

# FEBRUARY 2010

## The Chairville Chatter

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### Principal's Message

Dear Parents and Guardians:

The core value for February is "kindness". This is always the easiest core value for our children to understand. Our families have been showing much kindness to animals by all of the wonderful supplies they have donated over the past couple weeks to the Burlington County Animal Shelter. You can continue to donate items until February 25. Response has been fantastic so far and this event was totally organized by 5<sup>th</sup> grade students. They really stepped up! In addition, we are participating in the American Red Cross's "Change for Change" program whereby students and their families can donate spare change (or paper currency!) to support the Red Cross's efforts to help the victims of the earthquake in Haiti. This event will end on February 12<sup>th</sup> with our Valentine's Day celebrations and be a school-wide service project for that celebration. Response to both activities has been great, so far. Thanks for your support and let's keep it going!!

At the January Home and School Association meeting I was fortunate to receive a check for \$4,500 from the association. I want to thank the Home and School Association and all of our parents for their support of the HSA's fundraisers. I am trying to "save up" these funds for larger purchases such as Promethean Interactive Whiteboards and other "bigger ticket" items. Without your generous support of Home and School, these educational enhancements would not be available to our students. Thank you, again!!

I'd like to notify all parents with children who are entering kindergarten next year that our kindergarten registration period is open now. Parent(s)/guardian(s) are requested to complete and return the 2010 Enrollment Survey Form, available on the Medford Township Public School Website ([www.medford.k12.nj.us](http://www.medford.k12.nj.us)). The Enrollment Survey Form is to be returned to the school your child will be attending. Beginning Monday, February 8, 2010, parent(s)/guardian(s) may call Ms. Donna Oakes at the District's Central Registrar's Office, 609-654-6416 (press 6) located at the Kirby's Mill Elementary School, 151 Hartford Road to schedule an appointment to complete the registration process. Upon scheduling your appointment with Ms. Oakes, she will send you a Registration Packet that must be completed prior to your appointment. We respectfully request that parents refrain from bringing their child with them to this scheduled appointment. All registrations should be completed prior to Kindergarten Round-Up.

Kindergarten registration appointments for all elementary schools will be held beginning Tuesday, February 9, 2010 thru Friday, April 16, 2010.

Please bring the following documents to your scheduled appointment for your child to be successfully registered:

1. Original Birth Certificate
2. Three (3) proofs of residency in Medford
3. A physician authorized record of immunization for Polio, Rubella, Mumps, Measles, Chicken Pox, DPT, and Hepatitis B
4. A physical examination form completed by your health care provider (date of physical must be after September 1, 2009)
5. The completed Registration Packet

Finally, I'd like to remind all parents and guardians to refrain from sending glass bottles to school in your child's lunch. We've had a broken bottle or two lately and this is a safety hazard in the cafeteria. Thanks for your help with this matter.

If you have any questions, concerns, or suggestions, please call me at the above phone number (extension 3000) or e-mail me at [lacovara@medford.k12.nj.us](mailto:lacovara@medford.k12.nj.us). Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Richard N. Lacovara Jr.

### They're Yours For a Lifetime

By Loreanna Bratty

Outside of my office door is a stool with a little framed sign on it that reads: "Love me when I least deserve it because that's when I need it the most." In my humble opinion, therein lies the biggest challenge to effective parenting. Why? Because, to be honest, sometimes our kids are so... well, unlovable!

Whether you're dealing with an overtired child who constantly gives you grief about bedtime, a disorganized middle schooler who can't ever seem to get all of the homework written down, a high-schooler whose only focus seems to be to aggravate you, or a college student who carelessly drops his laptop which now needs an expensive new screen replacement, it just doesn't get any easier (or cheaper.)

But, the good news is we're all in it together so let's try to keep our criticism of others to a minimum. Since parenting is one of the VERY FEW things that doesn't come with an instruction manual, try to keep this thought in mind...each and every day the impact you have on your child is more important than anything else you've done that day. Parenting never has been and never will be easy. But, it is essential that we realize it IS the greatest responsibility we will ever be called upon to do. So, try your best and then keep on trying some more 'cause, like it or not, they're yours for a lifetime.

