

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

"We have to do the best we can. This is our sacred human responsibility."

- Albert Einstein



Parent Survey

Do you give your child a weekly allowance?

<http://www.tigersurvey.com/survey.php?survey=8582>

Click on the above link to vote! Results to follow next week!

(SEE THE END OF THE NEWSLETTER FOR LAST WEEK'S SURVEY RESULTS)

5th Annual National Geographic Geography Bee

We are pleased to announce that on Monday, December 15th, we will be holding the **Preliminary Round for the 5th Annual National Geographic Bee**. Consequently, there will be a tie breaking round and the Finals. The tie breaking round will be held on Tuesday, December 16th and the school wide Finals consisting of ten students will take place on Friday, January 9th in the Auditorium. For more information, students can go on the National Geographic Bee Website for the Bee study information or see Theresa Cantwell, Geography Bee Coordinator.

6th Grade Trip

On Tuesday, December 23rd, the sixth graders will be attending a private screening of the movie **The Tale of Despereaux**. They will be departing school at 9:00 a.m. and will be returning at 11:00 a.m. While they will be back in time for the children to go to the cafeteria for their regularly scheduled lunch, they will be having pizza in the classroom at the end of the day.

Rock Can Roll

Our collection for **Rock Can Roll** was a big success! As you know our food pantries are in desperate need of food, so thank you again for sending in your donations. We are lucky to have such a generous and caring community.

Middle School "Toys for Tots" and "The John Theissen Children's Foundation"

The Middle School will be collecting toys for the "Toys for Tots" Program run by the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve as well as "The John Theissen Children's Foundation" starting November 10th through December 19th. The mission of the Toys for Tots Program is to collect **new, unwrapped**, toys during November and December and to distribute those toys as holiday gifts while simultaneously providing a message of hope to needy youngsters. The John Theissen Children's Foundation offers sick and needy children toys throughout the holiday season and fulfills patient's (age birth to 18 years old) wish lists throughout the year. Please drop off the toys in **Ms. Bany's office, Mr. Wiener's office or in Mr. Kahn's classroom, #210**. Your generosity and kindness will help make someone else's holiday a special one.

Jericho Middle School Parents Survey

"Results from last week's poll"

Choice	Total	Percent
Does your child have a computer in his/her bedroom?		
Yes	42	47%
No	47	53%
<u>Total Number of Responses</u>		89

Staff Members of the Week

Ms. Kimberly Appelman - Learning Center Instructor



Ms. Appelman has been with Jericho Middle School for 4 years as a 7th grade Learning Center Instructor. She received her Bachelor of Science/Education Degree in Special Education and Master of Science/Education Degree in Literacy from Long Island University/CW Post and is currently certified in Special Education, Literacy and Elementary Education and is a member of the Council for Exceptional Children, the Coalition Against Child Abuse and Neglect, and the International Reading Association. Ms. Appelman has resided in Northport with her family for the past 10 years, but has also lived in different areas of

Virginia and Upstate New York. She has four 'children': daughter, Ashley attends James Madison University, son, Ryan attends Ithaca College; Dezi and Luci (brother and sister, Golden Retrievers) have recently graduated with a 'Master's 'Dig'ree in 'Archaeology' and are Certified in Family Behavior Modification Training. Ms. Appelman vacations 'often' (well, at least two times a year) with family in Palm Beach, Florida. Her hobbies are reading, travel, spending time with loved ones, multi-tasking, sleep deprivation, and praying for more time in a day, and for my students to realize just how absolutely wonderful they are! Ms. Appelman tells us "teaching is my passion so I try to share this with my students as well as inspire them to discover and appreciate the same 'love for learning' that I have recognized. "

Ms. Janine Rodriguez - Home and Careers Teacher

Ms. Rodriguez graduated from Queens College with a BA in Home Economics Education and received a Masters Degree in TESOL (Teaching English to Students of Other Languages) from Adelphi University. She has been married for 12 years to her husband Joe, and has three sons, Christian, 6, Sean, 4 and Owen, 1. Ms. Rodriguez began teaching Family and Consumer Sciences 14 years ago. She started her career at H. Frank Carey H.S. where she taught 7th & 8th grade and High School International Foods and Gourmet Cooking. After 4 years of teaching FACS and Life Skills to ESL students, she came to Jericho. She has taught a wide variety of classes from Interior Decorating to



Fashion and currently Little Chefs. She also runs the Decorating Club. Ms. Rodriguez loves to cook and tries to give a little of her "passion" to her students. The only thing she loves more than cooking, is *talking about food!*

DATES TO REMEMBER

December 17	Board of Education Meeting - Seaman Elementary - 8:00 p.m.
December 19	Middle School Progress Reports Emailed Home
December 23	No After School Clubs - All M.S. Athletic Teams Practice
Dec. 24-Jan. 4	Schools Closed
January 5	Schools in Session
January 9	5th Annual Geography Bee Finals - Auditorium - Periods 3 & 4
January 13	Middle School PTSA and Incoming 7th and 8th Grade Parents Meeting - Middle School Library - 7:00 p.m.
January 14	Middle School Winter Concert II Bands - Auditorium - 7:30 p.m.
January 15	Board of Education Meeting - Jackson Elementary - 7:30 p.m.
January 19	Schools Closed
January 20	Sixth, Seventh & Eighth Grade 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 will continue a program of evening meetings this year. 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.