



February 29, 2008

Mark your calendars ([click here for calendar](#))

Monday, March 3rd- Read Across America
Friday, March 7th- Family Bingo Night
Saturday, March 8th- WEF Dinner Dance @ The Tides
March 10-14- NJ ASK testing for 4th grade
March 10-12- NJ ASK testing for 3rd grade
Friday, March 21st- No School
Thursday, March 27th- Grade Two Multicultural Program
Friday, March 28th- Family Volunteer Night
Tuesday, April 1st- Coffee with the Principal (9:30 am)
Tuesday, April 15th- School Budget Elections 2-9pm

Read Across America



On Monday, March 3rd, Coolidge School will celebrate Read Across America! Each classroom will have a special guest VIP reader at some point during the day. The identity of the reader has remained a mystery to the students. Be sure to ask your child who their special reader was. All students are encouraged to wear the Cat in the Hat colors of red, black and white to school on Monday or wear their favorite Dr. Seuss hat or attire.

On Friday, Coolidge School held its traditional used book sale to promote literacy while raising money for a good cause. All money raised during the sale will be donated directly to the American Cancer Society for cancer research. We are still counting the money and waiting for some students to bring their dollar bills to school on Monday. Thank you to all the parents, students and teachers who helped make this event a huge success!

New Jersey Assessment of Skills and Knowledge (NJ ASK)

Students in grades 3-4 will take part in state testing during the week of March 10th. Make up testing will take place during the week of March 17th. A letter with further information can be found on our [Friday Folder](#) page. Fifth grade students will take part in the NJ ASK 5 during the week of May 5th.

75th Anniversary Blog!!

As you know, in September, 1932 Coolidge School opened its doors to students for the first time. Join me in wishing Coolidge School a Happy Anniversary! Special activities are being planned for the spring to commemorate this event. If you are interested in taking part and assisting in the planning, send me an email. Also, please spread the word. We are looking for anecdotes, artifacts, photos and, of course, alumni, parents and staff members associated with Coolidge School from the 1930's to the present.

In celebration of our 75th Anniversary, I invite you to add a comment, memory, or piece of trivia to our new "Coolidge Celebrates 75 Years" blog page. [Click here](#) to access our blog (which can also be accessed via the Coolidge web site) , then click on Comments, to add your thoughts. Some of our former students have already

discovered the page and added their input. Take a look.

Coffee with the Principal

Our next *Coffee with the Principal* will take place on Tuesday, April 1st at 9:30 am in the media center. There will be no formal presentation at this Coffee. Rather, this meeting will serve as an forum to discuss items of importance to parents. Updates will be provided regarding balanced literacy, construction and budget awareness.

Manners Matter

As you know, our theme this year is *Manners Matter*. In support of this theme, fourth grade students recently completed Power Point presentation illustrating ways to show good manners. At a recent school wide assembly, fourth grade students shared these presentations with the student body. Our focus for the month of March will be on demonstrating how manners matter while working with others as part of a group.

WEF Dinner Dance

Please join the Wyckoff Education Foundation for "Risky Business" an 80's theme Dinner and Dance Party featuring the live music of *Mary's Basement*, a fantastic local rock band. Dress is casual and there are no tables to form!

Saturday, March 8, 2008
7:30-11:30pm
The Tides Estate, North Haledon NJ

Tickets are \$85 per person for dinner and all evening open bar
Checks can be made out to "WEF."

Reserve your spot 3 Ways:
www.wyckoff.org
Mail a check to Sue Geering @ 70 Hummingbird Court Wyckoff, NJ 07481
Send a check with your child to school marked "WEF"

Friday Folder announcements will be sent this week highlighting Auction Items.
Please Join Us!

PTO Assembly

A huge thank you to our PTO for coordinating and funding a recent assembly program at Coolidge School. Inspirational speaker, Tami Luchow, recently presented three assembly programs at school. Tami reminded us all to actively think about and understand what it means and feels like to be different- and then enjoy the fact that we are all UNIQUE. Her program program included a workshop with the teachers and follow up sessions with several classes.

Art Show



Coolidge art students will be participating in the schools first annual art show on June 9th, 2008 at 6:30 in the evening. All of the students' artwork will be displayed throughout the school. Each piece will contain a label with the child's name and class.

The week prior to the show, Ms. DiTursi is in need of parent volunteers to donate their time, during and after school hours, to assist with labeling and hanging up artwork. Please contact Ms. DiTursi directly if you are able to help out.

Guidance Report

Mrs. Borelli recently completed guidance lessons in second and third grade. Second graders shared examples of conflicts and practiced techniques to resolve differences with their classmates, friends, and siblings. Discussion,

modeling, a partner activity and role plays were used to teach students "I Messages" as a means of communicating their feelings and solving disagreements. A worksheet was provided so that students would share this new skill with family members. Parents, please look for opportunities for your child to practice this strategy at home! Third graders explored the values of respect, compassion, freedom, and fairness after listening to *Nellie's Trip South*, an historical fiction about slavery during the Civil War. Students shared their reactions to the story through group discussion as well as by writing letters back to the book's central character. Student responses were displayed in the third grade hall and demonstrated amazing awareness and sensitivity to the plight of the slaves.

Pre-School

During the past month our pre-school students returned to Sicomac School. We enjoyed having our pre-school friends and staff with us for the past three years, but wish them well in their new permanent "home". They added so much value to our educational community. The space we now have available will allow us adequate space for small group instruction, one to one assistance, math and reading learning centers, academic testing and parent-teacher meeting areas.

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