

# CATARACT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

## MARCH 2009 NEWSLETTER

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

March is an extremely busy month for testing with both State Exams and Local Assessments being administered. Please make sure your child is in school every-day on time on testing days. Please see schedule below:

### NEW YORK STATE MATHEMATICS EXAM

**Grade 3:** Monday, March 2 & Tuesday, March 3

**Grade 4:** Tuesday, March 3 & Wednesday, March 4

**Grade 5:** Wednesday, March 4; Thursday, March 5 & Friday, March 6

**Grade 6:** Tuesday, March 10 & Wednesday, March 11

### LOCAL MATH ASSESSMENT

**Kindergarten:** Wednesday, March 18—Friday, March 27

**Grade 1 & 2:** Tuesday, March 24 & Wednesday, March 25

**NO SCHOOL:** Monday, March 23

**30 WEEK MARKS CLOSE:** Friday, March 27

Our Second Annual Family Fun Night will be held on Thursday, April 23.

To help our Chinese Auction be successful, we are asking parents and local businesses to donate items such as gift certificates or new merchandise. If you can make a donation, please drop off items during the week of March 23. Thank you in advance for your contribution.



## SCHOOL COUNSELOR NEWS

### BY: MS. MOLLY KUREK

#### Families that Read Together Succeed Together.

Set a special time to read together every day. Choose a quiet place where you can snuggle up.

Choose books that are fun. Visit your library to pick out interesting stories and books of all kinds.

Talk about it. Ask questions about what you read, like, "How do you think this story will end?" or "What was your favorite part of the story and why?"

Ms. Kurek is always available to help students and families. Please call her directly at 278-9135 if you need her assistance.



## STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

The following students were selected "Students of the Month" for February.

Shawn S., Taylor D., Fritz P., Tristan M., Damien K., Dylan M., Andrew J., Keegan H., Alera C., Nalina B., Ciara H., Ayden H., Aubry B., Cachae S., Alexis G., Tajenae D., Jennie M., Alexis C., Emily W. and Hannah O.

Students were treated to a pizza party at the end of February. Congratulations!



## FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Cataract Elementary School is holding its second annual "Family Fun Night" on Thursday, April 23rd and we need your help!

We will be having a Chinese Auction and need donations. Items such as gift certificates, merchandise theme baskets and brand new items would be greatly appreciated. A flyer is attached with more information.

Parent volunteers are needed for that evening. There are two (2) shifts available so everyone can enjoy Family Fun Night. Please complete the attached flyer and return to your child's teacher.



## PARENT GROUP NEWS BY: MRS. JENNIFER MILLER

Thank you to everyone for supporting the Niagara Chocolate Candy Sale. Orders will be ready for pick up on Wednesday, March 18th. More information on pick up times will be sent home soon.

Our next meeting is Wednesday, March 11th, 7:00 p.m. Thank you to Mrs. Canada and Mrs. Cino from the Technology Committee for the presentation at our last meeting. All the information was very helpful in getting around the district and school websites.