# J. M. S. News. . . by Donald F. Gately June 1, 2007



# Quote of the Week:

"A community is like a ship; everyone ought to be prepared to take the helm."

- Henrick Ibsen

#### June's Monthly Theme: Reflections and Transitions

Reflections allow you to transform ideas into reality. Remember that reflection is an important part of the learning process and that through deep reflection you are able to think and react in ways that impact all those with whom you come in contact.

Reflection is also a great tool and resource that allows us to transition successfully. I wish each of you an effortless transition to your well deserved summer vacation and a successful transition to the opening of school in September.

Remember, be BRAVE enough to be kind and have the courage to care!

#### Congratulations to the Jericho Middle School Eighth Grade Chorus

Our eighth grade chorus came in first place in the Middle School Choir Division and won the over-all best Junior High/Middle School Choir Award at the *Music in the Parks Festival Competition* on Friday, May 25<sup>th</sup>. In addition, **Andrew Quintero** won the Best Student Accompanist Award!







#### Middle School Spring Concert - Part II - Bands

Our Spring Concert, Part II, Bands will be held on Tuesday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium. Come out and listen to our incredibly talented players!

The Jericho TRI - M Honor Society is sponsoring a "rock <u>CAN</u> roll" project at this upcoming concert. Please click on the following link for additional information on donating to this worthy organization.

www.rockCANroll.org

#### PTSA Meeting

Please join us for the PTSA End of the Year Meeting and breakfast on June 7, 2007 at 9:00 a.m. Our agenda will include meeting our new Middle School Assistant Principal, Mr. Joseph Weiner.

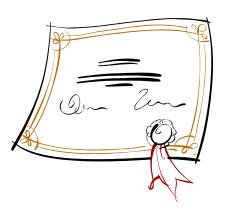
Please click on the link below for additional information:

http://www.jerichoschools.org/ms/announcements/MtgJune72007.pdf.

## CONGRATULATIONS to Sixth Graders in Ms. Garfinkel's Class

Ms. Garfinkel informed us of four more students in her class who have received recognition from The New York Center for the Book in conjunction with The Library of Congress Center for the Book.

Danny Kallif, Krystal Lo, Colleen McCormack and Erica Schwartzberg have been awarded an Honorable Mention in the 2007 New York State Letters About Literature Contest. We are proud of our students' hard work in earning this award. We look forward to their future academic achievements as they spend the next two years with us before moving on to high school.



## End of Year Schedule - June 18-22, 2007

The school year is quickly coming to an end! Please click on the following link to view our End-of-Year Schedule: <a href="http://www.jerichoschools.org/ms/announcements/EndOfYearScheduleJune2007.pdf">http://www.jerichoschools.org/ms/announcements/EndOfYearScheduleJune2007.pdf</a>

#### June Assessments

Assessments are coming up in June. Teachers and students are busy preparing for these state exams. An updated schedule is posted on the middle school webpage. Please click on the following link to view the schedule: http://www.jerichoschools.org/ms/announcements/updatedassessmentschedule2007.pdf

#### DATES TO REMEMBER

June 2	Middle School Spring Sports Season Ends
June 5-6	Middle School Grade 8 Social Studies Assessment
June 5	Middle School Spring Concert Part II Bands - Auditorium - 7:30 p.m.
June 7	Middle School PTSA End-of-Year Meeting and Breakfast - M.S. Library - 9:00 a.m.
June 12	SEPTA Awards and Recognition Night - M.S. Library - 7:00 p.m.
June 14	Board of Education Meeting - Middle School Library - 7:30 p.m.
June 15	Middle School Last Day of Regularly Scheduled Classes