

STEVENS STAR



PTA Newsletter



March 2010

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Northeastern District PTA

Calendar of Events

Monday, March 1st

Stevens PTA
"Parents as Reading Partners"
District Pre-K
Parents meeting at Pashley, 7:00pm



Monday, March 8th & Tuesday, March 9th

Kindergarten Registration

Tuesday, March 9th

Board of Education at Stevens 7:30pm

Sunday, March 14th

Daylight Savings Time Begins "Spring Forward"

Tuesday, March 16th

Half Day for Grades 1-5

Wednesday, March 17th

Stevens Book Fair begins

Friday, March 19th

Stevens PTA Pajama Party

Friday & Saturday, March 19th & 20th

"Cinderella", Middle School musical
7:00, 2:00, 7:00

Tuesday, March 23rd

Board of Education at Middle School, 7:30pm

Friday, March 26th

Half Day for Grades 1-12

Friday, April 2nd - Friday, April 9th

Spring Break

Tuesday, April 13th

Board of Education at Pashley, 7:30pm

Wednesday, April 14th

Stevens PTA Science Night



It's Madness, I tell you!

March Madness that is....

We have seen the half-way point of the 2009-2010 school years and it has been very busy so far. We still have a lot of fun and excitement ahead of us before we welcome summer.

March is Parents as Reading Partners Month. Stay tuned for some more information, but the core purpose is for parents to focus on participating in and enhancing their child's reading activities in order to promote a lifelong love of reading.

We have our Book Fair coming up quickly and the ever popular Pajama Party on the last night, which is the 19th. I hope to see you all there. Don't forget that we also have our high school and middle school musicals this month. If you've never taken your kids to see one of these, you might consider taking them to show them an opportunity that might be in their future!

Congratulations to Bob Rafferty, this year's PTA Founder's Day Award winner for Stevens. Each year, a PTA member (parent, teacher, staff or other guardian) is honored for outstanding volunteerism

by each of the schools in our district. Bob has been a dedicated volunteer at Stevens for years, and is our current PTA Treasurer. In years past, many Stevens parents, teachers and staff have earned this award by devoting precious volunteer time in order to support, guide and enrich our children. Think about it - you could be a future recipient.

Our PTA Meeting is this Wednesday the 3rd at 7 PM in the Media Center. Please join us.

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Odyssey of the Mind



Stevens Elementary will be sending two teams to compete in the Odyssey of the Mind Regional Tournament on March 6. The first team is competing in the Nature Trail'R problem in which they are required to design, build and drive a human-powered vehicle and camper that will go on a camping trip. On the Nature Trail, the vehicle must overcome an obstacle, clean up or beautify the environment, encounter wildlife, and undergo a repair. The team members for this problem are Matthew Foster, Jack Hromada, Emma Jones, Ben Veresko, Martin Veresko, and Michael Messere.

The second team is competing in the Food Court problem in which they are required to create and present a humorous performance where a food item is accused of being unhealthy and must defend itself among its food peers. All characters are food items and must include "the accused," "the accuser," and a jury that is not portrayed by team members. The team members for this problem are Simon Goslin, Teddy Hull, Rachel Johnson, Erica Zuritis, Julia Salvatore, Katherine Johnson and Juliet Hull.

Both teams have put a lot of work into their projects so if you see any of them, make sure to wish them luck at the competition!

Silver Graphics 2010



It is Silver Graphics time again. Mrs. Buckley has been working

with our children on wonderful art. In mid February, I will be sending out an envelope filled with a picture of your child's art and order form. The order form and money are due by ***March 1st.*** If you have questions, please call me at 884-2620 and thanks for considering Silver Graphics. Linda Fieldhouse.



Information if Your Child is Absent

Parents should always notify the school by **9:00AM**, either by phone call or email, whenever their child will be absent. If there is no call or email from a parent, the office staff must verify the student is absent by calling the parent. (A written excuse with a parent signature is still required when the child returns to school.)

