

# Fairview PTA Newsletter

## Falcon Flyer



### From the PTA President

December 17, 2009

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Burr.....it is beginning to look a lot like winter and feel like it too. After a bone chilling couple of days I believe we have hit winter head on. Every season has its challenge at our house. Apparently winter will be making the bus. By the time 4 kids get their snow pants, boots, coats, hats, gloves, back packs, lunches and musical instruments including a cello out the door; we seem to be waving at the bus as it passes by. While I prefer the gang to catch the morning bus it is equally important to dress appropriately for the weather. I am amazed at how their perception of the weather and mine is so different. If you see my kids sans the hat and gloves please know they really do own them and have them tucked away somewhere.

As this season rushes by remember to step back and breathe. Take a minute to enjoy the lights and sounds and tasty treats of the season. Another year draws to a close and it seems that it went faster than the one before. Take some time to enjoy the present. I know I seem to forget to enjoy the now as I rush from home, to work and to various activities.

Enjoy the Winter break and have a wonderful holiday season and a fantastic New Year.  
Stay Warm -

RoseAnne Caboor  
Fairview PTA President

PS – The Nominating Committee is still looking for a few volunteers. If you are interested in participating on this very important committee, please contact me at [RALCABOOR@gmail.com](mailto:RALCABOOR@gmail.com) or 847-413-9008

Next PTA Meeting January 13<sup>th</sup> @ 7PM LRC

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# From the desk of the Principal....

Dear Parents,

Happy holidays! I can't believe how fast this year is flying by. This 2009-2010 school year has been off to a great start. There is a buzz of excitement in the air about learning. I have been spending a lot of time in the classrooms during the school day and I am so impressed about how engaged our students are and how hard our staff works to give your children the best education. This staff is such a dedicated staff; I couldn't have asked for a better group of people to work with!

As I reflect on 2009, I am truly amazed about the dedication that our community members give to our school. All the parents that work "behind the scenes" to make Fairview this great place is unbelievable. It is so wonderful how many people are involved in all the different activities our school offers. Thank you for believing in Fairview and working with us to give your child a well-rounded education!

The month of November, the peer mediators had a bake sale and all the proceeds went to are own Fairview families. The bake sale was a huge success and we were able to help many of our families. The staff has also adopted one of our families for this holiday season. We have many staff members who are involved in this project. They are busy collecting money, shopping, wrapping and delivering the items to this family. It is a great feeling to give back to our community. I feel so happy that we made a difference in some Fairview families lives this holiday season!

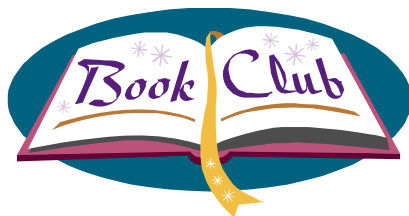
We have just finished MAP testing. Your child's results will come home after winter break. We are looking at trends and planning to target the areas that need some extra attention. The children will "close out" their goals that they set from the fall and make new ones. Each classroom teacher will also set a class goal. This goal is an area of weakness that the teacher identified and will work with the class to improve that targeted skill.

Even though there is snow on the ground, we still go out for recess unless the temperature (including wind chill) is below zero. Please send your children in appropriate winter wear to play outside. Only children with boots and snow pants on will be permitted to play in the snow. The students that don't wear boots will have to play on the blacktop. We are trying to avoid students sitting in class all afternoon with wet feet.

Please have an emergency plan in place so that your child knows what to do just in case you are not home after school. Fairview neighbors, if you take in a child after school because they can't get into their home or apartment, please call the school office to let us know so we can notify the parents where their child is. Thank you!

Finally, take these next two weeks to enjoy each other! This is a wonderful time of year for family. Have a happy holiday season and I look forward to seeing all of you in 2010! Happy New Year!

Mrs. Erbach  
Principal



***Join us for the next Fairview Parent Book Club Meeting***

Read the book, **Family First: Your Step By Step Plan for Creating A Phenomenal Family** by Dr. Phil McGraw and join us to discuss it on **Monday, March 1, 2010 at 7 p.m.**

Let us know if you want to participate by sending an email to [Dominice@ameritech.net](mailto:Dominice@ameritech.net). All are welcome! Babysitting is available.

