

THE CICELY L. TYSON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL CHRONICLE

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Principal's Message

Greetings,

After an unanticipated extended vacation welcome back to a mind-blowing year of teaching and learning here at CTES! 2014 has already reminded us of the potential impact of a New Jersey winter storm. For CTES staff and students January is an interesting month because we reflect on the first half of the school year, in an effort to make improvements that will positively impact the rest of the year.

On January 9, 2014 we will host our annual Back to School Night where all parents/guardians will have the opportunity to meet with teachers and address student performance, along with academic expectations for the remainder of the year. All parents are encouraged to continue to familiarize themselves with the parent portal if they have not done so as of yet, in an effort to stay abreast of their child's performance. Additionally all parents/guardians should be on the look out for the student friendly syllabus which provide you with details pertaining to assigned homework for the week; this is a new approach this school year, so I welcome feedback on the process.

Now as we begin to place more emphasis on preparing our students for upcoming district and state assessments, we humbly ask that you make certain that students are completing their assignments daily, reporting to school on time, minimize the

amount of time spent watching television during weekdays, and ensure that they are studying regularly. We all must take responsibility for ensuring that our students attain success.

I am looking forward to working with you and your child as we continue to strive to achieve greatness together.

Wishing you Peace in the New Year,

Mrs. Moss-Hasan, Principal

*Let's keep it moving people, as we endorse
"Possibilities not Problems!"*

Vice-Principal's Office

Dismissal Procedures

Welcome back to what I hope is a healthy and happy new year. As the year progresses I want to take the time to pleasantly remind/request of parents/guardian to assist us in ensuring that our dismissal procedures move smoothly and effectively, and that all of our students get home safely. As you are aware, during days when the weather is cold and/or inclement, we have our student dismissal indoors. During these times, we are respectfully requesting that all parents remain behind the black ropes located between the gym and cafeteria, and that all parents are exiting through the exit behind the black ropes (the exit that is on the side of the our building, between our school and the middle/high school) until we have finished with the dismissal procedures. This will allow for

us to ensure that our hallways remain clear for our students to be directed to their designated locations in a safe and timely fashion.

Thanking you in advance for your assistance and cooperation to this regard and looking forward to a successful second half of the academic year,

Dr. A. Slivko, Asst. principal.



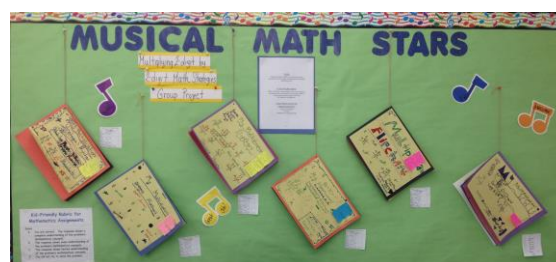
Welcome Cicely L. Tyson Mathematicians!



Happy New Year!!!! The first half of the school year really has flown by in the blink of an eye! Students have been working very diligently in their Math classes with not only mastering the basic fundamentals, but also learning to reason and to think critically about their answers. Below is an example of what our students have learned so far:

Seems like a whole lot of knowledge is being taught and learned! Well, do keep in

mind that with our new *GO! MATH* Series, each chapter is devoted to a specific skill. For example, for Grade 4, Chapter 3 showed the students 5 different strategies to multiply by 2-digit numbers. With the adoption of the Common Core State Standards, students are required to master fewer standards, but with more rigor and intensity. This way we can prepare our students for College and Career Readiness starting in Elementary School! Here is an example of a collaborative group project that the fourth graders of Princeton University created on Chapter 3's Multiplication Strategies:



We are now gearing up for the state-mandated test NJASK in grades 3-5. Students need to reinforce the skills learned in school at home on a daily basis. There are many great incentives for students who pass this state assessment, so let's get to work!!!

