

BAY VIEW PARENT NEWS

APRIL/MAY 2008 - 8/4



May 26: School Closed:
Memorial Day

May 28: Reader of the
Month/TV Turnoff Poster
Contest Awards 5:00 p.m.

May 28: Bay View Opera, 6 p.m.

May 29: Spring Fair - Grade 5

May 30: Bay View Opera Assembly

Mark your calendar:

June 2: Clerical ½ day - 11:30 Dismissal

June 5: BROOKLYN DAY - No SCHOOL

SPRING WEB DRIVE @ www.greenraising.com

We raised almost \$500 on our spring web drive for the PTA! You can order from this site any time during the year and the PTA will receive 25% of the sale.

Teach your child the importance of not interrupting adults, others.

You're talking on the phone when your child walks in. "Where's my math book?" she asks, without excusing herself. Experts say that too many of today's children feel they have a right to interrupt adult conversations any time they feel like it. That simple act gives kids the wrong message. Yes, their needs are important and they have a right to be seen and heard—but not whenever they want. When your child interrupts you, don't take the bait. Say, "I'm talking on the phone. I will help you when I'm finished." Then go back to your phone call. If she interrupts again, ignore her or hold up your hand. When you're off the phone, be sure to listen to your child. Also take the opportunity to talk to her about being respectful by not interrupting.

Source: Bob Condor, "Living Well: Years of Boosting Kids' Self-Esteem May Have Backfired," *Seattle Post-Intelligencer*, December 12, 2005, http://seattlepi.nwsource.com/health/251521_condor12.html?source=myspi.

♻️ RECYCLE ♻️

Please support PS 102 by recycling your used printer and desktop copier cartridges and outdated cell phones. Just drop them in the boxes found in the main office or lobby.

THANKS TO ALL WHO HAVE CONTRIBUTED!

Check out our web site counter to see how much we've earned to date.

Volunteers of the Month

Our April Volunteer of the Month, **Joanie Flickinger**, is impressive for many reasons - but perhaps the most amazing thing is that she is a working mom who somehow put together the second PS102apalooza on March 27th almost single-handedly - and shot me off an email the next morning saying "I can't wait to do it again next year!" If you didn't make it out - it was an exciting event - and Joanie would like to thank all the performers - parents and teachers - and all the families and staff members who donated terrific baskets for the auction. We raised almost \$2000 and had a lot of fun. Joanie is a pleasure to work with - creative, kind and organized with a calming attitude even when things get hectic. Joanie is also our PTA Calendar designer and has helped at many PTA events notably - doing gorgeous flower arrangements for staff appreciation luncheons and grandparents day. When you meet this very cool mom (of Jacob - a very cool 3rd grader at 102) you can find her "by the fence" at pick-up - please give her a great big THANK YOU!

In May we honor a very special parent who started out the year asking "is there anything I can do where I can bring my baby?" **Rana Abu-Sbaih** brings her sweet Sufiyan everywhere and it turns out she can pretty much do everything! While she could not be a 1:1 tutor through Learning Leaders with a baby, she made it to every single meeting of the Royal Readers Book Club as a Learning Leader parent member where she was particularly adept at leading discussions and helping us look deeper into the stories. Rana was trained as a Learning Leader at PS 170 where her oldest daughter, Bela, attends 3rd grade. When her son, Taimur, began PS 102 last year, she became an active PTA member at both schools. This year she stepped up to co-chair the TV Turnoff Week Committee along with Stephanie Baynes - and the two of them made this the most successful TV Turnoff Week ever! Rana also planned and led a helpful workshop TV TURNOFF: Mission Impossible on April 9th. Rana is a lovely, wise, soft spoken and strong woman who carries herself with a sense of grace, intelligence and good will that makes everything seem possible. Her husband, Zafer Tawil, a musician, has also been a very supportive dad, playing at our first PS102apalooza last year, and helping out at many events this year. He led two excellent Making Music Workshops during TV Turnoff Week. Thank you Rana (and Zafer!) for sharing your gifts and for all you do for PS 102!

TV TURNOFF WEEK 2008 was a great success! Over 700 students and 30 teachers pledged! 460 students (and 24 teachers) successfully completed the week. Thanks to all the teacher and parent volunteers who made the week such a success:

Rana Abu-Sbaih and Stephanie Baynes - who really raised the bar and worked tirelessly on preparing this week and making it all work out!
Tracey Jindyeh & crew for a fun kick-off sports night.
Chloe Abercrombie and the Brooklyn Public Library for hosting a craft workshop.
Roland Roberts for hosting TWO stargazing nights.
Ed Huml & BRUCA for an excellent pottery workshop.
Pierre Saleme for teaching us how to cook.
Zafer Tawil for sharing the joy of making music.

