

SHERWOOD SPIRIT

Principal's Comments

As the Fall season is coming to an end, so has the first third of this school year. Our young students continue to express enthusiasm about learning new, challenging and exciting topics across all subject areas! We have accomplished much in a short period of time:

- Welcomed new families and students to Sherwood Elementary School.
- A very successful "Meet The Teacher Night" and AIS Fair.
- September 11th recognition
- Field trip experiences which support our curriculum.
- Many staff development activities for our teachers — to help enhance instruction.
- Several construction projects at our school have been completed.

To further support our connection with home, we ask that you help us with the following...

- Please encourage your child(ren) to read independently for about fifteen minutes each day in a quiet place.
- Your continued support of our character traits: HONESTY, RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY and KINDNESS is appreciated.

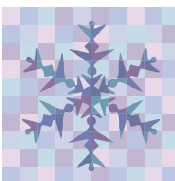
On behalf of the entire Sherwood staff, I wish you and yours a wonderful holiday season!

Vincent Veglia, Principal



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Second Grade Happenings

The second grade classes have spent a lot of time learning all about different communities. The students learned about their classroom community and how important it is to treat others with respect. The second grade classes then held a town hall meeting in the library as they listened to the story, Rainbow Fish. This reading led to a discussion on friendship and the children created a writing piece and art project about friendship. Their Rainbow Fish were proudly displayed in the hallway for others to admire.

As part of our community unit, the classes visited Old Bethpage Village Restoration to learn about communities of the past. The children enjoyed seeing all of the old buildings and also enjoyed visiting a working farm. They are always amazed that there was no electricity or grocery stores.

The students took a walking trip to Main Street in Islip to visit our own suburban community. This fun trip helped the children understand that stores provide goods and services; the local store owners are very welcoming of Sherwood's youngest students.

As part of our Native American study, all classes created color poems and class totem poles. These eye-catching creations adorned the hallways and doorways of all second grade classes.

In December, the children will be taking a trip on the Polar Express! Second grade students (and their teachers), will wear pajamas, enjoy hot chocolate, and watch the holiday classic to help celebrate the season!

As you can see, Second Grade is a busy place indeed!



Third Grade Happenings

Ms. Solieri's students have been focusing on building character through class discussions and read alouds dealing with respect and tolerance of others' differences. During "Morning Meetings", we are working on team building and making new friends to foster cooperation in our classroom. Building new friendships is a wonderful way to begin a new school year!



The Third Grade students recently learned about trees in their plant unit. The grade level went to Connetquot State Park where they learned how to identify leaves as well as building a tree from the inside out.

The students have been practicing weekly for their upcoming choral holiday concert.



Fourth Grade Happenings

It's all green thumbs in Mr. Velazquez's class. Students in Mr. Velazquez's class completed their unit of study on plants with a culminating "Can-A-Plant" project. Students researched a variety of plant species and recreated their plants. Student's were botanists for the day and shared facts about their research.



Classroom Happenings

Fourth Grade

In Mr. Senese's class, the children have been studying point of view and perspective in ELA. Every story is told from a particular character's point of view which may persuade the reader to feel a certain way about how the events in a story transpire. The children were encouraged to read a novel and then tell the story from another character's point of view to show how the whole feeling of a story may change according to who tells it.



Fifth Grade

The fifth grade students have been participating in a six session presentation on the trial of Goldilocks. The students have been learning all the in's and out's of our legal system. At the end of the program the students were picked to play one of the many characters in the trial of Goldilocks. The fourth grade jury determined Goldilocks' fate!



Physical Education News by Mr. Ruccia

In the gym we are getting back to running around and staying active. We have completed our orientation and track and field units. We are currently finishing up our Fitness Gram fitness tests. We will soon be entering our cooperative games and team sports units.



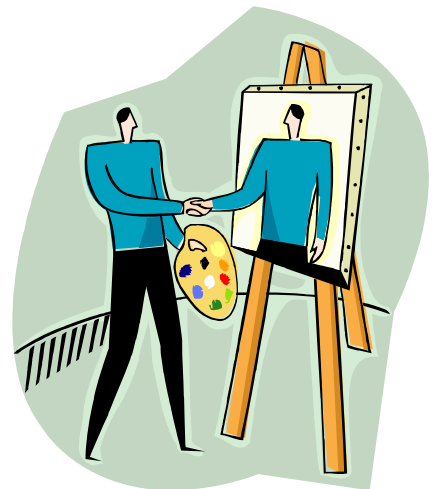
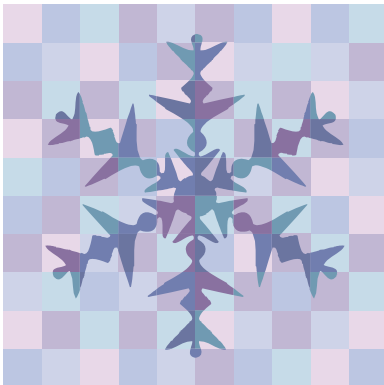
Speech and Language News by Mrs. Grosso

