

Ayers Ryal Side School News

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Upcoming Events

- ◆ No School - Martin Luther King Day (January 19th)
- ◆ Family Night at Papa Ginos's (January 20th)
- ◆ Grade Five Move-Up Night @ Briscoe (January 20th)
- ◆ School Council (January 27th - 7:00)
- ◆ State of the Schools (January 29th)

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a cold and blustery 2009! I hope you were able to enjoy some family time over the break. We are back in full swing here at Ayers. Our schedule for January is packed with opportunities for learning. Among the events planned are field trips for grades four and five, continuation of our morning Lexia Lab, afterschool enrichment programs for Art, Reading and Math and the start of our Writing Club! In addition, we are thrilled to announce the start of our first annual science fair here at Ayers! We look forward to the exciting projects our students will explore. This issue of our newsletter has lots of information – Read it with your child and open the door for enlightening conversations about their school experience!

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Ayers Holiday Show

Congratulations to all our first and second grade students for their fabulous performance of The Nutcracker! Ms. Sherburne successfully coordinated 150 students in this musical extravaganza, filled with singing, dancing, and unbelievable costumes donated to us by Alex Galuski of Brookwood School. Mrs. Chapman and Mr. Hewett each took a turn performing as Mother Ginger. Hats off to all our performers and families!



Ayers to Host First Annual Science Fair

Science Fair - March 12, 2009

We're very excited to be holding our first Science Fair at Ayers! This week, students in grades 3-5 received a sign-up sheet if they wish to participate. Students have until next Friday, Jan 16, to turn in the sign-up sheet to their classroom teachers. Around January 20, students who sign up will receive a complete packet of information that explains all the details they need for the Fair including what to do the day of the Fair. We are trying to put those documents on our web site, too.

For topics and ideas, students can speak with their teachers, go to the library to research topics, and search the many Internet sites for Science Fair ideas and topics.

In addition to student participation, we will need many parent volunteers to make this event a success - for set up on March 11, during the event on March 12, and to break down on the 13th. There is a spot in the kids' sign-up sheet for parents/guardians to volunteer - so if you have the time, please help out. If you have any questions, you can contact Doreen Maciak at dmmaciak@comcast.net (978/921-8968) or Anne Curry at annecurryt@comcast.net (978-927-1314).

**Check the
Website for
Information and
Updates on the
Science Fair!**

ayersryalside.com



Technology Donation

We are fortunate here at Ayers to be the recipient of a very generous donation to our school by the Pascucci Foundation. We will soon be receiving SMARTBOARDS for each of our elementary classrooms. These SMARTBOARDS will enhance instruction in all areas of the curriculum. The SMARTBOARDS will arrive at the end of the month and installation should be complete by mid February. Teachers will receive training in the use of this technology in the month of February. We are grateful to Mr. Michael Pascucci and the Pascucci Foundation for this wonderful opportunity to improve our classrooms!

State of the Schools

A review and forecast of the projects, highlights and issues in the Beverly Public Schools.

Hosted by Beverly Citywide PTO

Thursday, Jan. 29th

6:30 - 7:30 (Coffee and Refreshments)

7:30 - 9:00 pm

Speakers:

Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Hayes,
Mayor Bill Scanlon,
State Representative Mary Grant,
School Committee President Annemarie Cesa

Kindergarten Registration

The Beverly Public Schools will begin its annual kindergarten registration process this month. If you have a child who will be 5 years old by August 31st, 2009, he or she is eligible for kindergarten. Parents may pick up a registration packet at their home school during the week of January 20th. The forms in the packet should be completed and returned to the Memorial Building during the week of Feb 2nd from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm, with extended hours offered until 7:00 pm on Thursday, February 5th. Registration packets will not be accepted at the individual schools. Parents should indicate their preference for full or half day kindergarten. Tuition is charged for full day kindergarten; half day kindergarten is offered free of charge. Scholarship applications are available and are included in the registration packets. If you have friends or neighbors with children of kindergarten age, please remind them that this process is beginning.

Co-President – Jeff Daly/Judy
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Genevieve Wrap – Wendy
Doucette

Book Fair – Laurie
Smith/Nikki Birarelli

Unique Boutique – Wendy
Doucette

Comedy Night – TBA

Sock Hop – Wendy Doucette

Walk-a-thon – Leslie
Rust/Carolyn Desilvestre

5th Grade – Betty Fuller/Kim
Sammons

City Wide PTO – Michelle
Abell/Carolyn Desilvestre

PTO Update

What is PTO?

The purpose of PTO is to promote the health, education, and welfare of children and to promote communication between parents and students, educators, and the community.

By joining PTO, you join a group committed to helping each and every child at Ayers have an extraordinary school year. Among the ways the PTO will accomplish this is by: providing programs for parent education, student enrichment, organizing family fun events to help students and families build school spirit, and conducting events and

programs that show appreciation for teachers and volunteers. Many of these events are funded solely by the PTO.

The PTO needs you! Our many committees, fundraisers, and activities cannot happen without the help of all of you. Whether you have 20 hours a week or 20 minutes a month, we have the perfect way for you to contribute. There's room for everyone.

Join Today!
Next Meeting
Feb. 10th

Second Step

Second Step is a nationally recognized violence prevention program that teaches children how to deal with emotions, control impulsive behavior, resolve conflict, solve problems and understand the consequences of their actions. Research confirms that home and schools are the two most important social-emotional learning environments for children. By working together, and becoming familiar with the skills and language used in **Second Step**, parents, schools and community agencies can provide the most comprehensive opportunity for teaching these critical social skills.

The goal of Second Step is to teach children the following life skills: *empathy*, (the ability to understand what another person is feeling), *emotional management* (identifying specific emotions and being able to connect emotions/feelings to a particular situation), and *problem solving* (the ability to work with another person to find a resolution through mutual compromise). These lessons are being taught in each of our PreK - 5 classrooms. Ask your child about strategies they have learned or role play activities they have participated in!



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Together We Soar!

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