Join the Fairview PTA! See pages 13-14

WinCalendar							December 2009						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 6th Grade Parent Night	2 F/T 3/4 and 4 Grade Drury Lane, 9:05 am  Hot Lunch	3 F/T 3/4 (Thompson) Nature Center 9:30 D54 School Brd Meeting 7PM	4  Pizza Friday	5	6	7 Variety Show Tryouts-Gym at lunch	8 Variety Show Tryouts-Gym at lunch F/T 3/4 (Pfaff) Nature Center 9:30	9 Hot Lunch PTA Meeting Variety Show Tryouts-Gym at lunch F/T 4 (vonSothen) Nature Center 9:30	10 F/T 4(Marten) Nature Center 9:30 Variety Show Tryouts-Gym at lunch HOLIDAY SHOP- GYM in PM	11 Pizza Friday Variety Show Tryouts-Gym at lunch	12
13	14 Variety Show Tryouts-Gym at lunch	15 Variety Show Tryouts-Gym at lunch 2nd grade Music Show - 7pm in Gym	16 Hot Lunch	17 Holiday Parties - Room Reps @ 1:15 Parties begin @ 1:30	18 Pizza Friday PJ Day! WINTER BREAK BEGINS AT THE END OF THE DAY	19	20	21 Winter Break	22 Winter Break	23 Winter Break	24 Winter Break	25 Winter Break	26
27	28 Winter Break	29 Winter Break	30 Winter Break	31 Winter Break	School resumes on Jan 4, 2010								

							January 2010						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Winter Break	2	3	4 School Resumes! PBIS Assembly 8:45 am in Gym	5	6 Hot Lunch	7 D54 School Bd Mtg 7 PM	8 Pizza Friday	9
10	11 F/T Kind 114 AM & 125 AM @ 9-10:30 Nature Center F/T Kind 114 PM & 125 PM @ 1-2:30 Nature Center	12 Variety Show Meeting @ Lunch LMC	13 Hot Lunch PTA Meeting @ 7 PM LMC	14 "By the Numbers" Assembly @ 10 am and 1 pm in Gym	15 Pizza Friday	16	17	18 NO SCHOOL Martin Luther King Jr Day	19	20 Hot Lunch Student Enrichment Night PM/LMC	21 D54 School Bd Mtg 7:30 PM	22 Pizza Friday F/T 5 & 5/6 Hemmens Theatre 8:45 - 11:45 am Market Day Pickup in Gym	23
24	25	26 Variety Show Rehearsal Gym from 3:00-5:15	27 1/2 day In-Service NO KNDG and NO SCHOOL PM!	28 Variety Show Rehearsal w/ stage & lights in Gym from 3:00-5:15	29 Spiritwear Day - Crazy Sock Day Pizza Friday Variety Show! 1 pm (for school) 7 pm (for parents)	30	31						

DID YOU KNOW.....The Illinois PTA publishes its Bill List, *In Brief*, of the 96th Illinois General Assembly. The Illinois PTA will routinely update the list, including bills newly introduced, assigned to committees, amendments affecting our position, as well as bills that have special significance for education, education funding, juvenile justice, and health/safety concerns to Illinois PTA members. For more information, see <http://www.illinoispta.org/Legislation.html>, the Fairview PTA website, or contact the Fairview PTA Legislative Chair, **Laurie Zawadzki** at (847)310-9427 or [lazawadzki@yahoo.com](mailto:lazawadzki@yahoo.com)

### LEGISLATION NEWS FLASH!

Source: Schaumburg Police Department, Crime Prevention Newsletter,  
Volume 1, Issue 4, November/December, 2009

### ILLINOIS DRIVERS NEED TO BE AWARE OF THE FOLLOWING LAWS RECENTLY PASSED BY THE ILLINOIS GENERAL ASSEMBLY WHICH WILL BECOME EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2010

#### HB 71 (Rep. D'Amico)

Vehicle Code – Electronic Communication Devices

This law, now Public Act 96 – 0130 effective

January 1, 2010, provides that a person may not operate a motor vehicle on a roadway while using an electronic communication device to compose, send, or read an electronic message with certain exceptions.



