

# PTA Newsletter

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Trinity Elementary School of



Holiday Boutique!  
12/4 for Kids and 12/5 for Everyone!  
Lots of fun, food, music and shopping!  
Be a vendor! Call 740-3363.

*Read the Cat!*

Communications Arts and Technology

## Arts Excel

Your PTA membership dollars pay for a large portion of the Trinity Arts Excel program. All students benefit from this curriculum based, arts-in-education program which is now in its 17th year. Ms. Judith Scheck, Trinity Arts Excel Coordinator and art teacher, spoke to us about the still developing Arts Excel 2009/2010 schedule for Trinity. A display case in the Trinity lobby contains information and artwork from Arts Excel and will change throughout the year. Take a look!

### Assemblies

On Oct. 27th the kindergarten through 3rd graders enjoyed a puppet show performance by the Crab Grass Theatre group called "Anasi the Spider". Third graders enjoyed the show. Logan C. said it was "exciting. Bridget B. said that it was "very creative, they used nice puppets". Tiffany M. thought it was "Beautiful!". Brenda M. thought it was "very funny when the spider was getting food".

Other events include:

- In January grades kindergarten through 2nd will see Theatreworks production of "Max and Ruby".
- In early March the 1st and 2nd graders will travel to Purchase College Performing Arts Center to see "The Very Hungry Caterpillar".
- In late March the 4th and 5th graders will see the Theatreworks production of "We the People", which is a social studies and civics arts assembly.
- In May the 3rd through 5th graders will enjoy a Crab Grass Theatre production of "Haiku to Hip Hop" which is poetry based and includes large puppets.
- In May the 3rd graders may travel to the Kato-nah Museum of Art to see an exhibit on the contemporary puppetry.
- In March, students will travel to Caramoor with music teacher Ms. Lim to explore Chinese music and art.

### Artists in Residence

Artists are invited to Trinity to teach students for eight weeks one day per week during the school day. The topics of the projects are directly related to the academic material covered in class, such as social studies and science.

- Kindergarteners will enrich their animal studies with creative drama from visiting artist Branislav Tomich.
- First Graders will continue their butterfly mosaic projects with New Rochelle resident and artist Gina Kingsley. One butterfly mosaic is currently on display in the library hallway. Other mosaics decorate the lobby and other areas of the school.
- Second Graders will participate in "New Rochelle Dances!", which will be a study of dance with a nod to the cultural diversity that exists in New Rochelle. Artist Erica Eigenberg, New Rochelle resident, will teach the children.
- Third Graders will participate in an exciting writing based film program at the Jacob Burns Film Center of Pleasantville. The film series is called "SeeHearFeelFilm".
- The Fourth Graders are tentatively scheduled to work with an animator or photographer integrating science or social studies curriculum. The project will include technology.
- The Fifth Graders will learn how to Ballroom Dance with teaching artists from Manhattan-based "Dancing Classrooms".

Ms. Scheck emphasized that the Trinity community is grateful to the PTA for their contribution to the funding of these activities. She said that Trinity is a prominent beneficiary of arts-in-education support in the district and is proud of our program. If you have any questions about these activities or wish to communicate with Ms. Scheck on Arts Excel, you can email her at [jscheck@nred.org](mailto:jscheck@nred.org). Thank you Ms. Scheck!

Note: If your child loses his glasses at school, you may want to call the nurse's office. It is helpful to know the brand and color!  
Nurse Mary Ann Brady: 576-4663

## Give Thanks Issue

November 2009

### Upcoming Calendar:

#### November -

**11/17 PTA Meeting**—7:00pm in Trinity Library.

**11/19 Family Literacy Night**—6:30pm in cafeteria. 2nd & 3rd Grades. *Educational and fun!*

**Note: New Rochelle Thanksgiving Parade**—Cancelled this year

#### December-

**12/3 Parent-Teacher Conference Night**

**12/4 Holiday Shop**, 9-4, children are invited to come and shop.

**12/5 Holiday Boutique**, 10-5, Families are invited to come and shop. Over 30 vendors. A few spaces are still available.

**12/17 Winter Concert**—10am

### *The PTA Has Put Your Dollars to Good Use.*

As a result of the Book Fair, the PTA has given each teacher \$16 in "Scholastic Dollars," which enables the teachers to shop free for books, and focus on their book wish lists. One of our goals as the PTA is to help teachers enrich and stimulate reading for all our children. We were able to achieve this because of your generosity and support of the Trinity School Book Fair. Thank you for your contribution.

