



Kawameeh Middle School Newsletter

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PTA News - “Every Child - One Voice”

Message from the PTA President

Welcome to our latest edition of the KMS newsletter. I am so grateful to all of our parents and faculty who give so freely of their time to support our children as they develop into young citizens of our community. My continued thanks to you all. Please support us in any way you can. The children are growing up so quickly and we want to be sure they are having quality assembly programs and be able to support the students' endeavors like the yearbook and student council events that they run with our support. Even though they are growing up, they still need our support to help them on their way.



- **Kawameeh Chiefs-** For our new sixth grade parents, the Chiefs are awards that are presented to eighth grade students who have demonstrated excellence in academics and citizenship this year. They are presented at eighth grade graduation in June. The committee solicits donations from local businesses to pay for the awards. If anyone has a business contact, please call Maria McCaffrey (908) 687-7971 or Laura Detjen (908) 687-8126.
- **Membership-** At present, we have 333 members out of almost 700 students. We have room for all who would like to join and it is certainly not too late. We have earned the Focus on Fathers award for having 30% of our members being men. Any questions, call our membership chair, Maureen Johnston (908) 688-6408.
- **County PTA Dinner-** This year the dinner will be held on February 27 at the Westwood and the lifetime members from our building have been invited to attend. They include Mr. Bell, Mrs. LaMort, Mrs. Hall, Mr. Arminio and Mrs. Krueger. Membership awards will be given at the dinner as well.
- **Assembly Program-** I have engaged a program for all of our students during the last week of May with a company called Unique Entertainment. They will be doing a program called The Greatest Game Show, where they will use questions from our faculty related to our students' curriculum in math, science, literature and social studies. I have heard good reviews of the show and hope it will be enjoyable and entertaining for our kids.
- **Bi-Centennial Parade-** Our town will be celebrating it's 200th anniversary this fall. There will be a town parade to commemorate the event on Oct 12, 2008. All of the schools have been asked to participate in making a float called Union Schools Through the Years. Middle schoolers and high schoolers will be asked to march in the parade in period costumes as well. If anyone has any creative ideas, let me know so that we can pass them along to Dr. Jakubowski.
- **Testing Dates-** The NJ ASK testing for the seventh and eighth grade classes will be held on April 28-May 2, the week following the spring recess. The testing for the sixth graders will be the week of May 5-9.
- **Nominating Committee-** As I mentioned at the general meeting at the Holiday Show, at the January meeting we would be forming a nominating committee to select officers for the 2008-09 school year. Sherry Higgins, Karen Caulfield, Mary Kay Pascullo and Lisa Padden were kind enough to volunteer. The committee requests nominations be made on the enclosed form and returned in a sealed envelope, attention Nominating Committee to the PTA mailbox as soon as possible.



SKI/SNOWBOARD CLUB

The Ski/Snowboard club is in full swing. The next trip will be to Belleayre Mountain on Saturday January 26th. The two trips in February will be Windham Mountain on Feb. 9th and 23rd. We are headed back up to Okemo Mountain in Vermont the weekend of March 14-16. The club is open to 6th, 7th and 8th grade Students. See Ms. Hudson for more details.



“Top 10 Projects” Winners

At the New Jersey Association of Student Council’s Winter Conference on Tuesday, January 8th the Kawameeh student council was awarded the “Top 10 Projects” for its **Heritage Week**.

All schools submit their best projects and are judged on the quality of the event, its value to the school and the community and the level of involvement within the school and the town.

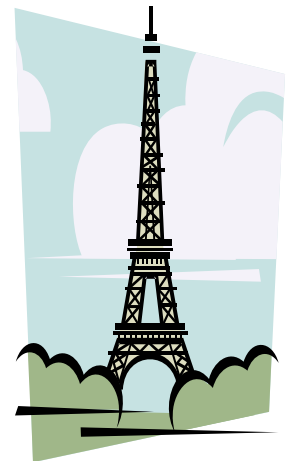
The project is then posted on the state and national student council website and contact info is made available for schools across the nation who want to plan a similar event. The article is available on the Kawameeh school website below. Check Parent’s Corner.



<http://www.twpunionschools.org/kawameeh/index.htm>— Check PARENT’S CORNER

Foreign Language

The 8th grade French students are planning their trip to NYC to see Phantom of the Opera on Broadway which takes place in the Paris Opera House. The French students enjoyed 12 different French desserts recently made by them! It was an educational and caloric celebration. We are preparing for our 4 day visit to Quebec City and Montreal, Canada. We will soon begin corresponding with the French-Canadian students we will visit via their website.

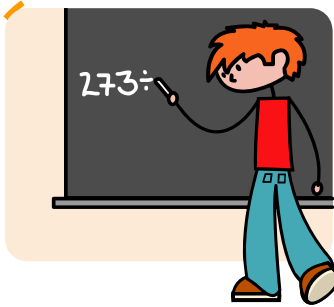


Fine Arts Dept.



“It’s Showtime!” Kawameeh Musical Theatre is proud to present, “Once Upon A Musical.” This original story written by Kawameeh alumni, Tony Mowatt, revolves around middle school students going through trials and tribulations of auditioning for the school musical. It features timeless Broadway show tunes and dances. Don’t miss out on this exciting collaboration of Kawameeh students and staff. Show dates are: Thursday—March 27, Friday— March 28, and Saturday— March 28 at 7:30 pm.

Tickets are \$8.00 and will be on sale beginning March 3. If you would also like to purchase an ad for our playbill, please contact Ms. Schoenberger for the form.



Mathathon



Kawameeh students just completed their 15th annual Marathon to raise money for St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital. A total of \$7,994.92 was raised. To date we have donated over \$75,000 to St. Jude's.

Pam McAfee—Mathaton Coordinator



ART CLUB Multi-Cultural Tapestry

8th grade Art students will be completing the Multi-Cultural Tapestry begun three years ago. It is 7ft x 6ft and depicts self portraits by our students and vignettes depicting their various countries of origin. Fabric, paint and embroidery thread have been used. It took 2 years of Art Club and 8th graders to appliqué the individual paintings to the canvas. It will be displayed in the front lobby at Kawameeh MS. Mrs. Cheryl Kleiner was awarded a grant in 2006-07 from the Union Township Educational Foundation, chaired by Susan Epstein, to buy materials.



Note from the Nurse

If you have any questions please send me an e-mail and I will get back to you ASAP. Sometimes you think of something and cannot call or send a note. Just e-mail me at:



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School Counseling News

- Second marking period ends on 1/30/08.
- Report cards will be distributed on 2/7/08.
- Scheduling for Union High School has begun for the 8th grade students. Each student needs to pick a foreign language and 2 electives to complete their course request for UHS.



Mark your calendars for NJASK testing schedule!

NJASK 7th & 8th Grade -
April 28, 29, 30 and
May 1, 2008
NJASK 6th Grade -
May 5, 6, 7, 8, 2008

Anne Kelleher

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