

# BAY VIEW PARENT NEWS

MARCH 2008 - 7/4



March 4 & 5 - State Math Tests for Grades 3 & 5

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March 7 - Kindergarten Assembly

March 11: CEC MEETING - I.S. 62 at 700 Cortelyou Road  
TOPIC: Campaign for Fiscal Equity, Citywide Council on High Schools.

March 13: Parent-Teacher Conferences - 12:45-2:45 and 5:30-7:45. Children are dismissed at 11:30 a.m. PTA General Meeting at 4:30

March 14: MAD SCIENCE : PTA Assembly

March 17: Happy St. Patrick's Day! *ROYAL READERS SHORT STORY CONTEST DEADLINE: 5<sup>th</sup> GRADERS*

March 19: NYSESLAT Workshop for Parents of ELL's - Join us for a workshop on preparing your child for the NYSESLAT tests and for learning how to help your child at home.

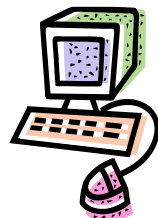
March 21: SCHOOL CLOSED for Good Friday

March 23 : Happy Easter!

March 27: PS102apalooza - 6 pm - tickets are now on sale! Come join us for our second annual Parent/Teacher Talent Show and Silent Art Auction. It's not too late to donate items for the auction - please email Joanie Flickinger [joanie@reichpaper.com](mailto:joanie@reichpaper.com), or call Margaret Sheri at (718) 748-7404 x 432.

## PARENT COMPUTER CLASSES

AT PS 102 : Classes in Internet, MS WORD - Beginner and Intermediate, Excel and Basic Computer Skills are offered this spring. Tuesday morning and evening classes are available. Please see the flier sent home last week and sign up early! Space is limited. If you did not receive a flier or have more questions call Ms. Sheri (718) 748-7404 x 432.



**BROOKLYN MAQAM: FREE Arab Music Festival**  
March 2-30, 2008 see [www.brooklynartscouncil.org](http://www.brooklynartscouncil.org) for performers and venues. Walking tours will be offered in May. PS 102 Parent and amazing Oud player Zafer Tawil will be featured on March 27<sup>th</sup>.

## Volunteer of the Month

Our March Volunteer of the Month, Lisa Reich, has a flair for décor and making people feel appreciated and welcome. She first became involved at PS 102 four years ago when a friend asked for help with the Staff Appreciation Luncheon and she has been delighting us with her fresh ideas and beautiful presentations since then --- including a survival kit for each teacher for the fall conferences. Lisa chairs the PTA Hospitality Committee, Celebration Committee, and stepped up to chair the Bake Sale this year. The Bake Sale raised a remarkable \$2000 largely due to her efforts to get more donations. I think there were also a record number of volunteers! Asking for help and showing how things can be done (and done well) are other gifts Lisa has. Lisa says that getting involved at P.S. 102 is a great way to make such a large elementary school feel more approachable. We all know that it is good for the school and our kids when parents get involved, but many of us can't seem to find the time, we are shy, or we are not quite sure when and how to help. When I asked Lisa for some advice to share, she borrowed a phrase from Nike "JUST DO IT!" *Specifically, she needs help with the 3/13 Staff Appreciation Luncheon from drop-off through 1 p.m. and donations of baked goods to be delivered by 9:00 a.m. that day. Please call her at (718) 791-3121 @* Thank you so much Lisa - for making us all feel more welcome, comfortable and appreciated. When you meet this lovely & talented mom - please give her a great big THANK YOU, and I think the biggest thanks would be to help her out on the 13<sup>th</sup>!

## March 31 to April 14

TWO-WEEK SPRING WEB DRIVE @

[www.greenraising.com](http://www.greenraising.com)

If you order from [greenraising.com](http://greenraising.com) during these dates, PS 102 will receive a 40% donation (rather than the usual 25%) - CHECK OUT the web site or you can order over the phone using the fliers available in the lobby and plan your shopping now! Items can be shipped directly to your home (or save money and packaging by taking advantage of free shipping to PS 102.)

## ♻️ 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!**

## Building Math Skills: Help your child analyze and overcome typical math errors

Good teachers try to assess why students are making errors in math. But few have the time to do this for every child with every new math concept they teach. It helps when parents also know the typical errors children make and ways to correct them. If your child:

- Forgot a step in computation, have her make a checklist for monitoring math work. List the steps in the sequence required to do a problem. Then check each step off the list as she does it.
- Aligned digits incorrectly, have her turn her ruled paper horizontally to create columns for math.
- Used the wrong information to solve a problem when doing applied or word problems, have her circle essential information.
- Chose the wrong operation, ask her to explain the steps she's taking and why. Suggest she draw or diagram the problem before she attempts to solve it.
- Failed to recognize reasonable answers, ask her to see if an answer "makes sense" by putting it into a real-life, meaningful example. For example,  $2 + X = 5$ . She might say, "If I have two cookies and I want to give one to each of my five friends, how many more cookies do I need (X)?"
- Forgot to write down carried over numbers, suggest she circle these numbers as she calculates.
- Confused or misread plus, minus, times or division signs, she can circle the signs to bring greater attention to them.
- Got the wrong answer because of incorrect math facts, use games and flash cards for repeated drills for addition, subtraction and multiplication. Record math facts and then replay them. See if she can guess an answer before hearing the correct response.

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MARCH:APRIL:MAY Activity Calendars from The Parent Institute are available in English and Spanish in the lobby!

## Thanks...

... to Ms. Sichenze for arranging our first author visit! Our fifth grade welcomed Anne Capeci on 1/24. Ms. Sichenze plans to find an author to visit each grade this school year, and thanks to the PTA for pledging to support these very exciting and important visits financially.

... to all who donated to the American Heart Association through HOOPS FOR HEART. We raised \$4242 this year. Thanks to Ms. Cross and Ms. Lurie for organizing this effort.

... to Tracey and Ouafa Jindyeh and all their volunteers, for an exciting Sports Night in February (look for a notice for another Sports Night coming in April.)

... to PTA members Christine Dario and Paul West and crew for another successful Movie Night!

... to Lisa Reich and so many others for a delicious bake sale!

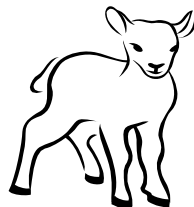
... to Mrs. Willie and Ms. G and PS 102 students for all the exciting, informative Science Fair Projects and to the parent volunteers who helped set up and take down the projects.

### MARCH BOOKS OF THE MONTH

#### TAKE YOU TO THE MOON!

Gr. K-3: If You Decide to Go to the Moon, by Faith McNulty

Gr. 4 & 5: The Moon, by Seymour Simon



"May you have warm words on a cold evening, a full moon on a dark night and a smooth road all the way to your door."

...an Irish Blessing

### TV TURNOFF WEEK IS COMING....

PS 102 will celebrate our SIXTH TV TURNOFF WEEK from 4/11/08-4/17/08. Look for poster contest fliers coming soon! If you would like to sponsor a Screen-Free Event, share ideas, or join the planning committee please call or email Margaret Sheri.

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