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Our Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

It is my pleasure to congratulate our new set of Students of Month for April. As you will note, Laura Shipman received Student of the Month in her classroom and also in Music. A special congratulations you, Laura.

As you know, NJ ASK testbegins ing this month. Grades 7 and 8 start on April 27 and Grades 5 and 6 on May 3rd. Please make sure that your child enters school on time as once testing is started, students may not enter the classroom but must



take the test during the makeup period.

All students come forgetful. should have a prop- We still have two er night's rest, a and a half months good breakfast and of school and we a happy attitude to have to keep on aid them in doing target. well.

Our Annual Concert and Art Show for the students is on May 26th and for parents on the night of the 27th of May.

We are expecting 100% attendance from both campuses. I know you can do it!

Please make sure that vour their child does homework each evening and sign it after you review it. Spring is a time when most dents begin to become forgetful.

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Principal

Robert Treat Academy's
Annual Concert & Art Show
Thursday, May 27, 2010
6:45 PM
at the North Campus

April Students of the Month



LEFT TO RIGHT:

ROW 1: DIEGO GONZALEZ, JOCELYN CALDERON, STE-VEN CARABALLO, YARIEL ZUNIGA, ROSEMARY LOPEZ, TAMIA LOUISSAINT, EDWIN RAMIREZ, NOEL RIOS AND BRIA WRIGHT

ROW 2: JACQUELINE CASTILLO, FERNANDO HERNANDEZ AND ILEANIE ALIFONSO

ROW 3: BRIANA RIVERA, LAURA SHIPMAN, AMBER RUA, RAYMOND ALVAREZ-ADORNO, ANTHONY CAS-TRO, MCAFEE SHEEHAN AND RICARDO ORTIZ

PICTURED FROM LEFT TO RIGHT:

DANTE TERRY, CARLOS MARTINEZ, AND JAHMIR WADE

Extended School Day News

Submitted by Mr. Trillo **After Care Director**

I hope the Spring Break gave everybody a chance to relax and get



some much needed rest. The extended school day will be resuming as usual Monday, on 12th April Please continue to pick up your children by 5:30

pm. Also, please remember that if your child is attending an ELP course he/she should not be picked up before 5:00 or they will be missing important lessons that will help them succeed in class and on the quickly approaching NJ-Ask tests.

On a separate note please be sure to contact Ms. Jessie if you have any outstanding balances with the extended school day or lunch program. Since our extended school day program is not publicly funded we count on parent fees to keep the program running efficiently. Sadly, parents who have outstanding balances that have not been resolved by the end of the year will no longer be allowed to participate in any portion of the program.

If this message applies to you please contact Ms. Jessie in the main office as soon as possible to resolve this matter. Thank you for your cooperation and we look forward to serving vour children's academic needs in the



High School Placement News

High School Placement Driector

At this point in the year most of our 8th grade parents and students have decided where they will be going to school next year. If they have been admitted to a private or catholic school you should have sent in a registration document and/or fee to reserve your next year. We would also like to

wait about another month.

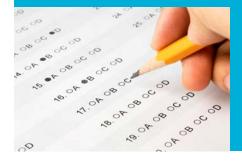
final decisions and wish them well your benefit.

Submitted by Mr. Trillo spot for next year. For those parents remind you that Ms. Corsey will be who are waiting for the admissions around to check up on you in the fall. decisions from the local public mag- The alumni coordinator will also be net high schools, they will have to looking to gather some pertinent information to help her keep in contact with We would like to congratulate all your child next year, so please be helpful the families who have made their and cooperative as it is ultimately for

ASK TESTING SCHEDULE

GRADES 7 AND 8

TUESDAY TO FRIDAY, APRIL 27 TO 30, 2010 MAKEUP-MONDAY TO THURSDAY, MAY 3 TO 6, 2010



GRADES 5 AND 6 TUESDAY TO FRIDAY, MAY 3 TO 6 MAKEUP-MONDAY TO THURSDAY, MAY 10-13

High School Placement News

Submitted by Mr. Trillo, Director of High School Placement

While we are still waiting to hear from public high schools we would like to share the results for our students who were seeking admission to private day or boarding and parochial/catholic high schools. The total amount of these scholarships and aid awards when calculated over the four years of high school is in excess of 3.1 million dollars. We would again like to congratulate all of the students and parents on a job well done. When we receive notice from the remaining schools and any waitlisted candidates we will publish something in the Treatonian.

