

# THE STARLIGHT EXPRESS JANUARY 2017



HOME OF THE STARS!

MAIN OFFICE 278-7900



DEAR PARENTS, GUARDIANS, AND FRIENDS,

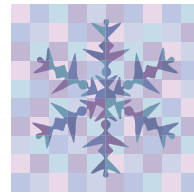
Happy New Year! It's hard to believe that it's 2017

All activities for this month are listed on the calendar toward the back of this newsletter. Please check them out. We have an extremely busy month ahead of us!

As always, please make sure that

your child is here each and every day....ONTIME! Also, please make sure that you read with your child on a daily basis.

Spend some quality time talking about what is going on in your child's classroom. TV, video-games, and the inter-



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a backseat for now! Your continued support is truly appreciated.

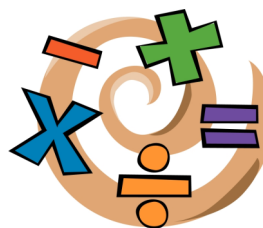
Sincerely,  
Mrs. Coty,  
Principal



**PLEASE MAKE SURE ALL OF YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION IS UP-TO-DATE; THIS INCLUDES: PHONE NUMBERS, ADDRESS, CONTACT PEOPLE, ETC.**

## AFTER SCHOOL BOOSTERS

The After School Boosters Program will begin on Thursday, February 2, 2017 for selected students in grades K-6. This program will be held on Thursdays from 3:10-4:10 p.m. and run until May 4, 2017. Bussing will be provided for current bus students participating in the program.



## CHARACTER COUNTS



January's Character Trait of the Month is: **"TOLERANCE"**

"The highest result of education is tolerance."—Helen Keller

### Character Counts!

Each month our teachers and staff are able to submit names of students they feel represent the school district's monthly character trait. The trait for December was **KINDNESS**.

Here are the students who were recognized for **KINDNESS** in the month of December:

**Mr. Aulet's class** – Malia Booth, Joseph Sturdivant, Jackson Steves

**Mrs. Chille's class** – Julia Boredeau, Jacob Jeffords

**Mrs. Marazzo's class** – Elizabeth Kieley, Madisol Padilla-Velez, Nicholas Lavigueur

**Mrs. Dominguez's class** – Annie Pugh, Bryce Hubler-Davis, Laylah Taylor

**Mrs. Granto's class** – Ava Atkinson, Benjamin Fagard

**Mrs. Williamson's class** – Kyra Janese, Ashanti Reed, Virgil Barber

**Mrs. Deuro-Naughton's class** – Karlee Keith, Camren Wolf

**Mrs. LaRock's class** – Kayleigh Davis, A'mya Wright

**Mrs. Yost's class** – Ayva Crandall, Giovanna Perri, Ian Aube

**Mrs. Lowry's class** – Addison Empson, Moriah DeLorenzo, Mac Spencer

**Mrs. Pedulla's class** – Marlon Mason, Mical Barber, Mya Cunningham

**Mr. St. Onge's class** – Lillian Hubler-Davis, Chy'Ann Wright, Joseph Martelli, William Brass

**Mrs. Garabedian's class** – Dante Patterson, Catherine Ryan, Anderson Davis

**Mrs. Presutti's class** – Salvatore Constantino, Erin Bailey

**Mrs. Stromberg's class** – Scott Keith, Miley Hall

**Mrs. Graff's class** – Maddyson Valo, Collin Bovanizer

**Mrs. Orfano's class** – Austin Manning, Samantha Pembleton

**Mr. Aversa's class** – Gwenevieve Mosholder, Brandon Meidenbauer, Kaelynne Laughing

**Mr. DelZoppo's class** – Joshua Coughlin, Terry Townsend, Lillian Fita

**Mr. Zacher's class** – Ian Doyle, Devin Greenawalt

**Mrs. Costanzo (music)** – Sally Rick and Aurora Printup from Mr. Zacher's class

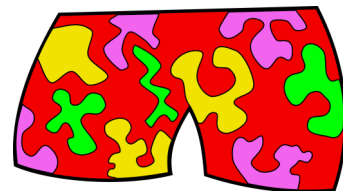
**THE 79TH STREET SCHOOL COMMUNITY WILL PROVIDE "LEARNING FOR ALL, WHATEVER IT TAKES." TO ENSURE THAT ALL OUR STUDENTS MEET OR EXCEED LOCAL AND STATE STANDARDS. TO PREPARE EVERY STUDENT FOR THE NEXT LEVEL OF LEARNING IN A POSITIVE, ENJOYABLE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT**



## SCHOOL SPIRIT DAYS

Pajama Day, December 9, 2016, the school raised **\$329.55!** Mr. St. Onge's class won with the most money collected.

January 13th is Beach Day and January 27th is another Pajama Day. Make sure you bring in a dollar and participate in these fun festivities.



## PHYSICAL EDUCATION (A MOVING EXPERIENCE)

Dear Families,

I hope your summer was enjoyable and safe for you and your family. The new school year is upon us and I have a great number of sports related and fitness activities planned for your children.