#### HB 72 (Rep. D'Amico)

Vehicle Code – No Phone in School Zone

This law which is now Public Act 96 – 031

effective January 1, 2010 provides that a person regardless of age may not use a wireless telephone in a school speed zone or on a highway in a construction (maintenance) speed zone with certain exemptions.

To read the full context of these acts, check out the Illinois General Assembly website at: [www.ilga.gov/legislation/publicacts](http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/publicacts).

## **Congratulations Mrs. Cathleen Hughes, our Gifted Education Teacher - the Fairview Falcon Flyer Spotlight shines upon you!**



I have been involved in education for 30 years. They have flown by! I am brand new to Fairview.

I am a resource teacher; I assist with students in grades 2-6 for enrichment. When I was a classroom teacher, I taught all the grades K-4. One year, I was a foreign exchange teacher with the Fulbright Teacher Exchange Program, in Southhampton, England.

### **Tell us about your family**

I live with Rick, my husband of 24 years, in Arlington Heights, where we both grew up, though we did not know one another, then. We have two college-age daughters. Emily, the elder is in her senior year at the University of Wisconsin, Madison, studying Anthropology. She recently did research in a field study of the reconstruction in New Orleans, post Katrina. Caroline, the younger, is a freshman at the University of Minnesota Minneapolis/St. Paul. She is studying Engineering and a student member of Engineers without Borders. I am one of seven children, and much of my large extended family, including my parents, live in the area. Rick's mom lives in A. H., too. We have 14 nieces and nephews. Family dinners are large good natured events.

**If you were not a teacher what would you be?** I have ALWAYS wanted to be a teacher even though at first I was training to be a nurse (few teaching jobs existed)! I took the risk and changed my major at the last minute! I've always been SO glad. But I also love gardening; perhaps I would have a co-op nursery doing plant propagation of native species. I also love to cook. I have thought of owning a muffin/scone shop that serves afternoon coffees.

### **Do you have any advice for students?**

Strive be a citizen of the world. I am particularly partial to the diverse cultural institutions available to us in Chicago, from the Museum of Contemporary Art in the Gold Coast to the Smart Museum in Hyde Park and many more, besides. The art, architecture, music, libraries, theater, and exposure to diverse cultures and languages one can experience in a world-class city like Chicago are things to treasure and pursue. Delight in intellectual curiosity.

**Do you have any pets?** No, not ever; have been known to drown goldfish.

### **What is your favorite holiday? Why?**

I love Halloween. It is a truly American holiday. I LOVE the costumed trick-or-treaters who come to my door, I love seeing my neighbors walking the neighborhood, I love the evening bonfires in the fire pits on the driveways in my street that greet the kids (no doorbell action needed), I love the autumn weather, I love the sense of fun this holiday inspires.

**What is the best advice your mother or father gave you?** Mother: 'Get to work and save your money.'

Father: 'There are 40,000 other kids here. If they can so it, so can you.' This general principle I generalized, inspiring me to note various role models and imagine myself doing whatever they were doing that I admired. It's how I got courage when I thought to myself, what's next?

**Describe your idea of a perfect day?** Any balanced mix of activities, suits me, really. I like just enough structure to feel productive, and just enough unstructured time to feel that sense of freedom from 'have-to' tasks. I like to walk through the Chicago Botanic Garden and then have coffee there. My children and nieces like to go too, creating a nice outing.

**What 3 people past or present would you like to have dinner with & why?** Outside of family and friends, ALWAYS welcome companions, at the moment, I would love to have dinner with Charlie Rose (interviewer on PBS), Madeleine Albright (former Secretary of State – (she was a teacher, so was her dad (college level professor)), and Jacques Pepin (French chef) These people have absolutely charmed me with the richness of their lives, the interesting ideas they've caused me to think about, and the useful information they've provided me. They take me outside my personal realm into the world beyond mine. They are knowledgeable, creative, insightful, and seem, on TV, to be personable and approachable.

