

CATARACT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL FEBRUARY 2009 NEWSLETTER



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK BY: MRS. CHILLE-ZAFUTO

It's hard to believe that the first 20 weeks of school is already over!

January was an extremely busy month with state and local testing. 20 week marks closed on January 30th. Report cards will be mailed home on Friday, February 13th.

Parent-Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Thursday, February 19th, from 1:00—4:00 p.m. & 5:00—7:00 p.m. Appointment letters will be mailed home to schedule a conference. Please take the time to meet with your child's teacher. Complete the conference appointment form and return to your child's teacher. **STUDENTS ARE NOT IN ATTENDANCE ON FEBRUARY 19TH.**

There is no school Friday, February 13th & Monday, February 16th. It is the President's Day Weekend.

Students in grades 3-6 will be taking local science exams on Monday, February 23rd & Tuesday, February 22nd. Grades 5 & 6 will also be taking local social studies exams on Wednesday, February 25th & Thursday, February 26th.

Students in grades 3-6 will be taking the New York State Mathematics exam in March. Students have been reviewing curriculum for these important tests.

Testing days are as follows:

- March 2 & 3: Grade 3
- March 3 & 4: Grade 5
- March 4, 5 & 6: Grade 4

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

- Wednesday, February 11th—FACT Group Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- Friday, February 13th & Monday, February 16th—President's Day Weekend—NO SCHOOL
- Thursday, February 19th—Parent Teacher Conferences. **No school for students.**
- Tuesday, February 24th—Niagara's Choice Staff Develop. Day—11:55 a.m. Dismissal



F.A.C.T. GROUP NEWS
BY: MRS. JENNIFER MILLER



Congratulations to Alexandria Thibeault and Lucas Palmer. They were the top sellers in the Cookie Dough fundraiser. Way to go!!!

We would like to thank Focus on Families for supplying us with a great hands on demonstration during our December meeting. Everyone made holiday centerpieces and the students were able to be make or-

naments. We were also treated to pizza and wings!

The next F.A.C.T. Group Meeting will be on Wednesday, February 11th, 7:00 p.m. in the cafeteria. We will have a member of the Technology Committee to show our families the school website and how we can get the most information from the site (sample state tests, kid-biz, etc).



SCHOOL COUNSELOR NEWS

BY: MS. MOLLY KUREK

AN END TO TEASING—Help your child take the sting out of being teased. Role-play different ways your kids can react. They could ignore the comments, walk away, or make a joke. Example: "Of course, I have big ears. All the better to hear you with, my dear".

COMMUNICATION- Children are more likely to cooperate if you make requests rather than demands. Example: Instead

of "Set the table", try "I need your help setting the table". Instead of "Do your homework" try "It's time to do your homework. Please get started."

HEALTHY CHILDREN-For more information on health insurance for your family contact Richard Thomas, School Based Health Case Manager at NFMCC. 278-4026, 940-7851 or e-mail Richard.Thomas@nfmmc.org.

HEALTH OFFICE NEWS
BY: MS. MONICA PETRISHIN



Students entering 6th grade next year will need an updated immunization record showing proof of varicella (chickenpox) and Tdap (tetanus) booster. Please make appointments with your child's primary healthcare provider as soon as possible!! Also please remember to send in a copy of

the updated immunization record to the health office.

Any questions, please call the clinic directly at **278-9127**.