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Quote of the week for September 29, 2008

"The challenge of social justice is to evoke a sense of community that we need to make our nation a better place, just as we make it a safer place."

Marian Wright Edelman



Wow! Homecoming is on Friday, September 26th and Saturday, September 27th. The theme this year is "Super Heroes." Our float will be "Captain America." The parade begins at 12:00 noon on Saturday in the High School Tennis Court Parking Lot. The Community Service Learning classes are holding a raffle. Tickets are \$1.00 each and there will be winners in the 6th, 7th and 8th grade. The lucky winners will be called at the end of the parade and the prize is a free pass for the rides. There will also be a surprise visit by **Captain America**. You won't believe your eyes. Come and see him for yourself! Show your school spirit!!! (NOTE: Please check the website for weather related information.)

Jericho Educational Foundation Donates Scoreboards To The School District

The Jericho Educational Foundation will officially mark their donation of two electronic scoreboards to the Jericho School District with a ribbon cutting ceremony on **Saturday, September 27, at 8:45 a.m. on Fields 2 and 3**. The Girls Varsity Soccer Team has been invited to assist Foundation members and School District Officials with the ribbon cutting. At the conclusion of the ceremony, residents are invited to watch as the Girls Varsity Soccer Team faces off against Cold Spring Harbor at 9:00 a.m. "Please join us for the ribbon cutting ceremony as we recognize the generous gifts from the Educational Foundation," said Jericho Superintendent Hank Grishman. "We hope residents will come out to help us thank foundation members and generous donors for the much appreciated enhancements to our fields."

State Required Emergency Evacuation Drill - Wednesday, October 8th, 2008

All middle school students will be dismissed at **1:45 p.m. on Wednesday, October 8th**, in accordance with the State mandated bus emergency drill. Students will board their respective buses upon dismissal and will be transported home.

All after school activities will be canceled for the day. No student will be permitted to remain in the building.

Jericho Fire Department's Fire Prevention Open House

October 5, 2008 11:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. ... Please open the following link to see the flyer:

<..\Flyers\2008-2009\Fire Prevention Flyer.pdf>

Staff Members of the Week:



Mrs. Peggy Rudis - Attendance Office

Mrs. Peggy Rudis has been working at Jericho Middle School since 1999. Before working at the Middle School, she was President of SEPTA and a Parent Member on the Committee on Special Education. Mrs. Rudis and her husband Jon, have two wonderful children, Melissa and James. She enjoys spending time with her family and rooting for her favorite teams, the Mets and Rangers. She is looking forward to another exciting year at Jericho Middle School.



Mrs. Beth Pisano - ESL Teacher

Mrs. Beth Pisano has been part of the Jericho staff as a Middle School ESL teacher for almost 10 years. She became an ESL teacher while living in New Jersey where she was teaching in a huge Spanish speaking community. Beth wanted to help students from other countries adjust to a new life in America. Over the years, her students have shared their various cultures with Beth and perhaps the most interesting aspect has been their diverse foods. Mrs. Pisano loves to cook and bake so experiencing such different cuisines is great fun. Although her husband Frank, daughter Amanda, and son Frankie, are less than enthusiastic about tasting these new delicacies, they do enjoy hearing about the variety of cultures we have at Jericho.

JERICO MIDDLE SCHOOL WELCOMES NEW STAFF MEMBERS. . .



Ms. Heather Kienle - Teacher Aide

Ms. Heather Kienle is excited to join Jericho Schools as a Middle School Sixth Grade Teacher Aide. She was previously a teacher aide in Cantiague Elementary School and enjoys seeing old and new faces this year. In her free time, she enjoys learning French, playing basketball and spending time with her family. Ms. Kienle is looking forward to a new and wonderful school year at Jericho Middle School.



Mr. Gavin Donahue - Teacher Aide

Mr. Gavin Donahue is excited about joining the Jericho School District as a teacher aide and as a coach of the 7th Grade soccer team. He earned his bachelors degree at Eastern Connecticut State University as a physical education major and currently is pursuing a Masters degree in Liberal Arts at Stony Brook University. For the past several years, Mr. Donahue has been a substitute teacher in several school districts. He was an all-county lacrosse player in high school and was a member of the Eastern Connecticut State University lacrosse team. Mr. Donahue has also coached lacrosse at Connetquot and Rocky Point School Districts the last several years and, during the summer months he coaches lacrosse camps at Hofstra University.

Jericho Cultural Arts Program for 2008-2009

We are happy to announce that, once again, the Jericho Cultural Arts Program will be taking place at Cantiague School. Special Education Facilitator, Beth Weissman, has asked if there are any middle school students interested in volunteering to work with elementary school students in the afternoon, she would be happy to hear from them. Please click on the following link for an application.

<..\..\Parent Letters\Parent Letters-2008-2009\CulturalArtsMSApplication08-09>

DATES TO REMEMBER

September 30/Oct. 1 Schools Closed

October 2 Middle School Back-to-School Night with Learning Center, Grades 7 and 8, beginning 7:30 p.m.

October 3 Middle School Progress Reports e-mailed

**October 8 State Required Emergency Evacuation Drill - Dismissal at 1:45 p.m.
All after school activities will be canceled for the day. No student will be permitted to remain in the building.**

October 9 Schools Closed

October 13 Schools Closed

October 14 Sixth, Seventh and 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.