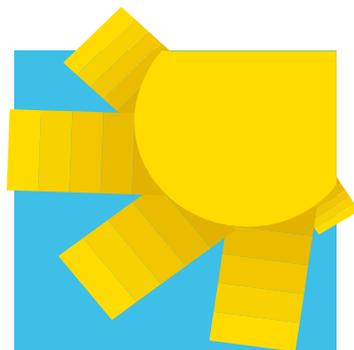


# FISHKILL PLAINS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



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Fishkill Plains Elementary School

Monthly Virtue  
for March is  
Fairness!

“You cannot be  
fair to others  
without being  
fair to your-  
self.”

Author Unknown

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## Message from the Principal

Dear Families,

It’s hard to believe we are past the midway point in our school year! February was filled with exciting events that took place here at Fishkill Plains. I’d like to thank both Mrs. Mandile and Mrs. Lewis for running an amazing Talent Show. We had 77 participants and each performance was truly fantastic. Also, Kara Slosower and her PARP volunteers ran a great Science Night. The students had an opportunity to explore natural science and the turnout was great. Another successful PARP evening!

In school, our Kindergarten students celebrated Dr. Seuss’ 110<sup>th</sup> birthday. Our classes read Dr. Seuss books and had many centers and activities throughout the day and our 5<sup>th</sup> graders completed their President Research Projects. As part of their project, each student dressed in his/her President and gave a speech to their class. After the speeches were completed, all the

“Presidents” gathered in our APR for a Red, White, and Blue Luncheon. Thank you to all the teachers for organizing these events and parents who came in to volunteer!

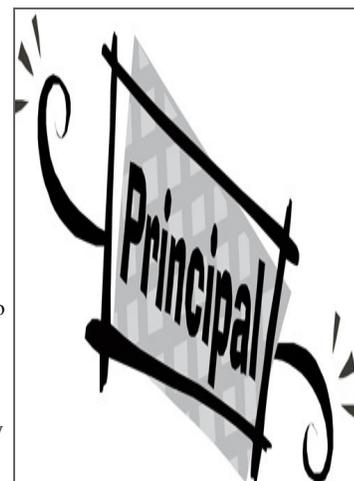
As you know, I will be hosting coffee with the Principal on Wednesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> from 8-8:45 in the Library to share the implementation of Professional Learning Communities here at Fishkill Plains. As I shared in my letter home, all grade levels will be forming targeted instructional groups in both ELA and Math. Within the groups, instruction will be based on reinforcing and practicing acquired skills, re-teaching topics when necessary, and/or providing enrichment and challenging work activities for those students who have achieved mastery of the skills. For those who can’t make it on the 5<sup>th</sup>, I will also be holding an evening gathering on Wednesday, March 26<sup>th</sup> from 5-5:45. For those who plan to attend, kindly

RSVP by Monday, March 24<sup>th</sup> by calling 227-1770.

Hopefully the month of March will cooperate with nicer weather and our students will once again be able to enjoy their recess outdoors.

Sincerely,

Eric T. Seipp



## 11 Years Raising Money of Saint Jude’s Children’s Hospital By Steve Schwartz

This year the students at Fishkill Plains Elementary School raised **\$8,275** for Saint Jude Children’s Research Hospital through the Math-A-Thon program. In the last 11 years our school has participated, we have raised **\$86,198** for the hospital. We are so proud of the

students. Mr. Schwartz’s class raised the most money this year which was **\$1,059**. Second grader Joseph Grassi in Mrs. Wessels’ class raised the most money, which was **\$552**.



“Fairness requires that we do not make judgements until we know all the facts.” Author Unknown

“Fairness is what Justice really is.” Potter Stewart

“Fairness puts the twinkle in the stars.” Author Unknown.

**NY BLOOD DRIVE- LITTLE DOCTORS, January 14, 2014**

A BIG thank you to the Fishkill Plains Community for a successful blood drive ! We had 65 people come to donate. Out of that 65 people the New York Blood Center received 40 units of blood. They were very impressed with the community support at Fishkill Plains. Our students whom were little doctors demonstrated great character and compassion.