| SCHOOL AND LOCATION | NUMBER OF ACCEPTANC- | YEARLY SCHOLARSHIP AWARDED* | | | | | |
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| | ES | A 10 000 | | | | | |
| Deerfield Academy, Deerfield, MA | 1 | \$43,300 | | | | | |
| George School, Newton, PA | 1 | \$36,750 | | | | | |
| Church Farm School, Paoli, PA | 2 | \$92,750 | | | | | |
| Episcopal High School, Alexandria, VA | 1 | \$42,000 | | | | | |
| Ethel Walker School, Simsbury, CT | 1 | \$35,000 | | | | | |
| Mont Verde Academy, Montverde, FL | 1 | \$9,277 | | | | | |
| Northfield Mount Hermon, Mount Hermon, MA | 1 | \$40,710 | | | | | |
| Phillips Exeter Academy, Exeter, NH | 2 | \$70,900 | | | | | |
| Portsmouth Abbey, Portsmouth, RI | 1 | \$39,850 | | | | | |
| St. Andrew's School, Middletown, DE | 2 | \$86,750 | | | | | |
| Suffield Academy, Suffield, CT | 1 | \$44,400 | | | | | |
| Delbarton School, Morristown, NJ | 2 | \$52,990 | | | | | |
| Montclair Kimberley, Montclair, NJ | 1 | - | | | | | |
| Newark Academy, Livingston, NJ | _ | • | | | | | |
| 3, | 7 | • | | | | | |
| Seton Hall Prep, West Orange, NJ | / | \$27,000 | | | | | |
| Christ the King, Newark, NJ | 3 | No tuition | | | | | |
| Immaculate Conception HS, Montclair, NJ | 23 | | | | | | |
| Immaculate Heart HS, Township of Washington, NJ | 1 | Ψ 1,500 | | | | | |
| Oratory Prep, Summit, NJ | 1 1 | \$11.500 | | | | | |
| Queen of Peace H.S., North Arlington, NJ | 15 | ψ11,500 | | | | | |
| St. Benedict's Prep, Newark, NJ | 11 | \$8.250 | | | | | |
| Marylawn of the Oranges, South Orange, NJ | 1 | • | | | | | |
| Mt. St. Dominic, Caldwell, NJ | 5 | | | | | | |
| St. Mary's High School, Rutherford, NJ | 1 | \$39,850 \$86,750 | | | | | |
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| St. Peter's Prep, Jersey City, NJ | 4 | • | | | | | |
| St. Vincent Academy, Newark, NJ | 15 | \$8,000 | | | | | |

^{*}Total amount awarded among all the students accepted.

Saturday Academy Schedule

The following is the remaining schedule for Saturday Academy classes.

DATES

April 17, 24 (last class for 7th and 8th grades) May 1 (last class for 5th and 6th grades), 8 (last class for 3rd and 4th grades)

TIMES

3rd and 4th grades: 9:15-11:45 a.m. 5th, 6th and 7th grades 9:30-11:30 a.m. 8th grade 9:00-11:00

All students are expected to attend. Saturday Academy classes are not an option. If for any reason, you child will be unable to attend on a particular date, as with any other school day, you are required to contact the Academy.

Catch Them Being Good!

