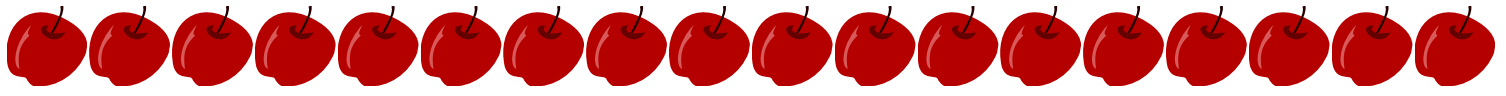


Kiel/Sisco School News



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PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Pat Hart

"Kiel/ Sisco School Staff, Parents and Students Knock Our Socks Off"!

Welcome to the 2008-09 school year. I sincerely hope that each Kiel/Sisco School family has enjoyed their extended summer and is just as enthused as the staff to begin the school year.

Summertime truly allows time for reflection. As the building Principal, I continue to be proud of every student, parent and staff member for taking pride in their responsibilities and making this school so outstanding! Educating our children requires that we all work together-not for single issues, but for the greater good which is represented in our children.



They say that "Perfection" is the art of doing ordinary things in extraordinary ways. That is what Kiel/Sisco School is all about. Each person at our school approaches his/her task with a keen understanding of the honor that it is to be able to touch the future through the children. Work of this importance cannot be done alone. None of our efforts are as good as all of our efforts together.

This year we will continue to place an emphasis on increasing recognition of our students who exhibit respect for self, others, and property. This will be measured by our Kiel/Sisco Code of Conduct Respect forms. Differentiated instruction will continue to be implemented through our Reading and Writing Workshop, Math instruction, and all other areas of the curriculum. We will also be introducing the "Catch PE" program which emphasizes overall health and wellness to our students.

I look forward to our first Spirit Assembly which will occur on Friday, September 26th. We launch our second year of the theme "Knock Our Socks Off." It will be a joy to recognize remarkable people who do ordinary things in extraordinary ways. I look forward to a very rewarding school year.

Pinwheels for Peace

September 21st has been declared the International Day of Peace. As a tribute to this date and great cause our students and staff will be creating "Pinwheels for Peace". "For many of us "Peace" can take on a different meaning, but in the end, it all comes down to a simple definition: state of calm and serenity, with no anxiety, the absence of violence, freedom from conflict or disagreement among people or groups of people."(Ann Ayers and Ellen McMillan). The pinwheel was chosen since it is a symbol of childhood which reminds us of a time when things were simple, joyful and peaceful. This process will involve students writing their thoughts which may be single words, poetry, prose, haiku, or essay style. On the other side they will creatively decorate their pinwheel. Please be on the lookout for our Pinwheels for "Whirled Peace" on Back to School Night.

Do you wish your child came with an instruction manual?

A free 8-week Parenting Class sponsored by Positive Parenting is being offered on Wednesday Evenings beginning September 24th through November 10th, 7:00—8:30 p.m. Positive Parenting is the only parent training course offered by the Corporate Training Services of Columbia University's School of Continuing Education and led by Tom Palermo. Classes are offered in cooperation with The United Methodist Church at Newfoundland, 65 LaRue Road, Newfoundland, NJ. Some topics of discussion will include Stop the Yelling, Improve Sibling Relationships, Get Cooperation and Managing Daily Stress. Childcare is available for a fee. To make arrangements call the church office at 973-697-2877.

Family Day—September 22nd

A national initiative to remind parents that what your kids really want at the dinner table is YOU!

Family Day—A Day to Eat with your Children is a national movement to encourage parents to eat dinner with their kids and be involved in their children's lives. This year's celebration is on Monday, September 22nd. Statistics show that the more often children and teens eat dinner with their families, the less likely they are to smoke, drink, and use illegal drugs. For this reason, in 2001 The National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University created Family Day. For more info visit www.CSAFamilyDay.org.

N.J. Schools Update Nutrition Rules and Cafeteria Menus

In keeping with state guidelines, the Kinnelon Public Schools continue to adopt a nutrition policy that includes more fruits and veggies and less fat and sugar.

What does that mean at Kiel/Sisco School?

When celebrating Birthdays within the classroom, please plan treats that promote good nutrition. Some suggested items include:

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| Vegetables or fruit and dip | Cheese and Crackers |
| Mixed fruit | Whole Wheat Pretzels |
| Oatmeal Cookies | Muffins |



Thank you for adhering to these guidelines which promote healthy eating.

KIEL/SISCO BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT



SAVE THE DATE!

**THURSDAY,
SEPTEMBER 25TH**
Details to follow via backpack.

KENSA PRESENTS:

Simon Sez for Better Listening

Monday, September 22nd

Students will learn how to be better listeners through a simple game of Simon Sez. Topics will include concentrating, staying focused, avoiding distractions, not succumbing to peer