to thank Shari for all her hard work and dedication she put into making the PTA and the school "The Place To Be". She is truly a leader and will be missed more than she could imagine. Thank you for all you've brought to PS3 to make such special memories for the children. Good luck in all you do. Keep in touch.

P.S. 3 PTA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEMBERS

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IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS:

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Annex	227-2854
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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

School arrival and dismissal: School begins promptly at 8:20 am. Students arriving after 8:30 am will be marked late. Please refrain from signing students out early. If you have an emergency or doctor's appointment, please do not sign them out between the hours of 2:40-3:10 pm as this is a very busy time in the office. **We remind all parents who drop students off in the morning and pick them up in the afternoon: DO NOT DOUBLE PARK AROUND THE SCHOOL!!! This illegal habit has recently fueled verbal confrontations among our parents and resulted in an elderly grandfather being physically assaulted-all in front of our children!!! PS 3 will be calling Staten Island Traffic Control on a regular basis and demand that tickets be issued to parents who continue to double park.**

Learning Environment Surveys: We would like to thank all of our families who participated in the 2009 Learning Environment Survey. Preliminary results show that 503 of our 604 families responded. This gives us an 83.2% response rate, up 1.2% from last year. The results from the Learning Environment Survey will inform us how parents view our school's academic expectations, level of safety and respect, communication and parent engagement.

Swine Flu Update: We have received directives from the Department of Education and Department of Health regarding protocols to follow in the event that a student or staff member presents flu-like symptoms (fever of 100.5 or higher, AND cough, headache, body aches, etc...). We are also diligently calling parents of absent students to assess whether or not absent children have fever and any other respiratory symptoms. A cluster of cases must be reported to our school nurses who will inform the Department of Health. There have been many rumors regarding cases of swine flu on Staten Island. To date, no school on Staten Island, including PS 3, has had any confirmed cases. Only the Center for Disease Control can confirm a case of swine flu. Please reinforce good hygiene habits with your child, such as frequent hand washing and coughing or sneezing into your arm rather than your hand.

Spring Festival of the Arts: This annual event will be taking place on May 21st. This year, in addition to the performances of our 4th and 5th

grade orchestra, chorus and recorder ensemble, we will have an art show which will showcase student's art work in grades K-5.

Only those students whose parents respond that they will be attending will have their work displayed in a frame.

Your child's matted and framed keepsake art work will be available for you to purchase for \$29.95. Please return the tear-off from the Art Show flyer if you are planning to attend. The Art Show will be open from 5:00-7:00 pm and the Concert will begin promptly at 7:00 PM.

Safety and Discipline: We ask your cooperation in reviewing appropriate school behavior with your children at this time, especially in the cafeteria, bathrooms and on the bus. We have been reminding children that the Discipline Code remains in effect throughout the school year and disciplinary action will be taken should infractions occur. Every parent and child signed a behavior contract at the beginning of the school year indicating you reviewed the Discipline Code with them at home. We appreciate your cooperation.

End of year procedures: As the school year draws to an end, please be reminded of the following:

1. If your child loses a book, it is your responsibility to pay for it. We will hold the report card until the bill is paid.
2. If you are planning to be away on the last day of school please provide your child's teacher with a self addressed, stamped envelope so that we can send his/her report card to you.

Have a safe and enjoyable summer vacation. Weather permitting, we will be lining up in the school yard on the first day of school. See you on September 8th! (There will be a half day dismissal for all kindergarten students on September 8th and 9th.

Working together for P.S.3,
Donna Gioello
Principal

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ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Bus Eligibility for 2009-2010

We are in the process of updating our transportation records for the upcoming school year (2009-2010). You will be receiving letters regarding your child's eligibility for bus transportation this month. Please fill out all the information on the tear-off and submit it as soon as possible to your child's teacher. Chancellor Regulation #A-801 and The Office of Pupil Transportation, gives explicit guidelines regarding bus eligibility. We would like parents informed of the following information which is also available on the Office of Pupil Transportation website at:

www.opt-osfns.org

Remember bus eligibility is determined according to the distance you live from the PS 3 MAIN/ANNEX building. The Office of Pupil Transportation uses the following criteria to determine who is entitled to ride the school bus:

- KINDERGARTEN, FIRST AND SECOND graders must live $\frac{1}{2}$ mile or more from the school.
- THIRD, FOURTH AND FIFTH graders must live 1 mile or more from the school.

Transportation will be provided to and from the STOP closest to your child's residence. Busing will not be provided to residences of babysitters, grandparents, etc. If you feel that your child is eligible for a HAZARD or MEDICAL variance, forms are available on the OPT website. If you need further assistance please call the transportation coordinator at Public School 3's Main/Annex building.

Ms. Coccozza - Main Building: 718-984-1021

Ms. Grangio - Annex Building: 718-227-2854



Isolina Patricia Best

Your beautiful flowers were most appreciated as we welcomed Isolina into the world.

I hope you all have a great summer,

*Maria I. Cavallo-Best,
Acting Assistant Principal*

PARENT COORDINATOR'S CORNER:

Dear Parents:

It's hard to believe that another school year has passed. As I watch the fifth grade practice for their final assembly, I reminisce about their kindergarten days. Cherish these years because before you know it they are all grown up. I honestly can say that as a parent I miss the days of non-stop baseball, basketball and soccer (although I chronically complained) and sitting in the bleachers for hours on end.

I would like to thank those parents who completed their surveys. We have not received the final count of surveys received but at last count we were over 83%.

