

# BAY VIEW PARENT NEWS

JUNE 2008 – 9/4



June 2 & 12 are clerical ½ days - please pick up your children promptly at 11:30 a.m.

June 4 - Kindergarten Orientation 9 a.m. for parents of students entering school in 9/08.

June 5 - Brooklyn Day: SCHOOL CLOSED

June 10 - CEC Meeting 7 p.m. at PS/IS 180 Honoring outgoing PTA members and Nancy Gasparino.

June 11 - Summer Reading Workshop for Grade K-2 Parents in the library at 9-10 am.

June 15 - HAPPY FATHERS DAY! ☺

June 19 - Fifth Grade Graduation - 9:30 a.m.

June 21 - RELAY for LIFE - Please consider supporting a PS 102 Team Member with a donation to the American Cancer Society as we raise money for those battling this terrible disease, celebrate a survivor and remember lost loved ones. Any of the team members listed on the poster in the main office can accept a donation. Come out to Ft. Hamilton HS track from 4-9 to show your support! You can donate on line at: [http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR/RelayForLife/RelayForLifeEasternDivision?px=6599807&pg=personal&fr\\_id=4115&et=F2iYzM8DepX4RL10bULRbw..&s\\_tafId=89587](http://main.acsevents.org/site/TR/RelayForLife/RelayForLifeEasternDivision?px=6599807&pg=personal&fr_id=4115&et=F2iYzM8DepX4RL10bULRbw..&s_tafId=89587)

June 26 - LAST DAY OF SCHOOL - 11:30 dismissal

## TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALL GAME!

PS 102 families, staff and friends will enjoy a Brooklyn Cyclones Game at 7:00 p.m. on Friday June 27<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are \$7.00/seat and sales end June 16. Call the main office if you have any questions, or find a form in the lobby.

*Thank you Ms. Jansen for organizing this event!*



## SAVE THE DATES:

✓ September 2 - 2008/09 School Year Begins

✓ September 20 - BEACH CLEAN UP

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*Please see our school web site for a complete and updated listing of grade-specific awards ceremonies, field days, etc., taking place in June and the 2008/09 school year calendar.*  
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The NYC DOH URGES ALL NEW YORKERS TO:  
**BURN CALORIES-NOT ELECTRICITY-TAKE THE STAIRS!**

## Volunteer of the Month

It is hard to believe that our June Volunteer of the Month, Rachel Huie, was a new Kindergarten mom just this fall! She quickly became an enthusiastic PTA volunteer, attending meetings and helping out at many events - most recently serving drinks and selling tickets all night at the Kermess! Next year she will take her commitment to the PTA a step further by serving on the Executive Board as Financial Secretary. I look forward to working with her for many years to come. Rachel is the proud mom of Duncan, in K-3, and 4-year old Dillon. She is also an R.N. who is extremely easy to work with, organized, thoughtful and a fun person to be around. She was honored at the May Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast as the *Christine Alfaro Learning Leader of the Year*. This award is given annually in honor of the late Christine Alfaro, a second grade teacher who was a strong supporter of parent involvement and the Learning Leader Program in particular. Rachel earned this award by logging the most hours as a Learning Leader classroom tutor and for being responsible and proactive in working with her assigned children and their teachers. In addition to tutoring, Rachel was also a big help with the vision screening in January. When you get a chance to meet this beautiful mom - please give her a great big **THANK YOU RACHEL!**

**TAKE IT EASY AND HAVE FUN THIS SUMMER - BUT AVOID SUMMER SLIDE...** Keep your children working on fun math games/art projects/science experiments and **READ READ READ!** Check out the links from the school web site, participate in the Brooklyn Public Library and other Summer Reading Programs. Pick up an activity calendar from the table in the lobby and encourage your child to keep a summer journal. Summer is a great time to try a new activity or sport and don't forget to set goals for the upcoming school year... it will be here before you know it!

## CHECK IT OUT:

**Barnes and Noble Summer Reading program** - a fun and easy way for kids to earn free books. They read any eight books - write about their favorite part, and bring a completed tear page to a Barnes & Noble bookstore. Children then choose their free book from a list of paperback titles. SEE: [www.bn.com/summerreading](http://www.bn.com/summerreading)

**SHOP [www.greenraising.com](http://www.greenraising.com)** for safe and environmentally friendly back-to-school lunch bags, water bottles & totes. The PTA gets 25% on all sales.

