

**J. M. S. News. . . by Donald F. Gately**  
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**Quote of the Week:**

**"If you light a lamp for  
somebody, it will also  
brighten your path."**

**- Buddhist Saying**

**March's Theme is Friendship**

Our SEL theme for the month of March is "Friendship." Here's how Clifton Taulbert describes friendship:

***Friendship  
(Reaching Out to Others and Sharing)***

***Friendship is what binds people together when they take pleasure in each other's company. Friends listen, laugh, and share the good times, as well as, the bad. "Friends are angels who lift us to our feet when our wings have trouble remembering how to fly."***

***We must help you to realize that true friendship can form bridges that last a lifetime. Strong friendships will embrace you with the necessary strength and love to meet the challenges that confront you throughout your lifetime. Remember, good friends are hard to find, harder to leave, and impossible to forget.***

***Remember, "An open mind is the beginning of self-discovery and growth." - (Erwin G. Hall) and that throughout life's journey your attitude will allow you to form friendships that are a necessary ingredient to successful and meaningful human relationships.***

This month we are going to try something new. Students are asked to take any (or all) of three challenges related to Friendship:

- Eat lunch with an entirely different group of students.
- Make a new friend.
- What makes you a good friend? Keep a journal for one full week.

Any student who accepts the challenge is invited to attend the **March Personal Best SEL Challenge Event** on **March 28<sup>th</sup>** in the Library. **More information to follow.**

## Personal Best Day

*Jericho Middle School's first annual Personal Best Day was a big success and enjoyed by all!*

Please visit the following website created by our Librarian, Mrs. Minikel, to view pictures from that day.

<http://www.jerichoschools.org/ms/library/Personalbestday.htm>

## The Jayhawk

The Jayhawk, our school newspaper, is now on-line! Please click on the following link to view our first issue for 2006-2007 capturing the best events of the first half of the school year including clubs, faculty interviews, editorials, sports and entertainment.

<http://www.jerichoschools.org/ms/jayhawk/2006-2007/index.htm>

## 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Trip



**REMINDER....** Every year, the 7<sup>th</sup> grade students go on a grade-wide field trip. This year's planned trip is to a Long Island Ducks game. **The deadline to reserve seats is March 16<sup>th</sup>.** Please click on the following link for additional information:

<http://www.jerichoschools.org/ms/announcements/LIDucksGame.pdf>

## DATES TO REMEMBER

March 5-9	Middle/High School World Language Week
March 8	Middle School PTSA Meeting - MS Library - 9:00 a.m.
March 12	Middle School Progress Reports Mailed Home
March 12-16	Math Assessments for Grades 6, 7 and 8
March 15	Board of Education Meeting - Cantiague School - 7:45 p.m.
March 20	Middle School Guidance Evening Hours - 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Recognizing that other commitments often make it impossible for parents to find time to meet with counselors during the regular school day, we continue a program of evening meetings. If you would like to meet with your youngster's counselor but are unable to do so during the school day, please call the counselor in order to schedule an evening appointment.
March 21	Middle/High School POPS Concert - Auditorium - 7:30 p.m.
March 24	Middle School Winter II Sports Season Ends
March 26	Middle School Spring Sports Season Begins