As we approach the long days of summer, I would like to pass along some summertime tips for both parents and students. Keeping children busy during the summer months is a full time job plus for both working and stay at home parents. The Staten Island Advance is full of summertime activities and places to go and things to see. Watch for publications like SI Parent (which is free) in local supermarkets and stores that also lists activities throughout the island. Staten Island is rich with points of interest and hidden treasures most of which are free or ask for a small donation. And don't forget the local library. You can call for a schedule of events or on line at www.nypl.org. You don't need to break the bank to entertain the kids either. It just takes a bit of creative planning. You can find many "buy one get one free" and discount coupons for local activities like bowling, mini golf, and movies by just watching the newspaper. Watch for local coupon books and free children's magazines with coupons for island wide activities. You can check out chain restaurant web-sites for promotions like Chuckie Cheese, Quizono's and Boston Market. Plan a day in the park with friends, pack a lunch, balls, and jump ropes, frizz bees, and don't forget the sun screen. And just relax in wide open spaces.

Start a "School's Out" Tradition. To mark the beginning of the summer and say goodbye to our school year, write special [thank-you notes](#) and

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draw pictures for the kids' teachers. Create and Maintain Summertime Structure. A month or so before school ends, begin to talk to your children about our summer plans and activities. Purchase a wipe able calendar mark all your plans for the next four to six weeks so that everyone in your household knows what is going on every day as well as what's ahead. Remember what worked and didn't work in the past summers -- a special trip to a water park, a sports activity, and a camp-out -- make an extra effort to schedule again whenever it makes sense. This continuity from summer to summer really helps, and also gives us things to highlight when we're talking about what we're going to be up to.

Set Summer Goals to combat the I'm-soo-bored's. Encourage and help the kids set some sort of realistic goal, assign household chores, an athletic one (anything from push-ups to lap swimming) and a reading one (usually completing a series of books). These simple, attainable goals have provided some structure and helped the kids feel like they've achieved something during the summer too.

It is important to maintain a study time with your child. Because before you know it September will be here.

I would like to thank Mrs. Gioello, Mrs. Best, Mrs. Giovannini, teachers, staff, parents and the dedicated PTA for all their hard work and making my job a personally rewarding one.

Have a Great Summer,

Linda Marone, Parent Coordinator

Summer Contact Information

School Office - 718-984-1021

School Cell - 347-563-4687 -

E-Mail - lmarone@schools.nycboe.gov

I will be available during the summer for any questions (best way is e-mail)

Working Together for PS 3

Linda Marone, Parent Coordinator

PTA MINUTES

March 11, 2009

- Shari opened the meeting with the pledge at 9:15
- Mrs. Gioello spoke about the changes on the calendar; will be sent out
- Handbooks will be sent home with the oldest child

- May 21—Spring Arts festival will have the band and chorus performing, also have art exhibit which the children created, the artwork will be framed and can be purchased, we need volunteers to help put the pictures in frames; they will cost approximately \$24 and change; the school will get a percentage
- The carnival date was changed; there will be one permission slip for both days
- There was 1 mistake in the handbook; the link for storm warning
- She requested a vote for $\frac{1}{2}$ day. Quality review rubrics changed. Teachers should have goals, principal needs to meet with them for 2 hours; the teachers will set goals in each subject for the children next year; the document with goals will be put on carbon paper and parents will get a copy
- Committee was formed—chancellor regulation C-30 to appoint an assistant principal
- Motion to vote for $\frac{1}{2}$ day on 4/29 by Phyllis Sotile and Cathy Sciascia—all agreed (27)
- Nurse Veronica spoke about the Health Fair on 4/2/09 at 7pm—trying to target 5th grade on smoking and tobacco and 4th grade on nutrition
- Linda Marone spoke about Health Fair/Science Expo—we will have more community organizations coming, incentives will be given
- L. Tobacco will be coming to the school for an assembly
- Spoke about cell phone rage "sexting" porn materials are being texted, be aware of your child and talk to them
- Mrs. Gioello suggested to keep our children young for as long as possible
- L. Marone mentioned tonight is movie night
- New School (K-8) opening; IS861, The Staten Island School of Civil Leadership (District Wide) applications are available
- March 30-Apr. 30 Bread of Life Drive w/Notre Dame Club—send to needy
- April 4—Farrell will be packaging the food, love to have kids help
- CEC elections are coming up
- Surveys will be going home with the oldest child; make sure you get confirmation if you do it online. Children will get a homework pass; the class with 100% return will get a pizza party
- There are 54 seats for Pre-K—priority (home zone w/sibling, home zone, non home zone)
- She has information on Health Plus, they will be here 4/2
- Shari sent around SI Federation form to donate \$5 for SI High School Scholarship; name goes in book

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- o Motion to waive minutes Cathy Sciascia and Phyllis Sotile
- o Budget Read:

TREASURER'S REPORT

As of 2/11/09	
Beginning balance	\$21,841.59
Deposits	\$29,240.66
Disbursements	\$23,855.18
Ending Balance	\$27,227.07

- o Budget accepted by Debbie Monello and Dominique Migliorato
- o \$905 in vouchers went to the school from the book fair; (poor selection for younger children)
- o Apr. 7 another book fair at family literacy night
- o Positions available for committee/officers
- o Spring Pictures Apr. 1 Annex; Apr. 2 Main
- o We are not accepting cash or checks because of bouncing checks; money orders only for all PTA sponsored function
- o Carnival date changed May 18 and the rain date will be May 20
- o 4/9-4/17 No school
- o 4/22 next PTA meeting
- o 5/5 Plant Sale set up
- o 5/6 and 5/7 Plant Sale
- o Spoke about willingness to serve forms for next year
- o Mrs. Best said that the parent handbook is on the website: www.schools.nyc.gov; find a school; 31R003; click on school; parent support, calendar is listed under events and will be updated as needed.
- o Linda Marone suggested that the PTA purchase a new TV for the children to watch movies
- o Motion to close—B. Pinkava and D. Monello