Submitted by Mrs. Roemer

"No act of kindness, however small, is ever wasted. "

Each morning the children of RTA recite our "recipe" for success and I often wonder to myself if they understand the words they are saving. Will they ever practice these adages in their daily lives or follow the lessons we teach them in our Character Education classes? This past week, one of my students happened to tell me a story of one of our eighth grade students and her single act of kindness. child in my class was waiting in line at the students store and Solei Maldonado was ahead of him in dance that is to be held April 1. After going. Feel free to submit an artishe bought her ticket and went to exit cle on small acts of kindness and it the line, this students commented will be printed in this Newsletter about how lucky she was to be able to for all to see. buy a ticket for the dance (He was not sure if he would be able to go). Solei quietly went back to the student store and purchased another ticket. gave this student the ticket in private and said, "Have a great time." may not think it was a big deal, but this underclassman was certainly impressed as was I. Our words have finally came to life and as an educator it is in those moments where you have to smile and say, "THEY GOT IT!!!!" Great job, Solei.

line and purchasing a ticket for the Teachers: Let's try and keep this



What Peaks Our Interest?

Submitted by the Fourth Grade Team

Fourth grade math students are required to learn how to calculate the mean, median, mode, and range of a data set. To help them understand the significance of a mean (also known as average), Ms. Salamone demonstrated how teachers figure out grade averages for a report card grade. You can imagine what an interesting lesson this was since this is information all students can relate to!

To help the students master the skill, Ms. Salamone wanted to assign a project where they had to collect their own data and perform the calculations independently. One of the fourth grade boys, Nasir Adams (HR 202), suggested they find out how many video games the average RTA fourth grader owns.

The students all liked the idea. As a fun homework assignment, the students had to count up the amount of video games they owned. The results were presented in morning announcements in February. Here are the highlights of the survey results:



♦ The fourth graders own a total of 1,851 video games. That's an average of about 36 games per child.

- ♦ The students in HR 201 own a total of 1,085 video games, which is more than their friends in HR 202 (766 games).
- ◆ The fourth grade boys own an average of 48 video games. The girls own an average of 24.

The students gained more practice with these skills in computer lab. Mr. Gutierrez taught them how to perform the same calculations using Excel software. The made their own spreadsheets and created reports that summarized their findings. The students were able to experience firsthand how much easier the work was when using Excel.

Do our fourth graders own more books or more video games? Stay tuned! Next time, we are considering conducting a book survey.

First Graders at Central Yearn to Travel!

Submitted by the First Grade Team-Central The first grade is wrapping up Unit 6 in the Imagine It! Reading series called "North, South, East, West." This unit focused around learning about



Submitted by the de Team-Central rade is wraphe Imagine It! alled "North, This unit foarning about travel to a warm and sunny place, where

would you go and why?" The students responses were very enjoyable. Most students would want to travel to Florida and visit Disney World. Others wish to travel to California and visit Los Angeles and Hollywood to see famous movie stars. There were also students who would travel a distance to Puerto Rico, Santo Domingo, Nigeria, and Brazil to enjoy the hot weather or swim in the pool or ocean. The students definitely used their imagination and hope to really travel to these places one day.



8th Graders Study Physical Science!



to read a Periodic Table or how waves,

like the ones in the ocean, work? The 8th graders at Robert Treat might be able to answer some of those questions! Over the past few weeks, the 8th grade has been very busy in science class exploring some of the more challenging concepts of physical science such as: properties of waves, the Periodic Table, and the parts of an atom. They have done various projects and experiments to gain a better understanding of

Submitted by Mrs. Kelly-Kemple these concepts. So go ahead and ask Science Teacher the 8th graders ways to make a wave Have you ever wondered how faster, higher, or more powerful!!

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Celebrating Pi Day In RTA!

Submitted by the Sixth Grade Team

Ms. Roemer's and Ms. Bavli's sixth grade classes celebrated Pi Day on March 14th by bringing in pies to share with their peers. There was a large selection of pies such as cherry, lemon, pineapple upside down, apple, and lime.

Pi, is the Greek letter (π), the symbol for the ratio of the circumference of a circle to its diameter. Pi Day is celebrated by math enthusiasts around the world on March 14th. Pi = 3.1415926535... and that includes the RTA school.

Pi represents the relationship between a circle's diameter (its width) and its circumference (the distance around the circle). With the use of computers, Pi has been calculated to over 1 trillion digits past the decimal. Pi is an irrational and transcendental number meaning it will continue infinitely without repeating. The symbol for pi was first used in 1706 by William Jones, but was popular after it was adopted by the Swiss mathematician, Leonhard Euler, in 1737. On March 14, 2015, the date will reflect five digits of pi (3/14/15) rather than three. Pi minute will be at 9:26 on that day, and pi second will be at 9:26:53. In Math class there was a large variety of ways of celebrating Pi Day, but most of them included eating pie and discussing the relevance of π , which we loved!



