



## From the Desk of Mrs. Casale

### Dates to Remember:

Valentine's Day  
Monday, February 14<sup>th</sup>



Winter Recess  
February 21 - 25  
Schools Closed

Family Math Night  
Thursday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>  
6:30-8:00 PM

FEN Meeting  
Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>  
6:30 PM

Family Dance  
Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup>  
1:00-4:00 PM  
West Valley Inn

Kindergarten  
Registration  
Monday, March 28<sup>th</sup>  
By Appointment  
Please call 270-8073

Jump Rope for Heart  
Monday, March 28<sup>th</sup> -  
Friday, April 1<sup>st</sup>

We know that spring is right around the corner when Kindergarten registration is scheduled. That date is set for Monday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at Garden City School. A child is eligible to begin Kindergarten if he/she is five years of age by September 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011. If you have a friend, relative or neighbor in the Garden City School area that may need this information please pass it on! Registration is by appointment only and may be made by scheduling it with Mrs. Pettigrew at 270-8073.

The third quarter of this school year is already underway and our students are busier than ever! Hopefully, you have received your child's second quarter report card and have had some communication with your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns regarding his/her progress. You may call the school at any time to make an appointment with your child's teacher.

Family Bingo Night was an

extremely successful evening and everyone in attendance enjoyed the games and refreshments. Many thanks to Mrs. Kim Jones (Alec and Kristopher Batanero's mom) for organizing the evening. Also, thank you to all parents who baked and volunteered to help during the evening!

Once again, Mrs. DiChiro, one of our first grade teachers, held her annual "Book Bag Night" on Thursday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>. We all enjoyed "refreshing" several older book bags as well as making new ones. These bags are used by many classroom teachers and are sent home with the children to read and complete activities with their families. The students love the book bags and we love making them. Thank you, Mrs. DiChiro, and all the parents who helped!! We appreciate all you do for our students!

Fond Regards,  
Mrs. Casale

## Mark Your Calendars for FEN Meetings

### FEN MEETINGS 2010-2011

March 8<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday)

April 13<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday)

May 10<sup>th</sup> (Tuesday)

June 8<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday)

August 10<sup>th</sup> (Wednesday)

**\*\*Free babysitting will be provided for children of the parents, attending the meeting.**

**\*\*We appreciate ALL input. Please try to attend.**

## Your FEN Facilitators

### Co-Facilitators

MaryAnn Casale

Robyn Ladouceur

### Treasurer

Stacey Howe

### Secretary/Newsletter

Cari Petrella

### After School Activities

Marijane Martinez

To contact anyone at FEN, send a note in with your child, call the school office at 270-8073; [mcasale@cpsed.net](mailto:mcasale@cpsed.net) or [robynsnest@cox.net](mailto:robynsnest@cox.net)

## Parent Power

**There are many ways you can support your child's learning and school.**

**Here are a few ideas:**

- **Spend a few minutes every evening looking over handouts your child brings home. Fill out forms to return the next day.**
- **Tell your child's teachers if you can help them out at school or home.**
- **Make sure teachers know you appreciate their efforts. From time to time, send a thank-you note or email.**
- **Contact your child's teacher immediately if you see a problem. Working together will help your child succeed.**
- **Attend conferences, parent meetings, and school events regularly.**

## After School Activities

After-school karate, creative writing and all-sports are currently taking place.

*We are looking for people to offer an after-school activity once per week for one hour for our next session. If you have a hobby or special talent to share, we need you! A small stipend will be paid. Please call Marijane Martinez at 595-5576.*

\*BCI checks are required. Forms may be downloaded from the Cranston Public Schools website or you may pick them up at the office.

**Spring Family Dance**  
**Sunday, March 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**1:00 - 4:00 PM**

**We are looking for  
 volunteers to help organize  
 this wonderful family event.  
 There is so much planning  
 that contributes to the  
 success of this annual event  
 that we need a committee  
 of volunteers to assist.**

**Please contact Mrs.  
 Ladouceur or Mrs. Breton,  
 our Events Facilitator for  
 more information.**

**Thank you!**

## **Ongoing Fundraisers**

Please look for food items with the **Boxtops4Education** logo. Each box top you turn in earns 10 cents for GCS—and it adds up quickly. There is a collection box in the office

Turn in your old **cell phone or printer cartridges** to GCS and the school receives cash. Support your school *and* help save the planet by recycling!

## **THINK SPRING!**



## Recent, Ongoing & Upcoming Events:

Family Bingo Night - Thanks to all who helped make the evening a success!

Family Math Night - Thursday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 6:30-8:00 PM

Bring the family and join us to play math games and activities that are fun and educational at the same time! All students and their families are invited to attend!

Jump Rope for Heart - March 28<sup>th</sup> - April 1

If at all possible, please have your child collect donations from friends and family members for this extremely worthy cause. This event has been a huge success in past years. Let's make it the best ever!

Kindergarten Registration - March 28<sup>th</sup>

Please call the office for an appointment (270-8073).

Upcoming Ceramics - Permission slips will be sent home prior to each date.

April 7 - Spring Theme

May 5 - Mother's Day

June 2 - Father's Day

## Two-Hour Club Participation & Volunteers

- \* Help assemble baskets for the silent auction at the family dance
- \* Read to a classroom
- \* Join the committee to plan the Spring Dance
- \* Attend the monthly FEN meetings and put your ideas to work for the school

**\*\*\*SIGN-UPS FOR THE 2-HOUR CLUB CAN BE DONE AT ANY TIME!**

PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING JUST A SMALL AMOUNT OF YOUR TIME! NO SPECIAL SKILLS ARE NEEDED!

## Garden City School Mission

The mission of Garden City School, a safe, inclusive and progressive learning environment, is to provide instruction based on high standards, student centered instructional practice and varied learning experiences, in order to develop students who have a love for learning, the capacity to acquire and use meaningful knowledge, a respect for diversity, and an understanding of the importance of community and responsibility.

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