## THANKS...

... to Patti Doyle and crew for running BOGO Book Sale so well!

... to Georgiana Costantini, Mary Brannigan & PTA volunteers for a beautiful and successful Plant Sale!

... to the PTA for the *Magical Songwriter* assembly & to Vincent Gentile for the assembly *You're a Good Man Charlie Brown!*

... to Adriana Martinez for inspiring and planning the **KERMESS** along with Nada and Maya from HEARTSHARE, Rima Beydoun, Mary Denaro, Didem Meadows, Lisa Reich, Fadhela Saket & Nancy Taxis; to all who agreed to be Classroom Organizers, who brought food and drinks and donated raffle items; for the special tables from K10, 1-204 and 3-307 and to the following wonderful teachers for helping out: Ms. Fletcher, Ms. Grillo, Ms. Harner, Ms. Hom, Ms. King, Ms. McSweeney & Ms. Zhitomirsky. We raised over \$1300 and had a lot of fun. *What a great night!*

... to Ms. Mealing, Ms. Syrdahl and Ms. Famoso and all the talented writers, stars, crew and musicians who created and performed in this year's original and amazing opera *A Tree Story!*

... to Ms. Sichenze for arranging **FAMOUS AUTHOR VISITS** for all grades throughout the school year (and to the PTA for helping to pay for these visits!) Javaka Steptoe visited grade 3 on May 29<sup>th</sup> and Pat Cummings will visit Kindergarten on June 18. Earlier in the year, Anne Capeci visited our 5<sup>th</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grades and Nina Crews visited grades 1 and 2.

... to some very special **Learning Leaders**: Roland Roberts who inspired our 4<sup>th</sup> grade students by leading an astronomy club this spring; to Fadhela Saket who taught a group of our 3<sup>rd</sup> graders to parle français; to Rana Abu-Sbaih, Kim Ambros, Kathleen Carita and Joan Woods for a great year with the **ROYAL READERS!**

## ♻️ 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!

Drop off for this school year ends 6/16. Please save over the summer and bring in for September drop-off!

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

**REGISTERED TO VOTE?** Download a form at [www.vote.nyc.ny.us](http://www.vote.nyc.ny.us) or call 1-800-FOR-VOTE

## BOOKS OF THE MONTH:

In June we are reading:

GR K-1 *Every Friday*, by Dan Yaccarino

GR 2-5 *The Seashore Book*, by Charlotte Zolotow

## JUNE QUOTE:

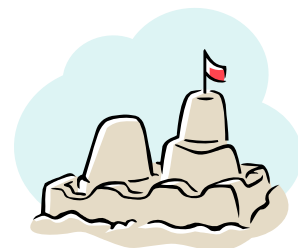
"Then followed that beautiful season... Summer... Filled was the air with a dreamy and magical light; and the landscape lay as if new created in all the freshness of childhood."

-Henry Wadsworth Longfellow

**AMC Summer Movie Camp** - \$1.00 movies for charity on Wednesday mornings all summer - see [AMCTheatres.com/smc](http://AMCTheatres.com/smc)

## CONGRATULATIONS - To the CLASS of 2008!

I have had a great time getting to know many of you and I look forward to seeing you enjoy all the activities planned this month by your teachers, the G.O., Mrs. Famoso and the PTA. I wish each of you the best of luck in middle school and know you will do well. I would also like to thank and congratulate all of our 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents, teachers, our AP's and Mrs. Dovi for preparing our graduates to move on.



A special thanks also goes to our "graduating" 5<sup>th</sup> grade parent volunteers - I hope you will continue to stay involved as your children grow. You will be greatly missed at 102 - but all the time and care you have generously given these years will benefit PS 102 staff and students for many years to come.

Mayada Abuhamdeh  
Robert Cohen  
Virginia Gaspar  
Amal Soliman

Kathleen Carita  
Dawn Ellwood  
Manal Ismail  
Joan Woods

Please have a great summer and feel free to contact me if you have questions or suggestions for next year!

-- Margaret Sheri, Parent Coordinator

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