



Daniel Webster Magnet School PTA Newsletter  
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# DESTINATION BOOK FAIR: READ AROUND THE WORLD!



The Scholastic *Book Fair* is coming to Daniel Webster School on **Monday-Friday, November 9-13, 9:00AM-4:00PM!** The Family **Event** is Tuesday **evening 6:30-9:00 PM.** We've planned a fun-filled evening with yummy treats and fun activities.

Here's how the Book Fair works: During the week, your child visits the Book Fair with his/her class **twice** and makes purchases. You can send in cash or checks with your children. Please make all checks to "Daniel Webster PTA" (the Book Fair also accepts Discover, Visa, MasterCard, and American Express cards.) Come in to explore the large selection of books for every person in your family.

Visit our homepage: <http://bookfair.com/homepage/dwebster> for more information.

A goal of our Book Fair is to increase classroom libraries. The Teacher/ Classroom Wish List allows you to donate books to your child's classroom in your family's name. Be sure to ask a book fair volunteer for help when you arrive at the "Teacher Wish List" booth.

**We are looking for volunteers!** If you can help, please complete the form and send back with your child or call Deborah at 738-2259. See you at the Book Fair!

LilyDiLeo/Deborah Burns  
Book fair chairpersons

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Name \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_  
phone # \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_ Set up on Fri. Nov 6<sup>th</sup>  
\_\_\_\_ Work at the fair Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri or Tues evening  
\_\_\_\_ Cleanup Fri afternoon

**SHOPPING AT DECICCO'S FOOD MARKETS CAN MAKE MONEY FOR OUR SCHOOL'S PTA PROGRAMS!**

**DECICCO'S SCHOOL REBATE PROGRAM**

Every time you shop at their stores in Pelham and Chester Heights, Daniel Webster School PTA receives 1% for every dollar you spend.

*Each store has a different process to qualify for the rebate:*

AT THE **PELHAM STORE**, YOU MUST GET YOUR RECEIPT STAMPED BY THE CASHIER BEFORE YOU LEAVE THE STORE. THEN DROP THE ORIGINAL STAMPED RECEIPT IN THE DECICCO BOX IN THE MAIN LOBBY OF OUR SCHOOL OR SEND IT IN YOUR CHILD'S BACKPACK MARKED "DECICCO'S REBATE PROGRAM".

AT THE **CHESTER HEIGHTS (EASTCHESTER) STORE**, AT THE TIME OF CHECKOUT, HAVE THE CASHIER RECORD YOUR PURCHASE AMOUNT FOR WEBSTER SCHOOL REBATE PROGRAM. EACH CASHIER HAS OUR SCHOOL'S REBATE SHEET.

**Your friends and families can do the same thing, so please let them know.**

Money collected will benefit programs offered by the PTA such as the free book distribution program, Reading Is Fundamental (RIF), Family Dance Night and After School Activities, to name a few.

*Don't forget to get your receipt stamped or your purchase recorded before you leave the store, otherwise it will not count!!*

Any questions, please contact Joanne Wilder at 914-636-1718 or [jwilder2@optonline.net](mailto:jwilder2@optonline.net)

The stores are located at:

- 43 Fifth Avenue, Pelham
- 505 New Rochelle Road, Chester Heights (Eastchester area)

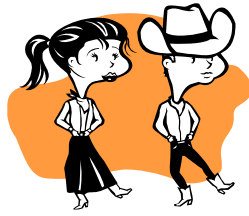


**Thank you!**

To all of the parents who baked or donated items to the **Star Bakers** breakfast for the month of October. The staff really appreciates your thoughtfulness.

Jennifer and Maura  
Star Bakers Co-Chairs

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## *Thank you Partners*

The Family Dance Night was a huge success. We had a foot stomping, knee slapping, hollering good time at the Hip Hop Hoe-Down, on Friday night. With over 300 cowboys and cowgirls in attendance, we “do si do’d” and promenaded to the music of Third Stone. They rocked the house.

The delicious dinner was catered by Bar-B-Q Rib House Restaurant 529 Gramatan Avenue in Mt. Vernon 10552 (914-665-3490). We chowed down on chicken strips, hamburgers, hotdogs, macaroni salad, coleslaw, tossed salad, baked beans and corn. The delicious chili was donated by B&B 5<sup>th</sup> Ave Pub located on 531 5<sup>th</sup> Ave in Pelham. The creamy, cheesy delectable Mac’ n Cheese was made by Angela Stenroos. Yum-O to all the food!!!

To all the people who made this night a big success –  
*A great big Yippee Yahoo and Thank You!!!*

There are too many people to mention, but your generosity did not go unnoticed. Thanks for jumping in at the last minute. We are truly a community school.

There were a couple of people who went the extra mile in volunteering - a special thank you to: Kim Brothers for acquiring the food and raffle donations, Jo Phillips for the awesome raffle donation, Amy Jackson for loaning us the pumpkins and Indian corn, Eric Stenroos for the ice run, Whitney Brown for the food run, Jennifer Wilson for the shopping run and Erica Alexander for the raffle run.

