

BAY VIEW PARENT NEWS

December 2007 - 4/4



DECEMBER DOINGS:

Wednesday 12/12 - ELA Test Prep Workshop for Parents Grades 3-5 at 9:00 a.m. *Come out and learn about state and city testing and assessment tools.*

Wednesday 12/12 - Bay View Chorus Performance 6:00 p.m. - *Great music for the whole family to enjoy! (follows 5:00 PTA General Meeting)*

Tuesday 12/18 - PTA Holiday Lunch at Salty Dog 12-2 \$25/person. *You must reserve - see any PTA executive board member or email ps102pta@yahoo.com*

Monday 12/24 - Tuesday 1/1/08 - SCHOOL CLOSED for Winter Recess - ENJOY! We return on 1/2/08.

PTA DRIVES - collection boxes are now in the lobby for:

Toy Drive 12/3 - 12/14 - Bring in NEW non-violent unwrapped toys appropriate for boys or girls ages 5-11.

Used Book Drive 12/10-12/21 - Bring in books that your child has outgrown - all children's books are welcome. They will be sorted and distributed to our classroom libraries.



CHECK IT OUT!

A great way to save trees and time - go to this web site with the back page of every catalog you receive, but don't want to receive, and enter the information. This will take you off of their mail list within 10 weeks. <http://www.catalogchoice.org> I just signed up - it's easy! *Thanks Kathy MacKenzie for suggesting this link. Parents - great links are always appreciated and will be shared here.*

SHOP GREEN AND EARN \$GREEN\$ FOR PS 102!

PS 102's PTA will get 25% of all purchases made on Greenraising.com now and throughout the year. Really cool eco-friendly and fair trade stuff is available. I've already placed my order ☺. *Thanks to Ed Huml for directing me to this site.*

<http://www.greenraising.com/index.aspx?AFID=199>

Volunteer of the Month

Stephanie Ford, our December volunteer of the month, has been making sure our kids (and our teachers) can get a jump on their holiday shopping for the last five years as chair of the PTA Craft Sale - which was a very successful event held last Friday! Stephanie is the mom of three lovely girls - two of them attending PS 102 - Victoria, grade 4 and Carrie, grade 1. She has been an active PTA member for the last five years - helping out with school pictures, the book fair, bake sale and plant sale each year. As a PS 102 alumna, Stephanie was instrumental in organizing an alumni gathering a few years back - a project which we hope to get going again one day. Stephanie still maintains an alumni list so please send any contact information her way to AnV608@aol.com. Stephanie has also been dedicating her time and talents to Girl Scouting - as a Brownie leader for 9 years and a cadet leader for one. While Stephanie has an easy-going personality, she is a strong advocate for her children, girl scouting and all the children of PS 102. When you see this wonderful mom - please give her a big THANK YOU!

SKATING UPDATE:

We are sorry that we had to postpone the November ice-skating party due to the warm fall weather. **The new date is 1/31/08 - Thursday p.m. from 7-9:30 p.m.** If you already bought tickets they will be honored on that date. If you cannot make this date you can return tickets through 1/4/08. If you would like to purchase tickets - please send in a note with child's name/class number and parents name/phone number with \$7.00/adult \$3.00/children or get a form from the PTA drawer of the info table in the lobby. Checks may be made payable to : PS 102 PTA. **Call Ms. Sheri (718) 748-7404 x 432 if you have any questions.**

2008/09 GIFTED AND TALENTED UPDATE:

Grade K-3 Delta Program: Packets were distributed to ALL PS 102 K, 1 & 2 students, and are available to pre-K parents at the D20 office at 415 89th St. *The application to request testing is due 1/3/08.* No information has been released yet on the application procedure for testing into Gr. 4 & 5 Delta classes.

Grade 6 - Superintendent's Program: Open house dates were sent home with all fifth graders this month. Application procedures/schedule are expected to be released before winter recess. Call Margaret Sheri (718) 748-7404 x 432 for more information.

Build character by teaching your child to be a good citizen

Good citizens think of other people's needs. They have empathy and compassion. They also have the desire and courage to make the world a better place.

Children aren't born with these traits. They need role models and experiences to develop them.

Teachers teach citizenship when they ask students to be polite and follow rules, respect the rights and property of others and help classmates do chores valuable to the classroom community.

Some schools have school-wide citizenship projects, such as recycling, fund-raising, food drives and school beautification.

Here's how you can be a part of developing your child's civic spirit:

- Model caring and sharing. Offer a ride to a parent who needs transportation to attend a school activity. Visit an ill friend. Take cookies to the local fire or police station. Volunteer in a soup kitchen.
- Show your child she can make a difference. Give her household chores. Have her donate used toys and clothes to a homeless shelter. Let her be a "surrogate grand-child" for someone in a retirement home.
- Play board games with your child. Emphasize perseverance and treating opponents fairly.
- Read books that celebrate community-minded qualities. In Leo Lionni's *Swimmy*, for example, brave *Swimmy* rights a wrong.
- Talk about how others might feel. Say, "Maddy lost her dog. How do you think she feels?"

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♻️ 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 already contributed!

Check out the counter on our web site to see how much we've earned to date!

DECEMBER BOOK OF THE MONTH:

For Grades K-5: Ask your child how s/he enjoyed:

Previously by Allan Ahlberg & Bruce Ingman

Congratulations to Mrs. Dovi, Ms. Sichenze, Ms. Fasanelle and Ms. McCauley and all of our wonderful teachers, students, staff and parents on achieving a score of "Well Developed" on our school's annual Quality Review.

Thanks to Ms. Famoso and the GO for completing our annual penny harvest - we collected over \$2500 this year - and are promised a matching grant from Councilman Vincent Gentile. The GO was also busy collecting food for their annual drive. All food collected was delivered to the Bay Ridge Community Service Center at 411 Ovington Avenue. They maintain an emergency food pantry and programs for older adults see: www.bayridgecenter.org

Thanks to the PTA for a successful Candy Sale Drive, School Pictures, Craft Fair, Book Fair, and all the wonderful things our parents do for our school throughout the year.

QUOTE FOR DECEMBER:

"The great thing about getting older is that you don't lose all the other ages you've been."

...Booth Tarkington

The holiday season is an important time to the older people in our lives - grandparents, friends and neighbors of a certain age sustain our traditions and love to share the wisdom of a lifetime of living. If your child does not have an older person in his/herr life - you might consider contacting Vicki at the Bay Ridge Center at (718) 748-0873 x 101 to find out about volunteer opportunities working with seniors in our neighborhood.



Wishing you joy and peace this holiday season!

----Margaret Sheri, Parent Coordinator

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