



# Pleasant Avenue Elementary School

## April 2010 Newsletter



### Important April Dates to Remember:

- 1 Popcorn Sale—Mrs. Sepanara's Class
- 1 Board of Education Meeting @ JHS 7:00 PM
- 2-9 Spring Recess—No School
- 12 School Resumes
- 12 "Catch Me Doing Something Good" Kick-Off Assembly @ 9:15 AM
- 13 Pleasant Avenue McDonald's Night 5:00 -7:00 PM
- 14 Chris Holder, Story Teller
- 16 Elementary Third Marking Period Ends
- 19-25 Screen-Free Week 2010—information will be forthcoming
- 20 **SDM Meeting at 5:30 PM**
- 20 **PTA Meeting at 6:30 PM**
- 23 Popcorn Sale—Ms Edel's Class
- 26-28 ELA Assessments Grades 3-6
- 28 Parent-Teacher Conferences 4:00—6:00 PM
- 29 Report Cards Distributed
- 29 Art Show, Ice Cream Social and Buy-One-Get Free Book Fair 6:30—8:00 PM

NOTE DATE CHANGE

### A Note from Mr. Vivenzio

March was a busy month for us. The music department's Prism Concert and the All-County concert provided a great musical experience for everyone. Congratulations to all the students who performed so well, and made our school shine with their talent. The PTA Carnival was a lot of fun for all of our families. Our Science Fair was a very interesting event for all. Every project was equally impressive. Congratulations to our PTA Founders' Day winners, Kristina Mraz, Nancy Spencer and Rachel Truckenmiller, they are all well-deserving of this award.

We are starting a new good behavior incentive program during lunch and recess times. The lunch room aides and custodians will catch your children "doing something good." Each student who is caught will receive a goodies bag and their name will be placed in a monthly drawing to win a NED item. We will have a kick-off assembly on Monday, April 12, 2010.

We will be administering the ELA Assessments April 26 -28 to 3rd through 6th grade students. Please remember that your children should get a good night's rest and hearty breakfast before they take these assessments.

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on Wednesday, April 28th, from 4-6 PM. Your child's teacher will contact you if she feels that a conference is necessary. If you would like to have a conference with your child's teacher and did not receive a notice, please do not hesitate to contact her by calling the office at 762-8610 or via email. Teacher's email accounts are the first initial of their first name, last name at [gjsd.k12.ny.us](mailto:gjsd.k12.ny.us) (i.e., Helen Reed would be [hreed@gjsd.k12.ny.us](mailto:hreed@gjsd.k12.ny.us)).

Pleasant Avenue will be participating in Screen-Free Week 2010, April 19-25. During this week we encourage your entire family to participate in this event by reducing the amount of time spent in front of your television, computer, video games, iPods, and anything else with a screen. Screen-Free Week is about taking a healthy break from electronic screens to focus on activities that are more academically, socially and physically rewarding. More information will be sent home after the break.

### Leader-Herald Fulton County Spelling Bee

Congratulations to Lauryn Wilson, and Cecelia Mowrey. They participated in the 2010 County-Wide Spelling Bee on March 15th. Lauryn had a very impressive 3rd place finish and former Pleasant Avenue Student, Kevin Ammann, finished in first place. Kevin will be representing Fulton County in the National Spelling Bee Competition in Washington, D.C.



## Pleasant Avenue McDonald's Night—Tuesday, April 13th

Don't worry about making dinner on Tuesday, April 13th. Join your Pleasant Avenue friends at the Johnstown McDonald's between 5:00—7:00 PM for "Pleasant Avenue School Night." Chat with your teachers as they work in the lobby. The classroom with the highest participation will earn an ice cream social. Best of all, 20% of all sales during this time period will be contributed to the PTA scholarship fund. Hope to see you there.



## Family Swim & Morning Lap Swim



The Greater Johnstown School District will be offering *Family Swim* and *Morning Lap Swim*. Morning Lap swim is open to high school students and adults and will be held on **Tuesdays and Thursdays from 6-7 AM**. The cost will be **\$1** per person. **Family Swim** will be on Thursday evenings from **6:00- 7:30 PM**. Children under the age of 16 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. The cost is **\$1** per person or **\$5** for a family of 5 or more.

## PTA BASKET RAFFLE

Pleasant Avenue PTA is currently running a basket raffle. The baskets will be displayed in the display case in the front entrance to Pleasant Avenue. Chances are 50c each and can be purchased in the office. You can win prizes from the following companies:

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| 1. Books & Gift Certificate | 6. Total Tan                  | 11. Sherwin Williams      |
| 2. Romano's Restaurant      | 7. Winner's Circle Restaurant | 12. Applebee's Restaurant |
| 3. Vince's Pizzeria         | 8. Lanzi's Restaurant         | 13. Toyota                |
| 4. Scrapbooking             | 9. Thomas' Hallmark           | 14. Midnight Detailing    |
| 5. Teddy Bear & Rocker      | 10. Christine's               | 15. Patricia's Restaurant |

The raffle will run through the Art Show, Ice Cream Social and Book Fair on April 29th.



## Accelerated Reader Update

Congratulations to the following students, they are the top three accelerated readers in their grade level:

Kindergarten: Shawn Ammann, GiGi Stefic, Morgan Havlicek

First Grade : Thomas Truckenmiller, Shunske Nakao, Lindsay Lamori

Second Grade: Abraham Miller, Cecilia Radalin, Zada Poulin

Third Grade: Katie Ammann, Seth Ward, Grayden Mickel

Fourth Grade: Zackary Ropeter, Lauryn Wilson, Heidi Chamberlain

Fifth Grade: Brandon Mraz, Ben Wager, Laci Nellis

Sixth Grade: Erica Wagner, Kaeliegh Lozier, Morgan Romano

## Persevering Pioneers

Congratulations to our Persevering Pioneers for last month. They were honored at a breakfast on April 1, 2010. They are:

Madison Matice	Jaden Wilson	Olivia Mowrey	Dawson Sanges	Abraham Miller
Madison Delgado	Ethan Wager	Lindsay Yesse	Sara Stortecky	Jillian Martelle
Kaitlyn Angus	Addison Nellis	Thea Dingmon	Dallas Boyer	



Remember to check Pleasant Ave.'s page on the District's website. Pictures from current events and notices about upcoming events are all listed there.

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