

PTA Newsletter

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Trinity Car Magnets are available! Put \$4 in an envelope to the PTA box to order! Show your school pride.

Read the Cat!

Trinity Elementary School of

Communications Arts and Technology

Trinity Fun Facts

Fun Fact 1—Trinity Has Parrots!

Many green parrots make their nests in the lights on the athletic fields at Trinity elementary. No one knows for sure where these non-native species came from, but there are a few theories. One theory is that a storm seriously damaged the bird house at the Bronx Zoo and parrots escaped. Another theory is that a tractor trailer truck transporting pets got onto the Hutchison River Parkway and hit an overpass. Those birds may have escaped to Trinity. Though typically tropical, our parrots survive the winters.

Fun Fact 2—Ray Rice is a Trinity Graduate!

Famous Baltimore Raven running back Ray Rice is a Trinity graduate! He came back to visit last year to hand out t-shirts for Walking Wednesday. He visited his 1st grade teacher Mrs. Addonizio and loved Trinity Field Day! He encouraged the students to study hard and build on each successful endeavor. Ray Rice was selected to be in the Pro Bowl and is in the playoffs this year! Go Ray Rice! (Let us know if you know any other famous Trinity graduates!)

Fun Fact 3—Trinity School is named for a street!

People often wonder why Trinity Elementary has its name. Some think it is a parochial school. Barbara Davis, our New Rochelle historian said:

“New Rochelle’s first free union school was Trinity School, and it was located on Trinity Place, near Church Street. The first Trinity School, built at that site in 1856, burned to the ground in 1882. When a larger brick building was constructed on the same site, the Trinity Place School, as it was called, was considered the “best school building in the county”. For many years, up to 800 students, kindergarten – grade 12, walked from all parts of New Rochelle to attend the school.

In 1954, just short of the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the Free Union School, the present Trinity School on Pelham Road was completed. Built of red brick, as was its immediate predecessor, the new Trinity School was designed as a streamlined, modern facility with dignified characteristics.”

MOVIE NIGHT FEEDBACK — Movie Night was FANTASTIC! The kids loved "G-Force". We had approximately 230 in attendance that cold and windy night. Each person received a bag of popcorn with admittance. We started the movie promptly at 6:30pm...the lights were dimmed (just like the movie theaters) and the surround sound system was working perfectly. The movie was a hit! The parents and children thought it was a great family event to do together, and left wanting more! Thank you Rosemary Delgado for organizing this event! Thank you to Allison, Security Guard Fran and our helpful custodians. Great job to all!

**5th Grade Committee Meeting
Tuesday, January 26th at 6:30pm in
the School Library — Please come!**

5th Grade Committee

Last year's 5th graders enjoyed:

- Free Yearbook
- Class Trip—Medieval Times!
- Class Gift (Backpack with Masterlock for their locker at Isaac Young and scientific calculator plus more)
- Awards Ceremony & Promotion Ceremony
- 5th Grade Breakfast
- 5th Grade PTA Luncheon

To ensure that this year's graduating class gets the same benefits, please attend the 5th grade committee meeting on Tuesday, January 26th at 6:30pm to see where to participate. Katharine Perez (perezkat@optonline.net) is our 5th grade chairman. Come help pick a yearbook cover!

Snowflake Issue

January 2010

Upcoming Calendar:

January -

1/13 **Literacy Night** —6:30pm for 1st graders families.

1/18—**Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**—School closed

February -

2/5 **Essay Contest**—Entries due, box is in main office

2/9 **PTA Meeting**—7pm

2/12—**Jump Rope for Heart**, Friday 9:30am-2:45pm.

2/15-2/19—**Winter Break**

2/25—**Literacy Night**—4th and 5th grade families

Free Homework Help

Who: All Students
What: Homework Help
When: Afterschool hours - Monday, Tuesday, Thursday 3pm-8pm. Wednesday—3pm-6pm.
Where: New Rochelle Public Library
Why: College students from Monroe College & College of New Rochelle are there to help!

Drop in and get help with your homework! No appointments are necessary.

New Rochelle Public Library

The Trinity Green Committee is planning a week of Green events in the early spring. Stay tuned for more information on “Green Snacking”!

Fourth PTA meeting of 2009/2010 is Tuesday, February 9th at 7:00pm in the Trinity Library

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Essay Contest Winners Announced

On Monday, January 11th Mr. Briceno announced the winner of the Dolphin Tile Essay contest.

