



**November 5, 2007**

**November 8** – The second grade students of Whitehall Elementary School will be presenting a musical entitled, *Child of the World* on November 8 at 2:30 and 7:00 p.m. The musical deals with the character traits of honesty, courage, responsibility, and respect. For more information, contact Rosalie Hetrick at [rhetrick@nasd.k12.pa.us](mailto:rhetrick@nasd.k12.pa.us)

**November 9** – Books for Newborns Scrap Booking Party from 5:00 to 10:00 p.m. at the Norristown Area High School Library. Cost is \$20, which includes dinner, beverages, and snacks. For more information email Karen Dunlap at [kdunlap@nasd.k12.pa.us](mailto:kdunlap@nasd.k12.pa.us) or view a flyer and registration form at [www.nasd.k12.pa.us](http://www.nasd.k12.pa.us) linked to the event date on the district calendar.

**November 11** – Marshall Street Elementary School will be celebrating their **50th ANNIVERSARY** with an **OPEN HOUSE** from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Stop by and help them celebrate 50 years of excellence in education. See where they have been and how far they have come. Light refreshments will be served.

**November 13** - The NAHS Alumni Association will be holding a fundraising event at the Chick-Fil-A on Dekalb Pike in East Norriton. 15% of the sales generated from those patrons who bring in the coupon below between 5 and 8 p.m. will be donated to the NAHS Alumni Association. The coupon must be presented at the time of purchase in order for them to receive the credit.

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Tuesday, November 13th is **SPIRIT Night** at



of East Norriton (across from Mercy Suburban Hospital)  
Visit Chick-fil-A on Tuesday, November 13th, from **5:00-8:00pm** and  
Chick-fil-A will donate 15% of your bill to  
Norristown Alumni Association.  
It is a delicious, fun, easy way to  
raise money for your club!

Total Bill \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please bring this coupon with you.

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**November 15** – Stewart Middle School will host their annual American Education Week Breakfast in the Stewart cafeteria. All students and their families are invited to attend the continental breakfast beginning at 7:30 a.m. until 8:20 a.m. This year, the SLCs are choosing 2 students from each grade to receive an award for their good works and deeds at Stewart Middle School. Please join the faculty and staff at the breakfast in recognition of American Education Week.

**December 1** – Breakfast With Santa will take place at Gotwals Elementary School from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m. For more information view a flyer and registration form at [www.nasd.k12.pa.us](http://www.nasd.k12.pa.us) linked to the event date on the district calendar.

# Recognition

Student Staff



Last June, children at Hancock Elementary School were encouraged to read during the summer and document their reading in a journal. In September, the journals were collected from 10 youngsters who read and kept track of the stories read. The children were recognized and treated for their efforts.

The Southeastern Pennsylvania Soccer Coaches Association has selected the Norristown Area High School boys' soccer team as the winner of the Stan McFarland Award. This award is presented to the team that is by vote of the officials recognized as having the most outstanding sportsmanship in the area covered by this group. This association represents all the officials in all three conferences of the Suburban One League. This recognition is heightened by the fact that the girls' soccer team was chosen for this same award in the spring of 2007. The awards banquet for both teams is Thursday, November 8 at the Spring Mill Manor Country Club at 80 Jacksonville Road, Ivyland, PA 18974 from 6 to 9:30 p.m.

## *Of Interest at NASD...*



On Friday, November 2, Gotwals Elementary School held a Character Counts and No Place for Hate Assembly. Fourth grade students performed Character Counts skits coordinated by Lisa Ruggiano, school counselor.

During the summer months, children at Hancock Elementary School were invited to school each Wednesday to hear a book read to them, to read with a partner, and to read independently. Many Hancock staff volunteered in this venture to show the children the importance of reading. About 25-30 children attended each week. The children received recognition in school for their efforts.



Staff and students took part in the annual Halloween costume contest held at Eisenhower Middle School on 10/31/07.



Monday, October 29, marked the beginning of this year's No Place For Hate activities at Marshall Street Elementary School. The students recited the NPFH pledge, participated in anti-bullying activities, and enjoyed a special pretzel treat. In addition, police

officers paid a special visit to Marshall Street to talk with the students about gun safety, bullying and making good choices. The officers read stories, answered questions, handed out books, and showed the students what to do in scary situations.





During the week of October 22 to 26, Paul V. Fly Elementary School students celebrated **National Character Counts!** Week. This is a nationally recognized week to help promote the 'Six Pillars of Character': *Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, and Citizenship*. PVF students did many activities throughout the week to help celebrate:

- Provided a daily am announcement teaching students about all 6 character traits, colors, and how the colors represent each trait.
- Sent home resources to parents and activities for their students including a fun coloring page about every character trait.
- Gave each student the opportunity to sign the pledge stating that they will do their best to be a person of good character.
- Participated in a Character Education read aloud on Wednesday.
- Participated in National Pillar Day asking students to wear the color of their pod's character trait.
- On Friday, PVF also celebrated National Pillar Day and had a Character Counts Kick off Pep Rally where the students were presented with a banner from the Anti-Defamation League, designating the school as a "No Place for Hate" school.



