

The Bear's Paw

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Black Bears**

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January 2010 Events

- 1-School Closed
- 4-School Re-opens
- 18-School Closed-Martin Luther King Day
- 23-Bear Breakfast-9am
- 28-Report Cards go home.

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From the Principal

Gift Suggestions:

- To your enemy, forgiveness;
- To an opponent, tolerance;
- To a friend, your heart;
- To a customer, service;
- To all, charity;
- To every child, a good example
- To yourself, respect.

--Oren Arnold

It was great to see everyone out for our Winter Concert last week! The children were fantastic, weren't they? Let's all use their energy and spirit as we balance the holiday rush of shopping, wrapping, baking and decorating with December's snow and ice! Remember, that there are people in our lives who are SO worth the shopping, wrapping, baking and decorating and people to whom we are worth the same. My wish for you and your family is peace of mind, prosperity through the year, health and happiness, and joy to fill your holidays. Happy New Year.

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

NOVEMBER Students of the Month:

- Kindergarten-TAYLOR MARINO
- First Grade- ERIKA VELDE
- Second Grade-DESTINY PARRIS
- Third Grade-TALAH HASSAN
- Fourth Grade-HENRY KABBASH
- Fifth Grade-ALYSSA NIED
- Sixth Grade-SHANNON MULROONY

Principal's Principles for December

- Responsibility
- Teamwork
- Honor

Principal's Principles for January

- Caring
- Good Choices
- Equality
- Gratitude

Staff News and Class Happenings

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- ❖ Congratulations to **Mrs. Alles**, our School Nurse for receiving 100% on the Annual Immunization Audit from the Sussex County Health Department. A nurse from the county health department reviews student health records to ensure that all immunizations are complete and comply with New Jersey code. Thank you, **Mrs. Alles!**



- ❖ **Mrs. Wright's** fifth and sixth grade students completed a basic archery unit during their PE and Health classes. The equipment was obtained through a state grant and included compound bows and aluminum arrows. The students shot from a 25 meter distance. A competition was held in the sixth grade. The top sixth grade archers are: **Aleshia Carlano, Cody Mitchell, Austin Pittenger, Wyatt Sabo, Nicole Leeflang, Alexis Wack, Kodiak Sturges, Chelsea Wildrick, Shannon Mulroony** and **Brandon Boyd**. Congratulations!

- ❖ Mr. **Finnegan's** fourth grade has decided to forego the usual gift giving this year and embrace the spirit of giving in a different way. A donation in the name of the class will be made to Heifer International. Heifer International is a worldwide relief organization that believes in sustainability. Gifts of regionally appropriate livestock and tree seedlings are made to impoverished communities around the world. Way to go, **4F!**



- ❖ Did you know? Our library has added over 200 new educational videos to the computer catalog and art prints that correlate with American history lessons. These materials are available to all teachers.

- ❖ The Art Club, under the direction of **Mrs. Moran**, created colorful drawings for the Goryeb Children's Hospital. The drawings will hang in the children's rooms at the hospital.



- ❖ **Mrs. Fischer's, Mr. Ferriere's** and **Mrs. Smith's** sixth grades performed Act II and III of William Shakespeare's *Julius Caesar* to a packed house on December 3rd!

- ❖ **Mrs. Buda's** and **Mrs. Willeford's** third grade class learned about the Festival of Lights and the traditions that go along with this celebration. They read *Hershel and the Hanukkah Goblin* and the *Chanukah Guest*.

