

# BAY VIEW PARENT NEWS

FEBRUARY 2008 - 6/4



February 7: **Happy Chinese New Year!**

February 13: **CEC MEETING** - IS 227 - 6500 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue, 7 p.m. in the auditorium. **TOPIC:** Special Ed. Initiatives

February 13 & 14: **Science Fair**

Parents are welcome to come out and see all the excellent projects with their children from 6-7 pm after the PTA meeting (5-6pm).

February 14: **HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY!**

February 15: **PTA Bake Sale** - Parents are welcome to come up and buy goodies between 9-2pm. **PLEASE SEND IN BAKED GOODS: HOMEMADE OR STORE BOUGHT ITEMS ARE WELCOME!** Donations will be accepted at the front door in the morning.

February 15: **Fifth Grade Valentine's Party** 4-5:30 in the gym.

February 18-22: **NO SCHOOL : Mid-Winter Recess**

February 29: **PTA Movie Night** - look for announcement coming home soon!

## February Book of the Month

*Celebrate Valentine's Day with:*

**K-5 Roses Are Pink, Your Feet Really Stink,**  
*by Diane de Groat*

**TESTING:** If you missed the Math Workshop on 1/29 - please ask Margaret Sheri for a packet of info on Everyday Math games and the Grade 3-5 State Testing Program. For more links on testing and NYS standards, includes Recursos y Actividades en Español [www.nysedregents.org/testing/elementtests.html](http://www.nysedregents.org/testing/elementtests.html) for sample tests and tests from previous years.

**STATE MATH TESTS:** March 4 & 5 for Grades 3 & 5  
March 4, 5 & 6 for Grade 4

**DON'T FORGET** - PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES ARE COMING UP MARCH 13<sup>th</sup> - MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND!

## Volunteer of the Month

This month's volunteer of the month, **Kathleen Carita**, has been an active parent at PS 102 since her son, Charlie, began kindergarten 8 years ago. This year her daughter, Kristen, will graduate and we will be very sad to bid farewell to this warm, outgoing and enthusiastic parent volunteer. Kathleen attends and supports many events at PS 102, chaperones class trips, has been a Learning Leader tutor, a vision screening volunteer, helped out at Hoops for Heart and Grandparent's Day and many other PTA functions over the years. This year she will be very busy assisting with Fifth grade events. Each Thursday she spends her lunchtime at PS 102 as one of 5 parent members of the Learning Leaders Reading Royalty fifth grade book club. Kathleen keeps us supplied with humor, popcorn (or chips) and many insightful questions each week. She was also a part of the "Mighty Readers" club in 2005/06. Kathleen spends a lot of time at the school because she enjoys kids and enjoys being a parent. She feels it makes her kids happy to see her involved at their school. When you see this terrific and generous mom - please give her a big THANK YOU!

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**PS 102 has been offered discounted tickets for the NY International Children's Film Festival.** Program information is online at [www.gkids.com](http://www.gkids.com) and brochures are in the lobby. Purchase your tickets soon-they expect to sell out. There are two easy ways to order tickets:

1. **ON-LINE** - go to: [www.gkids.com](http://www.gkids.com) and click on "Tickets". For discounted tickets, enter access code: **DCT1015** (Note that once you enter the access code, a new, reduced price option will appear in the drop down menu- choose the "school" price!)
2. **PHONE** - call TicketWeb: (866) 468-7619.

**THESE FILMS ARE GREAT!** For additional information, visit [www.gkids.com](http://www.gkids.com) or call (212) 349-0330.

## Avoid the common pitfalls of overprotective parents

When children are born, they really are helpless. And it's the job of parents to protect them in every way they can. But as kids grow up, the need to protect them changes. Children become more capable and able to do things for themselves. Parents who continue to protect them from everything may actually smother their child's independence. That can lead to a child who isn't able to make decisions by herself.

Overprotective parents send a message to their kids that they aren't able to handle things by themselves. They also make it harder for kids to develop the perseverance that comes from getting knocked down and getting back up again. To avoid a few of the common pitfalls of overprotective parents:

- Don't ever do your child's work for her. If she has forgotten about a big project, she will have to face the consequences.
- Don't try to negotiate a better grade for your child. If you or your child are confused about a grade she receives, let your child talk to the teacher about it first.
- Don't call the parent of a child your child is complaining about in school. Give your child a chance to work it out. If it is a serious problem, contact the school.

Try to trust your child. Give her chances to do things for herself. Will she make mistakes? Probably. But she'll also develop responsibility to do things for herself.

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## Thanks!

... to Katie Connelly, Mr. Asen and Ms. Stornaiuolo, our parents and our student performers for a delicious and wonderfully entertaining International Celebration!  
... to Debbie Brower, Lisa Reich, Linda Rainford and team for another successful Ice Skating Party. We had record numbers in spite of the change in schedule.

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**PS102apalooza** is coming on March 27<sup>th</sup>!

Our second annual Parent/Teacher Talent Show is sure to be a big hit again this year. We are still accepting performers and looking for gift basket and art donations. Contact Joanie Flickinger at [joanie@reichpaper.com](mailto:joanie@reichpaper.com), or call Margaret Sheri at (718) 748-7404 if you can help us out.

Vision Screening for K & 1 was conducted by the Dept. of Health in December. Students in grades 2, 3 and 5 were screened on 1/18/08 in the gym by parent volunteers. Thanks to the 12 dedicated parents who gave up their day (and some time before and after) to help me out. You know who you are and I appreciate each one of you so much! ***IF your child receives a referral letter - please take him/her to an eye doctor for a full exam as soon as possible and return the E12S form to the school nurse. Children need to see well to do well in school.***



**HAVE A HEART!** If you haven't already done so - please send in your **Hoops for Heart** donation this week to support the American Heart Association. Money must be submitted by 2/15/08 to be eligible for prizes. It's a great program that involves learning about charitable giving, heart health and basketball! A good suggestion - tell your child that you will match or triple any amount that he or she gives of their own personal money. This is a great way to support the program, and your child's desire to give. Any amount is appreciated. **Thanks!**

## 2008/09 Gifted and Talented Update

No information has been released as of this date on the application procedure for testing into Gr. 4 & 5 Delta classes. **Grade 6 - Superintendent's Program:** Application for OLSAT Testing/D20 Superintendent's Program was due on 2/6/08. If you completed this application, you will receive a letter on test location and time. OLSAT tests are scheduled for the weekend of 3/8 -9. If you do not receive a letter with your child's testing location, date and time by 3/6/08 - please call Margaret Sheri (and please forgive me for my error on the letter sent home last week!)

## FEBRUARY QUOTE:

"Blessed is the influence of one true, loving human soul on another."

---George Eliot

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