**Favorites:** **Candy:** Hmmm hard to pin down....I'm not fussy... Swedish fish? **Color:** Green  
**Ice cream:** McDonald's soft serve. Really!

**Favorite foods** Again, not too fussy, but Lou Malnati's spinach stuffed pizza, the tuna sandwich on whole grain bread from Panera, and diet coke (does that count as a food?) come to mind.

**3 movies you would watch over and over:** The Lord of the Rings Trilogy, The Matrix Trilogy, and any animated film by Hayao Miyasaki: Spirited Away, My Neighbor Totoro, Howl's Moving Castle, etc.

### 3 favorite books

Lately? I read a lot of great 'kiddie lit' in honor of my students, but otherwise:

1. Last good novel read: *The Book of Night Women* by Marlon James about slave women on a sugar plantation in the West Indies, told entirely from their point of view.
2. I read cookbooks: *The Silver Palate*, by Sheila Lukins and Julie Russo
3. The Inspector Lynley series by Elizabeth George. They are better (more character development) than the PBS programs, although the programs are good.

**What book do you like to recommend to friends to read?** Ummmmm??? I usually ask for recommendations. I never think my taste appeals to others. I am looking to read the One City: One Book recommendation from Mary Dempsy, the head of the Chicago Public Library: *The Plan of Chicago: Daniel Burnham and the Remaking of the American City* by Carl Smith

**Do you have any hobbies?** I am an inveterate rummage sale-er. I love resale shops, flea markets and to a lesser extent, garage sales. I love china in sets of 12, and to satisfy that penchant on the small budget I allow for such indulgences... well, you get the idea. Latest great kitchen gadget find: A vintage chinois (a strainer that is 'V' shaped like a Chinese hat) complete with a stand and beech wood presser, for those who like to make soups, \$2.50. Go ahead, look this up on the Williams-Sonoma web site. Purchased new: \$80! I also love to do home projects and once rebuilt my linen closet so that the shelves were all slatted to allow for better air circulation through the sheets, a true airing cupboard!

**What is your favorite thing about yourself?** I do not take myself too seriously, although I can temporarily be really cross about something. I bounce back easily, hold no grudges.

**What is the strangest food you ever ate?** I have eaten octopus in Greece.

**Have you met anyone famous?** Princess Margaret, sister of Queen Elizabeth, at the Queen's Garden Party

**Why were you given your particular name? le: were you named after someone?**

No particular story, here, except that my dad had my birth certificate amended at the last minute to change the spelling of my name from Kathleen to Cathleen so that the initial would match the one in my last name, Cormier

**How many states have you visited?** Roughly, 20

**What do you do to feel inspired? creative? energized?** I change my scenery, my activity, or my day's plan, if I can. I take advantage of tiny moments of peace that occur, if you notice them, daily.

**Do you have a favorite quote or saying?** Kindness counts.

**What one word would your family & friends say to describe you** Capable



**Community Closet** Is accepting donations of gently used clothes and shoes as well as new underwear and gift cards. Donations can be left in the school office.



## 'Tis the Season to Recycle

### Environmental Ed Notes

- Fairview's Planet Patrol club teamed up to make the school's entrance more festive while greening up our atmosphere! They worked quickly and efficiently the Tuesday before Thanksgiving to remove old flowers from pots, amend soil, plant, mulch and water two additional Dwarf Alberta Spruce trees during their lunch period.
- Planet Patrol members brainstormed numerous suggestions to help keep us green over the holidays: Recycle batteries, Carpool, Plant a tree, Recycle books, Use rainwater for plants, Take short (5 minute) showers to save water, Don't leave the TV on too long, Turn off your video games when you're done, Turn off your Christmas lights at night, Don't keep your car running too long to warm up, Recycle cardboard, plastic and paper from the stuff you get, When Christmas shopping, use public transportation to reduce your carbon footprint, Drink hot chocolate from reusable mugs, Use reusable shopping bags, Donate your old clothes or toys.
- Fairview will be collecting used batteries for recycling through the end of January in the container marked outside the library. Last call for old sneakers.
- The Village is participating in this year's Community Energy Challenge to decrease energy consumption and modify energy-consuming habits throughout Hoffman Estates. From Monday, Dec. 7, through Friday, Jan. 15, residents may exchange old, non-LED light strings (which will be recycled) for brand new energy-efficient LED holiday lights. This program allows residents to save money on new lights AND on their holiday electric bill! A drop-off container will be located in the Village Hall Lobby, 1900 Hassell Road, during regular business hours. For more information about the Community Energy Challenge, visit [www.hoffmanestates.org/green](http://www.hoffmanestates.org/green).