To the custodial staff: Ginny, Kevin, Todd, Frank and John  
Security: Linda Johnson, Sheila Banks and Joe Frenza and the  
Office staff: Carol, Mona and Debbie - thank you for your continued support.

Remember to support and thank the following businesses for their donations: Buffalo Wild Wings, B&B 5<sup>th</sup> Ave Pub, Ann Taylor, River Ridge Equestrian Center, Spotlight Gymnastics, Smokehouse Grill, Equinox Health Club, and Hiawath’s Martial Arts Academy. When you patronize these places, please thank them for supporting Daniel Webster School.

Finally, congratulations to all the winners of the dance and raffle contests.

*Happy Trails,*

*Your family Dance Night Co-chairs,*

*Donna, Angela and Jo.*

## Scrubby Bear



Students in kindergarten, first, and second grades welcomed Scrubby Bear – and the American Red Cross. His message is simple and important- WASH YOUR HANDS WELL and WASH THEM OFTEN. “Don’t get sick; wash up quick!”



## Orchestra



The Carducci Quartet played a chamber music concert for students in 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grades. Four young professional musicians played and discussed pieces by Haydn (“The Joke”), Benjamin Britton, Antonin Dvorak, Janacek (used in the Harry Potter movie), Beethoven, and Piazzolla. The audience interacted in “Trick, Treat, or Tango”. After the concert, some of Mrs. Katz’s orchestra students participated in a Master Class with the musicians. Thanks to professional musicians Owen, Emma, Michelle, and Matthew and of course, Mrs. Katz!

## Walk to School Day-Thank You



THANK YOU to all the families who walked to school on Wednesday, October 12th, International Walk to School Day! Although the rain was coming down when we awoke, it was kind enough to stop when we were ready to walk to school!! Many thanks to everyone who helped hand out stickers that morning: Amy, Kiera, Calvin and Oscar Jackson, Florence Carvalho, Mary Amezcua, Jennifer Wilson and Shelia Banks. As the saying goes: DON’T LET YOUR CAR OR YOUR LEGS IDLE – KEEP THE AIR CLEAN AND YOUR BODY VITAL! Tine Kryger and Victoria Sunko



***Please be advised that due to safety regulations, children MUST be accompanied by an adult when attending PTA events.***



## From the Nurse's Office

Hello to all the Webster families and I hope everyone is having a great school year! Just a reminder to all parents, on the second side of the New Rochelle physical exam form is a section that permits the school nurse to administer some common "over the counter" medications. It requires TWO signatures, the pediatrician & the parent. More times than not I find the parent signature missing.

If you have a question please give me a call, 576-8411, and for those of you who will be submitting the form, remember to sign the back. A physical exam is *required* for all NEW students to the district and children in grades 2 and 4. Forms are available at the Health Office, I have a plastic case on my front door just take what you need.

*Nurse Nora*

## Important Dates:

### October

10/28 – Half Day, No Afternoon Pre-Kindergarten

10/30 – Halloween Parade and Alternative Activities

### November

11/1 – Daylight Savings Time Ends, Clocks Fall Back 1 Hour

11/2 – Exec. PTA meeting, 7:30PM

11/3 – Election Day, PTA Bake Sale

11/10 – Book Fair to 11/13/2009

11/11 – School Closed

11/19 – Book Café, 6:30PM

11/25-27 – School Closed

## Peace Poetry

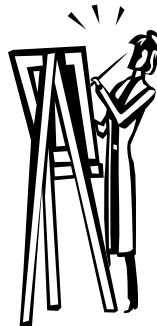


Several classes participated in the recent call for poems of peace. Look for lovely works to be displayed near the cafeteria on the Peer Mediation bulletin board.

## **Make a Difference Day: Star Serve Starts at Webster**

Make a Difference Day is Saturday, October 24 this year. Groups and individuals across our nation will be doing many wonderful service projects. Here at Webster, members of fifth grade will be invited to join our own service club-Fifth Grade Star Serve. Activities are varied, last all year long, and include the opportunity to choose from helping at lunchtime with the birthday board each month , providing after-school fun and literature activities to children whose parents are learning English, as well as to children at the New Rochelle Day Nursery. An environmental poster activity is also being planned - to publicize the idea of CARRY IN-CARRY OUT water bottles. Fifth graders who join Star Serve can choose one or several areas of interest, and activities are scheduled mostly on indoor recess days. Mrs. Ketcham is the moderator of Star Serve, and welcomes ideas and an extra pair of parental hands during some projects!  
PKetcham@nred.org

## Family Art Night



Family art night continues from 6PM to 7PM in the Art Room with the next session will be on December 1, 8, and 15. Come join us and do a variety of art projects together.

## **Webster PTA Website:**

**[www.ptawebster.org](http://www.ptawebster.org)**

**Go to the website for news/information, and to sign up for the Webster Directory**

## Webster Weekly Submissions:

If you would like to submit news /current events, please e-mail your piece to [websterweekly@yahoo.com](mailto:websterweekly@yahoo.com) Articles must be received by **6 PM, Monday evening** of each week for inclusion in the upcoming newsletter.