

  **THE HIGHLIGHTER**  

A Message from the Principal

Dear Cedar Hill Families,

As the month of March begins, we turn all of our thoughts toward the spring months ahead. While it has not been too difficult of a winter, we are all glad to see the approaching signs of spring. The month of March will be busy with many activities occurring at school. The month begins with a wonderful Art Master's Night. I am sure that this will be an exciting night for all of our families at Cedar Hill School. The students are looking forward to the Boys' Event and the Sweetheart Dance. The end of the month brings the end of the Third Quarter at school. This academic school year is flying by at an incredible rate.

Our PTA Meeting for March will be held on Thursday, March 9, 2006 at 7:00PM. Mr. Steven Merolla, Warwick City Councilman, will meet with the PTA to discuss its concern with the Cedar Hill Field. Please plan to attend this important meeting, which will be held in Old Library Area.

As the month comes to a close, just a quick reminder that Report Cards will be distributed on Monday, April 3, 2006.

During the month of March, we will begin rehearsing the Cedar Hill School Play. The play this year will be "Beauty and the Beast." The play will be held at Toll Gate High School on May 8th.

Sincerely,
Stephen Kirby, Principal

March Calendar	
3	Art Masters Night
3	Gr. 6 Biomes in Science
5-11	National School Breakfast Week
9	PTA Meeting
9-10	Native American Days – Grade 3
11	Boys' Event
13	Lifetouch Spring Photos
14	Grade 4 – Mrs. White's Class to West Bay Manor
17	St. Patrick's Day
18	Sweetheart Dance
20	First Day of Spring
30	Kids' Day
30	Third Quarter ends

**Books & Burgers
Thursday, April 6, 2006**

The Cedar Hill PTA will have an indoor cookout on Thursday, April 6, 2006 beginning at 5:30 p.m. in conjunction with the Spring Scholastic Book Fair. Take the night off from cooking and come join us for some Porter Patties, Falvey Franks and Scotti & Simas Salads. The cookout will be held at Kirby's Kafe (All Purpose Room).

If you would like to volunteer to help grill, serve and/or clean up, please contact Marilyn Palumbo @ 884-1503 or Lydia Carson at 885-1845. We hope to see you there!

A Message from PTA President, Kathy Sundberg

Greetings Cedar Hill Families. I hope everyone had an enjoyable winter vacation. As I write this message we are having the coldest weather of the winter so far, and I am **so** looking forward to spring!

The PTA has a busy late Winter/Spring schedule planned. First, the Art Masters Auction will take place on Friday March 3 and promises to be a fun event for all. Secondly, **our monthly meeting has been rescheduled to Thursday 3/9/06 at 7:00 pm.** Councilman Steve Merolla will be our guest speaker at this meeting. He will speak to us about the possibility of city funding for improvements to the field (area in the back of the school). Improvements include a new backstop, re-grading and re-seeding the field, bleachers, lighting and possibly installation of a sprinkler system. There are many issues to contemplate around this topic, so please join us for the discussion.

March also includes two of our most popular functions, the boys and girls events, memorable evenings for parents and children. The sixth graders will be running Cedar Hill's participation in PB Express, a program sponsored by Washington Trust to collect peanut butter for the community food banks. Several After School programs are scheduled and the variety of the offerings has been phenomenal. Thanks so much to Gina Rizzo and Natalie Turner, co-chairpersons of the After School Program. In early April we will have Books & Burgers, our second book fair of the year, which will be combined with a family BBQ meal. It

sounds like this committee is coming up with some fun menu items.

April and May PTA meetings will also have "featured speakers". Mr. Joseph Bleczynski, Assistant Principal at Winman Jr. High School, will talk about transitions from 6th grade to Winman. In May, our own Mr. Kirby will talk about transitions in elementary school, particularly from Kindergarten to 1st grade and from 3rd to 4th grades. May will also be the month for elections for next year's PTA Board. If you are interested in finding out about serving on the PTA Board, please contact Karen Hogan at 884-6288 or a current board member.

In response to a suggestion for future programs, the PTA is investigating puberty programs. A few years ago, PTA sponsored a program for moms and daughters (grades 4-6) that was very successful. At this point in time we would like to gauge the interest in a similar program for girls as well as interest in a father and son program. Please e-mail me if you would be interested in attending such a program for a small fee of approximately \$10.00.

Please continue to be involved in the school activities as you are able. Your child will notice, appreciate and benefit from your involvement. Thanks.

Kathy Sundberg
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Highlighter Highlights

Attention PTA Members:

Would you like to be involved and make a difference? The PTA Board oversees committees, makes policy, and is a great way to be involved in your child's education. We have two openings on the PTA Board for next year. If you are interested, please let the Nominating Committee know by contacting Karen Hogan at 884-6288 or wekhogan@cox.net by March 9, 2006.

REMINDERS

Cedar Hill Silent Auction

Friday night, March 3, 6:30-9:00, Art Masters is sponsoring A Silent Auction and international food fest. This will be a fun filled evening for the entire family. Many items up for bids, international foods and some other goodies available for nominal fees.

Ice Cream List on the Website!

Don't remember when you are selling ice cream? Please go to the website for a complete listing of March ice cream sales assignments at <http://www.cedarhillschool.org/pta.html>

Future Editions of the Highlighter:

We will publish future editions of the Highlighter on the following dates. Please submit articles at least one week in advance to be considered:

Publication Date	Articles Submission
March 31	March 24
April 28	April 21
June 2	May 26

Cedar Hill PTA Program Chairpersons:

I know it seems hard to believe, but it is time to start thinking of the 2006/2007 school year! To all of you who are presently chairing a PTA Program, you have our heartfelt gratitude for the wonderful job you have done. We appreciate all the work you have put into the programs to make them successful.

I will be coordinating the Chairperson list for the upcoming school year and would like to have all the Programs covered for the person who steps into the 1st Vice President Position next year. If you would like to continue chairing your Program, please let me know as soon as possible. I can be reached at 886-4768 or by e-mail smpq@msn.com.

For those people who would like to become more involved and would like to chair a program if one becomes available, please either call or e-mail me to let me know. I will be compiling this list as well. Again, thank you all for your continued support and for making these programs possible for our children.

Susan Quigley

Tech Tip of the Month

According to the statistics for the school website, over 10% of the visitors are using Firefox, a web browser more up-to-date and user-friendly than Internet Explorer. It is free, and can be downloaded from <http://mozilla.org>. You can run both at once, but most people we know use it almost exclusively.