In order to have a successful program, I need **cooperation and support from both you and your child throughout the school year.**

During the year, your child will be participating in activities such as fitness and conditioning, basic and creative movements, dance and rhythms, team sports, games, cooperative learning activities, and swimming.

I will always encourage your child to do his or her **very best** at all times.

There is no question that a healthy and refreshed body works wonders towards a clear and productive mind.

The following is a list of the criteria each student is to follow if he or she wants and expects a good grade.

**Attendance-** I cannot teach, and your children cannot learn, if they are not in class.

**Be prepared with proper attire-** Pre-K, Kindergarten, First grade will need sneakers (preferably tie sneakers). Second grade students will have swim classes the first half of the year, therefore, they will need a bathing suit (preferably a one piece for the girls) and a towel. Intermediate students third, fourth, fifth and six grades will need a change of clothes for gym

(shorts, tee shirts, sneakers and a towel) and for swim a bathing suit (preferably a one piece for the girls) and a towel for swim class.

**Effort-** I expect your children to try their best at all of the activities that are presented to them.

I look forward to a fun and successful year. I invite you to call me at any time you feel it's necessary, especially if there is a problem, at 278-7900 ext. 21322.

Mr. Costanzo

Physical Education Instructor



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## FROM THE DESK OF MR. COSTANZO

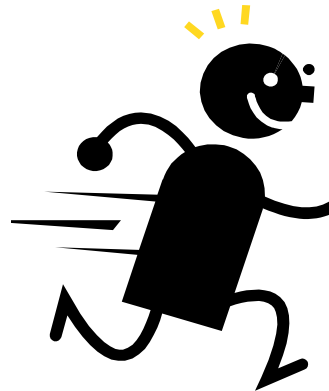
Physical Education activities for October will be Fitness and Conditioning, Dance and Rhythms, Basic and Creative Movements, and Aquatics.

District Mile Run for 5th and 6th grade students will be held on October 9th. This year the run will take place at Sal Maglie Stadium. Students will have to arrive

at 3:45 p.m. If you have any questions, please call me.



**RAIN IS OUT DATE  
OCTOBER  
16TH, SAME PLACE SAME  
TIME.**



**DAY!  
PUMPKINS  
\$1.00  
PK—6TH**

## MUSIC NEWS

Fifth grade Music students have just completed a unit on Ludwig van Beethoven. We learned some history about this famous composer, listened to a few of his most famous works, and played the recurring motif of his 5<sup>th</sup> symphony on the piano. Ask a fifth

grader about Beethoven, what his handicap was, or what it means to have a volcanic temper. For more information about this famous composer or to play some musical games, please visit the Dallas Symphony Orchestra website for

kids at:

[www.dsokids.com](http://www.dsokids.com)



*Beethoven*

## IMPORTANT!

We make every attempt to keep all of our children safe! ALL children should be dropped off at the door. No children should be escorted to class by parents, grandparents, etc. If parents are scheduled to volunteer, they must sign in at the office, get a visitor sticker, and sign out when they leave so we have a definite count of who is in

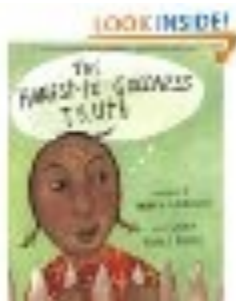
the building at all times. You may not enter the building in the morning to speak with teachers or staff unannounced. We cannot interrupt teachers in the morning or during instruction to speak with you. Of course, you may leave a message or send a note at any time and the teacher will contact you as soon as possible. If you need to enter

school during the day, you must always enter from the front and proceed directly to the office.

As I'm sure you are aware, we cannot be TOO careful in this day and age! These rules are not meant to insult you, they are meant for the continued safety of our children. Tight se-



## PRINCIPAL'S BOOK OF THE MONTH FOR OCTOBER



The Principal's Book of The Month for October is *The Honest to Goodness Truth*, written by, Patricia McKissack. When Libby is caught in her first lie to her mama, her own shame far outweighs the punishment dealt out by her mother, and she makes a vow: "From now on, only the truth." But the girl's strict enforcement of her own rule soon lands her in deep water. Soon she's spreading the truth all over town--about the hole in her friend Ruthie May's sock in front of everybody, and the fact that Thomas didn't have lunch money and needed to borrow some from the teacher, and how old Miz Tusselbury's yard looks like a jungle. By now, no one is talking to Libby. Perplexed and glum,

she turns to her mama for another lesson on telling the truth. Her promise to "tell the truth no matter how much it hurt" leaves a trail of wounded feelings and offended people, but Libby doesn't understand the reactions she's getting until her beloved horse is called an "old flea-ridden swayback." When Libby gets a small spoonful of her own medicine she really grasps the difference between the right way and the wrong way to tell the truth. Libby learns that it's not always necessary to blurt out the whole truth either.

Children know just how difficult it is to find that balance between a lie and the honest-to-goodness truth. The heroine's heart is in the right place, and she works through her confusion in recognizable, easily followed stages.

