



Ayers Happenings-February 2010

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News From Mrs. Charochak:

Ayers School – You ROCK!

Do you know how absolutely incredible you are? I do not believe that you do. Let me begin by congratulating all of you for surpassing even the wildest of expectations in the past few weeks. Let's begin with our incredible show of compassion and selflessness in our "Hats for Haiti" campaign. If it were not enough for us to demonstrate our empathy for the people of Haiti and the recent devastation from the earthquake there by donning our favorite creative hats, the Ayers Community led the way with donations exceeding \$1,748.23. I assure you this money will be put to good use by the folks at UNICEF and will make a difference in the lives of many in Haiti.

Well, here at Ayers, that was just the beginning. Bring on the Polar Plunge and the incredible AYERS BEARS! Cold water and freezing temperatures were no match for you!! In the annual Polar Plunge, Ayers once again stepped up and came through for those less fortunate! What an event it was. I watched in amazement as over 30 plungers – students, families and even our wonderful nurse, Mrs. Poeske braved the cold water to benefit the homeless in Beverly!! Many spectators turned out in the cold to cheer them on. Along with families and friends of the plungers, enjoying the event were Mrs. Fitzpatrick, Mrs. Curcuru, Mrs. Moffett, Mrs. Ward, Mrs. Egan, Mrs. Johnson, Ms. North and Mr. Forrest! In the end, the Ayers Bears won the trophy as the elementary school that raised the most money for the Beverly Affordable Housing Coalition. Our plungers raised

over \$6,200.00!! As a result of these efforts, the Plunge Cup, awarded to the school that raises the most money will reside in our lobby for the next year!

If all of this wasn't enough, we have spent the past two weeks enjoying the spectacular talents of our students. The Ayers Idol Semifinals culminated in the Ayers Idol Showcase on Friday night. What talent our students have! From bongos to break-dance, from tap to hip hop, from singers to pianists, American Idol has nothing on us! The Finalist performance was held on Thursday and we will crown our newest "Idols". It was certainly a difficult decision. The four final acts include Meghan Cotraro, Angela Jeon, Erla Hajhaix, and the 2010 Ayers Idol winners, the foursome of Eddie Crowley, Chad Marescalchi, Matt Enos and Austin Beaulieu. Congratulations to all of you!

I can only imagine what excitement awaits us in the coming month. Ahead we have our 2nd Annual Science Fair, our School Wide Reading Festival, grade level Family Back nights, and rumor has it, an amazing performance to culminate our Reading Festival! Stay tuned for more and don't forget our motto – Together We Soar!

Coming Events

- Grade Two has rescheduled their Parent Open House to Wednesday, February 24th from 6:00 – 7:00 in the School Cafeteria.
 - There will be a School Council meeting on Tuesday, February 23th at 7:00 pm in the library. All are welcome!
 - School Vacation – Week of February 15th – Enjoy your winter break!
 - Title I Story Hour – Tuesday, February 23rd 1:15 – 2:00
 - The Ayers 2nd Annual Science Fair will be held March 4th! Sign up sheets have been already sent home. It's not too late to join in the fun!
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Evening of Accomplishments

This past week, the Citywide PTO sponsored the Evening of Accomplishments. Ayers was represented at the event by Erin Sherburne and Martha Chapman. The presentation outlined our community building efforts throughout the school including the school wide Monday Morning Meetings. Mrs. Sherburne and Mrs. Chapman also highlighted the I Am Ayers and Courage Is... and our Art Festival. It was a wonderful evening and a awesome way to share with the community some of the great things that happen here at Ayers!

Ayers MCAS Schedule Spring 2010

English Language Arts

Grade 4 – Long Composition – Tuesday, March 23

Grade 5 – ELA – March 24 & 25

Grade 4 – ELA – March 30 & 31

Grade 3 – ELA – April 6 & 7

Math and Science

Grade 3 & 5 – Math- May 11 & 12

Grade 4 – Math – May 18 & 19

Grade 5 – Science – May 20 & 21

Mission Statement

The Ayers Ryal Side School Community embraces a shared responsibility among students, faculty, parents, and administration to provide each member of its' diverse student body the opportunity to achieve academic excellence. We are dedicated to the development of the full intellectual, social, emotional, and physical potential of every student. We will provide a safe, respectful environment for all individuals. In partnership with all members of the Ayers community, our students will have the opportunity to develop acceptance of themselves and others, to become creative problem-solvers, skilled communicators, and life-long learners. It is our hope that upon leaving the Ayers Ryal Side School, each person will find him or herself better for having been there.

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