The children in fourth grade music class at Cole Manor Elementary School are studying multicultural music. The students have established an interest in Latin music. Each child in fourth grade is now learning *Salsa* dancing. They have started learning the basic step, side step and cross over step along with the basic *Cumbia* step. Cumbia originally is a folkdance from Columbia. Cumbia is popular in Latin Music mainstreamed in the countries of South America, Central America, and Mexico. The students are learning to play the guiro, claves, and drums, the traditional percussion instruments used in this style of music.

Marshall Street Elementary School hosted an extreme bike show on Tuesday, October 30. Professional BMX riders performed outrageous tricks for the entire school, while passing on three important messages to the students. They explained the importance of wearing safety gear, saying no to drugs, and staying in school in between high intensity bike flips. For a grand finale, one rider jumped eight teachers at once!



## Holiday Poinsettia Sale

*Brought to you by the OSCARS Small Learning Community at Stewart Middle School*

**Red, White, Pink, Burgundy, and Marble (Red and White)**  
Pre order your poinsettias now for the holidays!

4.5" pot (3 blooms) - \$4.00

6.5" pot (4 blooms & up) - \$7.00

7.5" pot (8 blooms & up) - \$12.00

10" hanging basket (9 blooms & up) - \$15.00

Hanging baskets also available in Red and White combination and Red, White, and Pink combination.

All orders are due by **November 16, 2007** and will be available for pick up on **December 11** (early dismissal) and **December 12-14** (after school hours: **3:00-5:00pm**) in **Stewart's cafeteria**

Please return or email orders to **Jennifer Paton** at Stewart Middle School. Checks should be made payable to the Norristown Area School District.

All Poinsettias courtesy of D'Angelo's Greenhouses, 405 Richwood Rd., 103 Ewan, NJ (856)881-6039

# Grants and Other Resources

The Toyota Family Literacy Teacher of the Year Award presented by the National Center for Family Literacy (NCFL) and Toyota is given to educators who demonstrate exemplary efforts to help parents and children achieve their academic and non-academic goals. The \$5,000 award will honor educators working to help families improve their literacy skills through intergenerational education services. The deadline for application is December 5, 2007. For more information follow this link:

[http://www.famlit.org/site/c.gtJWJdMQIsE/b.2014417/k.CBF7/Toyota\\_Family\\_Literacy\\_Teacher\\_of\\_the\\_Year\\_Award.htm](http://www.famlit.org/site/c.gtJWJdMQIsE/b.2014417/k.CBF7/Toyota_Family_Literacy_Teacher_of_the_Year_Award.htm)

**Grant Title:** DuPont Challenge Science Essay Competition

**Organization:** The DuPont Center for Collaborative Research and Education

**Eligibility:** Students in grades 7-12

**Value:** Cash and travel expenses totaling \$25,000

**Deadline:** January 8, 2008

**Contact:** <http://thechallenge.dupont.com/>

Students write a 700 to 1,000 word essay discussing a scientific discovery, theory, event, or technology application that has captured your interest. Over the years, the judges have noted that winning essays reflect the several attributes, including creativity, originality, readability, thorough research, and appropriate choice of subject matter. Awards are given in junior, senior, and teacher divisions; the science teacher who sponsors the winning student receives a prize.

**Grant Title:** Student Achievement Grants

**Organization:** NEA Foundation

**Eligibility:** Schools

**Value:** \$5,000 per award

**Deadline:** February 1, 2008

**Contact:**

[http://www.neafoundation.org/programs/StudentAchievement\\_Guidelines.htm](http://www.neafoundation.org/programs/StudentAchievement_Guidelines.htm)

The NEA Foundation provides grants to improve the academic achievement of students in U.S. public schools and public higher education institutions in any subject area(s). The proposed work should engage students in critical thinking

and problem solving that deepen their knowledge of standards-based subject matter. The work should also improve students' habits of inquiry, self-directed learning, and critical reflection. Proposals for work resulting in low-income and minority student success with honors, advanced placement, or other challenging curricula are particularly encouraged.

**Grant Title:** 2008 Technology for Teaching Award

**Organization:** HP

**Eligibility:** K-12 public schools

**Value:** HP products, \$2,500 in cash, and other awards

**Deadline:** February 14, 2008

**Contact:**

[http://www.hp.com/hpinfo/grants/us/programs/tech\\_teaching/index.html](http://www.hp.com/hpinfo/grants/us/programs/tech_teaching/index.html)

This grant supports innovative and effective uses of technology in classrooms. HP will grant awards to K-12 public schools that are using a collaborative, team-based approach to implementing technology integration projects.