New School vs. Old School

Submitted by Mr. Parada, Physical Education Instructor

The girls game was as exciting as it has ever been. The staff, with the assistance of two former collegiate athletes, jumped out to an early lead. However, this was not a day the students would go quietly. With the leadership of Aubree Phillips, the rebounding of Ashley Vasquez, and the defense of Chelsea James, the students crawled their way back to tie the game. The game was close late with the teachers holding onto a 3 point lead with just under ten seconds remaining. Aubree Phillips last second 3 point shot came up a few inches short giving the staff only its second victory in 5 years. Great game girls!

Girl's Final Score- 17-14

The second game of the afternoon was the back and forth battle that we have become accustomed to watching between these two teams. The gym was full of energy with chants of "Old School" and " New School" as the ball tipped off. The boys came out of the gates on fire scoring 8 of the first 10 points. Coach/ Principal Pallante really had his team hitting on all cylinders. Julio Figueroa led of the scoring with a lay-up setting the tone for the 1st quarter. Tyler Ofray showed us all how good he could be by running the offense and driving to the basket. Jeremy Feliciano and Eli Vazquez were a little too tough for the Old School underneath the basket grabbing rebounds and hitting big shots. The students were rolling in the first half and getting contributions from all the players. However, once again, it was not to be as the Old School pulled ahead in the second half. Although the lead looked out of reach late, the boys pressed hard and narrowed it down to just 3 points with less than a minute left. It was a great effort on both sides and I speak on behalf of the Old School when I say that we were impressed by the students' effort, hustle, and ability to make plays. Great game boys!

Boy's Final Score 48-45

New School Girls

Aubree Phillips
Janay Plaza
Ashley Vazquez
Ileanie Alifonso
Gloribel Hernandez
Kiara Rodriguez
Chelsea James
Angelee Caraballo
Ashley Velazquez
Hennesis Encarnacion
Taylor Valentin

New School Boys

Jeremy Feliciano
Eli Vazquez
Julio Figueroa
Tyler Ofray
Marlon Rodriguez-Lopez
Justin Rodriguez
Edwin Ramos
Jorelle Montes
Ambi Diaz
Maurice Ware
Robert Michaels
Justin Beasley
Daniel Shipman







Thinking Outside the Box

Submitted by Mrs. Cherchio Art Teacher

The Seventh grade classes worked on a Japanese design concept called Notan. It involves the play and placement of light and dark next to the other in art and imagery. This use of light and dark translates flat shapes on a twodimensional surface. Notan is traditionally presented in paint, ink, or cut paper. The Seventh grade used a 5x5 inch black square on a 12x12 inch white paper to transform the two into interesting collages. The results were extraordinary! Some of the projects are highlighted here.







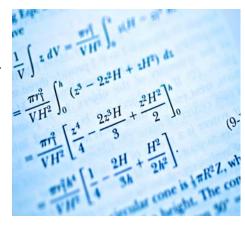
NJ Ask Math Preparation

Seventh Grade Team

For Students in grades 7 and 8, the Spring 2010 NJ ASK will take place over four mornings from April 27th through April 30th, 2010, with make-ups from May 3 through May 6, 2010. In grade 7, two content areas are tested over four days. Language Arts Literacy testing is on Days 1 and 2, Mathematics testing is on Days 3 and 4. The skill areas for Mathematics include: number and numeral opera-

Submitted by the tions; geometry and measurement; patterns and algebra; and data analysis, probability, and discrete mathematics. This year the students will only be allowed to use calculators on certain parts of the test. It is important for the students to do all of their NJ ASK Math Homework, study, and try their best. If they are having any difficulty with the homework they can come after school to the Enhanced Learning Program. Mr. Bernal and Mr.