PTA MINUTES

April 22, 2009

- o Shari started the meeting with the pledge at 9:15
- o Budget was read:

TREASURER'S REPORT

As of 3/11/09	
Beginning balance	\$27,234.58
Deposits	\$ 9,052.43
Disbursements	\$ 4,899.70
Ending Balance	\$31,387.31

- o Budget was accepted by P. Sotile and D. Migliorato

- o Shari expressed deepest sympathy to Carol Barcelona; her husband passed away
- o Duval fire: trying to figure out what to do
- o Linda Marone spoke about Pre-K open house will be 4/23
- o 5/5 Kindergarten orientation
- o 5/7 Open house for gifted and talented program—when you get the score, there are 5 locations; they will take the top scores; they will take the top 25 for P.S. 3; if 2 children have the same score, it will be prioritized home zone w/sibling
- o 4/29 movie night K-2nd grades—Muppet Movie
- o 80% return rate for survey
- o 6/6 Saturday Participating in children's day parade at Midland Beach; lots of stuff going on that day
- o 6/25 SI Yankee Night
- o Did well with the Pajama Project--\$800; representative coming to the school to thank us
- o Science/Health Fair was successful
- o Collecting Clothes for 7 boys; ages 2 through 14 (3 are here)
- o Festival of The Arts coming; flyer will go home
- o CEC Community Info: 5/12 Towne Hall Mtg—Donald Pagano is hosting; Prescription drug awareness—kids are selling pain killers; 4/28 Special Ed mtg.; www.cec31@schools.nyc
- o Mrs. Gioello changed kdn. orientation. Used to be weekend, now during the week. Too many complaints
- o If you bring your child to work: if your boss signs a letter that you child went to work with you, it will count as an explained absence
- o 4/29 $\frac{1}{2}$ day—Quality Review
- o Mrs. Barcelona's husband passed away
- o Science test is ongoing -4th grade
- o Library being redone
- o Staff appreciation day may be held in the gym
- o Lester Laminac, children's author, writes memoirs, teachers loved it. He uses beautiful language, spoke about reading; can come in for children; or after school for a professional development piece. There is a fee involved (consultant); coming to NY 6/4, hoping to get him to come here; we have a grant (we have to provide info for the grant)
- o Motion to discuss \$5,000 grant for the author to come—C. Scanni and P. Sotile
- o Shari is not sure of cost for airfare, hotel, food; whatever is left over, we can buy culture books
- o Motion to vote—all agreed (24)
- o We would like to leave \$8,000 in account for next year

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- If we have any money left over, what to do with it; we can always leave it for next year.
- Mrs. Gioello stated that we do not have a computer lab because kids were playing games; we just purchased lap tops
- 4th and 5th grade are showing how to research, plagiarism, authentic research, teachers have schedules as to when kids can go on
- All 4th and 5th grade have smart boards; eventually but kdn will have them
- Not sure if we will have a librarian next year (or what form according to the budget)
- Shari said we could buy a couple more lap tops (buying privately not covered under doe)
- PTA writes check—deposit in school
- Probably use tables and chairs with extra money
- Motion to discuss buying tables and chairs— all agreed
- We need \$500 to buy more tables in Costco; motion to vote D. Migliorato and G. Rennols—all in favor (24)
- 5/1 Teacher/Staff Recognition Day—Steve suggested buying Dunkin Donuts gift cards
- Ask parents to donate desserts (3rd and 5th grade)
- 6/25 End of Year Party for Teachers 7:30-11:30 Vanderbilt \$65
- 6/10 PTA Installation Dinner 7-11 South Shore Country Club \$55
- Thanked Tracey Catalano and Phyllis Sotile for book fair at Literacy Night; Debi Palumbo and Debbie Monello for the Spring Pictures
- The school received \$905 in vouchers
- Mrs. Gioello thanked Fran Raniero for vision testing (we need new parents; training session)
- Shari read the slate of officers so far for next year:
- Co Presidents—Dawn Chadwick/Marie D'Acunto
- 1st Vice President: Phyllis Sotile
- Corresponding Secretary: Debi Palumbo
- Recording Secretary: Ann Marie Ciancimino
- Treasurer: Barbara Pinkava
- Parliamentarian: Patricia Caridad and Debbie Monello
- 5/27 Nansen Park (5th Grade)
- 5/27 Last PTA Meeting 7:00 P.M.
- 5/28 Ice Cream Party
- Shirley (parent) spoke about "Autism Speaks"—there will be a walk on 6/15; she will be raffling a basket at the plant sale \$10 a raffle; her goal is \$1,000
- Motion to close C. Scanni and S. Goldstein

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SCHOOL SPIRIT FUN DAY

Our "School Spirit Fun Day" was a huge success! The weather thankfully held up and the kids seemed to have a ball. I would like to thank everyone who came out to volunteer, as well as those who helped during the planning. We have a wonderful school filled with great parents and children. Seeing so many people pull together for the benefit of the kids is what makes PS 3 so special. Have a great summer!

Marie D'Acunto, "Fun Day" Chairperson

CRAFT COMMITTEE

We would like to thank everyone for all their help this year making crafts.

The Craft Committee

READING VOLUNTEER

We would like to thank everyone who gave their time and participated in the reading volunteer program. Enjoy your summer and we will see you next year.

