

# *What's Happening*

## School No. 5 Newsletter



The mission of the Cliffside Park School District is to provide a safe, academically focused environment within our culturally diverse community where all students have the opportunity to achieve the New Jersey Core Curriculum Content Standards at all grade levels. We will challenge each student to confidently achieve his or her educational and personal goals as well as acquire the work and social skills essential to become a productive member of society.

*June 4, 2010*

### **PRINCIPAL'S CORNER**

Dear Parents:

A few parents have come to me concerned that there have been cars driving fast as they pass the school. I have contacted the CPPD and can report that the Cliffside Park Department of Public Works, thanks to the Mayor and Council have equipped both Summit and Rothwell Ave. with speed humps. Hopefully these speed humps will make a difference.

May was Concert Time in the Cliffside Park School District. On May 20<sup>th</sup>, we held our annual district wide band concert under the direction of Mr. DeLisio. The elementary band, grades 5 & 6 and the Middle School Band performed to a large crowd. On May 27<sup>th</sup> the district wide 6<sup>th</sup> grade chorus under

the direction of Mr. Alec Shantzis and Mrs. Leslie Auslin performed a variety of songs from the 70's. The concerts were great and everyone had a great time.

On Tuesday, June 1, 2010 the CPHS held its annual awards night. This is the night that School No. 5 awards it's Faculty/PTO Scholarship. This year's recipient was Daniela Gonzales. She was active in many extracurricular activities. Daniela besides being a member of the National Honor Society she was the Captain of the CPHS Varsity Volleyball team and received Honorable Mention All-League. Daniela will be attending Rutgers University join me in wishing Daniela the best of luck in her college career.

Last night, June 3<sup>rd</sup> the PTO held their Annual Variety Show. Students from grades 1-6 displayed their many talents, from singing and dancing to playing musical instruments as well as telling a few jokes. It was a great night. Special

thanks go out to Mrs. Jackie Baggio for putting it all together.

On June 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM we will hold our 6<sup>th</sup> Grade "Moving Up" Ceremony. This night is where we celebrate our 6<sup>th</sup> grade students and their parents. On behalf of the School No. 5 staff, I would like to congratulate the sixth grade class for their accomplishments and wish them well at Cliffside Park Middle School.

As another school year winds down I want to thank all the students, staff, and parents for making this a great year. I would like to thank the School No. 5 PTO, and Mrs. Jackie Baggio for all her hard work. I am looking forward to next year hoping more parents will get involved. Please save your box tops over the summer as we will continue the Box Top Program.

Once again the Cliffside Park School District will offer a Summer Enrichment Program. The program is available for all students entering grades 3-12 in September, 2010. Please visit our website: [www.cliffsidepark.edu](http://www.cliffsidepark.edu) for more information.

I would like to wish all of you a happy, healthy summer. I would also like to thank you for all your cooperation. The teachers and I truly appreciate it.

I am looking forward to being with your children again next year at Cliffside Park School No. 5.

Michael Bucco

Principal



## IMPORTANT DATES

6/1 6th Grade Spanish Class Interaction at Don Quiote 11-1:00

6/3 5th grade Class Trip to Newark Museum 10:00-2:00

6/3 Summer Packet Policy sent home

6/3 PTO Variety Show 7:00

6/10 Girl Scout Trip Grs. 2, 3, 4 & 5

6/11 LAST DAY Club Ed

6/17 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Moving Up Ceremony 7:00

6/17 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Sports Physicals

6/18 4<sup>th</sup> marking period end

6/18 Summer Packets distributed

6/18 District 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Trip to Darlington County Park

6/ 21 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Orientation 2:00 PM

6/21-6/25 Early Dismissal 12:45PM

6/25 Last Day of School

6/25 Report Cards Distributed

Please refer to the District calendar



## PARENT POINTERS

### Language Can Either Motivate Or Discourage

Your child has been working to master a new math skill, but her homework shows that she still doesn't understand it. The language you use can motivate ... or cause her to give up.

