

# CATARACT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

## MARCH 2008 NEWSLETTER

### IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday, March 3:  
Grade 3 EMA Exam

Tuesday, March 4:  
Grade 3 & 5 EMA  
Exam

Wednesday, March 5:  
Grade 4 & 5 EMA  
Exam

Thursday, March 6:  
Grade 4 EMA Exam

Friday, March 7:  
Grade 4 EMA Exam

Tuesday, March 11:  
Grade 6 EMA Exam

Wednesday, March 12:  
Grade 6 EMA Exam

Thursday, March 20,  
Friday, March 21,  
Monday, March 24—  
NO SCHOOL—March  
Recess

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

Students in grades 3-6 will be taking the New York State Mathematics Exam. Testing schedule is listed below:

**Grade 3:** Monday, March 3, Part I; Tuesday, March 4, Part II

**Grade 4:** Wednesday, March 4, Part I; Thursday, March 6, Part II; Friday, March 7, Part III

**Grade 5:** Tuesday, March 5, Part I; Wednesday, March 5, Part II

**Grade 6:** Tuesday, March 11, Part I, Wednesday, March 12, Part II

Students in grades K-2 will be taking the Local 30

Week Math tests as follows:

**Kindergarten Testing Window:** Wednesday, March 19—Friday, March 28

**Grade 1 & 2:** Tuesday, March 25 & Wednesday, March 26

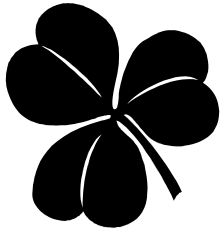
There is no school on Thursday, March 20, Friday, March 21 & Monday, March 24 due to March Recess.



**SCHOOL COUNSELOR NEWS**  
BY: MS. MOLLY KUREK

Each month teachers will choose one student to be "Student of the Month". Criteria used to select students are: be in good academic standing, have good attendance and student is respectful of other students and staff.

Students will be awarded a certificate and be treated to a pizza party or ice cream social. They will also be acknowledged on the Cataract Elementary School Morning News Program and have their picture/biography form displayed in office hallway.



**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?"

**STUDENTS OF THE MONTH**

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

**Tristan Carter, Victoria Robins, Nevaeh Heisner, Tionne Miller-Armstrong, Kevin Huff, Carina Grace, Laura Williams, Lindsay**

**Merrill, Mikayla Starks, Jacob Hans, Deanna Calato, William McMillen, Amie McNair, Chloe Chase, Mehki Starks, Gia Saenz, Nicholas Bahadur, Jackaysha Joseph, Gregory Evans, and Rae-Lynne Proctor. Congratulations!**

# FAMILY FUN NIGHT

Cataract Elementary School is holding its first annual "Family Fun Night" on Thursday, April 24th 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.

We will also be selling Chia-vetta Chicken Dinners.

Parent volunteers are needed

for that evening. Volunteers will assist in an activity room or cafeteria. 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. It was a huge success!

Our next meeting is Wednes-

day, March 12th, 7:00 p.m. We hope to see you there!



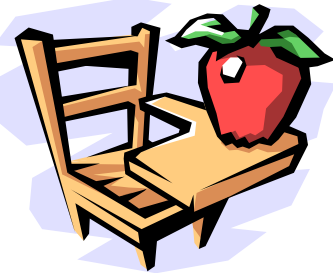
## PLANNING FOR NEXT YEAR

We are now accepting kindergarten applications for the 2008-2009 school year. If your child attends our universal prekindergarten program, your child is automatically registered for kindergarten.

If you know of a child who will be five (5) years old on or before December 1, 2008, they may be registered for kindergarten. Incoming kin-

dergarten students must reside within the Cataract Elementary School District boundaries.

A registration form is attached is this newsletter.



## MAKE YOUR OWN BOOKS

Making books can be as much fun as reading them. Here are two easy ideas:

1. Make a "My Favorite Foods" book out of six paper plates. Your child can decorate one plate as the cover and draw meals and snacks on the other five. Below each picture, they can write about the food. Punch two holes along one

side of the plates, thread yarn through, and tie tightly to bind.

2. Create an art book with your child's school projects. Have them mount their favorites on small poster board sheets and write a caption for each at the bottom. Staple the pages together.