Phyllis Sotile

Dominique Migliorato

IMPORTANT DATES

- 5/25 No school
- 5/27 Nansen Park Trip for 5th Grade-
- 5/27 Last PTA Meeting
- 5/28 Reading Rocket Ice Cream Party
- 5/29 5th Grade Receives Yearbook
- 6/5 Pre-K Stepping Up Ceremony
- 6/8 and 6/10 Bueller Science Center Trip
- 6/12 Kindergarten Sing
- 6/17 5th grade award ceremony
- 6/19 5th grade graduation

Spotlight on Students

The following students have won awards, are in current art exhibits, or were in contests based on their artistic talent and creativity:

- PS Art 2009 Semi-Finalists
(MMA, Board of Education, Studio in a School)
- Rose Gaetano "The Dark Dolphin Night" (K)
- Nicholas Tovbin "Giraffe" (K)
- Presented May 16th on Madison Ave., and displayed during Second Annual Gallery Walk
- Janqueline Landau "Twinkle, Twinkle" (1)
- Presented May 16th on Madison Ave., and displayed during Second Annual Gallery Walk
- Honored Participant:
Tristan Dameano "The Little Red Train" (2)

Statewide 16th Annual Chinese Painting Contest
Katelyn Bassano (1) Chinese Landscape
Honorable Mention Winner, Group 1 (Grades K-2)
in the Statewide 16th Annual Chinese Painting
Contest, sponsored by the Asian Languages
Bilingual/ESL Technical Assistance Center.
(Awarded: May 20th, Flushing Town Hall,
Flushing, NY) Her work and bio will be posted on
the websites of the New York City Department
of Education and the ALBETAC.

Honored Participant:

Gabrielle De Sena (1) Cherry Blossoms
Snug Harbor Cultural Center Exhibition:
Newhouse Gallery Districts 20, 21, and 31

Student work Exhibited:

Daniel Indictor "The Quiet Elephant" (1)
Michelle Kozoubei "The Lonely Peacock" (1)
Isabella Stone "The Plum Tree" (1)

Honored Participants:

Jack Min (K) collage
Dominic Nagovski (K) collage
Christina Frisella (1) watercolor
Raymond Rosario (1) crayon, oil pastel, tempera
James Cafaro (4) mixed media
Sasha Pevtsov (4) mixed media

These are the names of the children whose art
work was selected for Snug Harbor.

Joni Marie Urban 1-128
Steven Thomas 5-141

The following students are getting a certificate
of recognition for work submitted but not
selected

Emily Morris K-166
Samantha Miller K 166
Leo Simkin 5-141
Cameron Regan 4-108
Gabrielle Miniero 1-128
Olga Grygiel 5-143

BREAKFAST/LUNCH MENUS

If you would like to visit the web site that
provides the menus for each month, go to
www.opt-osfns.org and click on Brooklyn/Staten
Island, Elementary School menus. Attached is
the breakfast and lunch menu for May and June.

LUNCH MONEY

Please note envelopes are now sent home for you
to include the check for hot lunch. Milk can be
purchased as a snack for \$.25/day.

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ICE CREAM OFFERED AT LUNCH

Every Thursday ice cream and ices will be
available to the children in the cafeteria (after
they eat lunch) for \$1.00. If you would like to
volunteer to serve ice cream on a Thursday,
please call Stacy Monaco 356-7512 for the
Annex or Fran Rainero 605-3789 for the Main
Building. If you want your child to have ice
cream, please make sure you send in \$1.00.
Thank you.

GENERAL MILLS BOX TOPS CONTEST

The PTA is collecting General Mills box tops.
These box tops can be found on hundreds of
different foods.

All you need to do is clip the "Box Top For
Education" label, put them in an envelope with
your child's name and class number, and have
your child place it in the collection boxes in the
lobby of the Main Building or Annex. Free ice
cream will be offered to each child each time
he/she brings in 50 box tops. Box tops are not
given directly to the volunteers serving the ice
cream. The coupon will be sent home with the
child after the Box Top Committee has tallied
the number of Box Tops donated. This coupon
can be redeemed on any Thursday in the
cafeteria for a free ice cream. There is no limit
to how many coupons a child can receive, but
they may only redeem one coupon per week.

CAMPBELL'S SOUP LABELS

P.S. 3 also participates in the Labels for
Education Program sponsored by Campbells. You
can help P.S. 3 earn free merchandise for our
school. It is easy to pitch in. Simply save labels
of clip proofs of purchase from any of the
following eligible Campbell products and sent
them into school with your child: Campbell's
soups, Campbell's Supper Bakes meal kits,
Campbell's or Franco American SpaghettiOs
pasta, Campbell's beans, gravies and canned
pasta, Prego pasta sauces, Swanson broths and
canned poultry, Pace salsa and picante sauces, V8
vegetable juices and V8 Splash juice drinks,
Campbell's tomato juice; Pepperidge Farm
Goldfish crackers, and Campbell's Foodservice
products. Please note that the UPC Codes must
be included when clipping the labels. Please visit
www.labelsforeducation.com for more
information about this program. Any questions,
please contact Barbara Parks, 718 605-8602.

INK CARTRIDGES

P.S. 3 is now accepting empty ink jet and laser printing cartridges for our "Think About the Ink" recycling program. This is a fund raiser endeavor for our school and it also keeps our environment clean!! Students simply bring in empty cartridges (small cartridges only) in a plastic baggie or wrapped in newspaper, drop it in the "Think About the Ink" box which is located by the front entrance. Our school will receive between \$1.00 and \$12.00 for each cartridge that can be recycled. Any questions, please contact Barbara Parks, 718 605-8602.

NEWSLETTER ARTICLES

If you would like to place an article in the newsletter, please place it in the PTA mailbox in an envelope with "Newsletter" written on it at either the Main Building or the Annex or email ptanews@si.rr.com. Any questions/suggestions, please feel free to contact Ann Marie Ciancimino, 718 614-0986. Just a reminder, we are now sending the newsletter by email. For people who do not have email, we will put limited copies in the office at the main building and the annex.

ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS

Placing an ad in the P.S. 3 newsletter provides you with a great opportunity to have hundreds of parents see an advertisement for your business.