DiVincenzo are available Tuesdays through Thursdays 4:00 -



Haiku: Fifth-grade Poets Know It

Fifth Grade Team

Students wrote a poem It was Japanese Haiku The topic was spring



You may remember reading and writing Haiku poetry like this when you were in elementary school. Keeping the three-line poem to the five syllables, seven syllables, five Flowers syllables pattern presents challenges by Ashley Medina, Room 208 for the poet to thoughtfully choose Flowers are pretty just the right words that give details and express how they feel. Spring I love when they sprout provided the inspiration for us to try our hand at this form of poetry. After reading and discussing several Haiku poem examples, students tried writing their own. Then they prepared a flower and flower pot cutout on which to include their work as part of a hallway bulletin board display.

Submitted by the Here are examples from students in both fifth-grade classrooms.

The Pine Tree

by Ricardo Ortiz, Room 208

Most people enjoy The wonderful scent of pine It smells amazing

They have wonderful colors

Spring Is Here

by Rameses Minus, Room 208 Little snow is left Flowers have grown and blossomed Spring is soon to come

Rain

by Jordan Rosado, Room 205 Rain is loud and wet It helps plants and animals Rain falls from dark clouds

Come Out

by Yanelli Maysonet, Room 205 Come out little bear Spring is here, come out to play It's sunny and warm



Who's Bill Pinkney??

Submitted by the First Grade Team

For the past month, the first graders have been exploring the world through our reading unit called Journeys. We read a fascinating and actual account of a sailboat voyage that took Captain Bill Pinkney 259 sailing days and almost two years total travel time. Captain Bill chronicles for students his departure point, the number of sailing days, and the interesting places he visited. The children have learned about maps to locate the startour writings:

My Journey

My name is Captain Bill Pinkney. I made a commitment to travel around the world. When I was traveling around the world, I saw a Tasmanian Devil, kookaburra, and a platypus. In Brazil, I saw children beating on drums. My trip around the world was very exciting.

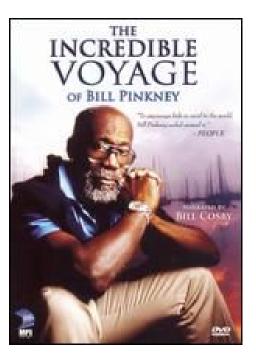
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My Journey

My name is Captain Bill ing points and the destinations of Pinkney. When I was a little boy, my Captain Bill. We used the globe and dream was to become a sailor and sail maps to become familiar with the around the world by myself in my own continents and oceans of the world. boat. On my trip, I stopped in Tasma-As a culminating activity, the children nia, a part of Australia. I saw the Taswere asked to pretend they were Cap- manian Devil that is small but fierce. In tain Bill and were asked to write Bermuda, I saw very strange houses that about their voyage. Here are some of have roofs that are very unusual. The houses have roofs that collect rain water

to drink. Hooray, I am so happy to be back. I have so many stories to tell!

