

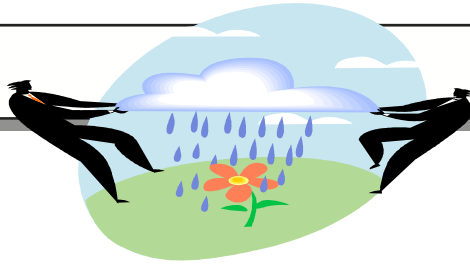
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# Setauket Signals

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## News and Noteworthy Items at Setauket School! From our PTA

**Kindergarten:** Kindergartners celebrated Earth Day with another fun day. They rotated among various Earth Day-themed centers where they reused household garbage to build new things. They also used old bottle caps to play a math game.

**First Grade:** First graders made at-home projects reusing old materials. Each classroom was transformed into an Earth Day museum. First graders rotated into each museum to see the creative projects such as guitars, theaters, doll houses, and even fancy shoes.

**Second Grade:** Second graders traveled back in time to learn about life in the one-room school house at the Long Island Museum. They learned reading, writing, and arithmetic. They even played old-fashioned games.

**Third Grade:** As part of their study of the Earth's biomes, our third graders took a field trip to see Disney's new movie "Earth." They learned about habitats, food chains, and animal survival. The students had a great time.

**Fourth Grade:** As a culminating activity to their study of Colonial America, fourth graders traveled to Epinetus Tavern. They made signs, candles, candleholders and silhouettes.

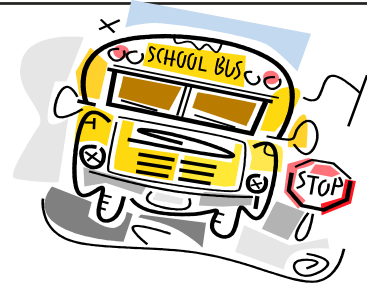
**Fifth Grade:** As part of their upcoming unit on Latin America, fifth grade students will see two programs. On May 7, they will see the musical performance *Latin American Journey*. On May 12, photographer Mike Harrold will come to present his photographs of Latin America and to discuss his travels.

**Sixth Grade:** Sixth graders are preparing for the Sixth Grade Science Fair. To learn the steps to the scientific method, classes are conducting experiments in the sixth-grade science lab. They are comparing different brands of diapers to see which brand holds the most liquid. Stay tuned for the results. The students will present independent experiments in May.

On Friday, June 5, the faculty of Setauket School will be hosting a game-show night to raise money for our Pennies for Peace Program. As of last Friday, we have raised \$1,079. The money will go to support the building of schools in Pakistan and Afghanistan. This program is based on Greg Mortensen's best-selling book *Three Cups of Tea*. For more information you can go to [penniesforpeace.com](http://penniesforpeace.com). We would love to see as many families as possible come out and watch us play The Newlywed Game, Wheel of Fortune, and Family Feud. Look for more information shortly!



## Reminder!



According to the Department of Motor Vehicles and New York State Law, “when a stopped school bus flashes its red lights, traffic approaching from either direction, even in front of the school and in school parking lots, must stop before reaching the bus. Drivers should stop at least 20 feet away from the bus.” The fine for passing a stopped school bus ranges from \$250-\$1,000. Additionally, drivers who are convicted of three or more violations in three years can have their license revoked for a minimum of six months.

### Dates to Remember

May 7—Plant Sale Pick-up  
 May 8, 11, and 12—Kindergarten Screening  
 May 20—Staff Appreciation Day  
 June 1—Kindergarten Orientation  
 June 4—PTA Volunteer Appreciation Reception  
 June 12—PTA—End of Year Party  
 June 24—6th Grade Moving-Up Ceremony

## Setauket Elementary School 6th Annual Science Fair

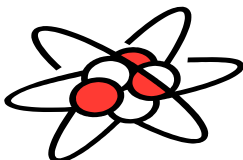
The Setauket Elementary School Science Fair was held on **Thursday, April 30** from **6:00 pm – 8:00 pm** in the big gym. All K-5 students were invited to present a project and *joined us for some science fun!* Last year we had over 100 participants representing a wide range of science-related projects.

There were student projects in the areas of life science, chemistry, natural science and more.

Scientists from Stony Brook University conducted hands on experiments with students.

Demonstrations were performed by the Science Olympiad Team from Gelinas JHS.

Science-related books and crafts were available for sale.



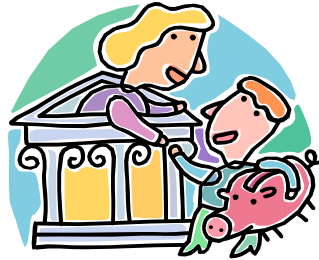
**Upcoming Events:**

- [Student Banking](#)

Tuesday, May 5

9:00 am in the mini-gym

Contact [Laura Bothfeld](#)



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- [Parent Placement Input Form due](#)

Wednesday, May 6

A message from Dr. Rullan: "Setauket Elementary School will begin the process of placement for the 2009-2010 School Year. We value your input. A letter and form is on our District Website for you to download: [Parent Placement Input Form](#)"

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- [Plant Sale Pickup](#)

Thursday, May 7

2-4:30 p.m. in upper student drop-off area

Contact [Dorothy Neilsen](#) or [Lisa Abbatiello](#)

**Community Events:**

- *Ashley Graziano Foundation - book drive*

Accepting donations of new and gently used books for children and adults through May 20th.

Contact Kathleen Lobben