If you would like to place an advertisement in the newsletter, the cost is \$10.00 per newsletter. There are five newsletters per school year. Advertisements are usually a business card size. If you are interested in placing an ad, please email ptanews@si.rr.com. Please place a check made out "P.S. 3" in an envelope addressed to "Newsletter" and place it in the PTA mailbox, at either the Main Building or the Annex.

LOCKS OF LOVE

Locks of Love is an organization that accepts donations of hair (must be 10 inches or more) and uses it to make wigs for cancer patients. If you would like more information or would like to contribute to this organization, please contact www.locksoflove.org

LOST AND FOUND BOX

There is a lost and found box in the office of both the Main Building and the Annex. Please check the lost and found boxes if your children are missing any items. Also, please label your children's belongings with name and class, as this will make it easier to identify any items that may be lost.

STUDENT/CITIZEN OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to the Students and Citizens of the Month! Please see attached list for the names of those students for March and April.

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

Information from the NYPD regarding known sex offenders living in Staten Island is available in the General Office at the Main Building upon request.

PARKING REGULATIONS

Please do not park/double park in front of the school and get out of your car. The front of the school is for drop off only. If you want to walk your child into the school, please park your car away from the school.

Do not park in the fire lane at the Annex. Please adhere to the "One Way" signs at the Annex.

When letting your child out of the car, do not let them out on the driver's side.

In the afternoon, the front of the school is for the buses only. Please do not park on South Goff Avenue since the buses cannot get through.

ThankYou,

Safety and Transportation Committee

A NOTE FROM MRS. CALLAHAN:

Associated Press, March 25

Music training good for reading, too

Children exposed to a multi-year program of music involving training in-increasingly complex rhythmic, tonal and practical skills show greater cognitive performance in reading than do their nonmusically trained peers, says a study published in the journal *Psychology of Music*.

The study's authors, Long Island University scholars Joseph M. Piro and Carnilo Ortiz, looked at 2nd-graders in two U.S. schools, one that routinely trained children in music and one that did not. Both schools followed comprehensive balanced literacy programs. Researchers tested the hypothesis that there were similarities in the way that individuals interpret music and language.

"Because neural response to music is a widely distributed system within the brain...it would not be unreasonable to expect that some processing networks for music and language behaviors, namely reading, located in both hemispheres of the brain would overlap," they wrote.

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The study looked at two reading subskills—vocabulary and verbal sequencing --which, according to the authors are cornerstone components in the continuum of literacy development and a window into the subsequent successful acquisition of proficient reading and language skills such as decoding and reading comprehension.”

Participants were individually tested to assess their reading skills at the start and close of the school year. Results showed that the music-learning group had markedly better vocabulary and verbal sequencing scores than did the non-music-learning control group.

This finding, conclude the authors, provides evidence to support the increasingly common practice of “educators incorporating a variety of approaches, including music, in their teaching practice in continuing efforts to improve reading achievement in children.”

Science Daily, March 16 .

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STUDENT AND CITIZEN OF THE MONTH
March 2009

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>STUDENT</u>	<u>CITIZEN</u>
K-001 MS. GUIDO	ETHAN HOY	FRANCESCA LEPORE
K-002 MS. BRACCO	VICTORIA CANNAVA	CHRISTOPHER KELLY
K-003 MS. GIAMMARINO	ANGELINA CHILLAK	MATTHEW WILSON
K-004 MS. RANDAZZO	GARY MARGOSSIAN	ANDREW NIKITKOV
K-005 MS. DESARO	SONYA GUGLIARA	TEREZA SILVERMAN
K-006 MS. SMART	RACHEL KOGAN	SIMONA VELINOV
K-007 MS. VICINO	KATARINA ALBANO	JACK DUVAL
1-115 MS. ALIBERTI	GREGORY EIRING	MELANIE NANNETTI
$\frac{1}{2}$ -904 MS. JACOBELLIS	LARRY MIGUEL	
1-105 MS. JACOBSON	VINCENZA SIERA	MICHELLE KOZOUBEI
1-104 MS. SERECIN	HOLLER PLOUCHER	ANTHONY SQUILLACIOTTI
1-103 MS. CAPOTOSTO	CHRISTINA FRISELLA	KATELYN BASSANO
1-102 MS. FITZGERALD	STEPHEN CACIOPPO	RAIJAN PETERS
1-101 MS. VITALE	COURTNEY MOANE	JOSHUA SZYMANSKI
2-205 MS. PEPE	JADE MOSCATO	ANISAH KABAKCI
2-201 MS. IANNETTI	MICHAEL DELVILLAR	CHRISTIAN CALI
2-202 MS. HERTZBERG	GABRIELLA QUINONES	JOHN ROSARIO
2-203 MS. BRUCK	MICHAEL REGAN	DAVID GOLDBERG
2-204 MS. WHITEHEAD	JESSICA GRASSO REBECCA IRVINE	MATTHEW FRIEDMAN
CLASS 5 MR. IMBRIALE	JAKOB LEVINE	JOSEPH FALLACARO
CLASS 6 MR. GILLIES	MICHAEL VARRONE	ZACHARY FATT
3-301 MS. WOZENCROFT	NICOLE FRISELLA	CONNOR BRADLEY
3-302 MS. INSALACO	NICHOLAS LOMBARDO	TONIANNE EIRING
3-303 MS. BARBIERI	CHRISTOPHER REDMOND & JAMES BOARDMAN	JOHN GIAMMARINO
3-304 MS. STROH	ANNE LEE	ADRIEL MACKINZE
3-305 MS. FULMINO	JOSEPH LEPORE	ISABELLA WISNIEWSKI
4-401 MS. SABELLA	ELLA YAKIR	SALVATORE D'AMBRA
4-402 MS. SHIELDS	DANIELLA LAMA	TAYLOR COLEMAN
4-403 MS. CAPECE	FRANK PATALANO	TIMOTHY HODGENS
4-404 MS. KOSTANBADER & MS. MCCORMACK	FELIX MALAMUD	GEORGE PACIFICO
3/4 -901 MS. TORRES	MICHAEL RANDAZZO	
4-902 MS. FERRER	MEGAN SIRICO	DARRIN CHARLES
5-501 MS. CORNO	RICHARD DIORIO	ALISSON SCIASCIA
5-502 MS. DAMATO	OLGA GRYGIEL	ALEXIA SCOTTO
5-503 MS. AMBIO	EMILIA KACPERAK	JOSEPH CENDAGORTA
5-504 MS. BUCCINI	MATTHEW CONOVER	XHENET CAPANI

