

# The School #3 Messenger

June 2010



## The Principal's Corner

*A Principal, A Coach and A Caring Friend*

Dear Parents:

### SUMMER VACATION

Summer vacation is the prime time for families to vacation. The kids are out of school so start looking at some great summer vacation ideas.

### Short Day Trip Excursion Summer Vacation Ideas

You can do lots of day trips with your kids providing awesome memories to last a life time.

First, think of what might be within your own town. If you are unaware, call the

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## Mark That Calendar! Important Dates to Remember

- June 3 - Summer Packet Policy Distributed
- June 3 - Grade Four Class Trip  
Museum-Natural History/Hayden Planetarium
- June 4 - Grade One Class Trip-Bergen Pac
- June 8 - Grade Six Class Trip-King Tut
- June 8 - Grade Three Class Trip-Van Saun Park
- June 9 -School # 3 Carnival / Picnic- 5:00-8:00PM
- June 10 - Girl Scouts Class Trip
- June 11 -Last Day for CLUB ED.
- June 15 -Grade Six Moving-Up Celebration  
Program Begins at 7:00 PM
- June 18 -Grade Six Trip to Darlington-9:00-2:30
- June 18- Summer Packets Sent Home
- June 21 -Grade One Orientation at 2:00PM
- June 25 - Last Day of School for Students

- July 6<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> Cliffside Park Remedial Instruction:  
LAL 8 – 10AM / Math 10 to Noon
- June 28<sup>th</sup> to August 6<sup>th</sup> Fairview Summer School for  
Grade Six students.

**June 21,22, 23, 24, 25 (12:45 Dismissal)**

## JUNE- PTO

- June 9- Carnival / Picnic  
5:00 PM – 8:00 PM
- June 18- Bagel; Breakfast
- June 25 -Grade Six Farewell Barbeque

On June 1<sup>st</sup> the School Three PTO will award a \$250 scholarship to a deserving high school graduate, who some years ago, attended our elementary school. Our next newsletter will proudly announce the winners.

municipality or recreation center and ask them to send you information on things to do with kids in town.

Many other towns and cities might have a Children's museum with hands on fun displays for kids of all ages, a zoo, or an aquarium.

There are also lakes, beaches and parks spread throughout the county and state. Spend time together seeing as many parks as you could squeeze in during the summer.

For the train lover (*most kids*), some parks have train or carousel rides for kids at minimal charge. Also you can look for a scenic railroad usually an hour train ride; *this is always a hit with kids.*

LET'S NOT FORGET TO READ !!!



**Kids & Family Reading** - Parents have a strong influence over kids' reading. If parents overwhelmingly view reading as the most important skill a child needs to develop, their children will continue to grow and experience a wealth of knowledge.

Parent engagement in their child's reading all the way through the teen years can have a significant impact on how often their children read and how much they enjoy reading,

**Sharing and caring is what makes a family grow together. Continue to communicate with your children and enjoy reading and writing about your summertime experiences.**

*Mr. John Brunelli*



## **School #3 CARNIVAL**

As many of you are aware, School #3 will be hosting an "End of the Year Carnival". The PTO, which is lead by Dorene Russo & Carol Cota, spearhead this special event. **The PTO wants to reward the students for all their hard work during the school year.**

The 4<sup>th</sup> annual carnival will be one of the largest events ever held by the PTO. Once again **parent volunteers are needed** to donate their time to help make sure the event is a complete success.

Last years carnival was rated as a huge success by everyone. Over three hundred parents and children attended the carnival.

Large blow-up floats will fill the playground.. The "little ones" (and big ones!) will have a grand time climbing and sliding.

**Barbeque –Look for Ms. Carlucci and Colleen Donohue at the grill.**

Food will be provided during the evening. Hamburgers, hot dogs, chicken fingers, and salad.

A DJ will keep the atmosphere festive by playing just the right type of music. Last year the students had an especially good time dancing to the different songs. He also did a great job organizing the games...not an easy task when working with 100 kids at once!

Of course one of the biggest attractions was the **dunk tank!** The students will have great pleasure dunking Mr.DeBlasio, Mr. Nichols, Mr.Savastano, and Mr. Ryan. The students broke open their piggy banks to get at this game.

Please join us on June 9<sup>th</sup> for a fun filled night. .

## CLASSROOM HAPPENINGS

**Grade 1:** The first grade students have started their “Under the Sea” unit. Students have already learned about squid, octopus, jellyfish, and hermit crabs. Their projects are on display in the classroom. Both first grade classes are enjoying the books, songs, and activities that go along with the unit. Over the next few weeks students will be learning about sea urchins, manatees, whales, sharks, and much more.

