



April Newsletter

Upcoming Events

April 21: Mobile Dentist

April 24: Career Day

April 10-17: Spring Break!

May 20: HS Science Fair

Field Trips:

- ◆ **April 1:** 4th Grade to U of M Exhibit Museum
- ◆ **April 2:** HS to Arab American Museum
- ◆ **April 8:** 2nd Grade to Hudson Mills Metro Park
- ◆ **April 9:** 5th Grade to Health Exploration Station
- ◆ **April 22:** 2nd Grade to Chelsea Teddy Bear Factory
- ◆ **April 23:** MS to Henry Ford Museum
- ◆ **April 23:** 4th Grade to Bridge Academy
- ◆ **April 28:** 3rd Grade to Saline Fairgrounds
- ◆ **April 28:** 4th Grade to Ford Rouge Factory Tour
- ◆ **April 29:** 1st Grade to Towsley Center

Dear Parents,

It is spring and I am looking forward to the warm weather, I am sure everyone is as anxious as I am to watch the tulips and lilies bloom as we prepare our flowerbeds and vegetable gardens. If you have any good gardening ideas, I am all ears.

It's hard to believe that we are getting ready to wrap up the school year, I am sure you hear this from everyone about how fast this year has flown. I still remember writing the cover letter for September issue as if it was last month.

We are getting ready to Central Academy's annual multicultural event on May 7th. You will be getting more information from your child's teacher, but I wanted to make sure that you are all aware of the event and that you will be participating. Please ask your child's teacher how you can contribute.

MEAP scores are already in but we cannot release them until the state does, we will share the results with you as soon as the state allows us. Hint, hint, we did great.

Please bear with us during the five to seven minutes at dismissal time, I know that you are always running in this busy busy life and always want to leave the parking lot as soon as possible, however, please remember that everyone is in the same boat you are in. Parking in the wrong spot or cutting someone else not only endangers your life and the others', but would also definitely delay you and everyone else. The whole dismissal process is never more than seven minutes at any given day. Following the basic traffic rules and being considerate to others will guarantee that you, all of the parents and the students will leave the parking lot safely and on time.

Look for next month's newsletter, I have a big SURPRISE for all of our parents that I cannot share until then, I know you will love it and be as excited as I am.

Enjoy your spring and happy gardening.

Dr. Shalabi

March is Reading Month....

The Book Swap

On March the 3rd, the PTIC held a book swap in the library. Mrs. Mahmoud, the leader of the PTIC organized the activity. Kindergarten through 3rd grade students attended to watch a story telling by Mrs. Ifill, the reading specialist. They enjoyed a lively story about Jack and the Bean Stalk. A snack was served at the end while the children were able to trade books with one another. This was very popular with all of the students. Everyone went home with several traded books to read. We hope you will all come to the swap next year during Reading Month.



The RIF Book Distribution



A distribution of free RIF (Reading is Fundamental) books was held on Wednesday, March 18th. The elementary students went to the library. Dr. Shalabi made a surprise visit to the Kindergarten students to read a book aloud. He wore the special red and white striped hat that the *Cat in the Hat* lends out to special readers. The children are always thrilled to receive a visit from him.

This year there were new and exciting books which the children quickly picked up. We will have to buy lots more Geronimo Stilton books for the next time. Everyone went away with a happy smile. Your child will really enjoy it if you can take time to read the book with them.

A special thank you goes to Mrs. Mahmoud, The PTIC president for planning and overseeing the distribution. It took many hours during several days to ensure that the distribution went smoothly. Besides Mrs. Mahmoud there were four parent volunteers who generously spent several hours helping to unpack, sort and repack the books on the day of the distribution. They also helped the children as they picked out a book. Please thank Mrs. Mahmoud, Mrs. Baccouche, Mrs. Hassan, Mrs. Dallal and Mrs. Gonzalez if you see them. They helped the children as they chose books. We also thank Mrs. Hozic who welcomed us to use her library for the distribution again. They deserve a hearty thank you from all of us teachers, parents and students for handling the distribution so smoothly.

We hope to have another distribution on June 3rd. Your children will be excited if you come in to visit while they go to the library to choose their book.

Mrs. Ifill
RIF Coordinator

Look what's happening in Mr. Doig's room...

Mr. Doig's room has been adding leaves to the class tree since the beginning of the school year. The students must read 5 books to get one leave. So far this year the students have read over **2,800** books. Special thanks to Ms. Deming's 3rd grade class for being our reading buddies, Mrs. S for reading to us in Arabic, Mrs. Shalabi for having her 5th grade Arabic students read 84 Arabic books and of course where would we be without you, the parents and family members that read to your Kindergartener. So keep reading parents, if we read 3000 books we get to go on a field trip to Chucky Cheese.



Our interactive homework for the month found us writing about the country of Palestine. Here are a few of the responses.



Shahed E. Palestine is a county of war. **Hassan** Palestine is the most beautiful country ever in my eye. Palestine is the country of the bravest. I love Palestine. **Diana** A lot of innocent people died with Israel. **Grace** Palestine is on the Mediterranean Sea. It is west of Jordan and south of Lebanon. **Jalen** Palestine is located near the Jordan River next to Israel. **Suhayb** Palestine is a Muslim country. **Sarah:** Palestine is a beautiful country. **Yasmeen** My Grandpa and Grandma are born in Palestine. **Asieh** Palestine is in the Arab world. It has beautiful places. **Mohammad H.** Everyday I hear the name of Palestine in the news because of so much violence there. **Abdullah** I want to give them lots of money.

Here are a couple of stories written by the kids at home and read to the class. **Goran** wrote a book with his mother called Ice Cream. It goes like this: I like ice cream. Blue ice cream. Green ice cream. Yellow ice cream. Purple ice cream. Ice cream is my favorite dessert. Everybody love ice cream. **Sarah** wrote a book called Sarah. My Mom. My Dad. Sarah my school. I love my school. **Diana** I went to Dearborn. I went to the dollar store. I went to the fancy restaurant.

Some of our sentences written last month went like this. **Asieh** wrote I need a hug when I am sad. It makes me feel better. I need a hug when I am happy too. **Fatema R.** wrote I am a good girl. **Giovanni** wrote Lightning McQueen is cool. Cars are cool. **Fatiema** wrote I love Asieh because she is nice to me and she is my best best friend. **Gracie** wrote My pumpkin patch has a handsome pumpkin. Love, Grace. **AbedAlaziz** wrote I help Hassan. **Mohammad I** I would like to roller skate but I need help.