

FOREST FORUM 5/27/10

FYI...Our 2nd grade classes recently took an ELA-type assessment designed by BOCES. They will also be taking a Math assessment during the first week of June. These assessments are meant for practice and in-house instructional purposes only.

International Week

Activities for our International Week 2010 have been running smoothly. Our PTA sponsored Dance Around the World presentation last Friday was the most well-received assembly this year. As one staff member put it, "When you hear 6th graders saying that was cool, you know it was a hit!". The Flag Parade was moving and it was a wondrous sight to see the world's diversity represented in our children's faces and the colorful flags. MANY thanks to Mr. Antoniato, Mrs. Fusaro and Ms. Carmen for their work on this project. On Tuesday, we welcomed parents into our classes to do a Culture Share and we loved these successful visits so much we are hoping for even more participants in the future. Yesterday, our students completed a Passport Walk, traveling through our school to the different continents and countries. Each student was given a passport to document their observations in as well as a grade level appropriate "Scavenger Hunt" Questionnaire to complete. We will be celebrating our cultures by wearing the **COLORS OR CLOTHING OF YOUR NATIVE LAND**. Children can also proudly represent the United States of America (Red/White/Blue) if you do not have something handy. Please try to come out tonight and take a trip through our halls to see all of the hard work that the students and our families completed to truly make Forest Road a Global Community. Festivities begin at 7 PM and there will be dancing, music, a fashion show, and of course, **GOOD EATS FROM AROUND THE WORLD!!**

OUT OF AFRICA AND INTO ... INDIA AND PAKISTAN!

On Tuesday morning, Ms. Dash and Mrs. Guttman's second grade classes had a visit from Matthew Egbuchulam in sixth grade to share his African heritage. Matthew's roots are from Nigeria and he spoke about the culture, art, dress, and lifestyle of Nigerian people as he showed the second graders his artifacts. Our thanks to Mrs. Egbuchulam for our "African Museum" in our classroom along with rhythmic African dance music provided by Ms. Kister that even got Ms. Dash moving!

On Tuesday afternoon, The Dashers "traveled" to Pakistan and Poland thanks to Mrs. Khan, Mrs. Raza, and Ms. Zublionis. Mrs. Raza and Mrs. Khan dressed in their native Pakistan attire, as did Zainab. First, the mothers spoke about their traditions and lives in Pakistan. The class then ate a delicious Pakistan dish called Chicken Tikki and rice, which was wonderfully spicy, along with a vegetable appetizer called Samosa. We finished our meal with a powdered sugar Polish dessert from Ms. Zublionis called Chruscik. We are ready for more eating, dancing, and traveling together. Mahin asked if we could change our field trip to Africa!!!! So International week has definitely made an impression!!

Decorating The Forest

Big Shout Out to Sadaf Mirza for joining us at FR yesterday and artistically "dressing up" our staff with her expert henna drawings. We never looked better!