Try saying things like "You're not there yet," or "You haven't quite mastered this yet." Those words signal your child that she can get the answer if she just keeps working. Studies show that children will keep working if they believe they can figure out the answer ... even if they're "not there yet."

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## NOTES FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE

As the school year comes to a close, I just wanted to share a few concerns about summer health. When school closes for the summer, often times children who had been a regular sleep schedule in order to get to school on time, will sometimes try to rearrange their sleep schedule and stay up much later in the evenings. Children need approximately 8 to 10 hours of sleep each night no matter what season it is. Also children tend to spend long periods of time outdoors which can make them more tired without a parent realizing.

Hydration and sun screen is vital during the summer. Children need to drink water throughout the day in order to prevent dehydration and other negative effects of the sun. Children should wear a hat while outdoors and should have sunscreen applied regularly throughout the day. Sunscreen with an SPF of 30 or more should be worn on all exposed areas other than the face. Sunscreen with an SPF of 45 or more should be worn on face, back of the neck and ears at all times.

Also remember that the allergy season stretches very far into the summer and then recurs in mid to late August. Please remember to do have your children do the following:

1. They need to be reminded to wash their hands and face each time they go outside.
2. They need to be reminded to wash their hands each time they play with an animal.

3. They should change their clothes after playing outside.
4. They should be reminded to shower and wash their hair daily.
5. All children with long hair should have it clipped back away from their face and eyes.
6. Cool compresses can be placed over their eyes to help with the itching.
7. Warm salt water gargles can help a scratchy throat.
8. Keeping a water bottle at school for extra hydration.
9. Keeping them inside for recess when the pollen count is high upon your request.

Just one last reminder to you about good hand-washing and good hygiene: As you know there is are many viruses that are airborne at this very time. We are doing are very best to try and control the spread of Influenza and Influenza like respiratory viruses. In order for the school and me to effectively do that we must have your help. Please keep your children home if they have any flu-like symptoms and remind them to wash their hands repeatedly when they sneeze, cough or sniffle. If they maintain good hygiene we will do a better job keeping everyone healthy.

Have a great, safe summer

Mrs. M. ASH RN, BSN, CSN  
SCHOOL NURSE



## HEALTH OFFICE REMINDER

Parents please keep your children home for any of the following:

**Influenza LIKE Illness symptoms and Head Lice symptoms**

1. Fever (even low fevers below 100.0 F as H1N1 sometimes has a low-grade fever)
2. Nausea/Vomiting
3. Diarrhea
4. Cough
5. Sore Throat
6. Body aches and Head Aches
7. Fatigue (being very tired)
8. Chills
9. Head lice or lice eggs (nits)

Parents must keep students home 24 hours **AFTER** a fever **WITHOUT** fever-reducing medication like Tylenol, Motrin, Advil or Aleve.

Please do not send your children to school in the morning if you have given them any medicine for a fever. They **MUST** be kept home, for their safety and for the safety of the other students and staff.

Please do not send your children to school if you have found active head lice or nits that day. Students must be seen by the nurse following head lice treatment before being readmitted to class.



## CLASSROOM HAPPENINGS

This section will inform you of Special Events that will be coming up in your child's class.

**LCIVA:** This month we will be taking a trip to the Cliffside Park Police Department. The students will be taught how fingerprints are taken.

**LCIVB:** The class is finishing Chapter 17 in the novel, "Heat", by Mike Lupica. Students will complete a writing assignment about what will happen next in the book.

**Grade 1:** It's hard to believe that the school year is coming to an end. First grade has made giant leaps since the beginning of the year! To wrap up the year we will review Readers and Writers workshop strategies. We will also reflect on all the wonderful learning experiences we had in First Grade!

**Grade 2:** We have just completed our Butterfly Unit! Our caterpillars will arrive this week and we will begin to observe and record their behavior. We will wait and watch them through metamorphosis and then we will set the butterflies free.

**Grade 3:** We have finally completed the NJ ASK!!!! The third graders worked very hard in preparing for and taking the test and I am very proud of them. WE are now going to wrap up the school year with many fun activities. In writing we are going to explore travel catalogs and create our own. The students are very excited and we look forward to sharing the end product.

