

FOREST FORUM 6/10/10

FIELD DAY

Tomorrow, 6/11, is Field Day. It is most important to us that your child have a terrific time on this day and in addition to our usual events, we will also have a DJ, a cooling station with ices and drinks and some extra activities for the afternoon. This is a full day event and parents are invited to join us at any point. Please remember to have your child dressed in their team colors! The day's weather is expected to be sunny and hot so please dress your children appropriately for a full day outdoors. Sunscreen, visors, light clothing and sneakers are recommended. The cafeteria will be serving hamburgers/cheeseburgers which can be purchased and brought outside, but it might be a nice day to send in a refreshing and special bag lunch for our "picnic". The PTA has generously purchased reusable water bottles for the event so there is no need to send beverages. If you do choose to do so, please remember NO GLASS BOTTLES. The action begins at 9 AM and all are welcome to attend. Mr. Manzo has spent a good deal of time preparing our kids for this competition and we think their talents and skills will amaze you. The most important focus of the day is for all to have FUN so please speak with your child about good sportsmanship.

Rainforest Rescue

A big SHOUT OUT to the Forest Road 5th grade for raising \$140.00 which will be used to protect 4 acres of the Amazon rainforest in Brazil from being cut down and destroyed. Under the direction of Mr. Laudano, the students created butterfly collections using butterflies that are actually raised on rainforest farms. The farmers use the existing rainforest to raise the butterflies through their life cycles from eggs. This allows them to earn a living while sustaining the forest's vital ecosystem. After selling the collections with the help of Ms. Rashkin and Ms. Argento, the students also gathered discarded water bottles throughout the school and deposited them for cash. The money was sent to the Earth Foundation, an organization which helps protect ecosystems around the world. They will be issuing a certificate to our school acknowledging the efforts of our 5th grade students. All in all, it was a rewarding experience for the children who learned about the importance of the rainforest while actually doing something to protect it for future generations. Mr. Laudano deserves a big round of applause for sharing his passion and motivating our students to be active participants in positive change. Whether local or global, it is up to us to make sure our planet is around and healthy for a long time to come.

Did you hear????

Allyce Yang was the Regional Middle School Winner of the Invest Write Essay Contest which was part of the Stock Market Game that the QUEST students participated in this year. Over 20,000 essays were submitted to this national contest! Allyce's essay was a persuasive letter advising an adult on how to diversify their portfolio so if you need advice.....