Amelie Bobadilla

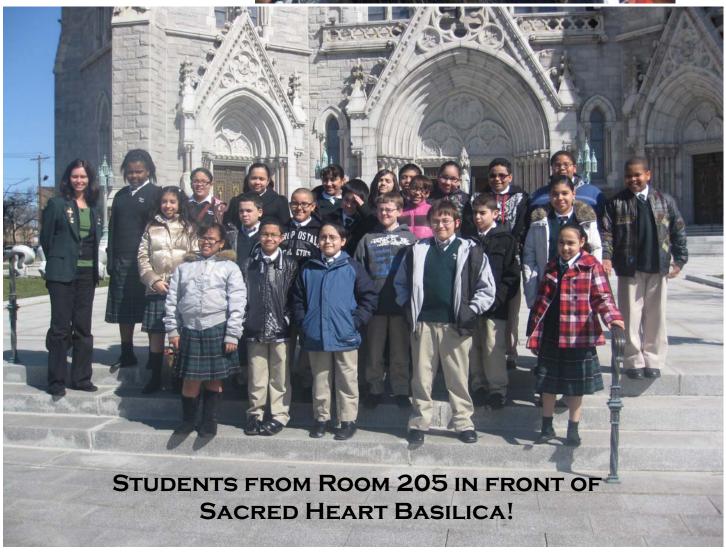


NOTES from the Music Rooms

Submitted by Mrs. V. Heinlein-Wood Music Teacher

The Fifth Grade has been learning about the life and music of Johann Sebastian Bach in conjunction with learning about the "King of Instruments" – the pipe organ. We have discovered that Bach wrote over 1000 pieces of music, many of them for the pipe organ. To make his life and music more real to the students, Ms. Rivera's and Mr. Feinstein's class went on a trip to Newark's very own Basilica of the Sacred Heart to hear a noon pipe organ concert. Since this happened on St. Parick's Day. Everyone had a wonderful experience as you can see by our pictures.





Sixth Grade Studies Basics of Plane Geometry

Submitted by the Students watched several video clips them learning about how polygons Sixth Grade Team from Promethean Planet which had are used in construction. They ex-

The sixth grade math classes began their exploration into geometry. The emphasis of this unit was the basic concepts of plane geometry. The students focused on measuring and classifying angles and polygons. The students used Internet resources to create their projects during their Computer Lab period and also used the Mini Computer lab in their classroom. They determined how to find the area of parallelograms, triangles, and cir-During this lesson the



amined the construction of skyscrapers and bridges which depend on these polygons for support. The students learned that navigation and architecture are just some of the areas in real life that depend on geometry.

PICTURED ON THE LEFT-FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: RAFAEL MUNEZ, ASHLEY PENA, ANA-BELLE RODRIGUEZ, AND MATTHEW AQUI-NO

Elmo Takes A Trip

Submitted by the Kindergarten Team



Have you seen Kindergarten students with an Elmo bookbag and wondered what's inside? Hidden inside the bookbags are materials for a magical learning experience. The Elmo bookbag contains supplies that will enhance students' learning such as books, writing tools, jour-

nals and much more. Elmo has the opportunity to travel from home to home, encouraging parents to share in their child's education. It is an exciting experience for students and their families. We hope this project allows for quality family time for all those involved. Please don't forget to say hello next time you see Elmo!

PICTURED BELOW FROM LEFT TO RIGHT: CHRISTIAN AND MATTHEW RODRIGUEZ



READ TO AND WITH YOUR CHILD!

"Charming" Mathematicians! at Central

The students in Kindergarten-Room 13 are excited about math. One of the skills that is most important to learn and practice is graphing. The students participated in various activities to help them with graphing skills. They graphed their favorite pet, how many girls vs. boys in the class, and on St. Patrick's Day, graphed lucky charms. The students each received a bag of lucky charms and had to sort the marshmallows into groups (hearts, stars, moons, pots of gold, clover hats, balloons, horseshoes & rainbows). Then they had to color the graph to match their charms. The students look forward to many more fun graphing activities!





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School Galendan

April 17 Saturday Uniform Day for new students

April 22 Thursday Board of Trustees Meeting

April 23 Friday Kindergarten Photographs

May 27 Thursday Annual Spring Concert and Art Show

The Second Grade Goes Prehistoric!

Submitted by the Second Grade Team

On March 12th, the entire second grade visited The American Museum of Natural History. The trip coincided with our wrap up of the Fossils unit in our reading books and it also reinforced our Camouflage unit.

While at the museum we were able to get our toes wet at the Hall of Ocean Life. where we were able to see all types of sea creatures and how they lived and camouflaged under the deep waters of the ocean. could miss the HUGE Blue whale hanging over us while we looked at pipefish, cuddelfish, a giant squid, walruses, seals and more. Next we visited the Hall of Dinosaurs and Fossils, where students hunted for their favorite dinosaur bones and discovered prehistoric mammals. They were able to learn about many huge beasts from millions and millions of years ago! Our last stop was a visit to the Imax theater, where we experienced a movie on a 40 foot long and 60 foot wide screen that put us right in the action of our movie, "The Mystery of the Great Lakes." The movie taught all of us about the tracking and saving of the prehistoric fish, the sturgeon.

Boy! What a fun time we all had at the museum! Check out our pictures of what we "dug up."

