



Daniel Webster
Magnet School
PTA Newsletter
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Helping Haiti Here at Daniel Webster Magnet School

Plans are being developed to help Haiti, in accordance with our district guidelines. Fifth grade Star Serve has made some informational posters, will participate in school-wide walk-a-thons at lunch recess, hold an art sale of hand made Houses for Haiti, sell ribbons at upcoming events, make morning announcements, will discuss possible ways to help as the year goes on and has received approval to collect coins. There is a huge jar in the Main Office

✓ **BOXTOPS for Haiti**



The Winter Collection will be donated to Haiti. Keep bringing in your boxtops by **February 12** so we can help others in need. Thanks to Mrs. O'Connell for all of her help with the boxtops all year long.

Various Upcoming Events Through June 25:

✓ **Coin Collection – January 25- June 25**

Students wish to collect loose change, in central locations (Main Office, Mrs. Ketcham's office) at lunch time. Students/Star Serve members will coordinate, publicize, and report results. Money collected will be deposited and used to support an approved charity agreed upon by the students.



✓ **Ribbon Sale**



"I'm Helping Haiti" ribbon sale at:

- February 5- PTA Black History Month event, and
- February 9 - Repertory Theater event.

Star Serve members will set up a table and receive donations.

✓ **Houses for Haiti – Art Sale February 12-June 25**

Art activity from Pinwheelsforpeace.org. Students assemble, and then paint, little colorful houses. Houses will be sold (when a sufficient quantity is prepared). Parent help will be solicited for the final glaze coating, and the hot glue finishing touches.



Star Serve members will make, display, and sell/collect donations.

- When: February 12
Mother's Day Plant Sale
- End date: June 25

✓ **Fifth Grade Star Serve**

- Mrs. Ketcham will inform and update Webster Weekly, Magnet Attraction, district personnel and district publicity
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Where the money will go:

To be determined from list of district approved and suggested charities



2010 YEARBOOK PRE-SALES ONLY

This year the yearbook will ONLY be available for sale by PRE-ORDERS.

You can order yours today!!!

The cost of the Daniel Webster 2010 yearbook is

\$25

There will not be any books available for sale after the April 1st cutoff date.

Don't wait, order today!!!

DEADLINE FOR ORDERS – APRIL 2, 2010

(5TH GRADERS RECEIVE THE YEARBOOK -FREE- NO NEED TO ORDER)



2010 Yearbook order Form

PRE-SALES ONLY

DEADLINE APRIL 2, 2010

(5th Graders do not need to order a yearbook)

NAME: _____ CHILD'S CLASS: _____

AMOUNT \$ INCLUDED: _____ check cash money order

Please make checks payable to Daniel Webster PTA



YEARBOOK ADS AND BOOSTERS

Please submit your Yearbook ads and boosters on the form below.

BOOSTER: \$3 per line. (No more than 60 characters)

1/4 page AD: \$20

1/2 page AD: \$ 40

Full page AD: \$75

BOOSTER AND AD DEADLINE MARCH 15, 2010

YEARBOOK ADS AND BOOSTERS

Deadline MARCH 15, 2010

BOOSTERS: \$3 each. 60 characters max (use back of form or additional sheets if needed)

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Number of ADS: 1/4 PAGE at \$20= _____

Number of ADS: 1/2 PAGE at \$40= _____

Number of ADS: FULL PAGE at \$75= _____

Enclose photo(s), wording for ads and payment. Send to the school labeled Yearbook ads by **3/15/2010**

NAME _____ CHILD CLASS _____

TOTAL \$ ENCLOSED _____

Please make checks payable to Daniel Webster PTA

GET YOUR PICTURES IN THE YEARBOOK!



BABY PICTURES NEEDED ASAP

REMINDER 5th Grade Parents!

Get your pictures in the yearbook! If you have not already done so, please send in your 5th grader's baby picture (wallet size) ASAP with child's full name. Please submit via email to Lily DiLeo at lilyd63@optonline.net or drop off a hard copy (include child's full name) in the Main Office into the box marked "**Yearbook Pictures**".

Thank You,
The Yearbook Committee



Notes from Nurse Nora: American Cancer Society's Daffodil Days



I want to extend an invitation to all Webster families to join with the faculty and staff to participate in the annual American Cancer Society's Daffodil Days. Your support can make a difference in the fight against cancer.

For a donation of \$10.00 you will receive one bunch of 10 blossoms. For a donation of \$25.00 a "Gift of Hope", a bunch of flowers is donated to a local health-care facility chosen by the American Cancer Society, and another option for a \$25.00 donation, you will receive a Bear and Bunch. Of course any and all contributions will be enthusiastically accepted.