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K-001 MS. GUIDO	Alexis Lambertson	Maxim Petrovsky
K-002 MS. BRACCO	Divine Grace Drone	Daniella Ferrara
K-003 GIAMMARINO	Amanda Palermo	Angel Munoz
K-004 MS. RANDAZZO	Alyssa Ryan	Theresa Rodriques
K-005 MS. DESARO	Taylor Biscuiti	A.J. Montana
K-006 MS. SMART	Michael Santoro	Julianna Verde
K-007 MS. VICINO	Katarina Albano	Jack Duval
K/1-102 Ms. McErlean	Eduardo Huertas	
1-115 MS. ALIBERTI	Anthony Esposito	Frank Pira
$\frac{1}{2}$ -904 MS. JACOBELLIS	Devin Minunni	
1-105 MS. JACOBSON	Julia Schrader	Luljeta Capani
1-104 MS. SERECIN	Lenny Lomangino	Olivia Zhu
1-103 MS. CAPOTOSTO	Michael Andreano	Dayna Willoughby
1-102 MS. FITZGERALD	Jonnie Urban	Joyce Casertano
1-101 MS. VITALE	Jacqueline Landau	Justin Cheripka
2-205 MS. PEPE	Nicholas Sgammato	Hudson Scanni
2-201 MS. IANNETTI	Amanda Tufariello	Melina Sainovski
2-202 MS. HERTZBERG	Joseph Pinkava	Charles Campitiello
2-203 MS. BRUCK	Rosalia Lopizzo	Frankie Falco
2-204 MS. WHITEHEAD	Nicolette Morro and Robert Antico	Taylor Gallo
CLASS 5 MR. IMBRIALE	Saboor Choudhry	Michael Iacono
CLASS 6 MR. GILLIES	Daniel Flynn	Joe Dunn
3-302 MS. INSALACO	Alexandra Teutonico	Ryan Moleta
3-303 MS. BARBIERI	Christina Verdino and Erica Lopiccolo	Brianna Goldstein
3-304 MS. STROH	John Curreri	Christian Guarnera
3-305 MS. FULMINO	Ekatherina Kapitanova	Michael Tarulli
3-301 MS. WOZENCROFT	Veronica Bulding	Nikki Picciallo
4-402 MS. SHIELDS	Ethan Fernandez	Sasha Pevtsov
4-403 MS. CAPECE	Maxsim Tsyruhnik	Michael Feldman
4-148 MS. SABELLA	Katrina Orzillo	Joseph Weisberg
4-404 MS. KOSTANBADER & MS. MCCORMACK	Samantha Majzner	Joseph Gagliardi
$\frac{3}{4}$ -901 MS. TORRES	Sal Joe Raguso	
4-902 MS. FERRER	Darrin Charles	Megan Sirico
5-503 MS. AMBIO	Nicholas Manfra	Briana Epstein
5-502 MS. DAMATO	Elizabeth Martin	Dominique Scarabaggio
5-504 MS. BUCCINI	Jaime Moriarty	Samantha Manfre
5-501 MS. CORNO	Nicky Chen	Billie Jo Fischetti

Citywide Breakfast Menu Brooklyn II/Staten Island – May 2009

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1 "Hot Stuffed Sandwich" Cheese Omelet on a Small Whole Wheat Bun Turkey Bacon Strips Raisin Toast w/ Jelly Assorted Milk
4 Cinnamon Raisin Bagel Burst Pancake served w/Warm Syrup Assorted Milk	5 Scrambled Eggs served w/Candian Bacon & Sliced Wh.Wh.Toast Whole Grain Apple Cinnamon Loaf Assorted Milk	6 French Toast served w/Warm Syrup Assorted Fruit Yogurt Assorted Milk	7 Breakfast Sausage Roll Tasty Cinnamon Biscuit served w/Jelly Assorted Milk	8 Whole Grain Blueberry Square Warm Croissant w/Jelly Assorted Milk
11 Breakfast Bruschetta Waffle served w/Warm Syrup Assorted Milk	12 Corn Bread served w/Jelly Cinnamon Burst Pancakes served w/Warm Syrup Assorted Milk	13 "Hot Stuffed Sandwich" Egg Omelete w/Sliced Ham, Cheese on an English Muffin Whole Grain Blueberry Square Assorted Milk	14 Cream Cheese Bagel-ful Orange/Cranberry Muffin Assorted Milk	15 Turkey Sausage Patty on a Warm Buttermilk Biscuit Whole Grain Banana Bread Assorted Milk
18 Warm Croissant served w/Jelly Whole Grain Blueberry Square Assorted Milk	19 Pancake served w/Warm Syrup Assorted Fruit Yogurt Assorted Milk	20 Scrambled Eggs with Canadian Bacon and Sliced WW Toast Tasty Cinnamon Biscuit served w/Jelly Assorted Milk	21 Breakfast Sausage Roll Whole Grain Apple Cinnamon Loaf Assorted Milk	22 Cinnamon Bagel-ful French Toast served w/Warm Syrup Assorted Milk
25 MEMORIAL DAY Waffles served w/ Warm Syrup Orange Cranberry Muffin Assorted Milk	26 Breakfast Bruschetta Corn Muffin served with Jelly Assorted Milk	27 Bagel Bar Cinnamon Burst Pancakes served w/Warm Syrup Assorted Milk	28 Turkey Sausage Patty on a Warm Buttermilk Biscuit Whole Grain Banana Bread Assorted Milk	29 "Hot Stuffed Sandwich" Egg Omelet on a Small Whole Wheat Bun Turkey Bacon Strips Raisin Toast w/ Jelly Assorted Milk