**Grade 4:** The 4<sup>th</sup> grade continues their effort to encourage recycling by collecting plastic and aluminum trays during lunch. They are building landfills to observe the effects of trash on the environment.

The 4<sup>th</sup> grade has also been studying electricity, comparing series circuits and parallel circuits. They even constructed their own current detectors!

**Grade 5:** Students enjoyed an informative discussion on animal behavior at the Newark Museum. They had the opportunity to observe animal behaviors as well as compare and contrast their observations.

**Grade 6:** Students have been reading their read aloud novel, "The Devil's Arithmetic" and as well as putting their final touches on their Egypt projects.



Each newsletter we will list websites that are safe and fun. In addition to being kid-friendly, they might even result in a little learning. ☺

<http://www.apples4theteacher.com/>

This site includes interactive learning games, quizzes, and worksheet generator tools by subject (creative arts, foreign languages, language arts, math, science, social studies), articles, literacy coloring pages and more.

Check out this website!

Try it out!



## Fun Facts

Did you know that dogs have three eyelids?

They have an upper and lower eyelid and a third one inside of the other two. It helps protect the eye from dirt and dust. It is also called a "haw".

Now you do!

## JUST FOR FUN

What do you need to open a door?

A closed door, silly!



## STUDENT OF THE MONTH

MAY

Grade 1

Jessica Weinstein & Melanie Zepeda

## Grade 2

Kimberly Martos, Alexander Bravo  
& Genesis Trellis Molina

## Grade 3

Rocio Julian, Briseyda Roman,  
Amanda Armstrong & Daniela Vazquez

## Grade 4

Brandon Barroso

## Grade 5

Mahadi Said

## Grade 6

Katrin Lopez & Graciela Alvarado



## **CHARACTER AWARDS!**

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 six pillars of Good Character that we adhere to: Respect, Responsibility, Trustworthiness, Fairness, Caring and Citizenship through our "Good Character Gumball Machine" bulletin board in the main hallway. Once a week our faculty will recognize students who demonstrate a quality and award them a paper "gumball" that will be mounted on our board.

We encourage you to discuss the pillars of good character with your children and to reinforce our program by recognizing

displays of good character at home. Together we can foster an atmosphere of respect, acceptance and kindness that will make our school, our community and our world a better place.

**Grade 1:** Debroah Borges, Melanie Zepeda, Andre P. Rivera , Ben Amaya, (RESPECT) Jessica Weinstein, Jana Khalil, Niki Anagnostou Kelsy Pereira, (RESPONSIBILITY) Eric Hittinger Madissen Tiller, Marlon Bishop, Diana Sefer (FAIRNESS) Allysa Bennett, Kaylen Mejia, Ezequiel Reyes, Sarai Ortiz (CARING) The Whole Class, Carina Carrasquillo, Darian Reynoso, Laura Castellanos, (CITIZENSHIP) Johnier Cabrera, David Roca, Maya Winters, Samantha Arcila, Adhum Fathelbab, (TRUSTWORTHINESS)

**Grade 2:** Pricilla Youngling, Hazyza Deljannin, Jennifer Perez, Micalea Borges, Amani Valenciano, Elizabeth Nuvolone, Amer Qandeel, Limver Quevedo (RESPECT) Shania Morales, Kimberly Martos, Alexander Bravo, Melanie Hittinger, Gensis Trelles- Molina, Jasmine Yhlen (RESPONSIBILITY) Nicole Valles, Joshua Diaz, Randall Ruiz, (FAIRNESS) Jennifer Ribiero, Joshua Ortiz Angel Santos, Ali Najmeddin (CARING) Daniel Ospino, Madissen Aligo, Bryana Dyson, Kenza Sehbi , Gabriel Lana (CITIZENSHIP) Sarah Pignatelli, Cleiver Marroquin, Justin Chevalier, (TRUSTWORTHINESS)