— by Elizabeth Foote

**Testing Tip**—Assistant Principal Ms. Pacheco suggests that families read "Highlights for Kids" magazine. The stories from the magazine often turn up on the ELA tests! Sample tests are linked onto the Trinity webpage — [Trinity.nred.org](http://Trinity.nred.org)

Second PTA meeting of 2009/2010 is Tuesday, November 17th at 7:00pm in the Trinity Library

## Trinity Elementary PTA

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## Fall Festival

The PTA-sponsored Fall Festival is one of the most popular events held at Trinity Elementary School. New and seasoned parents are warned, "Tickets sell fast, so get yours quick!" Soon enough, an email went out and signs went up around school—"Sold Out!"

The hype couldn't have been more accurate—from the costumed PTA members collecting tickets at the door, to the crowded and festive gymnasium, the Fall Festival proved to be a really entertaining evening.

Students entered the auditorium through a curtain of purple streamers. Spooky music filled the room and the students trick or treating began with a big white rabbit clutching a stalk of carrots. As they continued throughout the decorated hallways, many characters handed out treats, including a black cat (possibly Mr. Briceno?), Elvis and a bumble bee. Dedicated PTA parents volunteered for the event making the night truly special.

The journey ended in the gym, where DJ (and Event Chairman!) Paul Deluca spun child and parents friendly dance tunes. All generations danced excitedly to songs by Hannah Montana, Michael Jackson and The Electric Slide.

It was another pleasurable experience shared by the students of Trinity Elementary School and their families, uniting them in a magical night full of dancing, treats, and fun! We are already looking forward to next year's Festival! *by Jessica M. LaBella*

## Book Fair News

*Parents, Children, Administration & Teachers—We Made a Difference in a Great Way!*

We had a Big Return on Spare Change! During our Book Fair, we participated in Scholastic's "One for Books" Program. Every dollar collected went directly to books for Trinity School, and Scholastic matched our monetary donations with a donation of 1 book for every dollar we raised. We raised \$56...WOO-HOO! The PTA was able to give \$56 worth of books to our school, and Scholastic gave 56 books to the charities below.

**WHAT THE PTA DID WITH THE \$56 FOR BOOKS:** We had a Book Raffle for the Teachers. Every teachers name was put into a hat and one lucky winner was pulled out. Congratulations to Mrs. Waksman, she was the winner of \$56 worth of books for her class.

Scholastic will donate 56 books to national non-profit organizations dedicated to helping families in need. These organizations include the Marine Toys for Tots Foundation, Kids in Distressed Situations, and the National Center for Family Literacy.

We should all be proud of what we achieved from our Book Fair. - *by Elizabeth Foote*

## South End Explorers?

Local Historian, Barbara Davis, writes: Despite the names and statues, neither Henry Hudson or Lief Ericson sailed the Sound. Hudson Park was named for Alexander B. Hudson, a local (and early!) realtor and developer. He sold much of the park's land to the Town of New Rochelle in 1866. The Lief Ericson Memorial was dedicated by a local chapter of the Sons and Daughters of Norway in 1932. Verrazano and, later, Adrian Block were the two earliest (documented) explorers of Long Island Sound. But no statues for them!

### Help Wanted

Fall Fundraiser, Jennifer McNamara, 914-576-6506  
Family Literacy Night,  
Elizabeth Foote, 914-740-5963  
Holiday Shop, Carl Cacciola, 914-740-3363  
Green Team, Inés Bolufer- Laurentie,  
[thomines@verizon.net](mailto:thomines@verizon.net)  
Box Tops—Last year's boxtop chairman is looking for a co-chair to resume duties. If anyone is interested, contact Pat Stipo at [trinitybox-tops@optonline.net](mailto:trinitybox-tops@optonline.net).  
Clean School/Clean Streets & Spiritwear,  
Claire Angone, [jcangone@optonline.net](mailto:jcangone@optonline.net)

### Smile for the Camera

Trinity School Photos were a big success this year, said Yolanda Valencia, event chairman. The children looked great and smiled nicely. The classes were photographed as a group this year, which will be fun to see. It was hectic but organized, said Yolanda. Photo make-up day is Dec. 11th. All teachers need to be photographed this year due to a change in photo companies. Yolanda wants to thank the office staff, and parents Allison, Michelle & Beth. Thanks, Yolanda for your hard work!

## Join the PTA — Support the Arts!

If you like the concept of our Arts Excel program, now is the perfect time to join the PTA! Fill out this form, put \$10 in an envelope labeled "PTA Membership" and drop it in your child's backpack. You will receive a cloth shopping bag as a thank you!

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ Cell or Work Number \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail Address \_\_\_\_\_ Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Child's Grade/Teacher \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to volunteer  Daytime  Evening?  for an hour or two? Member ID# \_\_\_\_\_