**Grade 2:** Grade two will be adding and subtracting three digit numbers in math. We will be reinforcing and revisiting letter writing and personal narratives in our writer’s notebooks. We will also be reading “Swimmy” in our reading textbooks. The second graders have had a very productive year, and our looking forward to the challenges waiting for them in the third grade.

**Grade 3:** The third grades have completed NJ ASK. In science we are studying about the solar system. We are learning about Memorial Day and its meaning. In math we are learning about time and making clocks.

**Grade 4:** Both 4th grade classes are beginning their study on cultural heritage. Each student will be doing a project on a country of their heritage. We will all be making maps, flags and doing a research report on the countries chosen. The culminating activity will be a cultural fair where all students will be able to bring in a food that is native to the country they did their project on.

**Grade 5: 5D/5N):** The fifth grade will be raising money for the Wounded Warrior Project. The students will sell sugar free ice pops during lunch time. All the monies raised will go directly to the injured veterans from the current wars taking place in the Middle East.

**Grade 6:** As the school year draws to a close, the students will be focusing on the contributions of Ancient Greece and Ancient Rome. In science, the students will explore the world's oceans and their habitats.



## May

### STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Each month one student from each class will be honored as “Student of the Month.” These students must demonstrate the qualities listed in the following format:

- Perfect Attendance
- Homework Completion
- Grades-1-2 (Satisfactory)  
Grades 3-6 (C or better)
- Good Manners
- Overall Improvement in Grades, Homework & Attendance.
- Extra-Curricular, Tutoring, Big Brother-Big Sister
- Discipline-Cannot serve a Detention or Suspension

#### Grade One

- Lynn Choi
- Damian Rodriguez

#### Grade Two

- Jonnathan Silva
- Kristopher Sohn

#### Grade Three

- Edwin Ramirez
- Izabella Suarez

#### Grade Four

- Mirna Canon
- Samantha Gutierrez
- Ali Hassan

#### Grade Five

- Joseph Diaz
- John Marshyti
- Rosa Quevedo

#### Grade Six

- Edwar Alvarez
- Carla Sanchez

## CHARACTER EDUCATION!

Character Education is emphasized in our curriculum at all grade levels and in every classroom by our teachers. Once again, we will be emphasizing the pillars of Good Character that we adhere to at School #3: **Compassion** will be addressed during June through our "Good Character Program".



## Health Hint

Teach children the ABCs of how to protect their skin from getting sunburned.

**A = Away.** Stay away from the sun in the middle of the day (from 10 in the morning to 4 in the afternoon).

**B = Block.** Use a sunscreen with a [sun protection factor \(SPF\)](#) of 15 or higher to protect babies' and children's very sensitive skin.

**C = Cover up.** Wear clothing that covers the skin, hats with wide brims, and sunglasses with UV protection. Children as young as 1 year old should wear sunglasses with UV protection.

## HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

### Father's Day Poem

A Dad is a person who is loving and kind,  
And often he knows what you have on  
your mind.

He's someone who listens, suggests, and  
defends.

A dad can be one of your very best  
friends!

He's proud of your triumphs,  
but when things go wrong,

A dad can be patient and helpful and  
strong

In all that you do, a dad's love plays a  
part.

There's always a place for him deep in  
your heart.

And each year that passes, you're even  
more glad,

More grateful and proud just to call him  
your dad!

Thank you, Dad...

for listening and caring, for giving and  
sharing,

but, especially, for just being you!

Happy Father's Day

# The Bulletin Board

### SUMMER PACKETS

The faculty and administration of the Cliffside Park School System firmly believes that in order to preserve the continuity of learning, our students need to exercise their minds during the summer months. In keeping with our beliefs, we have prepared and provided your children with recently revised "Summer Packets." Each packet contains: Calendar Math and a Language Arts Activity Chart.

A letter will be sent home the week of June 3<sup>rd</sup> explaining the Summer Packet Policy for completing the assignments.

**This letter MUST be signed and returned By June 11<sup>th</sup>.**

### SUMMER LEARNING

Remedial instruction will be offered to selected students in grades 1 through 5. Both Language Arts and Math programs will be offered at School # 6, beginning on July 6<sup>th</sup> and ending on July 30<sup>th</sup>. LAL classes will begin at 8:00 AM and end at exactly 10:00 AM.

Math classes will begin at 10:00 AM and end at Noon.

### WILD ABOUT READING

1G - 26

2P - 48

1S - 136

2T - 150