**Grade 3:** Wilmer Murillo, Mohammad Hanan, Angel Muca, Michelle Nehme, Briseyda Roman, Patrick Martinez (RESPECT) Natalie Majano, Ishita Jamar, Vanessa Baggio, Ally Botto, (RESPONSIBILITY) Valentina Alvarez, Saida Deljanin, Charlie Cordova, Melvin Gonzales, (FAIRNESS) Christian Velis, Amanda Armstrong, Kayla Geelalsingh, Carly Basich,

Gabriela Amaya, Simona Toro, (CARING) Faith Youngling, Rawan Abid, Nosaj Harrison, Daniela Vazquez, (CITIZENSHIP) (TRUSTWORTHINESS)

**Grade 4:** Kelly Lee , Brenda Goncalves (RESPECT) Ahmed Omar, Brandon Barroso (RESPONSIBILITY) (FAIRNESS) Natalia Castiblanco, Wilmer Cun, Gannah Abu Ali, Mariah Valenciano (CARING ) Juan Toro, Fedaa Qandeel (CITIZENSHIP) Ana Trellis, Melissa Sarvia, Peter Villaco (TRUSTWORTHINESS)

**Grade 5:** Mahadi Said Carlos Velis, Zarafshan Rizwan (RESPONSIBILITY) Haisel Mercedes, Rafael Moraes (RESPECT)(FAIRNESS) (CARING) Mahadi Said, Alexa Valdez (CITIZENSHIP) Tiarra Hawkins, Alexa Valdez, Ryan Grossaman, Joe Armstrong, Dominique Rosero (TRUSTWORTHINESS)

**Grade 6:** (RESPECT) Ane Balkchyan, Lesly Leon, Arwa Abid, Auendy Taveras, Amal Santiago, Mounria Elsamra, Katerin Lopez, Graciela Alvarado, Michael Ortiz (RESPONSIBILITY) (FAIRNESS) Auendy Taveras, (CARING) The 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Class (CITIZENSHIP) (TRUSTWORTHINES)



## STUDENTS OF NOTE

Through out the year we will recognize our students for outstanding accomplishments.



## Keep Your Child Reading Over the Summer Months

Research shows that students' reading skills often slip over the summer. But that doesn't need to happen. Research also shows that when kids keep reading, their skills improve! To motivate your child to read this summer:

- *Make reading a family event.*

Try a variety of fun places to read during the summer—at the pool, the beach, the park or the air-conditioned library. Find one every day and relax with a good book.

- *Listen to stories.* Before leaving on a trip, stop at the library for audio books. These are also great for “No TV” nights. Gather the family and listen to a book on CD. Discuss it afterwards.

- *Visit the library regularly.* Each time your family returns books or magazines, check out new ones. Also ask for a summer schedule. Libraries plan many events that encourage summer reading.

- *Keep reading materials handy.* Leave irresistible items around the house, such as cartoons, kids' magazines and funny jokes. Bring books to pass the time in

waiting rooms and in line.

- *Create a scrapbook.* Attach mementos, such as ticket stubs and photos, to pages, and let your child write the captions. Read the scrapbook all summer and for years to come.

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“If we encounter a man of rare intellect, we should ask him what book he reads.”  
----Ralph Waldo Emerson



Math @ Home provides simple activities and games that parents and students can do together at home to reinforce students' math skills.

## Pretzel & Pasta Math

Use stick pretzels to measure the length of some things in the house. How many pretzels long is a pencil, a sheet of paper, the kitchen sink, or the dining room table? Use strands of spaghetti to measure longer things such as the length of a room or hallway, or the length of a car.

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## **PTO NEWS**

**PTO Variety Show Practice  
6/1 , 6/2 Dress Rehearsal 6:00-8:00**

**Thursday 6/3 Variety Show 7:00**

**School No. 5's PTO will participate in the  
Box Tops for Education program.  
Participating in the program is easy —  
simply save Box Tops Labels from  
participating products and send them to  
our school. Some of the products eligible  
for redemption in the program include:**

- **Pillsbury**
- **Betty Crocker**
- **Cheerios**
- **Fruit Roll-Up's**
- **Kleenex**
- **Ziploc**
- **Any MANY More!**