A very special thank you to  
Mrs. Sanborn and  
Mrs. Mierisch!!!  
And all the little doctors !!!  
It was a fun evening for all!!!!



**KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION date change -April 22, 23, 24th**

Kindergarten registration will be April 22, 23, & 24th with evening hours on April 23 at Myers Corners Elementary School.

We are always excited to meet all the new Kindergarten students and their families!!!

Please call the main office if you would like a registration packet or any information regarding the 2014-15 school year.

- kindergarten screening dates will be 6/3—6/6



“Being good is easy, what is difficult is being just or fair. But everyone can do it.” Author Unknown

**PARP BOOK SWAP- January 30th!!! What a great night for all...**



THANK YOU PARP COMMITTEE FOR OUR BOOKS!!!!



### BATTLE OF THE BOOKS–Karen Heron, Librarian

BATTLE OF THE BOOKS  
2014

It's hard to believe March is here and the annual Battle of Books competition will occur at the district offices on March 12th.

Fishkill Plains has eager 5<sup>th</sup> graders polishing their team skills for the battle with other schools to see which student teams know the books the best and can answer those trivia questions correctly. Our team uniform is a green tee shirt with the competition logo.

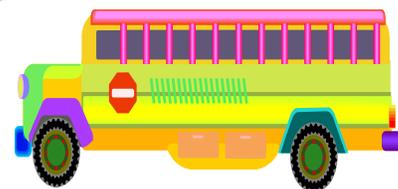
All questions begin with “In what book...?” The answer is the full and correct title of the book and name of the author. This year the books are The Case of the Case of Mistaken Identity, Secret Identity, The Get Rich Quick Club, Thunder Raker, Coraline, Wonder

The game day will be here before we know it. Wish us quick hands on the buzzers and collaborative conversations before answering!



### REMINDER:

BABYSITTER/  
TRANSPORTATION FORMS ARE  
DUE APRIL 1 !



### WEAR RED DAY–February 7, 2014

The Fishkill Plains Faculty and staff raised \$158.00 for the American Heart Association.

On Friday, February 7th the faculty wore RED to show their support of the American Heart Association!

Every year this event helps to raise crucial awareness to fighting heart disease and stroke in women.

Thank you to all who showed their RED !!!! and support on February 7th!



“Fair and softly goes far.” Miguel de Cervantes

“It is not fair to ask of someone else what you are not willing to do yourself.”

Eleanor Roosevelt

### Chinese New Year in Room 8

Gung-Hey-Fat-Choy!  
Chinese New Year in Room 8

Chinese New Year took place on January 31st 2014. To celebrate, Mrs. Fitzsimmons and Mrs. Letizia's class took part in an interactive read aloud by Mrs. Carol Ko, mother of Trevor Ko. Mrs. Ko read The Pet Dragon by Christopher Neimann which told a story of adventure, friendship, and Chinese

characters. The students learned how to write characters such as boy, girl, tree, and forest. They used ink and real paint brushes supplied by Mrs. Ko to create cards for a friend. When they were all done, the snacked on delicious home-made Lo Mein!

Thank you so much Mrs. Ko!



Fishkill Plains Elementary



**REMINDER:**  
Transportation forms are due  
by APRIL 1st.

**5th Grade Annual**

**Presidential Luncheon—  
February 28th!!!**

The 5th grade students gave speeches as their president or first lady. They dressed as their presidents, they spoke as their presidents, they spoke as their president and some of the 5th grade girls dressed as the First ladies instead of their assigned president! In the afternoon the students attended a luncheon to celebrate the lives of the Presidents which included red, white and blue dishes to represent America!!!

Mrs. Plambeck and Mr. K's classes celebrated Dr. Seuss' Birthday with Green Eggs and Ham! Students and parents enjoyed the Green eggs and ham. Mr. Seipp did too! The students participated in many ELA and Math center activities. Students were actively engaged by Dr. Seuss read alouds. As always, learning was fun!

**Dr. Seuss's Birthday Celebration in Kindergarten!!!!**