### Music Matters by Sally Brinkerhoff

We hope that you enjoyed our chorus performance - "**Rock and Roll Forever...How It All Began**". All of the chorus members would like to thank everyone who came out to see the show. We will be starting to learn the songs for our Spring concert some time in mid-February. At that time, any 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> grader who would like to join us for our Spring Show on April 29<sup>th</sup> is welcome to become a part of our group.

### Burlington County Animal Shelter Collection





Just a reminder...We are collecting items to donate to the Burlington County Animal Shelter. They are in need of blankets, sheets, towels, paper towels, dog/cat food, leashes, collars, laundry detergent, dryer sheets, and newspapers. If you can help out, please send the item in to school with your child. There are collection bins in the hallways. The collection will run until February 25<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your help! Emma Luling, Alexandria Ott, Nicole Ware, Daphne Kaminski, Julie Unger and Carly Bowen



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<b>31</b>	<b>February 1</b> <a href="#">Science Club 8:05</a>	<b>2</b> Ground Hog Day <a href="#">Racquet Sports 8:05</a>	<b>3</b> <a href="#">Music Enrichment 8:05</a> <a href="#">Tech Club A 8:05</a> <a href="#">Art Enrichment 8:05</a>	<b>4</b> <a href="#">Band Rehearsal 3:15</a> <a href="#">Racquet Sports 8:05</a> <a href="#">Tech Club B 8:05</a>	<b>5</b> <a href="#">Chairville Spirit Day</a>	<b>6</b>
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> <a href="#">Science Club 8:05</a>	<b>9</b> <a href="#">Racquet Sports 8:05</a>	<b>10</b> <a href="#">Parent/Teacher Conferences - Early Dismissal 1st - 5th</a> <a href="#">PRE-SCHOOL CLOSED</a> <a href="#">KINDERGARTEN REGULAR SCHEDULE</a> <a href="#">Music Enrichment 8:05</a> <a href="#">Tech Club A 8:05</a> <a href="#">Art Enrichment 8:05</a>	<b>11</b> <a href="#">Band Rehearsal 3:15</a> <a href="#">Racquet Sports 8:05</a> <a href="#">Tech Club B 8:05</a>	<b>12</b>  <a href="#">Lincoln's Birthday</a> <a href="#">Valentine's Day Celebrations 2:30</a> <a href="#">PRE-SCHOOL OPEN</a> <a href="#">Chairville Spirit Day</a>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b>  Valentine's Day	<b>15</b>  President's Day School Closed	<b>16</b> <a href="#">Racquet Sports 8:05</a>	<b>17</b> <a href="#">Music Enrichment 8:05</a> <a href="#">Tech Club A 8:05</a> <a href="#">Art Enrichment 8:05</a> <a href="#">PE Enrichment 8:05</a>	<b>18</b> <a href="#">Band Rehearsal 3:15</a> <a href="#">Racquet Sports 8:05</a> <a href="#">Tech Club B 8:05</a>	<b>19</b> <a href="#">Outdoors Club 3:15-4:30</a> <a href="#">Chairville Spirit Day</a>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>  Washington's Birthday <a href="#">BOE Mtg/Memorial LGI 7:30</a>	<b>23</b> <a href="#">HSA Meeting - Chairville 7:30</a>	<b>24</b> <a href="#">Music Enrichment 8:05</a> <a href="#">Tech Club A 8:05</a> <a href="#">Art Enrichment 8:05</a> <a href="#">PE Enrichment 8:05</a>	<b>25</b> <a href="#">5th Grade Parent/Student Fun Night 7:00</a> <a href="#">Band Rehearsal 3:15</a> <a href="#">Tech Club B 8:05</a>	<b>26</b> <a href="#">HSA Fashion Show 6:00 pm - 11:00 pm</a> <a href="#">Chairville Spirit Day</a>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>
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