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Upcoming Events

- ◆ Family BINGO night 1/18
- ◆ 3rd Grade Group Photo 1/24
- ◆ Board Ed 7:30pm meeting 1/28/08
- ◆ 2nd Grade 2pm Concert 2/1

A Note from the Principal

HAPPY NEW 2008!

I'd like to take this month's newsletter to give you two important remindersBrrrrrrrrrrs! As I sit here typing its 28 degrees outside! Please make sure that your child wears a jacket, hat and mittens to school everyday! It's important to get the students outside as much as we can. If it's above freezing and not too windy, the children will be going outside, so please make sure they are dressed

appropriately. There are lots of hats and mittens in our lost and found box.

The second reminder is that the students need snack everyday! Lots of children are coming to school without snack. Teachers are not allowed to give food to the children, so you need to give your child a snack every morning.

Thanks for your help!

Mrs. Neville

Parent Announcements

The new elementary math program, Math Expressions, currently used by the kindergarten, first and second graders continues to gain steam in the Huntington School district. Director of Math, Wayne Edwards, is encouraging parents to visit a website created by the publisher to learn more about the Math Expression series. The website address for parents is

www.eduplace.com/parents/mthexp/. A separate website is also available for students at www.eduplace.com/kids/mthexp/.

Please note: Upcoming Board of Education meeting will be held on Monday, January 28, 2008 at 7:30pm at Finley. Please come out and support our school.

In Our Community News

Blood Drive to be held in the gymnasium at Huntington Intermediate on February 1, 2008 from 6am - 5pm. Please note: donors must be 18 years of age or older. Contact Nancy McArthur with any questions at njmcarthur@verizon.net.

Home Town Hero, 3rd Present Police Officer, Miguel Vias, responding to an emergency call around 3:10 p.m., on January 8th, along with three other Suffolk County police officers, dived

into the bay at the Ocean Ave pier near the parking lot for Captain Bill's restaurant in Bay Shore to rescue one of two women who were trapped in their car after plunging over the edge of the pier. Officer Vias is the father of kindergarten student Javier Vias and a Class parent in Ms. Thatcher's class and can now add 'HERO' to his list of accomplishments. The Washington Community is very proud of the heroism Officer Vias displayed!

Kindergarten News

The Kindergarten students will be visiting the Long Island Children's Museum in Garden City on

February 1st for their second field trip of the school year.



"... learn more about the Math Expressions series"

First Grade News

The first graders are busy with their reading and writing assignments and elevating their skills.

Second Grade News

On November 1st, Washington Primary 2nd graders were lucky enough to visit the Old Bethpage Village Restoration. They were greeted by the 'mayor' with a list of how things are run in their village, and how it is very different than what they're use to in Huntington today.

The Students were able to learn so many different things about how times use to be. The children even attended an old school house where they experienced the way classes use to be held. Students got a chance to speak

with and listen to historians explain how households were run and the many different chores for children from that time.

"The trip was great! I got to see cows and pigs and found out a lot of stuff! I had a good time!" said Tyler Campo. Katherine Aparicio said, "I thought the school house was different than our school because it had slate instead of paper and no playground. It made me like my school better!"

All in all it was a wonderful trip that all adults and children enjoyed!

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Third Grade News

The third grade class will be taking their group photo for the year book on Thursday, January 24, 2008. We ask that the children be dressed warm and colorful for the photo.

Third grade parents are asked to attend 'Meet the Instrument' night to be held on Wednesday evening, January 30th, at Huntington Intermediate. The parents will be given a look into the chorus, band and orchestra music program at the school. This is offered to the parents of the incoming 4th grade

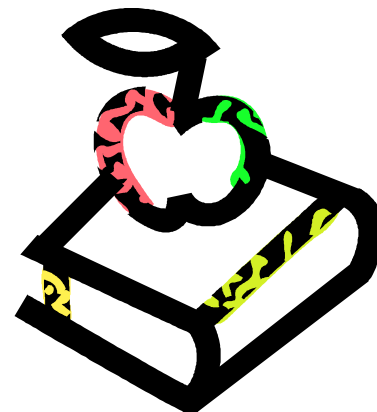
students to assist them in helping their child select ways in which they'd like to participate in the music program at the Intermediate school.

