



**THREE VILLAGE**  
CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

**Setauket Elementary School**

March 2012

Dear Setauket Families,

It has been so nice to finally see a few signs of Spring. Several of our Setauket trees are beginning to blossom and the children are happy to be outside without scarves and gloves! The past month has been quite exciting as we've had many activities including a hip-hop multicultural dance show, our Sixth Grade Social, the PTA's "Kiss-ino" Night and Basket dinner, and Multi-Cultural Night. I even had the opportunity to be the "Cat in the Hat" and judge our fourth grade competition honoring Dr. Seuss' Birthday! Our children have been listening to music as they enter Friday mornings and on Dr. Seuss' Birthday left the building listening to "Seussical" melodies! The children in the upper grades have been working very hard to continue to meet the new expectations of the Common Core Learning Standards and prepare for the upcoming NYS Exams. As you can see, we have had a very busy February and opening of March! We are looking forward to the remaining four months with your children as there is still so much to learn, so much fun to be had, and so many smiles to share.

We have many upcoming events that I am happy to share with you, as well as, some informational tidbits that are important for you to know.

Please be aware that report cards for children in grades 1 through 6 will now be available on the Parent Portal only; these documents will not be backpacked home with your children. Kindergarten report cards will continue to be backpacked and will not be available on the Portal. The portal will open after 4 p.m. on March 16<sup>th</sup>. If you need assistance with logging in, please contact one of our helpful ladies in the Main Office. As you may know, in response to New York State, our school district has raised expectations. This may, in turn, be reflected in your child's report card. As grade level expectations increase, some students, who in past years were on grade level, may now be below grade level. Some students who may have been exceeding grade level expectations may now be meeting grade level standards. This is a natural shift. Please be assured that our expectations are aligned to what New York State prescribes. We will all continue to work together in order for your children to meet and exceed those expectations.

Here are a few important dates to remember for the upcoming few weeks:

- Week of March 5<sup>th</sup> Book Fair
- March 8<sup>th</sup> Multi-Cultural Night 6 p.m.
- March 15<sup>th</sup> PTA Meeting- 9:30 a.m.  
Science Fair- 6 p.m.
- March 16<sup>th</sup> Parent Portal Opens for Report Cards Grades 1-6

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- March 21<sup>st</sup> Student Council Blood Drive 4 – 8 p.m.
- March 23<sup>rd</sup> Lip Sync Talent Show

I am so pleased to announce that the winner of our Setauket Logo Contest was one of our fourth graders, Daniel Cassera. We will proudly wear his logo as soon as we are finished updating our spirit wear. Way to go Daniel!

We continue to support our children within the PBIS framework every day. Please continue to support this at home...

Setauket **ROCKS!** Our students are;  
**Responsible, Open-Minded, Cooperative, Kind, and Safe!**

I can't believe that my first year as Principal will soon be coming to a close. I intend to "soak up" as much as I can of your children before the summer months come and the building is all too quiet. Your children inspire and motivate me every day, thank you for sharing them with me. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Kathryn White  
Principal#

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