
Setauket Signals

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News and Noteworthy Items at Setauket!

March is Caring Month

Book of the Month Community Read-In: *My Rotten Redheaded Older Brother* by Patricia Polacco
Thank you to Setauket PTA for purchasing books for every classroom!

Kindergarten: In celebration of Dr. Seuss' birthday, kindergarten classes will be hosting a family fun day. They will rotate among fun Seuss-themed learning centers. They will flip green eggs and ham and fish for red fish and blue fish as they learn about word families and numbers.

First Grade: This year, there are SmartBoards in every wing at Setauket School. The first graders are using the Smartboard in their classrooms. This new interactive technology allows the children to manipulate pictures and words on the screen. This month, we've counted money, learned about the seasons, and even practiced changing the temperature on a thermometer.

Second Grade: This month, second graders have stepped back in time to the land of the dinosaurs. As part of their study, the second grade classes took a field trip to a dinosaur museum at SUNY Stony Brook. They made fossils and built a life-size dinosaur puzzle.

Third Grade: Third-grade students have just begun their research reports on the biomes of the world. The students will be learning research skills in the library with their teachers and Mrs. Knox. They will use the information they learned to make a PowerPoint presentation about their biome of study.

Fourth Grade: The fourth grade classes are participating in a bullying-prevention program called Steps to Respect. Our school social worker, Mrs. Roberts, and her intern, Ms. Vicari, are visiting fourth grade classrooms once a week for this 11-week program. They will use games, videos, and role-playing to discuss this important topic.

Fifth Grade: Setauket School fifth graders are becoming film editors. As part of their study of immigration, the fifth grade classes will be visiting the Tenement Museum on the lower east side of New York City. The students will use what they've learned to make an immigration documentary using Photo Story software.

Sixth Grade: As part of their study of World War II, students in grade six will be hosting guest speaker Irving Roth on April 2. Mr. Roth is a survivor of the Holocaust, and he is the author of a memoir entitled *Bondi's Brother*. Students will be reading this memoir in their classes.



Setauket Sunrise Fitness Workout ~ EVERY WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY AT 8:30 A.M.

Make the Setauket Sunrise Fitness Workout one of your new year resolution goals for a healthy lifestyle! The Sunrise Fitness Workout encourages students to work towards goal while participating in activities like the Healthy Walk, morning circuit, movement and learning about a healthy lifestyle with our Healthy Tip of the Week. Join us!

BE HEALTHY ~ BE HAPPY!

Telephone Notification System (Connect-Ed)

Connect-Ed is a telephone notification system that will automatically dial designated phone numbers and play a recorded message for community outreach or in the event of an emergency. In order for this system to function properly, it is essential that parents check the parent portal to make sure your household contact information is correct. Please notify the school immediately should the number change during the school year. Thank you!

SETAUKET'S RECYCLING PROGRAM!

Setauket's Site-base Management Team continues to sponsoring a paper recycling program for our school. Each classroom has received a recycling container to recycle paper. The containers are emptied into larger recycling containers in each wing. Our custodial staff empties the recycled paper into a designated recycling dumpster for proper recycling. **So far this year we have recycled a ton of paper! Really, a ton!**

BIRTHDAY BOOK CLUB

Join the Birthday Book Club!! For \$15, your child can choose a birthday book from a wide selection of titles (already approved by our librarian and purchased in advance by the PTA) to donate to Setauket Elementary School's library shelves in honor of their birthday. After they select a title, the book will then have a special bookplate with their name and birthday inserted into it. They can then check it out, bring it home to enjoy for a bit, and return it to the library for others to enjoy. The book will remain on the school's library shelves for many years to come as a way to remember their special day.

Each month, the Birthday Book Club members will meet in the cafeteria to select a title of their choice. All children with a birthday that month (and who have signed up in advance) can choose a book. You can join anytime. Just fill out the form which can be found on the PTA's website at www.setauketpta.com and send in a \$15 check in an envelope marked Birthday Book Club. If you have any questions, please contact Kristen Cochran (kcochran10@optonline.net or 675-0399) or Diane Conley (conley10@optonline.net or 751-9692.)

IMPORTANT MESSAGE

Setauket Elementary Students' hours are from 9:20 AM to 3:30 PM. The building is open to students at 9:05 AM when our busses begin to unload in the morning. We do not have the staffing to supervise students prior to 9:05 AM. For safety and supervision reasons, please do not drop students off at school prior to 9:05 AM unless they are attending Band, Orchestra, Chorus, or a prescheduled extra help with a teacher.

Thank you for your cooperation!