

The Bear's Paw

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**Home of the
Black Bears**

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From the Principal

If someone is going down the wrong road, he doesn't need motivation to speed him up. What he needs is education to turn him around.
Jim Rohn

From the Principal

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MAY 2011

2-NJ ASK Tests begin
3-Teacher Appreciation Day
4-BOE Meeting 7pm
12-Interim Period Ends
18-PTA Meeting 7pm
20-Interim Reports go home
26-Spring Concert 7pm
30-Memorial Day-School Closed

The state required NJ ASK (New Jersey Assessment of Skills and Knowledge) tests will be given to all third, fourth, fifth and sixth grade students beginning in May. The testing dates are as follows:

- ✓ May 2-5: Grade 6; NJ PASS for grades 1 and 2.
- ✓ May 9-12: Grades 3 and 5.
- ✓ May 9-13: Grade 4

The students have worked very hard all year preparing for this test. In addition to the academic preparation for NJ ASK, it is important that you do your part by ensuring that your child:

- ✓ Gets a good night's sleep.
- ✓ Eats breakfast.
- ✓ Is in school each day at 8:30am.

As always, I appreciate your continued support during the testing weeks.

CONGRATULATIONS, to our **MARCH** Students of the Month:

Kindergarten-MAYA BLAKE
First Grade-ANGELINA GARNERE
Second Grade-ETHAN AULET
Third Grade-WILLIAM HENDERSHOT
Fourth Grade-CAROL PITTENGER
Fifth Grade-EMILY DVORAK
Sixth Grade-MEGAN VAN HERWYNEN

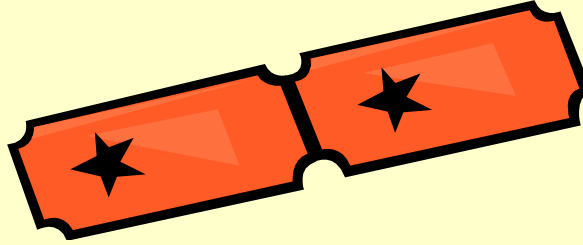
THANK YOU, to our PRINCIPAL'S PRINCIPLES readers for **MARCH and APRIL:**

- MAX MARION-Caring
- CATIE WORTHINGTON-Good Choices
- ERICA TERWILLIGER-Equality
- LINDSEY PREDMORE-Gratitude
- KIERA STRAETZ-Kindness
- DANIELLE HEIMANN-Patience
- JADE FAINES-Self Respect



MONTY visited us on April 1st to congratulate the MONTY BUCK RAFFLE WINNERS FOR **MARCH:**

- ❖ Anneliese Bisl
- ❖ Donovan Langan
- ❖ Lena Nicolais
- ❖ Justin Decker
- ❖ Diana Gelderman
- ❖ Mason Headley
- ❖ Jessica Federico
- ❖ Keelan Lyon
- ❖ Shaun Riordan



STAFF NEWS:

Thank you to our **PTA** who offered to assist **Mrs. Goyette's** LEAP students sell their original products at the March 25th School Store. The proceeds from the sale of their products will be coordinated with the YMCA After School Program and used to assist a local physician with his work in Haiti.

April 7th was Immigration Day for the second grades. The second grade team of **Mrs. Jeskey, Mrs. Loewenberg, Mrs. Marion, Mrs. Hamilton, Mrs. Reisen and Ms. Waldron** recreated the experience of immigrants during the years that Ellis Island was open. Thank you, to all of the parents that volunteered that day to make this a living experience for the children.

April 15th was the first grade Spring Fling and Egg Hunt! The students enjoyed their egg hunt on the playground! Thank you to the parent volunteers and our first grade team, **Ms. Banghart, Mrs. Neglia and Ms. Bellini.**

Mrs. Wright says that the students are using the pedometers that were donated to our school through a grant from Donor's Choose, an organization that allows teachers to ask for necessary supplies for their classrooms. The students sent a thank you package to the anonymous donor. Second graders drew pictures, fourth graders wrote thank you notes, and the sixth graders drew graphs showing their progress.

Where in the world is MONTY poster contest. The results are in! **Isabell Columbia's** picture of MONTY in the African Jungle was selected by the students! **Isabell's** poster will be re-created on a large board for display throughout our school. Congratulations, **Isabell!**

