

BENGAL BRIEF

March 2010

Provided as a service by the Scera Park PTA



Important Dates

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Faculty Birthdays

March
4 Renae Robertson

Story Telling Night

Reserve the evening of March 25th for a night of family fun at the annual Scera Park Story Telling Night! The entertainment will begin at 6:30 pm in the gym with the funny, energetic and incredibly talented Gaye Beeson. Then you'll have to make some hard choices and decide just which story rooms to visit. Some familiar Tellers from last year will return with some new stories and we anticipate many new Jr. Tellers will be performing for the first time. It promises to be one of the most enjoyable nights of the year. We hope to see you there promoting your own family literacy!

Calling all Jr. Story Tellers!

Any and all 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students are invited to show off and develop their talents as story tellers. Students simply need to find a short story, something that can be told in 2-3 minutes or less, and think of some fun way of presenting it. In the past we've had students make up their own stories and perform them as monologues and puppet shows. Some students created skits with their friends based on jokes. One student actually memorized her favorite short book and told the story with gusto! At practice sessions we'll help the students dissect their stories and refine them and learn to present them. Any students wishing to participate need to come to practice at least once a week. Practices are held right after school on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Fridays and last only one hour. Monday practices are held in Room 21 (Mrs. Alger's Room) and Tuesday/Friday practices take place in the school library (Thanks to Mrs. Mauerman!). Questions? Call Mrs. Alger @ 225-5041.



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PTA NEWS

PTA Volunteers

We still have positions available for next year!

President Elect
Secretary
Legislative VP
Bengal Brief
Reading Room Parents
Teacher Birthdays
Reflections
Reading Program
Harmon's Day
NOVA
JA City
Jr. Achievement
Pumpkin Decorating
Box Top Store
Principal/Sec. Week
Silent Auction

If you are interested in any of these positions or have liked any of these programs and would like to help make them even better next year please call Grace Rex at 226-6821

Congratulations to our PTA Award Winners

Golden Apple nominee and Teacher of the year: **Melinda Bandley**

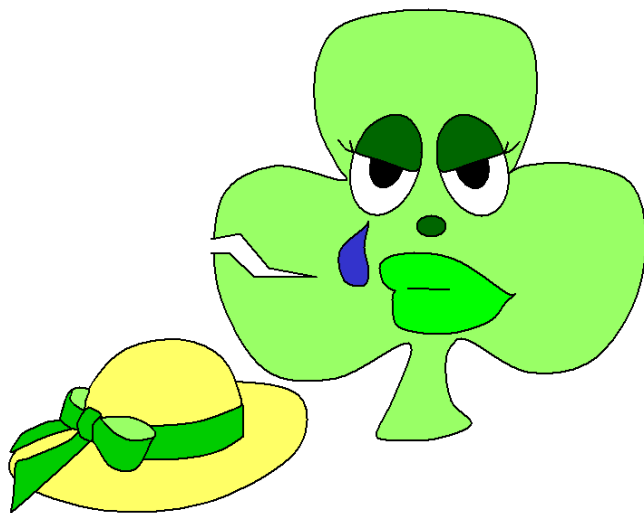
Student of the year: **TyLynne Hardy**

Volunteer of the year: **Kami Alkire**

St. Patrick's Day Limerick

by Leanne Guenther

There once was a shamrock named Pat,
Who tripped on a root and went splat,
She ripped her best leaf,
And sobbed in her grief,
And ruined her favorite hat.



FACULTY NEWS

Family Reading Program March 2010



The Legends of Scera Hallow

Weekly themes:

Creatures of Myth
Elves & Fairies
Castles & Worriers
Magical Tales

These weekly themes are for fun, you can read whatever types of books you want to read!!

Goal:

K-3 Read 15 minutes daily
4-6 Read 30 minutes daily

You may choose to read from any book, any genre, fiction, or nonfiction. When you bring a note from home stating you have read the required reading you will be awarded a (spot, dot) to put on the wall outside your classroom. The walls of the school will be decorated with your reading achievements. If you complete an entire book you will receive an extra, larger spot to put up.

We will also be including reading for the 7 PEAKS READER program so that students can read and earn a pass to 7 PEAKS. Forms will be coming home in order to sign up.

Extra Weekly activities will include:

1st week Dr. Seuss day

2nd week Parent & Pastries-in Library from 8:00 AM until 8:20 AM then go to the gym for donuts and juice. Your family's day to come will be according to your last name:

A-D Monday, March 8th
E-I Tuesday, March 9th
J-O Wednesday, March 10th
P-S Thursday, March 11th
T-Z Friday, March 12th

3rd week March 15 Author visit assembly: Berin Stephens author of *Dragon War Relic*
March 19 Storyteller assembly: Ginger Parkinson, storyteller

4th week March 22 Scera Park's First Student Storytelling Day
March 24 Mr. Johnson's OHS English class will come read stories they have written and illustrated
March 26 Character Dress Up Day



PTA Volunteers needed

FACULTY NEWS

ADVICE FOR HELPING STUDENTS READ WITH ENTHUSIASM

Parents often ask, "What can I do to help my child at home?" The best advice and the advice that is most often given to parents by teachers is "READ, READ, READ! Read to your child and read with your child every day."

Let's look at some simple specific ideas and tips you can use while reading with your child that will make a BIG difference in helping your child learn to be a good reader.