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Year book Pictures



Please remember to take pictures at school events for the year book. Place

pictures on a disk and leave in the main office for Paula Wunderlich. You can also email pictures to Paula at ewunderL@nycap.rr.com Please let Paula know if you can cover a school event. Upcoming events are: **Book Fair and Pajama Party.**

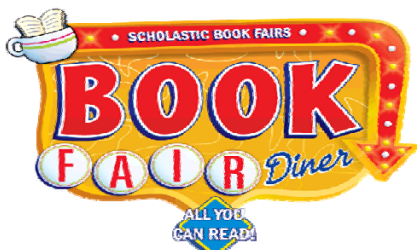
Save the Date!

Wonderland, a tale of Alice in Wonderland will be performed by the BH-BL Theatre for



Children on Friday and Saturday, April 16th and 17th at the BH-BL

High School. You won't want to miss this wonderful opportunity to Enjoy live theatre for the whole family!



Book Fair/Pajama Party

The book fair is finally here, March 17th-19th! Our annual pajama party will be held Friday March 19th from 6:30-8:30. Come peruse the books, get your face painted and listen to our surprise secret readers. Tasty treats will be served in the cafeteria. Don't forget to wear your favorite pj's! We're still looking for donations of food items. If interested please contact Michele Graham at dgraham1@nycap.rr.com or call 399-6750.



Stevens Family Fun Night at the YMCA Coming in March!

Mark your calendars now: **On Friday March 5** there will be a special Stevens Night at the Greater Glenville YMCA (127 Droms Rd. in Glenville). From 6PM-9PM all Stevens families are invited to come and take advantage of the YMCA facilities, including the pool and gym. There will be activities for all ages planned in the gym. The event is free for YMCA members. Non-members will pay just \$5

per family for a great night of fun. The 5th Grade Party Committee will also be holding a fundraiser Bake Sale during the evening. Come join other Stevens Superstars and have a blast!



Volunteers are needed



Come join the fun of volunteering! The following programs can use your talents.

Book Fair – Contact Michele Graham at 399-6750

Pajama Party – Contact Michele Graham at 399-6750

Kindergarten Registration – Contact Tina Crocetto at 399-2555.

Kindergarten Orientation – contact Paula Wunderlich at 399-6277 or Colleen Grabb at 384-7336

Publishing Company

Publishing Company needs volunteers to make covers for the remainder of the year. If you are interested, please contact Colleen Grabb at mgrabb@nycap.rr.com

If you know how to make them, I can send home the supplies via backpack. Thank you for your time.

Thank you to all the volunteers taking the time to type, print, bind, and make covers.

HEALTH & WELLNESS NEWS

A winter fit tip: COLD PLAY

Now that we've got plenty of snow to work with, it's a great opportunity to play around with winter activities! As mentioned in a recent article from the Nov/Dec. 09 Fitness magazine, getting outside for winter snow sports is a fun way to add variety to your workouts without seeming like work at all! In addition, it's a great way for the family to come together to stay fit and active. Think snow ball throwing challenges, snow angel making contests, and snowman building as well as, winter hikes, sledding, snow shoeing, skating and skiing. Just bundling up and going outside into the winter wonderland we now have before us, may inspire you to move and play with a sense of freedom and joy!



It's been a long winter without much snow. Why not take advantage of the recent snowfall, and enjoy some 'cold play' today!

'January Streaks'

Results/2010: Below is a list of 'streaks' that our Steven's Superstars mastered during the January Streaks Challenge. Approximately 60 students handed in their forms and this is what we received.

1. Push up/sit ups
2. Exercise mix
3. Floss/brush teeth
4. 3-5 fruits/vegetables a day
5. 6-8 glasses of water a day
6. No sweets or junk food
7. Jumping jacks
8. Jumping rope
9. Jogging
10. Snowboarding
11. Foul shots
12. Cup stacking
13. Walking
14. Playing outside
15. 11 hours of sleep
16. Stretching
17. Jumping
18. 7-9 hours of sleep
19. Ball play
20. Running in the neighborhood.

Congratulations to all who participated! Way to go Healthy Superstars!! Keep your streaks alive!

Coming soon: Health and wellness logs for 4th and 5th

graders, and nutrition tag for the 2nd and 3rd graders!

On behalf of The Health and Wellness Committee, be well and stay fit.

Donna Sausville

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