the difference  
I can make.

### Free Money for Fairview -- Box tops and Labels

When you recycle, cut off and send in those Box Tops for Education and Campbell Soup labels. Your recycling is worth cash for Fairview!!



**Have you heard???** Pizza Friday Order sheets and the Hot Lunch Order sheets are due 1/8/2010. Order forms are on the PTA website, [www.myfairviewpta.org](http://www.myfairviewpta.org)

## PTA Nominating Committee ...We Need You...

Are you interested in serving on the committee that identifies PTA officers for the 2010-2011 school year? This committee is comprised of members from the current PTA board (committee chairmen) and PTA general members. We need you for this very important job! The committee must be approved (voted in January) by our members and they usually meet one to three times (as needed) in the spring before they share their proposed slate of PTA officers in late March. If you are interested, please contact RoseAnne Caboor 847-413-9008 or [RALCABOOR@GMAIL.COM](mailto:RALCABOOR@GMAIL.COM)

2009-2010 Theme:  
"Beauty is..."



Learn more at  
[PTAreflections.org](http://PTAreflections.org)

### Congratulations Reflection Participants!!

Beauty is.....64 Reflections projects.

This year we had a record number of Reflections projects with 14 literature pieces, 2 musical compositions, 12 photography pieces, and 36 visual arts projects. Fairview had one of the highest number of projects submitted to Schaumburg Township Council of PTAs. Thank you to the following students for showing us what "Beauty is" to them. In the Literature Category: Calista, Smriti, Aahana, Greta, Spencer, Amanda, Elizabeth, Nikitha, Amy, Benjamin, Gina, Soyoon, Sruthi, Danica. The Musical Composition Category: Vinusha and Nirusha. The Photography Category: Julia, Morgan, Kaustubha, Ashay, Rachel, Dragana, Amber, Kaitlyn, Elizabeth, Sophie, Grace, Deanna. The Visual Arts Category: Sydney, Shania, Navya, Karissa, Jaida, Anise, Julia, Elizabeth, Sri, Yashasvi, Julia, Varsha, Shahir, Katelyn, Sruthi, Elli, Shreena, Sarahy, Morgan, Kalie, Keith, Venkata, Maura, Anise, Quin, Keyan, Niva, Maya, Isha, Ashley, Yari, Smriti, Sanjna, Patrick, Soyoon and Andrew.

Once we receive all the projects back, they will be on display for the whole school to enjoy. And, it is never too early to start thinking about next year's Reflections theme: "Together We Can..."

Mrs. Ancona and Shelly Cohen  
Reflections Co-Chairs

### Classroom Party Pictures



Now that we've had our wonderful Halloween and Holiday parties, be sure to send in your pictures so that they can be included in the yearbook. Perhaps you'll have time over winter break to organize them. If you have just a few, email them to [falconclips@yahoo.com](mailto:falconclips@yahoo.com). If you have many, save them to a CD and send them to the office, labeled with the classroom #, teacher and senders name and phone number. Pictures should be .jpg files no greater than 5 mb and at least 500 kb in size for them to be useful. Questions - contact Shelly Cohen at 847-413-8510.



