

PTA Newsletter

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Trinity Elementary School of



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Communications Arts and Technology



Trinity's Fifth Grade Chorus provided a wide range of musical genre in perfect harmony. Great Job!

Trinity Spring Concert

On Thursday, May 13th Trinity presented its annual Spring Concert. It was a wonderful performance and included a wide range of music.

The String Orchestra performed four pieces, two had a Chinese theme and one had a 1940s theme. The group was well rehearsed and performed perfectly.

The Fifth Grade Chorus with 145+ students performed a Spanish song about peace and liberty; a Russian Yiddish song; a South African song with percussion accompaniment; and a song called "All Over the World". The crowd really enjoyed it.

The rollicking Trinity band, 100+ strong, rocked the room with four enthusiastic numbers, including "Let's Go Band"; "The Big Rock"; "Tenderfoot March"; and "We Will Rock You".

Thank you to our wonderful music teachers including Mrs. Katz, Mrs. Lim, Mr. Caputo and Ms. Yoshiura. It was a great show!



Trinity's String Orchestra performed beautifully! Lovely!



Trinity's Band rocked the house! Exciting!

Spring Concert Issue

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Upcoming Calendar:

June—

6/8—Kindergarten Welcome Tea

Tues. 6/15—5th Grade Class Trip to Medieval Times

Thurs. 6/17—5th Grade Luncheon—Volunteers needed!

Fri. 6/18—5th Grade Awards Ceremony, 1pm

Mon. 6/21—5th Grade Promotion Ceremony—(2 tickets per student)

Fri. 6/25—5th Grade Breakfast

Fri. 6/25—Last Day of School

Congratulations to the winners of the April "Plane Tile" Writing Contest. Grade K - William Foote*; Pooja Sivamonan (tie); Grade 1 - Matthew Wright; Grade 2 - Antonio Oliveros; Grade 3 - Joshua Odrisco; Grade 4 - Chiara Benitez-Carrier; Grade 5 - Jemimah Salvacion **Hurray to All!**
* Gift Card winner

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A message from PTA President-Elect Elizabeth Foote—
“I am delighted to report our book fair took in a grand total of \$6,807.55. Out of that total is \$78.55 in One for Books donation, this is included in our total fair dollars. This is a record for our school! WE DID A SPECTACULAR JOB!!! THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR HELP!!!”

Trinity’s School Nurse Honored by SEPTA Special Education Parent Teacher Association SEPTA

Special Education Parent Teacher Association
Congratulations again to all *We Are One Award* winners and nominees. Thank you for making a difference! Please continue to support NR SEPTA - make your Amazon purchases through our website - www.newrochellesepta.org.

Tuesday, May 25th meeting featuring self-advocate and nationwide celebrity speaker Mitchell Levitz. Details to be posted soon on our website.

Trinity Writing Contest



Write a story in English about the tile depicted above.
It may be factual or fictional. Be creative!
Put your entry with your name, teacher and grade level in the PTA box in the main office.
Top prize is \$20 gift certificate to Merry Go Round Toy Store on North Avenue.

Essays are due by Friday, June 11th.

Anti-Bullying Initiative

Recently our 3rd through 5th graders participated in a bullying survey. It had questions related to whether the students experienced, witnessed or even participated in bullying at school. Parents were able to opt out their child from participating.

This survey is the first step in a larger program called the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program (OBPP) that may be adopted by Trinity in September 2010. According to olweus.org, its goals are to reduce existing problems among students, achieve better peer relations and prevent the development of new problems. When instituted, the program has been shown to reduce bullying and reduce antisocial behavior, such as vandalism, fighting, theft, and truancy. Other positive benefits are: improvements in the classroom social climate; positive attitude towards school; and better relationships. At the May PTA meeting, Mr. Briceno said it will be a school-wide initiative.

Expressed in everyday language, bullying is “when someone repeatedly and on purpose says or does mean or hurtful things to another person who has a hard time defending himself or herself.” (olweus.org)

Trinity Young Authors

On Wednesday, May 12th the PTA–sponsored a Young Authors event in conjunction with a book fair evening. PTA Secretary Jennifer McNamara read the children a book about writing books. Then PTA President-Elect Elizabeth Foote led the enthusiastic group of students in a collaborative effort in actually writing a children’s book. Long sections of white paper were taped to three tables. Children picked the main character (the Trinity mouse); the theme (travel by rocket); and the setting (Mars, Chicago and Cheese Planet). Tables were assigned “Beginning”, “Middle” and “End”. Then, in a flurry of crayons, colored pencils and magic markers and with happy laughter, a complete story was created. Trinity families participated and the children seemed to really enjoy the experience. Great job, Trinity PTA! We look forward to seeing more projects from our young authors. It is a Trinity PTA goal for our students to submit a children’s book to the Scholastic contest in the months and years ahead. Help us make that happen!

Fifth Grade Luncheon

Volunteers are needed for the fabulous Thursday, June 17th PTA-sponsored 5th Grade luncheon. Our Hawaiian Luau theme event will feature DJ music by Paulie, dancing and food. On the day of the event six food servers and three clean up people are needed. A decorating team will be working in the Trinity gym on Wednesday June 16th at 6:00pm. Helpers appreciated! Call Karen Hessel at 576-9213 or email Karen@amysgreenhouse.com to volunteer. Thanks in advance!

Did you know ... on May 10th former NY State First Lady Matilda Cuomo read her husband’s book to CILA 3rd graders at Trinity? The book is called “The Blue Spruce” by Mario Cuomo.

Thank you to all who helped make the Mother’s Day Plant Sale a big success!