Congratulations to 1st grader Ianni Douglas who won the first \$20 gift certificate to Merry Go Round Toy Store. Ianni very neatly wrote about a dolphin who ate magic fish and jumped really high into the air with his special powers. Great job Ianni!

Kentaro Yasuda wrote about a family of dolphins that once had a happy wonderful life but suddenly suffered misfortune. Kentaro describes "huge fishing ships with mammoth nets grabbing much fish and crab" leaving the family starving. The dolphin family cleverly fights back against the ships to restore their territory to the way it was, saving the mother dolphin dramatically from a net. Very exciting and well done!

Bridgett Bankole wrote about three dolphins that discovered a salmon fisherman in trouble. He was being sucked down into a blue hole in the deep blue sea. The dolphins attempted a dramatic rescue using their teeth grabbing the man's clothing. The dolphins blew bubbles in an attempt to dislodge him and works for hours. Finally beautiful mermaids arrived at sunset, they were singing on a rock. It turned out that the mermaids were evil and had trapped the fisherman on purpose by luring him with treats. The story goes on with singing sea horses, a pouch of magic sea dust, a nasty case filled with sting rays. By the end the man was speaking in dolphin language! Great creativity Bridgett! Keep up the good work!

Fourth Grader Joey Lopez wrote an informative non-fiction entry about dolphins—their early life, amazing communication techniques and eating habits. It was a very organized and informative paper. It has lots of fun facts like a dolphin can hold its breath for no longer than seven minutes, but only for an emergency. Good research Joey! Keep reading and writing!

Fifth grader Samantha Correa wrote "The Disappearing Dolphin", a story that teaches a lesson. The dolphins mother warned the children not to go to the depths of the ocean, but of course they do. It is scary and dangerous and involves sharks and a cave. Very dramatic! Great job Samantha!

The entire school is invited to participate in this month's contest. Good luck!

PTA Nominating Committee

The PTA recently assembled their nominating committee. The group is comprised of two PTA executive board members and one general PTA member. This group will put together the PTA Executive Board for calendar year 2010/11. The slate will consist of President Elect, 2 Vice Presidents, 1 Treasurer, 1 Corresponding Secretary, Recording Secretary. (With accordance of our Bylaws, our President Elect from the current year becomes the President for the next year. Elizabeth Foote is the President Elect for calendar year 2009/10 and will be the President for calendar year 2010/11.) The slate will be presented to the General PTA at the April 13th PTA Meeting. During that time anyone can be nominated for any position except President. Then everyone who attends the meeting will vote on the slate.

This year's officers are as follows:

- PTA President**—Allison Cacciola, pooh614@aol.com; 740-3363
- PTA President Elect**—Elizabeth Foote, 740-5963, eakfoote@yahoo.com
- Vice President**—Rosemary Delgado, delgado93@msn.com
- Vice President-Claire** Angone O'Connell
- Corresponding Secretary**—Vanessa Sanchez, acostasanchezv@gmail.com
- Recording Secretary**—Jennifer McNamara, djmc@verizon.net
- Treasurer**—Gabriella Gonzalez

If you are interested in participating in the PTA this year or holding an office next year, communicate with one of our board members. Thanks for your interest in making your child's school an even better place!

Trinity PTA Monthly Essay Contest



\$20 Gift Certificate to Merry Go Round Toy Store

The PTA is sponsoring a monthly essay contest open to all students. Write an story about the tile depicted above. This tile is installed along the front of the school. Essay may be fictional or factual. Be creative! Put your essay in an envelope with your name, teacher and grade level and put it in the PTA box in the main office. One winner per grade level will be selected. The monthly winner will be chosen at random from the top essays. Honorable mentions will be awarded. Good luck!
Essays are due by February 5th.

Winning essays will be considered for candidates in the "Kids are Authors" Scholastic competition. Under the guidance of a project coordinator, children work in teams of 3 or more students to write and illustrate their own book. Two Grand Prize winning books (one fiction and one non-fiction) will be published by Scholastic and sold at Book Fairs throughout the country. The PTA is seeking teachers to participate as project coordinators. If you are an interested teacher, please email Elizabeth Foote at eakfoote@yahoo.com for more information. Entries must be postmarked by March 15, 2010 for the 2010 Contest.

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