*Check it Out!!*



**Do you know a graduating senior?**  
Encourage them to apply for the  
**STC High School Scholarship**

The student application deadline for this year's Lillian E. Glover Scholarship is February 15, 2010. Applications should be in the guidance offices of our high schools. If you know a graduating senior who is planning on an education related career, please take the extra step to let them know of the wonderful scholarship opportunity that Illinois PTA has for them. This year two scholarships, one \$2500 and one \$1500, will be awarded to high school seniors residing in the Illinois PTA Northern Field Service area - which encompasses District 37.

STC is also offering twelve \$2,000 scholarships to students that attended a District 54 Elementary School for at least one year and a District Jr. High School for two years. Applications are due at the end of January.



**Take advantage of the STC Parent Enrichment Library!**

Did you know that your local Schaumburg Township Council (STC) of PTAs has amassed a library of books for the benefit of our district parents? Please check out the very diverse list of titles available at the STC website:

[www.stcofpta.org](http://www.stcofpta.org), then simply ask your school's PTA president to pick up the book for you!

There is a wide variety of topics to choose from including: learning disabilities, child development, cookbooks, gardening and more! We encourage you to take advantage of this great resource!

## Merci ...Gracias...Danke...Shukriya...Thanks



*“As we express our gratitude, we must never forget that the highest appreciation is not to utter words, but to live by them.”*  
*John F. Kennedy*

Thank You to the families who made Movie Night a success. It was a fun family night and a great movie. A shout out to the 6<sup>th</sup> graders and parents who ran the concession stand all money raised goes to the Natures Classroom 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip Fund.

Thank You to our Parent Enrichment Chair **Dominice Einig** for hosting the first Book Club.

Cheers to the Holiday Shop committee for a wonderful evening of shopping and crafts. **Karen Pflanz and Dawn Vivirito** and their crew of **Ammie Silvestri, Marcia Dailey, Kari Schweinberg, Jane Prill, Shelly Cohen, Nadine Beckman, Jori Goluba, Judy Basich, Jenny Miller, Kushleen Dhillon, Linda Reedy, Stephanie Jordanov, Dominice Einig, Michael, Priya Rajamani, Carolyn Furry, Anthony Brantly, Julie Rhodes, Jen Minch, Michele Monroe-Clark, Gaetano Mizzi, Doug Wagner, Ruth French, Valerie Foster, Eva Hovan, Sophie and Girl Scout Troop 2295.**

Thank you **Laurie Zawadzki** for getting the Website back up and running.

Thank you to all of the Fairview Parents and Teachers who support the PTA. Whether it is financially or the gift of time and talent or both. We truly appreciate it.

### Thank you !!

#### 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Class – Gift Card Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone that helped me with the 6<sup>th</sup> grade gift card fundraiser: Paula Saban, Barb Batistta, Laura Nevel, all the 6<sup>th</sup> grade teachers, Suzanne Bekielewski and Nicole. Also, thank you to all the friends, family, co-workers and staff for purchasing gift cards. This fundraiser was a great success and will help lower the cost of the Natures Classroom trip the kids will be going on in the Spring.

Thanks, Chris Menini

## Three for Me - Honor Roll



Congratulations! On behalf of the Fairview PTA and the students of Fairview. The list continues to grow. We thank you for your dedication and service. Job Well Done!

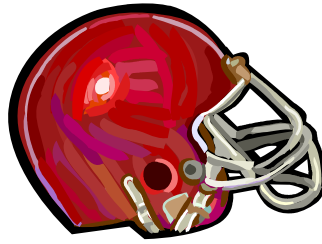
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Danielle	Asquith	Tracy	Geismaier	Jane	Prill
Ben	Augustine	Rebecca	Geist	Katie	Pritscher
Nikki	Augustine	Janet	Goding	Mrs.	Quintana
Judy	Basich	Jori	Goluba	Linda	Reedy
Barb	Battista	Vivian	Han	Julie	Rhodes
Nadine	Beckman	Jenny	Holcomb	Becky	Rodriguez
Dave	Blakely	Barb	Horwitz	Paula	Saban
Suzy	Blakely	Lisa	James	Kari	Schweinberg
Jennifer	Bourmas	Stephanie	Jordanov	Uma	Shanmuyam
Peter	Caboor	Sandy	Krause	Ammie	Silvestri
RoseAnne	Caboor	Nancy	Mayginnes	Corissa	Solis
Jamie	Chin	Elizabeth	Mazeikis	Indu	Trivedi
Shelly	Cohen	Gaetano	Mizzi	Denise	Urban
Marcia	Dailey	Laura	Nevel	Kathy	VanAssche
Kelly	Day	Sandy	Oh	Dawn	Vivirito
Kushleen	Dhillon	Terri	Olson	Ritu	Wadwa
Beth	Dolce	Monica	Osten	Janessa	Wagner
Dominice	Einig	Kelly Ann	Pariso	Doug	Wagner
Eva	Feng	Olga	Pasman	Laurie	Zawadzki
Valerie	Foster	Patty	Perry	Tina	Zilinskas
Ruth	French	Karen	Pflanz		
Sherry	Futris	Sandy	Pontikis		