If you chose to join with us, please make your check payable to the *American Cancer Society*. The flowers will be delivered to Webster School the week of March 15.



HEALTHY HABITS

As we finish the first month of the New Year and begin a new decade, it is a good time to think about how good nutrition and exercise should be a part of our everyday lives.

With so much information on what to do and what **not to** do, it is sometimes hard to make decisions and know where to begin. Over the next few weeks, maybe these ideas or bits of information will help your family begin a path to a healthier lifestyle. Small changes do make a difference, and over time all the small changes add up to a bigger better change for the good!

So where do we begin--- how about the beginning of our day:



Why Bother With Breakfast?

Breakfast is a great way to give the body the refueling it needs. Kids who eat breakfast tend to eat healthier overall and are more likely to participate in physical activities — two great ways to help maintain a healthy weight.

Skipping breakfast can make kids feel tired, restless, or irritable. In the morning, their bodies need to refuel for the day ahead after going without food for 8 to 12 hours during sleep. Their mood and energy can drop by midmorning if they don't eat at least a small morning meal.

Breakfast also can help keep kids' weight in check. Breakfast kick-starts the body's metabolism, the process by which the body converts the fuel in food to energy. And when the metabolism gets moving, the body starts burning calories.

Choosing breakfast foods that **are rich in whole grains, fiber, and protein while low in added sugar** may boost kids' attention span, concentration, and memory — which they need to learn in school.

Research also has shown that kids who eat breakfast get fiber, calcium, and other important nutrients. They also tend to keep their weight under control, have lower blood cholesterol levels and fewer absences from school, and make fewer trips to the school nurse with stomach complaints related to hunger.

STAY TUNED.....more healthy habits to come

Get active, stay active.



Eat right, sleep tight.

READING IS FUNDAMENTAL (RIF)



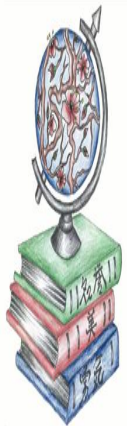
Our 1st RIF book distribution for this school year was held on Friday, January 29th. Each child had the opportunity to select one book to take home and enjoy. The children seemed excited about the book selection and we hope to continue the excitement for the next book distribution.

We'd like to thank the teaching and administrative staffs who are always so supportive of this program's initiatives, the custodial staff, and the following parents who volunteered their time to make this RIF distribution a success: Lily DiLeo, Mary Jo Jacobs, Jean Maisano, Michelle Pottinger, Jeanne Tobin, Ruth Topol, Joanne Wilder and Jennifer Wilson.

We hope your children are enjoying their books and we look forward to seeing them in the spring for our next book distribution.

Belkis Ortiz, Michele Teto
RIF Co-Chairs

Literature Festival



New Rochelle

READS

2010

**Literature
Festival**

- **March 1-** Our district literature festival continues with two exciting assembly presentations – “China Patterns” presented by dancers from the New York Chinese Cultural Center. (details to follow)
- **March 18** – Our literature festival culminates with “Journey to the West” – presentations by Diane Wolkstein. www.monkeykingpic.com (details to follow)
- **February 9-** Fourth grade Repertory Theater is in rehearsal for the musical play “Sail On, Henry Hudson!” All are invited to attend this family performance on February 9th at 7:00pm in the Karen Sesky-Propper Auditorium.
- **February 26** – In celebration of Black History Month, Webster will host two afternoon assemblies featuring The Ebony Hillbillies – American folk music group based in our local area.

Save the Date(s)...

Studio Arts ...Coming Soon!

Spring studio arts dates for grades 1-5 are:

Grades 1,2,3 are Thursdays; Grades 4-5 are Fridays

March 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, 25-26

April 8-9, 15-16, 22-23 (festival), **29-30** (snow dates)

Kindergarten studios take place on the following Mondays:

March 8, 15, 22 (Please Note Date Change, No March 1st)

April 5,12,19-(festival)

Snow date is **April 26**

Studio Arts note: We are having only 7 sessions this spring, due to mid-year budget needs.

Important Dates:

February

2/5- Black History Family Night, 6:30PM

2/9- PTA Exec. Meeting, 7:30PM

2/15-2/19- Schools Closed

Webster PTA Website:

www.ptawebster.org

Go to the website for news/information

Webster Weekly Submissions:

If you would like to submit news /current events, please e-mail your piece to

websterweekly@yahoo.com

Articles must be received by **6 PM, Monday evening** of each week for inclusion in the

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