

CATARACT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
OCTOBER 2008 NEWSLETTER



IMPORTANT DATES  
TO REMEMBER

Monday, October  
13th—Columbus Day  
Holiday—No School

Thursday, October  
23rd Parent-Teacher  
Conferences—  
Students not in atten-  
dance

Tuesday, October  
28th-Niagara 's  
Choice Staff Develop-  
ment Day—11:55  
a.m. Dismissal for all  
students—Lunch will  
be served

Wednesday, October  
29th—Kdg. 10 Week  
Math Testing Begins



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

Fall has arrived! October is a very busy month at Cataract Elementary. It is filled with Parent-Teacher Conferences, field trips and harvest festivals. Our school **does not** host a "Halloween" parade. Teachers may choose to host a "Harvest Festival" on October 31st in their classroom if they wish. Remember to check your child's book bag for information forthcoming in October.

Our Fall Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on Thursday, October 23rd. There will be two (2) sessions: 1:00—4:00 p.m. & 5:00—7:00 p.m. Information will be mailed home in early October

outlining procedures for making appointments. Please take this opportunity to meet with your child's teacher. **Students will not be in attendance on October 23rd.**

Daily attendance is crucial to your child's success in school. Please make every effort to have your child in school everyday on time unless seriously ill. Students who are late for school lose valuable instructional time and disrupt the classroom by walking in after class starts. Please start the year off right by getting your child to school on time.

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

Our next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 8th, at 7:00 p.m. in the school cafeteria. We hope you will join us.

Our Cookie Dough Fundraiser ended on September 29th. Thank you to all the families who participated. Orders will be deliv-

ered in November. We will notify families when orders are ready for pick up.

Our first Scholastic Book Fair of the school year was a great success. We hope you are enjoying your books!

## COUNSELOR CORNER BY MS. MOLLY KUREK



### CHECK IT OFF!

Are mornings chaotic at your house? One way to reduce stress is to have kids fill backpacks the night before and use this checklist:

- Books and notebooks
- Homework
- Lunch money or lunch ready in refrigerator
- After school stuff

This way the only things scrambled in the morning are the eggs!!!!

### WHAT ELEMENTARY COUNSELORS DO

Counselors work with the school to be an advocate for student's academic and social/emotional success in an ever changing world.

***Encouraging words...***As parents, it's sometimes hard to keep from criticizing our children's mistakes. Try this rule of thumb. For every

negative comment, make at least three positive ones. Experts say this is a great way to build your child's self-confidence!

### "IT'S CONFERENCE TIME"

Attending parent-teacher conferences is helpful even if your child's grades are good. **Why?** Teachers can often tell you how your child gets along with peers and ways you can support learning at home.



## STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



The following students were selected as September "Students of the Month":

Cassandra McQuaid, Av'eiona Gulley, Nevaeh Heisner, Brittanee Barone, Gregory Evans, Thomas Owens, Taylor Belardi, Jason Martin, Jasmine DeLong, Casaundra Malaney, John

Schiro, Lueis West, Herman Bambah, Asmir Basic, Isabella Walaszek, McKenzie Gilmore, Marquillis Gipps and Briana Lusi.

These students will be treated to a pizza party to celebrate their accomplishments!