### Completed Jobs:

Put up 5 bulletin boards, made copies, stuffed Back To School Folders, stapled papers, scooped ice-cream, sorted School Supply Kits, cut letters, cut feathers, coordinated committee activities, data entry of lunch orders, data entry of pizza Friday orders. Book Sale, Picture Day, Conference Dinners, and Directory, Celebrate Reading and Writing Summer Party. Halloween room parties, Blood drive, Vision and Hearing Screenings, working at the Totally 80's Dance Party, Facilitating Parent Enrichment Book Club, Labeling directories, Setting up movie night, Addressing envelopes, Sending out correspondence to parents, Helping at Market Day, PBIS, Spirit wear sales and distribution, Holiday Shop, Wrapping gifts, Making posters, Delivering lunches.

**Three for Me – Student Time Donation** - Kaitlyn, Kathleen, Kevin, Olivia, Peter, Danny, Ryan, Brandon, Amy, Ashley and Grace, Michael (an Alum) and Sophie.

**Please note :** If you have completed 3 Hours of service and your has yet to appear, please send me an email. [RALCABOOR@gmail.com](mailto:RALCABOOR@gmail.com)



**Schaumburg Township Council of PTAs  
Present  
"FIRST AND TEN, BID AGAIN!"**

On Friday, March 5, 2010 the Schaumburg Township Council of PTAs will be hosting its annual benefit auction and dinner at Meridian Banquets. The auction preview begins at 5:30 pm. Dinner buffet begins at 6:30 pm followed by the live auction at 7:30 pm. All proceeds from this event will benefit the STC Scholarship Fund. The evening features both a silent and live auction with items ranging from hand crafted pieces, gift certificates and services donated by each District 54 PTA and the local business community. The \$25.00 ticket price includes a dinner buffet, dessert, coffee/tea, auction paddle, and a door prize ticket.

If you are interested in donating an item or service to this very worthwhile event, please contact RoseAnne Caboor before February 19, 2010.

To attend this fun-filled evening, please contact RoseAnne Caboor @847-413-9008 or [RALCABOOR@gmail.com](mailto:RALCABOOR@gmail.com) Reservations are due by February 17, 2010.

## INVEST IN YOUR CHILD!

**It is through your support that makes EVERYTHING possible.**

**Joining the Fairview PTA....priceless!**

The Fairview PTA needs and wants your support. The return on your investment in the Fairview PTA is endless. By adding your name to our membership, you allow many committees to continue their work as part of your child's learning environment. The Everybody Counts Program, the Science Fair, Reading Recognition (just to name a few) count on your support to enrich your child's career at Fairview. We value your child and want to offer these fantastic opportunities. We need YOUR help to do that. Please consider joining TODAY!

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Room Number \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_



\_\_\_\_\_ Individual Membership \$5.00 OR

\_\_\_\_\_ Family Membership (two people) \$10.00

Total \_\_\_\_\_



## Fairview Elementary Continúa la celebración....

Les invitamos ser miembros de la Asociación de Padres y Maestros (PTA)

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### Study Finds NCLB Law Lifted Math Scores

By [Mary Ann Zehr](#)

The No Child Left Behind Act has significantly boosted mathematics achievement, but no evidence exists that it has done the same for reading, concludes [a study released yesterday](#).