Mrs. Grosso's Speech and Language students have just completed a unit on a book by Karen Barbour entitled, "Little Nino's Pizzeria". Students enjoyed learning new vocabulary, practicing articulation skills, and sequencing the steps for completing a task as they talked about the story and even got to make their own pizzas! A fun time was had by all!



Art News by Ms. Heaton

The artists of Sherwood are surely off to a productive year! The second graders have been studying proportions of their faces to create self-portraits. For their most recent project, the third graders have been studying the primary and secondary colors. They applied this knowledge by making animal paintings in the manner of Franz Marc. The fourth grade completed snowmen collages, and will begin to create watercolor studies of pears. The fifth graders are working on contour line portraits, which were inspired by the works of Henri Matisse. They also created and hung up the beautiful snowflakes that were used to decorate the auditorium for Sherwood's Winter Concert.



ISLIP FRIENDS OF THE ARTS

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE: We encourage the students of Islip to participate in Art, Dance, Music, Theatre and the Visual Arts and recognize their efforts through Awards, Scholarships and Enrichment Activities.

Thank you for your support at Meet The Teacher Night. Many of you became members and many families supported us by purchasing raffle tickets. Well, the tickets were drawn and here are the winning families:

CHOCOLATE PLATTERS: CRES Samantha Koebele, SES Ryerson Family, IMS Camhi/Thomas Family, WING Mandy Salgado, HIS Kileen Family.

BASKET WINNERS: Grillin' All Winter—Mrs. Schnebel, Witches & Goblins & Bears—Oh My—The Kaplan Family, Autumn Is In The Air—The Riley Family, Party Like It's Halloween—The Green Family. Thanks again for your support!

HOLIDAY SING-A-LONG WITH SWING — Friday, December 9, 2011, 7-9PM, High School Cafeteria (north doors), Admission \$5 adults, \$3 students and senior citizens, preschoolers are free. Admission includes visits with Santa, refreshments, holiday crafts for youngsters, and the music!! Bring your camera!! The High School Swing Vocal Group will encourage everyone to get into the holiday spirit by singing holiday songs. Also, Holiday Basket Raffle!

It is not too late to become a member! Send your check for \$10 to Islip Friends of the Arts, c/o Barbara Engels at 102 Whitman Ave., Islip, NY 11751. If you have any questions or need more information, call Barbara 922-2189

Maud S. Sherwood PTA



The PTA has gotten off to a great start! Thanks to all the help and support of Sherwood families and staff! So many times things are done within PTA and people go unrecognized for their hard work “behind the scenes”. So I would like to give a special thanks to:

Moira Salerno – Staff Appreciation Chair for a great Welcome Back Breakfast for our staff! They loved it all! (check out the big thank you banner in the lobby by the PTA bulletin board!)

Lori Warnokowski – for running the KIDSTUFF COUPON BOOK Fundraiser in September. We raised over \$2500 for PTA which will be put towards programs for the kids!

Rosanne Dietz – for running a very successful BOX TOPS collection and raffle for September!

Karen Price – for coordinating and chairing the new Membership Committee. We are up to 140+ members so far. Haven't joined yet? Go to www.islippta.com and print out a membership form and send it in with your check made out to Islip PTA Council via backpack. It's never too late to join!!

Erin Bienkowski – for chairing our Spiritwear sale. The overall sales of all of our PTA's were fantastic. We are hoping for delivery as soon as possible. Be on the lookout for order pickup day information

Lynne Esposito – Family Fun Night Chair for running the sports filled family fun night in September! In January we will have “Minute to Win It”...think you got what it takes to win?

Kathryn Fenigstein and Mrs. Tramaglini School Social Worker –Red Ribbon Week – for organizing activities and our school assembly “The bFit Show” during Red Ribbon Week

Our next scheduled PTA meeting is January 23rd in the Middle School. More information will go out shortly.

If you have any questions about anything PTA please do not hesitate to contact me at Sherwood-Prez@aol.com