

Oak Glen News

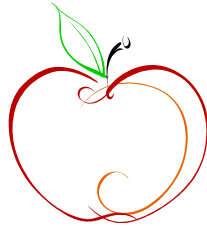
June 2007

NEW PTA Officers

At the May 18 recognition banquet, officers for the 2007-08 school year were installed. They are:

*President – Carrie Seymour
Vice President – Cheryl Barbaro
Secretary – Carrie Steinweg
Treasurer – Dwana Jones*

Thanks very much to outgoing officers Cheri Taylor and Alex Nieto for their hard work.



2nd Grade News

The 2nd graders spent the month of May studying 5 animal habitats: pond, ocean, desert, rain forest, and deciduous forest. It was exciting to see some of the animals we researched on our field trip to Brookfield Zoo on May 14. One of the highlights on the field trip was the dolphin show. After studying the animal habitats, the children created a diorama at school.

Mrs. DeYoung, Miss Maske, and Mrs. Vliek want to take this opportunity to thank all of our room mothers, room contributors, and volunteers for helping with our many classroom projects and parties. We couldn't have done all we did without you. THANK YOU!

We had a great year with our students. The children made a lot of progress and made teaching very enjoyable. Enjoy your summer vacation!

4th Grade News

Students in fourth grade have enjoyed working on their final Social Studies project. They were able to pick from 15 different activities to work on in order to accumulate points towards their grade. The fourth grades also enjoyed their final field trip. They went on a boat down the Chicago River and then out to Lake Michigan to view the beautiful Chicago Skyline. We wish everyone a safe, relaxing, and fun summer vacation.

PARADE WINNERS!

Thanks to all the kids who helped decorate Mrs. Morley's van for the parade. Oak Glen won 1st place for decorated

vehicles from the Lansing Chamber of Commerce.

Congratulations to PTA award winners!

Cheri Taylor was winner of the PTA's Golden Oak award!

The Red Apple Awards went to Miss Anderson and Mrs. DeLaurentis

The Golden Apple Awards went to:

**Mary DiGrispino
James Ferguson
Carrie Steinweg**

*Welcome Home Cpl.
Michael Sadzak!*

Iosue, another adoptee also has returned to the U.S. from Iraq and is currently at his base in North Carolina. The second grade adoptee, Ray Sanders, is expected to deploy to Iraq soon. It will be his second tour in Iraq. All of our adopted servicemen have expressed appreciation for the packages and letters that they have received from Oak Glen students. Sadzak was the fourth adoptee to visit Oak Glen this school year.

Box Tops

On May 24, the kindergarten students were visited by Marine Cpl. Mike Sadzak, a Lansing resident who was one of Oak Glen's adopted servicemen. Sadzak recently returned from a tour in Iraq and was home on leave before returning to his base in California. The kindergarten kids made flags that they waved during his visit and learned some patriotic songs that we sang for him. Cpl. Joe

At press time, Ms. Anderson's class and Mrs. Ciadella's class were in a tight race for 1st place, both with over 35 sheets turned in. The winning class will get a pizza party and some fun time, as well as a goodie bag full of goodies for each student. Keep collecting all summer. The classroom contests will resume in the fall.

Committee chairs & members needed

The PTA has 26 committees and about half still need chairpersons for the 2007-08 year. If you're interested in volunteering to chair a committee next

year or are interested in serving on a committee, contact Carrie Steinweg at csteinw@yahoo.com or (708) 418-8161.



Thank you to all the parents who helped with the end of the year picnics and parties. Your help is appreciated! Thanks to all our teachers for their hard work! Have a great summer! See you in the fall!