

FOREST FORUM 1/28/10

Reflections From Theo Egbuchulam...

Beauty is our Forest Road students who are all winners! Forest Road PTA is very proud to announce the 2009 Reflections first place winners at the building level. These students' entries went on to compete at the Nassau Region level:

Photography: Brandon Dial, Michele Pennycooke, Seancris Luyun

Literature: Ugu Nwaigwe, Britney Dunn, Roshna Ansari

Visual Arts: Dioncris Luyun, Isabel Planes, Kristin Luyun, Aaron Pardessi, Mike McKee, Cindy Ortiz

Photography: Mary Kate Chioma

Dance Choreography: Nicole Oviedo, Mary Kate Chioma

From the Nassau Region level, we have two Finalists- Nicole Oviedo, dance choreography and Seancris Luyun, photography

Forest Road PTA is also very proud to announce our Grade Level first, second and third place winners:

BCS VISUAL ARTS: 1st Place: Aaron Pardessi, Mike McKee, Cindy Ortiz and Jesus Espinoza

PHOTOGRAPHY: Mary Kate Chioma

DANCE CHOREOGRAPHY: Nicole Oviedo, Mary Kate Chioma

LITERATURE: Third Grade: 1st Place: Jessica Femenias, Isaiah Bellamy; 2nd Place: Abigail Arjune, Shari Burke; 3rd Place: Dahlia Woodley

Fourth Grade: 1st Place: Roshna Ansari 2nd Place: Tiara McDougale; 3rd Place: Maximo Ramos

Fifth Grade: 1st Place: Britney Dunn 2nd Place: Brandon Seepersaud

Sixth Grade: 1st Place: Uju Nwaigwe 2nd Place: Ashton Dacon, Gabrielle Singh 3rd Place: Karl Robin C. Espinosa

PHOTOGRAPHY: Fourth Grade: 1st Place: Seancris Luyun

Fifth Grade: 1st Place: Michelle Pennycooke

Sixth Grade: 1st Place: Brandon Dial

VISUAL ARTS: Kindergarten: 1st Place: Hadia Khan, Keren Dial; 2nd Place: Pahul Sondhi, Avikar Khakh 3rd Place: Kya Hodge

First Grade: 1st Place: Kristin Luyun 2nd Place: Keona Labossiere 3rd Place: Sophia Varona

Second Grade: 1st Place: Manal Moid 2nd Place: Valentina Varona 3rd Place: Larry Rhabb

Third Grade: 1st Place: Dahlia Woodley, Jessica Femenias 2nd Place: Famia Qureshi; 3rd Place: Joshua Rajan

Fourth Grade: 1st Place: Isabel Planes; 2nd Place: Zainab Kumandan; 3rd Place: Valerie Femenias

Fifth Grade: 1st Place: Naomi Caquias; 2nd Place: Alyssa Eyssalenne, Kameron Baccus 3rd Place: Christian Burke, Isadora de Carvalho

Sixth Grade: 1st Place: Dioncris Luyun 2nd Place: Matthew Egbuchulam, Cameron Khan 3rd Place: Camille Mandeville, Aamna Atif, Leah Maratea

*There will be a special recognition night and awards ceremony for our winners at the PTA meeting on **Wednesday March 10, 2010**. We thank our Forest Road teachers and parents for their wonderful encouragement of our students. We had a terrific turnout of entries this year!

Parent Portal

By now you have received your information packet regarding the Parent Portal. If you note any errors on the demographic sheets, please correct them and send the information to the Main Office so we can change it in our eschool program.

The following are questions which were brought up during the eSchool Parent Portal presentation to the Forest Road PTA:

Q: Can we communicate to the teacher through the portal?

A: No. Parents are able to contact the eSchool administrator of the portal for problems with the system via the e-mail address as stated on the memo. However, parents are still able to contact their student's teacher through the established e-mail account of the teacher or by calling the school and leaving a message.

Q: Can we see our students' test grades?

A: No. At this time the Report Cards, Progress Reports and Attendance are the items which the district has chosen to be viewed.

The program is capable of making grades available. However this is a parameter which is used more at the secondary level. It involves teachers' use of the Teacher Gradebook and posting would be at the discretion of the individual teacher.

Q: Can assignments be posted on the portal?

As with grades, this is typically not done at the elementary level, but rather the secondary level. Student agendas remain the best source to review assignments on a regular basis.

Q: When will the report cards be available for viewing?

A: Report cards for this past marking period are available on the portal now, although the format is not as attractive as the actual report card sent home.

Q: Can the report cards be seen before they are sent home?

A: It will be a district decision if report cards are to be uploaded to the portal at the same time as distribution or in advance.

Q: Will report card records be archived?

A: Records are viewable for the current year. (It has been confirmed with the e-School vendor that records are not archived in the portal.)

Parents As Reading Partners

Our deep appreciation to Ken Woodley for his efforts in coordinating our PARP program which will run from 2/1 to 2/12/10. Be on the alert for a calendar of events. We hope all parents will visit our classes at the designated times throughout the program.

WINGO HAS BEEN CANCELLED FOR 1/29/10. IT WILL BE RESCHEDULED FOR A FUTURE DATE. THANK YOU!