Rana, Zafer, Tracey, Kim, Karen, Mary B., Mary D., Linda, Melissa, Didem, Katherine, Salma, Mona, Sofia and Sam, Mrs. Dovi, Mrs. Cross, Mrs. Hom, Mrs. Willie, Ms. Marchlewski, Ms. Perrone, Ms. Weitz, Mrs. Harner, Ms. Maria, Ms. Fletcher and Ms. Strazullo for leading us in **YARD GAMES** - what a lot of fun!

In addition, we would like to thank the following organizations and businesses for supporting us during TV Turnoff Week:

Anapoli Restaurant/The Book Mark Shoppe
Brooklyn Museum/Brooklyn Botanical Gardens
Brooklyn Public Library/BRUCA/Camp Olympia
Cangiano's/Carvel/Circles Restaurants/DVA Hot Bagels/FUEL/Grandma's Original Famous Pizza/The Learning Lab/Melody Lanes/The Mediterranean Family Store/Nature's Grill/Nordic Delicacies/My TV Time
The Painted Pot/Rite Aid/Sancho's Restaurant
Starbuck's/Vesuvio's Restaurant/Yellowhook Grille

THANKS...

... to Joanie Flickinger, Michele DiBartolo, Georgiana Costantini and the one and only Mrs. Mealing - for another fantastic PS102apalooza - and to all our talented parents and staff members for sharing their time and extraordinary talents. WOW!
... to Ms. Bertolini, Ms. Tubio-Cid and Ms. Famoso and our immensely talented students for presenting "PS 102's GOT TALENT!" in April.
... to Ms. Svilar and the ESL Department for providing our ELL parents with an excellent workshop on the upcoming NYSESLAT tests.
... to Ms. Easterling and the PS 102 Recycling Club for getting us into compliance and doing so much to increase our awareness of the three R's: Reduce, Reuse & Recycle.
... to Georgiana Costantini for another successful fundraiser of cookies and pretzels! YUM!
... to Ms. Peters, Ms. Mullaney and Ms. Ryan, our reading recovery teachers - for a very helpful workshop.
... to Tom Mazzone and the PTA for a great FLEA MARKET on Sat. May 3 - hopefully the start of a new tradition at PS 102!

BOOKS OF THE MONTH:

In April, we learned about eggs!
GR K-2 *Chickens Aren't The Only Ones*, by Ruth Heller
GR 3-5 *An Egg is Quiet*, by Dianna Aston & Sylvia Long
In May, we celebrate our Mothers!
GR K *My Mother Is Mine* by Marion Dane Bauer
GR 1-5 *Before I Was Your Mother* by Kathryn Lasky

3rd Annual PS 102 TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME!
JOIN US for a Brooklyn Cyclones Game. Tickets are on Sale Now - see the main office or Mrs. Jansen (Rm 423) if you don't have a flier. Cyclones vs. Aberdeen Ironbirds 7 p.m. **Friday June 27th**.

A belated Congratulations! To Linda Rainford, on her election as our newest parent member of the School Leadership Team, and to Stephanie Ford - for taking over the job of PTA Financial Secretary - both replacing our dear friend Theresa Romero, who moved to California in February.

...and a Thank You to PS 102!

"We at Books Beyond Borders are extremely grateful for the donation of your school's retired textbooks. They will be sold on-line, and proceeds from their sale will benefit Project Schoolhouse's international school building programs and pay shipping costs on donations of books and school supplies to recipient countries. You can learn more about our organizations at:

www.booksbeyondborders.com and
www.projectschothouse.org

We are always willing to accept monetary contributions or donations of books, even if it's only a box at a time. Please contact us for more information on receiving shipping labels, and on our programs! *Thanks again for your support of our organization!"*



SPRING QUOTE:

"People from a planet without flowers would think we must be mad with joy the whole time to have such things about us."

-Iris Murdoch

Thank you for waiting patiently for this combined monthly newsletter. TV Turnoff Week & The Kermess involved a lot of activities and notices home... so I apologize that I didn't get to send out the newsletter in time... enjoy the rest of the beautiful month of May!

-- Margaret Sheri, Parent Coordinator

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