Elementary Lunch Menu Brooklyn II/Staten Island –May 2009

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				1 PIZZA FRIDAYS Corner Style Pizza SchoolFood Plus Green Salad
4 Hamburger / Cheeseburger on a Small Whole Wheat Bun Crunchy Fish Nuggets served w/Tartar Sauce Wedge Cut Oven Potatoes Apple Slices	5 Toasted Cheese Sandwich Crispy Chicken Tenders served w/BBQ Sauce SchoolFood Plus Zucchini, Corn, Tomato & Basil Salad	6 "A MEDLEY OF FLAVORS" Basil & Garlic Roasted Chicken Sweet & Sour Roast Pork Harvest Rice Medley Sweet Plantains	7 Beef Gyro Strips w/Tzatziki Sauce & Fixings on Loco Bread Mozzarella Sticks served w/Tomato Sauce Vegetable Normandy Straight Cut Oven Potatoes	8 PIZZA FRIDAYS French Bread Pizza SchoolFood Plus Very Vegetable Salad
11 Breaded Chicken Patty on a Small Whole Wheat Bun Savory Beef Ravioli Steamed Broccoli Apple Slices	12 Traditional Meatballs & Spaghetti Crunchy Fish Sticks served w/Tartar Sauce SchoolFood Plus Green Salad	13 Hamburger / Cheeseburger on a Small Whole Wheat Bun Crispy Chicken Nuggets served w/Choice of Dipping Sauce SchoolFood Plus Oven Roasted Potatoes	14 ZESTY ZITI !! Zesty Italian Meat Sauce over Ziti Hot Turkey & Cheese Wrap French Cut Green Beans w/Sauteed Garlic	15 PIZZA FRIDAYS Corner Style Pizza SchoolFood Plus Zucchini, Corn, Tomato & Basil Salad
18 Hamburger / Cheeseburger Deluxe on a Small Whole Wheat Bun Crunchy Fish Nuggets served w/Tartar Sauce Straight Cut Oven Potatoes Apple Slices	19 Mozzarella Sticks served w/Tomato Sauce BBQ Roast Pork served w/ White Rice SchoolFood Plus Steamed Broccoli w/Toasted Garlic	20 Golden Fish & Cheese served w/Tartar Sauce on a Small Whole Wheat Bun Crispy Chicken Tenders served w/ Fat Free Ranch Dressing Fiesta Blend Vegetables	21 CARIBBEAN FESTIVAL "PROMOTION OF THE MONTH" Roasted Chicken w/Curry Sauce Jamaican Style Beef Turnover Festive Pineapple Rice Sweet Plantains Collards w/Sauteed Garlic Cherry / Apple Fruit Ice	22 PIZZA FRIDAYS French Bread Pizza SchoolFood Plus Very Vegetable Salad
25 MEMORIAL DAY Charbroiled Beef Hoagie Patty w/Peppers & Onions on a Small Hero Capri Blend Vegetables	26 Savory Beef Ravioli Crispy Chicken Nuggets w/ Choice of Dipping Sauce French Cut Green Beans Apple Slices	27 Simply Italian Roasted Chicken Garlic Toasted Loco Bread Wedge Cut Oven Potatoes Steamed Broccoli	28 "CRUNCH WITH LUNCH" Southwest Style Beef w/Assorted Fixings Crunchy Fish Nuggets served w/Tartar Sauce Baked Scoops Vegetable Normandy	29 PIZZA FRIDAYS Corner Style Pizza SchoolFood Plus Green Salad

**MENU SUBJECT TO CHANGE /OFFERED DAILY: Assorted Fresh OR 100% Fruit Juice Assorted Cold Cereals
NON-MEAT ENTREE OPTIONS: Peanut Butter & Jelly,Cheese Sandwiches
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Citywide Breakfast Menu Brooklyn II/Staten Island – June 2009