Brian A. Jacob, a professor of economics and education policy at the University of Michigan, in Ann Arbor, and Thomas Dee, a professor of economics at Swarthmore College in Swarthmore, Pa., examined the effects of the federal education legislation on scores for 4th and 8th graders on the National Assessment of Educational Progress. They found large increases in the math scores for 4th graders and moderate ones in that subject for 8th graders. The gains in math were concentrated among white and Hispanic students, students eligible for free- or reduced-price lunches, and students at all levels of performance.

But the researchers did not find evidence of a similar impact on reading scores.

The No Child Left Behind law is the current version of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act, which Congress is long overdue in reauthorizing. It was considered to be the cornerstone of President George W. Bush's domestic policy. Significant changes are expected to be made to the law.

The study is unusual among research examining the impact of the NCLB law, Mr. Jacob said in an interview, because it includes a "credible control group" and a treatment group of states. The sample size is about 40 states and varies between math and reading.

In the control group are states that the researchers determined had "NCLB-like" accountability systems before the legislation took effect in 2002. Prior to the law's passage, such states had to be testing students, reporting the data at the school level, and using sanctions, in order to be included in the control group, Mr. Jacob explained. Illinois, North Carolina, and Texas are among the states grouped into that category.

The treatment group includes states that were testing, and perhaps were reporting data at the school level, but did not have sanctions in place, he said. Arizona, Colorado, Ohio, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania were among those put in the treatment group.

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The findings show that “student achievement improved a lot more after 2002 in these treatment states than in the control states,” Mr. Jacob said. “NCLB was a larger change [for the treatment states]. It required them to do a lot more. It really was a new policy for them.”

The study confirms what Andy Smarick, who was a deputy assistant secretary of education for President George W. Bush, has been seeing with analyses of scores on state tests.

“I’d call [the math results] modest gains, not as large as many of us would have hoped to see, but still consistent, measurable, and significant,” said Mr. Smarick, now a visiting fellow at the Washington-based Thomas B. Fordham Institute. That disadvantaged students in particular increased their scores in math shows that the NCLB law has made progress in reaching its goal of closing the achievement gap, he said.

Mr. Smarick said the study’s conclusion about reading is also consistent with what he’s seen in other studies. “It’s tough to make gains [in reading] in higher grades,” he said.

### **Grouping Questioned**

But some researchers took issue with the Michigan-Swarthmore findings because they said states cannot easily be categorized into groups based on whether they had accountability systems like those required under NCLB before its passage.

“Some have long traditions of accountability, and others have had accountability for 15 minutes,” said Gerald E. Sroufe, the director of government relations for the Washington-based American Educational Research Association. States have different demographics and cultures that could affect educational gains, he said.

Iowa is a state that didn’t have an NCLB-like accountability system before 2002 but had a strong record of educational achievement, he noted. “If you just put it in the low-accountability group, you’re missing a great deal of information about a state,” he said.

“It’s hard to isolate one cause and say that’s it, because there is so much else going on,” said education historian Diane Ravitch, a research professor of education at New York University, about the finding that the NCLB law boosted math scores. She pointed out that the rate of students’ gains on NAEP actually slowed after implementation of the No Child Left Behind Act.

Ms. Ravitch said she was suspicious about the validity of the researchers’ control and treatment categories. “I’d be willing to bet every one of those states [in the treatment group] had an accountability system in place,” she said. Most states, said Ms. Ravitch, an assistant secretary of education from 1991 to 1993, had adopted plans and applied for Goals 2000 money in 1994, which was another type of federally supported education reform.

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Mr. Smarick acknowledged that critics' questioning of the categories used in the study is fair because different states had "vastly different" accountability systems before the NCLB law was implemented. Nevertheless, he said, the approach of creating the two categories is "clever and respectable."

"What [the study's authors] are trying to do," he said, "is isolate states that didn't have tough accountability systems, and thanks to NCLB, implemented them."

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