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Kirk Road Elementary

Kirk Road PTA Newsletter Late Spring 2007

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Upcoming Events

- PTA Elections 13 Wednesday
- 3rd/4th Grade Assembly 19 Tuesday
- 5th Grade Recognition 20 Wednesday
- Field Day 21 Thursday
- Last Day of School 22 Friday

From The Heart of Kirk Road

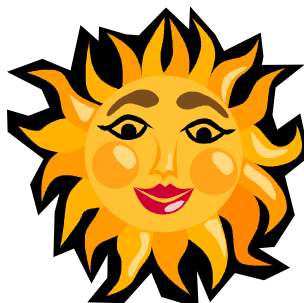
Dear Parents,

What a year we have had! Because of your generosity, we have collected 80 bags of clothing this year for Rochester area children in need. This number is up from the 64 bags collected last year. Ruth and I would like to express our sincere appreciation for your kindness and selfless giving.

We will continue to collect until the end of the school year and will resume collections in September. Next year we will include the collection of linens as some of our needy families have no sheets, towels or blankets.

Once again, thank you so much!

Sincerely,
Linda Ward and Ruth Chupp



From The Principal's Desk:

June 2007

Dear Parents/Guardians,

The spring has been a busy time at Kirk Road School. This school year the Math Committee started a school banking program with First Niagara Bank. Once an account is opened, students and staff can make deposits at school every Thursday. As a thank you for starting the banking program, First Niagara Bank partnered with The Arbor Day Foundation and donated a tree sapling to each student. Thank you to Derek May, Chairperson, and the Math Committee for starting this program. Thank you to the parent volunteers who come and help run the school bank each week- Mrs. Picco, Mrs. Szakos, and Mrs. Handley.

In 2004, students participated in the "There Ought to be a Law" contest to propose new legislation. The winning proposal suggested that New York State declare as its official state bush the lilac bush. It came from Kirk Road students! The bill was introduced into the state assembly, progressed through channels and was signed into law. On Friday, May 4, the lilac bush was announced as the official state bush in a press conference at Highland Park. How terrific that our students took part in the legislative process and have a connection to this distinction. A plaque will be added to Highland Park, in conjunction with the Landmark Society and the Rochester Parks Department, to commemorate this momentous event. Congratulations to Sharon Ernst and Tara Palvino for leading their students to this honor.

Jay Stetzer, local storyteller, recently came and did a presentation with some of our students. It connected with their genre study of fables. Students will write their own fables as a result of the experience. Thank you to Susan Sullivan, Librarian, for hosting this event.

The District Art Show at Greece Ridge Mall was once again a success. It highlighted the work of students districtwide. Kirk Road students were represented with some fine art pieces. Also, when you are in school notice the student artwork displayed throughout the building. This year, art work from artists of the month is displayed on a rotating basis in the front office. Thank you to Meghan Norsen, Art Teacher, for creating the displays. Take a moment to notice our students' talents!

The music department held wonderful Spring Concerts. Thank you to Suzanne Hattala, Linda Marino, and Dan Macpherson for working with our students to make their musical talents shine.

As you can see, there have been many great learning opportunities for students to engage all of their multiple intelligences throughout the school year. We have had a very positive and productive year. I wish our fifth graders well as they move on to middle school. Be proud of your efforts at Kirk Road- I am so proud of each and every student!

Sincerely,

Ms. Caroline A. Critchlow, Principal

Family News

Nordhausen - 3rd Grade

Mrs. Nordhausen's class was excited to be able to enjoy the show, *Tomas and the Librarian* at GEVA theater this month. It was a nice connection to our study of the Mexican culture. We are also looking forward to our trip to the RMSC Planetarium later in June! Thank you to the PTA for helping to fund these trips for us! The students are learning a lot about the bones, joints and muscles in our bodies that allow for protection of organs, support and movement and will be making models of different body parts to understand how they work.

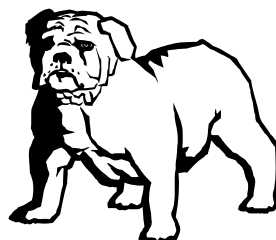
Important PTA News!!!

The Kirk Road PTA will be having its final meeting of the school year on Wednesday, June 13th, 2007 at 4pm in the Kirk Road School Library. On the agenda will be the PTA Officer elections. **All** officer positions are open. If you are interested in running for PTA President, Vice-President, Secretary, or Treasurer, please send a note in to school, attention to: Carol Johannes, Kirk Road PTA, and she will contact you with further information. All current PTA members are eligible to vote in the election at the meeting on June 13th. Please plan on attending so that your voice may be heard! Together, we can make 2007-2008 a great year for our Kirk Road Students!

Introducing....Renee Finnemore, Candidate for PTA President 2007-2008

I have 3 children, 2 daughters, 8th and 6th graders at Odyssey and a son, a 4th grader at Kirk Road. I have been active in the PTA for 6 years. I have volunteered in many positions- chairperson for carnivals, grade level socials, fundraiser, after school clubs, and yearbook. I was Co-President 2002-2003, Secretary 2003-2004, President 2004-2005, Co-President 2005-2006.

I believe in the principles of the PTA- to support the connection between home and school and to improve the lives of all children. To that end, I expect the PTA to advocate on behalf of parents and teachers to create the best possible environment for social, emotional and academic growth. I am seeking the office of President with the goal of improving communication, enrichment opportunities and community involvement.



Summer Camp Information

It's that time to start thinking about summer camps/activities. Here are a few places to start with.

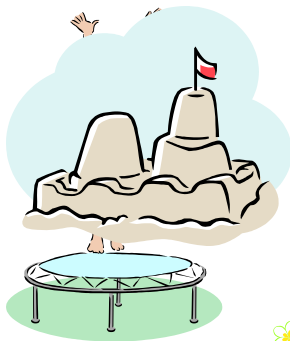
YMCA - Call 227-3900 for more information.

Greece Community Education Summer Camp - Call 865-1010 or visit www.greece.k12.ny.us/commed for more information.

Greece Community Center - Contact Tracy Zoelick, Activities Coordinator, at 720-2934 for more information.

Greece Police Department - Summer sports teams (softball, football). Contact Officer Leary at 581-4027.

**For more information please contact Julie DeWolf, School Counselor and Ruth Chupp, School Social Worker, at 966-4375.



Summer Vacation

