



Special thanks to parent Richard Moran for shoveling and clearing an easier path for the Kindergarten students at dismissal time. Truly appreciated!

"A great place to start!"

The Squantum Report

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Upcoming Events:

- **Reminder to send in Box Tops**
- **Read Across America Rally March 3rd**
- **Report Card Conferences March 9th & 16th (info to follow)**
- **Kindergarten Orientation March 2nd**
- **Tuesday March 23rd is a full Day of School (See MCAS Schedule)**
- **Save the Date: Math & Science Night Tuesday April 13th**

**"We come from everywhere"
Squantum School Gym
March 4th @
6:30 in the Gym**

4th grade students participating in "Crazy Hat Day"



3rd, 4th and 5th Grade to take MCAS Tests

In just a few weeks our 3rd, 4th and 5th graders will be taking the English Language Arts MCAS tests. The 4th Grade will also be taking the Long Composition on Tuesday March 23rd which is a full day of school.

We are confident your child is well prepared for these tests and we will be working hard these next few weeks to ensure the best possible testing environment for

your child. Please make every effort to have your child in school and on time during the test dates. We will also be sending home some grade specific letters with your child's testing schedule



early next week. This letter will also include some helpful hints and tips that we hope you will take some time to review with your child. The schedule is below with students taking only one session per day on the following dates:

3rd Grade: 3/31, 4/1
4th Grade: 3/23 (Long Comp), 3/29, 3/30
5th Grade: 3/22, 3/24

Squantum Raises Money for Haiti Relief Efforts

Moved by the recent tragedies in Haiti, 4th Grade Squantum Elementary School teachers and students organized a fundraising effort for the Haitian Relief Fund.

The incredible effort was kicked off by a "Crazy Hat Day" at the school which called for students to contribute a dollar to the fund and then show off their creativity, generosity and school

pride by wearing a hat for the duration of the school day.

The fundraising effort then continued for the rest of the week and collected over \$640 dollars for relief efforts in Haiti. The Squantum PTO was also involved and organ-



ized a "Roses for Haiti" fundraiser leading up to Valentine's Day.

Students were given the chance to purchase chocolate rose pops for their friends and family with all the proceeds going to the American Red Cross Relief Fund in support of Haiti. Thanks to all for your amazing generosity and to students **Brooke Adamson, Peter Anderson & Cora Cluett** for helping to sell over 1,000 pops!

Thank You Ms. Kennedy!

Ms. Regina Kennedy, the school secretary has decided to retire after 8 years (14 in the Quincy Public Schools) of outstanding service to the school community. She will certainly be missed by the staff and students at the school. She is a true professional and we wish her the best of everything in retirement. Ms. Diane Pyle will be filling in as our office secretary for the next few weeks as we work to fill her role.

"A Tribute to the King"

The Quincy School Community Partnership proudly presents "A Tribute to the King", featuring Donny Edwards with the Velvet Elvis Band on Friday, March 26, 2010 at 8:00 pm at the Boston Marriott Quincy Hotel. Tickets available in the main office at Squantum. You will think you are really seeing and hearing The King!

Textile Fundraiser

We recently entered a city hall fundraising competition with some other elementary schools in the city to raise money for our PTO by diverting textiles, shoes and small toys from the trash. The recycling bin is outside the Gym on the Mayflower Road side of the building. This is a great chance to raise some money for the school.

Great Achievement in Reading Counts: Anasthasia Luong (Grade 2), Thank You Dr. Bloom, Parent Lori Marsters and all the parent volunteers for working on the inventory and ordering new materials.



Thank You 5th Grade Bus Helpers!: Ivy Tang, Brad Ames, Aine King, Aiden Largey, Ryan Manning, Isabella Collins, John Rizzo, Liam O'Connor, Griffin Campbell

Gung Hay Fat Choy! 2010 Year of the Tiger

Squantum's ESL students and all students of Asian heritage recently took part in a Dragon Parade marking the celebration of the Chinese New Year and the Year of the Tiger.

This year's parade featured two large stuffed tigers, assorted Chinese instruments and crafts and a newly-painted Chinese drum, along with the traditional Chinese dragon.

The beginner ESL class began the celebration by singing "Joyful New Year."



The intermediate ESL students led the procession with the drum. Every class took part by lining the hallways to welcome the parade.

Special thanks to ESL teacher Mrs. Fuccillo for organizing this annual event at Squantum.



Mr. Sylvia is proud to recognize the following students for strong character and citizenship this month:

Leila Dumas Hovey
(3rd Grade)

Benjamin Fehan
(2nd Grade)

Ryan Manning
(5th Grade)

(Junior Hero Award Recipient)

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My 3rd Grade Field Trip to the State House

My third grade class went to the State House this past week. First, we got on the bus and to tell you a little fact it was kind of hard to find a seat. Next, the bus started to move, and then the bus started to get really loud. If you ever get the back seats you will get the bumpiest ride of your life. There were not a lot of bumps where I was. Finally, we arrived at the state house and it was beautiful from my view. It had a golden dome and an acorn on the top. Then we got inside and it was even more amazing.

We got a tour around the state house. I saw Abraham Lincoln, John F. Kennedy, and George Washington. They were statues, of course, not real people. I also saw many flags but the one that caught my eye was the American Flag with only 13 stars. These stars represented the 13 colonies. There are also many interesting people that work in the State House. Deval Patrick has his office there. There are Senators and State Representatives having meetings there. Bruce Ayers is a State Representat-

ive from Quincy and he met us on our field trip there. Bruce Ayers invited us to come to the State House because we helped him with the holiday toy drive for needy children. He also gave us pizza and soda which was also pretty cool.

After our trip, where we took lots of pictures, we got back on the bus to head back to school. I thought this field trip was one of the best I have been on at Squantum School.

Story written by 3rd Grade Student Maria Theodore



Math Word of the week January Winners!

Congratulations!
(January Winners)

Michael Adamson, Eric Wu, John Collins, Katherine Li, John Shi

Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss!

Squantum School will be celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday on March 3, 2010, Read across America Day. The day will start with a Read Across America Rally. Last year our goal was to read 1,000 books during the month of March. On March 31, 2009 we had read 1,817 books. **WOW!** This year we are aiming to read 2,000 books. We think we can do it and we are certainly up for the challenge!



Thanks to our 4th Grade teachers and students we took part in the 3rd annual Pajama Drive sponsored by the Boston Bruins, BJ's Wholesale Club and Cradles to Crayons to benefit underprivileged children throughout Massachusetts. This year we collected 97 pairs of Pajamas. Thanks to all for your generosity.

Ms. Bloom and the 5th Grade would like to thank everyone who has contributed to the American Cancer Society's Daffodil Days. Squantum School has raised \$1,225 for this excellent cause. **Daffodils will arrive the week of March 22nd.**

