

BAY VIEW PARENT NEWS

JANUARY 2008 - 5/4

¡Feliz año nuevo!

新年快樂!

С Новым Годом!

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January 8: PTA Title I Sub-Committee Meeting 8:45 a.m. Come and share your ideas on how the school can spend federal Title I money to support programs for parents that help our children succeed in school!

January 8 & 9: ELA Test Grades 3 & 5

January 8, 9 & 10: ELA Test Grade 4

January 15: D20 Middle School Fair 6-8 p.m.
Come meet D20 middle school representatives at PS/IS 180, 5601 16th Ave.

January 16: CEC Meeting 7 pm at PS 204, 8101 15th Ave. TOPIC: School Report Cards

January 21: Martin Luther King, Jr. - NO SCHOOL

January 25: International Tea - 1:20-2:20 p.m.

January 29: Math Test Prep Workshop - 9:00 a.m., focuses on grades 3-5, but all parents are welcome.

January 31: PS 102 SKATING PARTY - 7 - 9:30 p.m. Kate Wolman Rink. Tickets purchased for original 11/27 date will be honored. Tickets are still available: call (718) 748-7404 x 432 or pick up an order form in the PTA drawer of the parent info table. (*Note: refunds due to the date change will be made through 1/11 only!*)

February 4: Science Fair Projects are due to classroom teachers. *Science boards are still available for \$5 in the cafeteria supply room from 9:30 -10:15 a.m.*

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BRUCA: Pottery classes start 3rd week of Jan. for kids & adults -see www.bruca.org or call (718) 745-0438.

Volunteer of the Month

Our January Volunteer of the Month, Patti Doyle, had a busy fall in 2007 as chair of the school picture committee, book fair and co-chair of the Teacher's Wish List Program. As a mother of 4, busy is not anything new and Patti handles herself with grace, wit and confidence and you get the feeling that she can remain calm in the face of anything. Recognition is long past due - Patti's volunteer career began 20 years ago when her eldest son, John, began pre-K and she has had a child at PS 102 continuously since then! From the start, Patti found that volunteering with the PTA is a great way to find out how things work at the school, make friends and most importantly show your children that you care about their school. Patti feels that her four children - John, Christopher, Jillian and Kelly (now a third grader) - have been proud and happy to see her working at the school. When I asked her for advice, she said that the key thing is to MAKE TIME and COME OUT to VOLUNTEER. Programs do not run themselves, and though everyone has busy lives everyone can find some way to get involved. If you don't do it then someone else has to or it never gets done! This makes me think of all the wonderful things the PTA has done for our students and our school, and how much more we could do if each family gets involved. When you meet this beautiful, dedicated mom, please give her a big *Thank You Patti !!*

♻️ 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!

Brooklyn Museum - registration for spring studio classes continues through 1/20/08 - call Education Division (718) 501-6230. Ask about ARTYFACTS and more free programs for families and children www.brooklynmuseum.org/education.

Keep cool, remain calm when your child talks back to you

In elementary school, children's complex thinking skills kick in. Your child may start questioning rules and wondering if she really needs to listen to you. She might begin sassing or talking back to you. If you let your child sass you, she'll probably be rude to her teacher and other adults, too. Don't let back talk become a habit. The next time your child has a quick retort like, "Duh!" "Yeah, right!" or "You can't make me!":

- Don't snap back. Your anger gives your child satisfaction. She gets attention for her antics.
- Analyze the communication. Is she responding in defense to something rude you said or did to her? Did she mean to be rude?
- Don't get derailed into a side argument. Acknowledge your child's feelings, but stick to your initial request. "I know you'd rather play, but you need to do your homework—now."
- Talk about back talk later. Discuss ways people insult each other. Teach better ways to comment on what you don't like. Warn that future rudeness will have a consequence.

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TESTING: If you missed the very informative ELA Test Prep Workshop on 12/12 - please ask Margaret Sheri for a packet and see the following suggested web sites from the NYS Education Department:

www.nysparents.com - great links on testing and NYS standards, includes Recursos y Actividades en Español
www.nysedregents.org/testing/elementtests.html
for sample tests and tests from previous years.

JUST KEEP READING...

Students are asked to write review of books they have read on brightly colored cartoon characters from the popular children's film Finding Nemo that are brightening up hallways all over the school. Talk to your kids about what they read and what they write! The Reading Incentive Program encourages family involvement and increases critical thinking and reading comprehension. *Thanks to Barbara Cheung, Christine Dairo and Kathy Windram for the many hours helping our Reading Recovery teachers with this program.*

Thank you! Ms. Mealing, Ms. Syrdahl and Ms. Famoso and the **fabulous Bay View Chorus** - for a wonderful sun-drenched holiday concert - it was a joyful and heartwarming celebration!

Thank you! Lisette Benzacour and Kim Ambros for running this year's PTA Holiday Toy Drive and Used Book Drive and to all the generous families who contributed to make these events a huge success!

2008/09 Gifted and Talented Update

Grade K-3 Delta Program: *The application to request testing was due 1/3/08.* 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: Open house dates were sent home with all fifth graders last month. A Middle School Booklet will be sent home with all students ANY DAY, which will include instructions on applying to the D20 Superintendent's Program.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR - March 27, 2008

Back by Popular Demand - **PS 102apalooza** - our 2nd annual Parent/Teacher Talent Show. We are looking for performers and gift basket and art donations. Children's Talent Show will be held in April this year. Look for upcoming notices in your child's backpack for both events.

JANUARY QUOTE:

Another fresh new year is here . . .
Another year to live!
To banish worry, doubt, and fear,
To love and laugh and give!

This bright new year is given me
To live each day with zest . . .
To daily grow and try to be
My highest and my best!

I have the opportunity
Once more to right some wrongs,
To pray for peace, to plant a tree,
And sing more joyful songs!"

--- *William Arthur Ward*

January Books of the Month

Ask your child how s/he enjoyed:

- K-2 **The Chicken Chasing Queen of Lamar County**
by Janice Harrington and Shelley Jackson
- 3-5 **Duke Ellington**
by Andrea Davis Pinkney

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