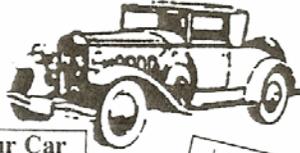
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 Cinnamon Raisin Bagel Burst Pancake served w/Warm Syrup Assorted Milk	2 Scrambled Eggs served w/Canadian Bacon & Sliced Wh.Wh.Bread Whole Grain Apple Cinnamon Loaf Assorted Milk	3 French Toast served w/Warm Syrup Assorted Fruit Yogurt Assorted Milk	4 Breakfast Sausage Roll Tasty Cinnamon Biscuit served w/Jelly Assorted Milk	5 "Hot Stuffed Sandwich" Cheese Omelet served on a Warm Croissant Whole Grain Blueberry Square Assorted Milk
8 Breakfast Bruschetta Waffle served w/ Warm Syrup Assorted Milk	9 "Hot Stuffed Sandwich" Egg Omelete w/Sliced Ham, Cheese on an English Muffin Whole Grain Blueberry Square Assorted Milk	10 Corn Bread served w/Jelly Cinnamon Burst Pancakes served w/Warm Syrup Assorted Milk	11 Orange Cranberry Muffin Assorted Milk	12 Turkey Sausage Patty on a Warm Buttermilk Biscuit Whole Grain Banana Bread Assorted Milk
15 "Hot Stuffed Sandwich" Cheese Omelet served on a Small Whole Wheat Bun Turkey Bacon Strips Whole Grain Blueberry Square Assorted Milk	16 Pancake served w/Warm Syrup Assorted Fruit Yogurt Assorted Milk	17 Scrambled Eggs with Canadian Bacon and Sliced WW Bread Tasty Cinnamon Biscuit served w/Jelly Assorted Milk	18 Breakfast Saudage Roll Whole Grain Apple Cinnamon Loaf Assorted Milk	19 Cinnamon Bageluls French Toast served w/Warm Syrup Assorted Milk
22 Waffle served w/ Warm Syrup Orange Cranberry Muffin Assorted Milk	23 "Hot Stuffed Sandwich" Egg Omelet on a Small Whole Wheat Bun Turkey Bacon Strips Raisin Toast w/Jelly Assorted Milk	24 "Cream Cheese Bagel-fuls" Cinnamon Burst Pancakes served w/Warm Syrup Assorted Milk	25 Breakfast Bruschetta Whole Grain Banana Bread Assorted Milk	26 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL Turkey Sausage Patty on a Warm Grain Banana Bread Corn Muffin w/ Jelly Assorted Milk
29 FIRST DAY OF SUMMER PROGRAM Fruit Choice Cinnamon Raisin Bagel Burst Assorted Milk	30 100% Fruit Punch Scrambled Eggs served with Canadian Bacon and Sliced WW Bread Assorted Milk			

Elementary Lunch Menu Brooklyn II/Staten Island – June 2009

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 Toasted Cheese Sandwich Crispy Chicken Tenders served w/Honey Mustard Dipping Sauce Fiesta Blend Vegetables Apple Slices	2 Hamburger / Cheeseburger on a Small Whole Wheat Bun Crunchy Fish Sticks served w/Tartar Sauce Wedge Cut Oven Potatoes	3 Roast Pork w/BBQ Sauce Breaded Chicken Patty served over Rice Choice Steamed Brocco	4 Meatballs & Spaghetti Turkey & Cheese w/Lettuce & Tomato on Sliced Whole Wheat Bread French Cut Green Beans w/Sauteed Garlic	5 Roasted Chicken served w/Choice of Dipping Sauce Golden Fish & Cheese served w/Tartar Sauce on a Small Whole Wheat Bun SchoolFood Plus Very Vegetable Salad
8 SUMMER PREVIEW Fruit Choice "PIZZA MONDAYS" French Bread Pizza SchoolFood Plus Green Salad Assorted Milk	9 SUMMER PREVIEW Fruit Juice Hamburger / Cheeseburger Deluxe on a Small Whole Wheat Bun Straight Cut Oven Potatoes Assorted Milk	10 SUMMER PREVIEW Fruit Juice Ice Crispy Chicken Nuggets served w/Choice of Dipping Sauce French Cut Green Beans Assorted Milk	11 PROMOTION OF THE MONTH STUDENT APPRECIATION DAY Fruit Choice "THE ULTIMATE NACHO" Southwest Style Beef Topped with American Cheese, Lettuce, Tomato & Salsa / Baked Scoops "SEIZE THE CHEESE" Mozzarella Sticks served w/Tom.Sce. / Steamed Broccoli	12 SUMMER PREVIEW Fruit Juice Ice Choice of: Ham & Cheese OR Turkey & Cheese Wrap w/Honey Mustard Dressing SchoolFood Plus Marinated Potato Salad Assorted Milk
15 SUMMER PREVIEW Fruit Choice "PIZZA MONDAYS" Corner Style Pizza Vegetable Normandy Assorted Milk	16 SUMMER PREVIEW Fruit Choice Crispy Chicken Tenders served w/Choice of Dipping Sauce SchoolFood Plus Steamed Broccoli w/Toasted Garlic Assorted Milk	17 SUMMER PREVIEW Fruit Juice Ice TACO BAR served w/Assorted Fixings SchoolFood Plus Confetti Corn Salad Assorted Milk	18 SUMMER PREVIEW Fruit Choice Roasted Chicken w/Choice of Dipping Sauce Harvest Rice Medley Sweet Plantains Assorted Milk	19 SUMMER PREVIEW Fruit Juice Ice Hamburger / Cheeseburger on a Small Whole Wheat Bun Wedge Cut Oven Potatoes Assorted Milk
22 SUMMER PREVIEW Fruit Choice "PIZZA MONDAYS" French Bread Pizza SchoolFood Plus Very Vegetable Salad Assorted Milk	23 SUMMER PREVIEW Fruit Choice Crispy Chicken Nuggets served w/BBQ Sauce Fiesta Blend Vegetables Assorted Milk	24 SUMMER PREVIEW Fruit Juice Ice Mozzarella Sticks served w/Tomato Sauce French Cut Green Beans w/Sauteed Garlic Assorted Milk	25 SUMMER PREVIEW Fruit Choice Hamburger / Cheeseburger Deluxe on a Small Whole Wheat Bun SchoolFood Plus Oven Roasted Potatoes Assorted Milk	26 SUMMER PREVIEW LAST DAY OF SCHOOL !! Fruit Juice Ice Toasted Cheese Sandwich Vegetable Normandy Assorted Milk
29 FIRST DAY OF SUMMER PROGRAM !! "PIZZA MONDAYS" Fruit Choice Corner Style Pizza SchoolFood Plus Zucchini, Corn, Tomato & Basil Salad Assorted Milk	30 BURGER TUESDAYS Fruit Choice Hamburger / Cheeseburger Deluxe on a Small Whole Wheat Bun Wedge Cut Oven Potatoes Assorted Milk			

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