



# BMPRSS Newsletter

February/March 2010

## FEBRUARY WAS AN EXCITING MONTH!

- Our first 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade concert
- Jump Rope for Heart
- Celebrating Mardi Gras and the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school

## MARCH IS HERE!

The arrival of March reminds us that spring is just around the corner. We are looking forward to these upcoming events this month:

- “Music in our School”
- National Nutrition Month – No Junk Food Week!
- “Women in History” Month
- March 2<sup>nd</sup> - World Read Aloud Day and /or Read Across America Day (which happens to be Dr. Seuss’ birthday) – We will celebrate this with an all school read aloud.

## REFLECTIONS

Congratulations to Erick Hennings and Divya Kumaran who are Regional Reflections winners. They will move onto the New York State Finals. The theme for reflections this year was “Beauty is....” We wish them well in the next level of judging!

## GEOGRAPHY BEE UPDATE

Congratulations to our 5<sup>th</sup> grader, Bryan Weintraub, who has succeeded in moving onto the next round in the National Geographic Geography Bee! He will be representing our school in the New York State Finals competition in Albany, NY in early April. Let’s wish him the best of luck!

## BOOK SWAP

We had a successful book swap in February. All books not swapped will be donated to the Greenburgh Graham School District.

## DESTINATION IMAGINATION

Some of our students in grades 4 and 5 will be competing at the Destination Imagination Regional Competition in Yorktown Heights, NY on Saturday, March 6<sup>th</sup>! We know how hard our students have worked to prepare for this competition, along with our parent D.I. coaches, and Mrs. Murphy and Mrs. Wickman. Let’s wish them the best of luck!

## KIDS WHO CARE

We want to thank all of you who participated in the Kids Who Care Valentines project. Donations were made to Maria Ferrari Children's Hospital, My Sisters Place, Blythedale Children's Hospital and The Andrus Children's Center.

## SOMETHING NEW AT THE SCHOOL STORE

Our school store volunteers have graciously agreed to hold the school store two days each month. Students will be assigned to go to the school store on their assigned day. We are hoping that this will cut down on overcrowding, incidences of stealing, and students missing lunch. Grades will be assigned one day to go to the school store. Parents and students will be notified of the dates.

## ASSESSMENT REMINDER

The NYS Assessments will be administered on the following dates –

Grade 3-5 ELA	April 26 <sup>th</sup> , 27 <sup>th</sup> , and 28 <sup>th</sup>
Grade 3-5 Math	May 5 <sup>th</sup> , 6 <sup>th</sup> , and 7 <sup>th</sup>
Grade 4 Science Performance Test	May 24 <sup>th</sup> - 28 <sup>th</sup>
Grade 4 Science Written Test	June 7

*We would really appreciate every effort made for our students to be on time to school on testing days!*

## ON THE BUS

Our bus drivers recently held bus drills. Please help support their efforts by reminding the children to:

- Remain seated while the bus is in motion
- Keep hands and feet to themselves
- Keep all of their “stuff” with them in their seat and not in the aisle

## ATTENDANCE 101

As you know, regular school attendance is essential to school success. Last week, letters were sent out to parents of children with more than 10 or more absences or tardies.

This letter was just to provide you with information and offer any assistance. Please remember to call in your child's absences to the school nurse and send in a note when your child returns to school.

If your child is going to be absent for an extended time, please let us know.

Attendance letters will be sent home every 10 weeks.

## PRINCIPAL'S COFFEE

This month's Principal's Coffee will be held on March 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:45 p.m. Officer John Hawkins will be our speaker. This informal evening will be focused on our DARE program and on what parents can be doing and saying about drug/ alcohol issues. The coffee will be held in the RSS Library.

## POWER OF ONE

All of our students will attend an assembly on March 15<sup>th</sup> focused on bullying.

## VISITING AUTHOR

Jeanne Behr Getz, author of THINK GREEN, will visit with our K– 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students on Tuesday, April 20<sup>th</sup>. THINK GREEN is a wonderfully illustrated children’s book about simple ways children can help keep our world green and clean. Her book can be purchased in advance (\$15.00) by completing the green pre-order sheet that will be sent home this week.

## LIBRARY NEWS

The Parents as Reading Partners program (PARP) will begin again at RSS. To participate in the program, parents and children in grades K-1 agree to read together for 15-20 minutes per day for 20 days during the month of March. This is an excellent opportunity to encourage reading!

March 2<sup>nd</sup> is Seuss Day. In celebration of Dr. Seuss’s birthday, the Kindergarten students will learn about his life, listen to some of his well known stories and color a hat based on his popular “Cat in the Hat” book. These hats will be on display in the Children’s Room at the Port Chester – Rye Brook Public Library.

## ¿HABLA ESPAÑOL?

Interested in finding out what’s going on in our Spanish classes? Check out the Ridge Street School website - You can also use the following link:

[http://www.blindbrook.org/our\\_schools/ridge\\_street\\_school/RSSSpanishNews.htm](http://www.blindbrook.org/our_schools/ridge_street_school/RSSSpanishNews.htm)

## THANKS...

Thank you for sharing your children with us. We are committed to doing everything we can to insure maximum academic and social growth for each child.