

# The Bear's Paw

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Black Bears**

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## February 2010 Events

11-Student Council  
Gertrude Hawk sale starts  
12-School Closed-  
Presidents Weekend  
15-School Closed-  
Presidents Weekend  
17-PTA Meeting  
19-Student Council  
*Backwards Day*  
19-PTA Family Skate  
Night  
23-BOE Meeting  
26-PTA Father-Daughter  
Dance  
26-Interim Period Ends

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## From the Principal

Do not wish to be anything but what you are, and try to be that perfectly.

~ St. Francis De Sales

From the Chief School Administrator/Principal

One of our *Principal's Principles* for February is self-respect. Each morning, during our daily announcements, we will learn that self respect is:

- ✓ The respect you have for yourself that cannot be swayed by others.
- ✓ The ability to look at everything you do without feeling doubt or insecure.
- ✓ Something you show by your actions.
- ✓ Always knowing that you matter and understanding that others care what you have to say because your thoughts are important.
- ✓ Believing you can do whatever you wish.
- ✓ Being proud of who you are.
- ✓ The ability to respect self and others.

One of *MONTY'S High Five!* is being respectful to self and others. Respect is an attitude. Being respectful helps a child succeed in life. If children don't have respect for peers, authority or themselves, it's almost impossible for them to succeed. I am proud of how our students follow *MONTY'S High Five!* every day at school. By doing that, they are truly learning and practicing self-respect.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

**JANUARY** Students of the Month:

Kindergarten-IRELAND LYON  
First Grade- GAGE GORALCZYK  
Second Grade-ANTHONY SAVARESE  
Third Grade-CAROL PITTENGER  
Fourth Grade-MIRANDA DEGENNARO  
Fifth Grade-JADE FAINES  
Sixth Grade-SABRINA GAMUTAN

## Principal's Principles for February:

- Kindness
- Self-respect
- Patience
- Tolerance



## Staff News and Class Happenings

- ❖ Check out the **High Honor and Honor Roll** scroll outside **Mr. Esposito's** office. Thank you, **Mrs. Romyns, Mrs. Hart and Mrs. Pinzone.**
- ❖ **Mrs. Walker, Miss Harrington** and the Student Council would like to thank all of the students and their families who contributed toys for the **2009 Toys for Tots Campaign.** The toys helped over 96 children and 36 families in our own community! Special thanks to Mr. Jim Brady and Mr. Bob Benson, US Marine Corp and Lyn Forleo and Kim Cusumano of the Minisink Reformed Church for their continued support and guidance with this ongoing community project.
- ❖ Congratulations to all of the students who successfully completed our newest program, *Art for Life!* During this ten week program, the students contributed to a school wide art mural which incorporated the character education concepts from the **Principal's Principles** such as trust, respect, goal setting, enthusiasm and responsibility. The mural, "*Our Journey through Life*" is displayed on the bulletin board in the upper hallway. Thank you, **Mrs. Moran and Mrs. Walker** for bringing this important program to our students. A new session of *Art for Life!* began last week.
- ❖ In **Mrs. Moran's** Art class, **Ms. Banghart's, Mrs. Galandak's, and Mrs. Neglia's** first grades are producing art work related to their study of Picasso Portraits for the Springfest Flower and Garden Show contest.
- ❖ The Youth Art Month Exhibition runs from March 1<sup>st</sup> through the 31<sup>st</sup>. The following students from **Mrs. Moran's** art classes have had their art work selected for the exhibition: **Katarina Bisl, Jessica Crosby, Emily Dvorak, Brandon Bendes, Wyatt Sabo and Kyle Hashagen.** The Artist's Reception is on March 31<sup>st</sup> from 6-7:30pm at the Public Gallery in the Courthouse in Newton. Congratulations to our young artists!
- ❖ **Katarina Bisl's** entry for the Youth Art Month Exhibit was chosen to be in the State Exhibit in Trenton! Her original painting will be hanging in the State House Annex and a color copy of her work will be hanging in the exhibit in Newton. Katarina's work was based on her art class study of Piet Mondrian, geometric shapes and primary colors in Modern Art. This is a first for Montague! Congratulations to Katarina, her parents and **Mrs. Moran.**
- ❖ **Mrs. Goyette's** sixth grade LEAP students participated in the county wide Gifted and Talented program, "Bridges to Friendship" at Sussex County College. Teams of students worked together to produce a bridge made from poster board that displayed engineering principles for strength. The team of **Shannon Mulroony** and **Kate Johnson** was awarded second place. Way to go!
- ❖ **NORWESCAP** Head Start offers no cost preschool program for income eligible children ages three to five years old. Breakfast and lunch are provided. Full and half day programs are available. Applications are now being accepted for the 2010-2011 program year. Call 973-875-8565 for information. The program is located in Sussex.