- Model - Children need to be read to. Let them hear and become familiar with the cadence of rhythm of written language as you read to them.
- Keep a journal of your child's reading - As you read with your child, keep a daily journal of what they read, how long they read and what difficulties or successes they may experience.
- Inform your child's teacher of things that you notice
- Try that again - When your child makes a mistake while reading, don't be quick to tell them the correct word. Let them finish the sentence, then simply say to them, "Try that again."
- What word is being tricky for you? - If after rereading a sentence, your child is still unable to correctly read a word, ask them, "What word is being tricky for you?" More often than not, they will be able to point to the word that is giving them problems, PRAISE them for finding the "tricky word."
- Do you know another word like that one?
- Go back and try that word again - When your child figures out a "tricky word" or if you have to tell them what the word is after they had attempted independently to figure it out, don't let them resume reading at that point in the sentence. Tell them to "Go back now and try that again."
- Ask if it looks right, sounds right and makes sense
- Build independent reading - Remember don't be quick to simply tell your child the correct word when they make a reading mistake. Help teach them skills that they can use when you or the teacher are not there to help them. If children don't learn self-correction skills, they develop a dependency on others to read for them and they will never become independent readers

Reading should be a fun, enjoyable and a positive experience. What can you do to help your child at home? **READ, READ, READ!**

NURSING NEWS- MARCH 2010

Hippocrates once said, "No head injury is too trivial to ignore." His advice still holds true today!!!! In the United States, school-related injuries account for 10-25% resulting in 3.7 million injuries in American schools annually. Elementary schools have the highest rates of reported injuries followed by high schools and then middle schools.

Males have a significantly higher number of reported injuries than females. In the United States, head trauma represents 80% of the injuries that lead to death in children older than 1 year of age. Most head injuries in children are mild and are not associated with brain injury or long-term problems.

Delayed complications have been reported in up to 17% of children with apparently trivial head injuries. This statistic emphasizes the importance of being aware of symptoms that may indicate the need to take your student to the doctor.

Symptoms that should be observed for include:

- headache
- nausea
- vomiting
- dizziness
- coordination problems-stumbling or difficulty walking
- increase or decrease in heart rate
- unequal pupil size

- decreased level of consciousness
- mental confusion
- unusual paleness that lasts for more than an hour
- seizures
- disturbance of speech or vision
- neck pain or stiffness
- bleeding or clear fluid from the nose, ear, or mouth

If any of these symptoms occur, contact your physician immediately!
Sincerely, Kim Lowe, RN, School Nurse



Happy St. Patrick's Day!!

MARCH

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 Egg Roll & Fried Rice Chicken Pattie Fresh Fruits & Veggies Pears/Calif Blend Fortune Cookie Choice of Milk	2 Corn Dog BBQ Rib Sandwich JoJo's Potato Wedges Fresh Fruits & Veggies Applesauce/Grapes Choice of Milk	3 Baked Potato Bar Wheat Roll Grilled Cheese/Chips Fresh Fruits & Veggies Pineapple/Broccoli Choice of Milk	4 Mozzarella Breadsticks Turkey Sandwich Fresh Fruits & Veggies Peaches/Green Salad Chocolate Pudding Choice of Milk	5 Professional Dev Day (No School)
8 Orange Chicken Steamed Rice Ham & Cheese Sandwich Fresh Fruits & Veggies Pears/Calif Blend Fortune Cookie Choice of Milk	9 Rotini & Meat Sauce Chef Salad French Bread Fresh Fruits & Veggies Peaches Choice of Milk	10 Chicken Pattie Potatoes & Gravy Wheat Roll Hamburger/Chips Fresh Fruits & Veggies Mixed Fruit/Peas/Carrots Choice of Milk	11 Soft Shell Taco Deli Sandwich Fresh Fruits & Veggies Applesauce/Corn Cinnamon Roll Choice of Milk	12 Choice of Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza Fish Sandwich Fresh Fruits & Veggies Kiwi/Green Beans Carnival Cookie Choice of Milk
15 French Toast Slice Scrambled Eggs Grilled Cheese Sandwich Hashbrown Pattie Fresh Fruits Peaches Choice of Milk	16 Sloppy Joe Chicken Pattie Macaroni & Cheese Fresh Fruits & Veggies Pears Red Jello with Topping Choice of Milk	17 Burrito Sub Sandwich Fresh Fruits & Veggies Applesauce/Corn Double Chocolate Cookie Choice of Milk	18 Turkey Roast Potatoes & Gravy Wheat Roll Hamburger/Chips Fresh Fruits & Veggies Mixed Fruit/Peas/Carrots Choice of Milk	19 Choice of Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza Turkey Sandwich Fresh Fruits & Veggies Cantaloupe/Green Beans Confetti Cookie Choice of Milk
22 Chicken Fajita Ham & Cheese Sandwich Fresh Fruits & Veggies Pears/Corn Churro Choice of Milk	23 Chicken Nuggets Turkey Sandwich JoJo's Potato Wedges Fresh Fruits & Veggies Peaches/Calif Blend Choice of Milk	24 Hawaiian Haystack BBQ Rib Sandwich Fresh Fruits & Veggies Pineapple/Broccoli Brownie Choice of Milk	25 Spaghetti & Meat Sauce Chef Salad French Bread Fresh Fruits & Veggies Applesauce Choice of Milk	26 Choice of Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza Tuna Sandwich Fresh Fruits & Veggies Kiwi/Green Beans Chocolate Chip Cookie Choice of Milk
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