

PTA Newsletter

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Trinity Elementary School of

Communications Arts and Technology



Mulan T-Shirts still available -
Put \$10 in an envelope with
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Read the Cat!

Trinity Presents Mulan



On March 11 and 12th, Trinity put on a spectacular performance of *Disney's Mulan*. Produced by Wingspan Performing Arts, and directed by Joseph Trifiletti, *Mulan* takes place in ancient China, and follows the life of a young girl who wants to do more than just be a beautiful bride. When war breaks out, one son from each family is expected to serve. Mulan's family is without a male child. Her battle worn father, Fa Zhou, is expected to fight. Our heroine, Mulan, dresses as a man and goes into battle to honor her family.

Mulan is an inspirational story of "girl power" and portrays the positive message that girls can truly do anything! The production had a strong ensemble, and musical director Alex Wise brilliantly led the cast in the memorable songs. A special mention must be made to Stacy F., the lovely young lady who brought Mulan to life, and Markus C., who wittily portrayed Mulan's wise cracking dragon friend, Mushu. *Disney's Mulan* was a wonderful night out at the theater for Trinity families! - by *Jessica Labella*

Thank you to Alison Cacciola for making the tickets and ticket sales and Rosemary Delgado for the playbill, t-shirt sales and more! Thank you to Carl Cacciola for all the donated waters! Thanks to the Trinity Girl's Basketball team for the snacks, too!

Chess Kids

Our children have the opportunity to play chess every week with Tharin Chadwick also known as "Dr. Chess." On Saturday, March 6th, our school hosted a tournament organized by the National Scholastic Chess Foundation (NSCF). For the event 121 players came from Connecticut to the Bronx. It had six sections from kindergarten to grade 12. "Dr. Chess" invited Trinity School students to participate. He selected children based on their chess knowledge and skills. Fifteen children represented our school. Kevin B. received a trophy as an individual player. Congratulations Kevin! Trophies were given to the top 3 schools in each section. Trinity received a 3rd place trophy in the K-2 age group. Congratulations to all participants! Dr. Chess started a lunchtime chess club at Trinity three weeks ago. Parents who would like their children to participate should talk with "Dr. Chess". Up to now, only recommended children have been admitted to the Trinity Chess Club. For more information about future chess events ask "Dr. Chess" at Trinity or go to www.nscfchess.org - by *Nilda Palma*

Special thanks to the Trinity Green Team for running a wonderful snack bar (with pizza) all day! Thanks also, to Mrs. Peluso who coordinated the March 6th Chess Tournament!

Spring Musical Issue

March 2010

Upcoming Calendar:

March -

3/18 -
Recorder Concert 10 am
Family Literacy Night -4th & 5th
Grade (Reschedule) 6:30 pm

Sat. 3/20—
Girl's Basketball v. Jefferson at
Remington Girls & Boys Club, 9am.
Boy's Basketball v. Ward 1:00pm,
IEYMS.

3/25 - Family Literacy Night -
Kindergarten - 6:30 pm

3/22-25 Kindergarten Registration

Sat. 3/27—
Girl's Basketball v. Remington at
Remington Girls & Boys Club, 9am.
Boy's Basketball v. Remington
1:00pm, IEYMS.

3/29-4/2 School Closed

Congratulations to the winners of the February "Steam Engine" Essay Contest.
Winners are: William Foote (K); Lucas Rabenstein (1); Matthew Adaricher (2); Lauren Bergen (3)*; Gabriella Dumani (4); and Jemimah Salvacion (5). Hurrah!
*** Gift Card winner**

Spring is in the air, so get ready for "Walking Wednesdays"! "Walking Wednesdays" are when students are encouraged to walk to school with their parents or guardians for fun, fitness, fresh air and (hopefully) prizes! Keep your eye out for a flyer soon.

Next PTA Meeting 4/13, 7:00pm ***Voting for Next Year's Executive Board***

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In photo above, the Trinity basketball team poses for the camera.

Girls Basketball at Trinity

Trinity is proud to have assembled the Trinity Girls Basketball team. We have 15 girls on the team this year. The turnout for tryouts was overwhelmingly high yet we could only take 15 girls. Thanks to Mr. Briceno, who ordered the basketball jerseys, the team is able to proudly wear uniforms with the school colors this year. The team started off with 2 scrimmages and has played four games so far. It has been great having the support of Mr. Briceno, who was present at the first game, Mr. Steve, Mr. Gillum and Ms. Fran all who have been present to support the girls during the games as well as Ms. Talt who brought 3 players from last year to support the girls!

While many team members have never picked up a basketball before, they have worked hard during practice to build skill and learn the game. It has been promising to see the growth that the girls are demonstrating weekly and the boost in confidence and teamwork. They are committed and attendance has been close to 100% for each game and practice. The team also had the opportunity to attend 3 basketball games at Iona College to see first hand the importance of team work on the court. The girl's basketball team raised funds to plan for a party at the end of the season and a portion of these funds has been donated to purchase items for the concession stand during the play nights, in an effort to help raise additional funds for the 5th grade planning committee. We look forward to the rest of the season with 3 more games before the Quarter finals.—by *Daphne Douglas*

Thank you Trinity PTA for paying for the uniforms which the girls get to keep! This is your fundraising dollars at work. Thanks also to our dedicated Coach Wood and Coach Douglas and his wife Daphne! Go Trinity!

Ballroom Dancing at Trinity

Our fifth graders proudly performed a variety of ballroom dances on Friday, March 5th at a recital in the Trinity auditorium. Under the direction of "Dancing Classrooms" (www.dancingclassrooms.com) and with funding from the Arts Excel program, children participated in ten weeks of twice a week classes learning how to do the Rhumba, Tango, and Waltz among other dances. According to their website, Dancing Classroom's program teaches "social awareness and builds self-esteem ... Students are taught the vocabulary of various contemporary social dances in a classroom setting."

The program was very popular among students, even reluctant dancers were enthusiastic participants as the program progressed. At the recital two classes at a time performed a dance style. One class on the floor and one on the stage in a large circle of pairs. The instructors introduced each style of dance and a dancers demonstrated the steps without music. Then the two classes performed the dance, with music, to the instructor reciting each step into a microphone. The students were confident, knew the steps and seemed to genuinely enjoy ballroom dancing. A rousing finale of Stomp by all students completed the performance.

Our Ballroom Dancing Team won the Bronze at the March 15th regional dance competition at PS 76 in the Bronx. Thank you Mrs. Pacheco, Ms. Rios, Mrs. Soto, and the 5th grade parents for their support!

Fifth Grade Parents—
Email your contact info to
5th grade chairman
Katherine Perez
(perezkat@optonline.net) to
get included onto the 5th
Grade website to see photos
and to volunteer!

Trinity Essay Contest

This month's tile is Marconi's Wireless Radio station in Cape Cod. Here on January 18th, 1903 the first transatlantic radio transmission occurred. It was a message from Teddy Roosevelt to King Edward VII in England. Marconi is the "Father of Wireless Radio".

Write a story in English about the tile depicted above. It may be factual or fictional. **Communication is the theme.** 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.

Essays are due by Friday, April 9th.

Teachers are invited to participate this month!
(Teachers are not eligible for prizes, just for fun !)