HI's music program directors will be visiting the 3rd grade students on Wednesday, February 6th at Washington in order for them to 'Meet the Instruments'. All students will continue to have classroom music once a week, but in 4th grade students have the option to participate in Chorus, Band or Orchestra.

Curriculum News

At October's PTA curriculum meeting, Dr. Vicki L. Mingin, Executive Director of Special Education and Student Support Services, explained that each building has a support team including the school psychologist, social worker, nurse and speech therapist. This staff is available to all parents should they have questions and concerns

about their child. She also explained the district's efforts in adopting a *Response To Intervention* model (RTI). She said the district will be providing Early Reading Intervention to kindergarten students this year who demonstrate a need for extra support.



Mark Your Calendar's / Save the Date News

2nd ANNUAL TASTE OF HUNTINGTON

The 2nd Annual Taste of Huntington will be held on Thursday, March 6, 2008. Tickets go on sale Monday, January 28th; Seating is limited so be sure to purchase your tickets at your earliest convenience. **VOLUNTEERS and GIFT BASKET DONATIONS GREATLY NEEDED!!** If you own a business or know of a business that would be a perfect participant for this event please contact Shari Harris for donation information at (631) 351-4919 or email her at: shasha517@aol.com

Please ask your favorite Restaurant to donate a platter and your community businesses to please donate gift cards, gift items and/or coupons to support our schools. {Ex: Dry Cleaners, Deli's, Barbers, Hair & Nail Salons, Gas Stations, Car wash, Florist, etc.}

SAVE THE DATE



*The Huntington Foundation's Annual
"Reach For The Stars"
Fundraising Gala
Honoring the 2008 Spirit Award Recipient
Dr. Vicki Mingin
at the Woodlands
Friday, January 25, 2008*

*For more information or how to donate
please contact Denise Slives @ 631.513.9434*



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Student / Faculty News

Ms. Hahn and Huntington's K - 6th graders perform at the 'Small High School - Band Competition' held at HHS on Sunday October 14, 2007. The children sang 'America' to a standing room only crowd during the final judging discussion that was taking place on the sidelines. It was an exciting event and very well attended by the Huntington community. The best was saved for last as Huntington High School's band took to the field and gave an outstanding performance. All were proud of the Blue Devils and we wish them well in future competition. Thanks to Ms. Hahn and the Music Department. Although the children didn't sing until the end of the program, it was well worth the wait!



The students paraded around the perimeter of the school showcasing their costumes at the 9:15am on Halloween. The day was spent enjoying other festivities in preparation for the annual Trick-or-Treat event taking place later that day. The costumes were awesome and the day was bright and beautiful. Thanks to the PTA and the faculty for giving the parents such a special start to our day!



A Note from our PTA Presidents

Happy New Year!

We hope everyone had a wonderful vacation. A big thank you to all the Washington families who donated toys and winter clothing to our Drives in December. Your generosity brightened the Holidays for many local children.

The PTA is gearing up for the second half of the school year. Our Bingo Night is Friday, January 18th from 7-9pm. There will be prizes for the kids, and snacks for all. Please join us at this free family event!

Next Tuesday, January 22nd is the start of PARP (Parents as Reading Partners) month at Washington. Be on the lookout for information about the activities planned to encourage our

children to read. We will be wrapping up PARP with our annual Book Fair ((February 26th- 28th), which will feature a special Family Night on Wednesday, February 27th.

The Washington PTA is very excited to announce that we have purchased a new wall-mounted Smart Board for our school! It will be housed in the Library, and is due to be installed this month. Many thanks to our Librarian Miss White, and our Principal Mrs. Neville for their help with this project.

We are always looking for help with our newsletter. If you'd like to contribute an article or photo, please contact Pam Fallon or Jen Reda.

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The National Circus Project has entertained children across the USA with their exciting and instructional circus performances.

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Sunday, January 27, 2008, 1:00 pm
Huntington High School, Oakwood and McKay Roads

Proceeds to benefit HUFSD Arts-In-Education
Pre Show Activities begin at 1:00pm, Show begins at 2:00pm
ALL SEATS \$10

Cash and checks are accepted. Please make checks payable to AIE.
For more information please contact mrhodes@hufsd.edu

We are looking for contributors.
Please contact the Newsletter.



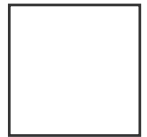
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GRADE / TEACHER: _____

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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!