

Elementary News

Rochester School for the Deaf

March/April 2008

Upcoming Dates and Events:

Mother's Day

May 11th

Memorial Day Vacation

May 23rd-26th

Sports Recognition

Night

June 5th

Elementary Awards

Program

Monday, June 23rd

10:30 am (More

details to follow in an upcoming newsletter!)

A special Thank You to
Mr. DiVincenzo,
teacher advisor to the
Elementary News

Lessons can be as "Sweet as Syrup!"

In March, the 2nd and 3rd graders went on a "sweet" field trip. The students in these classes went to the Maple Tree Inn on Tuesday March 11, 2008. They tasted some sweet syrup and took their science lesson on the road!

The 2nd and 3rd grade teachers, Mrs. Ouzer-Mauro and Ms. Delavak, wanted the students to learn about science and the way that maple syrup comes from trees. First they learned how to make maple syrup. To make the syrup you have to bring pails to the sugar brush and try to find maple trees. After you find a tree you drill a hole in it. Next you tap a spout into the tree. It is a good idea to put a lid on a pail to protect the sap. After the spout is put in the tree the sap will drip in the pail. When the pail is full bring it to the Sugar House. The sap is now ready to be boiled. It's amazing. The sap changes to maple syrup! To get dirt out of the maple syrup, you pour it thru a filter. When it is finished it tastes delicious.

After the class was finished learning how to make syrup they were able to sit down and eat

pancakes covered with that delicious maple syrup. Paul ate 11 pancakes! Tre ate 6 pancakes too! Other students ate pancakes too!! That's a lot of pancakes! Wow! The students really enjoyed their fun fieldtrip!
Story by Brianna DiGiovanni.



The Gerbil

There is a visitor in Mrs. Sadwick's classroom. They have a new gerbil in the Elementary Department.

They got it on March 7, 2008. They are observing the gerbil to see how living things like the gerbil survives. The students are observing the gerbil for science class. They look at the way it eats. So far they have observed that when the gerbil eats seeds it holds the seed and breaks it. After the seed is broken he eats what is inside. They have also observed that he likes to run around with a ball that is in his cage.

The class borrowed the gerbil from Mrs. Curley, RSD ECC Director. So far the students are enjoying having him in their class. They are all interested to see what else they will learn from observing him. *Story by Dalton Taylor.*

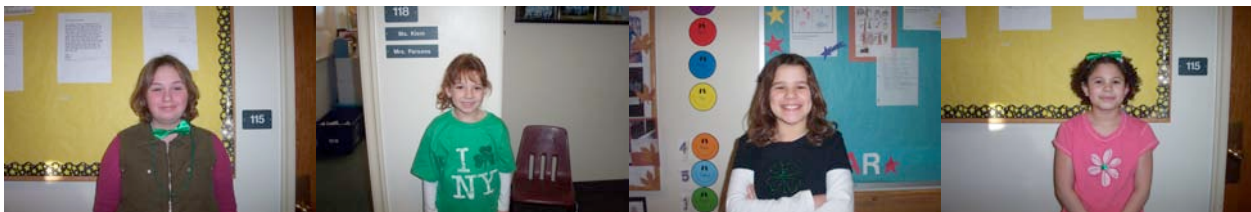


Birthdays March & April

This March there are 2 people celebrating birthdays. They are Brianna and Emma. Emma's birthday was on March 12, 2008. She ate a vanilla/chocolate cake. She wanted to get a bouquet of flowers. Her party was at her house. Brianna's birthday was March 17, 2008. She ate vanilla cake. She wanted to get a new puppy. Her party was at her house also. In April, Gabby and Bryanna are celebrating their birthdays. Gabby's birthday is on April 21, 2008. She's planning on having chocolate cake at her party. The gift she wants the most is fake nails. Gabby wishes she could have a ski party for her birthday but she knows

there probably won't be a lot of snow left to ski on! Bryanna's birthday is April 30, 2008. She plans on having vanilla cake at her party. She hopes to get a tornado movie for her birthday. She plans on having her party at Chuck E. Cheese.

So if you see any of the students who are having birthdays in March or April make sure you say Happy Birthday to them! *Story by Dalton Taylor.*



Our Multiplication Party!

On Friday, March 28, 2008 the 4th/5th grade class had a celebration. Marlana, Dalton, Bryanna, Luisa, Gabby, Solana, the teacher Ms. O'Hare, the teacher's assistant Mr. Randy Dunham and I had a multiplication party in our classroom. After lunch we had an ice cream social. We had mint chocolate chip, strawberry and peanut butter ice cream! It was delicious! We had a lot fun! The reason we had the party was because starting in November my teacher wanted us to learn all of the multiplications facts. Every morning we took a 100-fact test on pink paper. Whatever problems we got wrong on the test we had to write 10 times each for homework. If we didn't do our homework we had to stay with Ms. O'Hare and finish it at lunchtime. To graduate from the pink paper each student had to get 100% two days in a row on the 100 fact test. It took a few months to

memorize all facts! All students made it to 100% in March, so my teacher decided to host a party! But before we set the date for the party O'Hare talked with another teacher. Ms. O'Hare told the teacher "my students memorized all multiplications facts"! The teacher asks Ms. O'Hare "Are you sure"? Ms.O'Hare said, "Uh I think so but I am going to make sure!" Ms. O'Hare tested us all one more time and we made it to a 100%! O'Hare was very proud of us! Then O'Hare hosted a party! To celebrate we ripped up the 100-fact multiplication test on the pink paper. We all had a great time and we were proud of our accomplishments!



Interview with the Reporters

Recently, we interviewed our student interviewers/reporters to ask them how they liked writing stories and contributing to the newsletter.

Dalton Taylor says its kind of interesting and he enjoys meeting a lot of students that he does not know well. He is proud of his stories on Birthdays, the Gerbil, and his interview with Mrs. Stappenbeck. He says he likes the fact that parents receive this news.

Brianna DiGiovanni says she enjoys typing out the stories, they are interesting to her. She has fun working on the news because she likes the fact that she is learning more and

that people are reading her work. She also likes that she can improve her written English. She is proudest of her Maple Tree Inn story. She likes interviewing people and hearing their stories.

We're certainly proud of the hard work they've done so far!