Mrs. Iqbal and Ms. Brown

Math Coaches/Math Teachers of Grades 4 and 5

	Chapter 1	Chapter 2	Chapter 3	Chapter 4	Chapter 5
Kindergarten	Represent, Count, & Write Numbers 0 to 5	Compare Numbers to 5	Represent, Count, & Write #'s 6 to 9	Represent & Compare #'s to 10	Addition
Grade 1	Addition Concepts	Subtraction Concepts	Addition Strategies	Subtraction Strategies	Addition & Subtraction Relationships
Grade 2	Number Concepts	Numbers to 1,000	Basic Facts and Relationships	2-Digit Addition	2-Digit Subtraction
Grade 3	Addition & Subtraction Within 1,000	Represent and Interpret Data	Understand Multiplication	Multiplication Facts and Strategies	Use Multiplication Facts
Grade 4	Place Value, Addition, & Subtraction to One Million	Multiply by 1-Digit Numbers	Multiply by 2-Digit Numbers	Divide by 1-Digit Numbers	Factors, Multiples, & Patterns
Grade 5	Place Value, Multiplication, & Expressions	Divide Whole Numbers	Add and Subtract Decimals	Multiply Decimals	Divide Decimals



Happy New Year!

The Pre-School Corner

Our classrooms will soon shift to a Hospital theme, complete with a Nursery, an ER, EMT, and Gift shop. The children will be playing new roles such as doctor, nurse, patient, and ambulance driver. We will be learning new vocabulary and great skills for staying safe and healthy.

What can you do at home?

- Create a picture story about going to the doctors office
- Read a book from the booklist you will receive with your monthly newsletter
- Make a "Get Well" card for someone you know
- Practice 911 emergency phone number with someone at home

See your child's teacher for additional information or for other ways you can help.

Welcome to the New Year 2014! For the second half of the year we have a lot of exciting things coming up in the ELA Department.

We are continuing our 35 Book Campaign ...HOW EXCITING!! Some of the students have already reached their goal. Continue to READ, READ, READ!!

In February we will celebrate our 100th Day of School in Grades Pre-K through First. Then, in March we will honor Dr. Seuss birthday with our "Read Across America" Program!

Finally, in our classrooms we are integrating our Common Core State Standards into the curriculum as well as a new "Close Reading" program where students read text on a deeper, more analytical level.

*Lorraine Khan & Natalee Bartlett
Cicely L. Tyson ES
Literacy Coaches*



School Library Media Center



The Library Media Center at CTES has many new resources to offer students! This year, students received one free book to keep from the

Reading Is Fundamental Grant. In addition, Macy's through the RIF Grant donated many multi-cultural books to our media center. The new books are in from the Bush Grant as well. Come check out the new beanbag chairs in our cozy reading zone, too!

Please support our Scholastic Book Fairs that are held throughout the school year.

Students and parents may access the CTES media center online at:

<http://tysonel.eastorange.schoolfusion.us/>

COUNSELING CORNER

Dear Parents,

The Educational Support Services at Cicely L. Tyson Elementary School will again sponsor **PEACE MONTH** as another effort to keep our schools safe. This year the initiative will span the period from Dr. Martin Luther King Jr's birthday on January 16, 2014, through February 14, 2014 Valentine's Day. The focus will be on classroom and school-wide activities that promote **PEACE, JUSTICE, and POSITIVE INTERACTIONS** with others. The Anti-Bullying Program which is on-going will be strongly emphasized. This is a great opportunity to teach the students the importance of treating each other with respect and compassion. Here are some topic ideas to discuss with your

son/daughter at home to continue the theme of Peace:

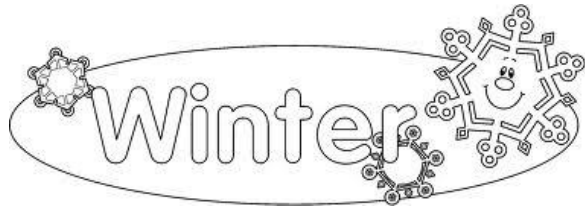
- **Model tolerance and compassion.** Children take their emotional cues from the significant adults in their lives. Avoid making negative statements about any racial, ethnic, or religious group.
- **Stop any type of harassment or bullying immediately.** Make it clear that such behavior is unacceptable. Talk to the children involved about the reasons for their behavior. Offer alternative methods of expressing their anger, confusion, or insecurity.
- **Provide useful information.** Accurate information about people, events, reactions, and feelings is empowering. Use language that is developmentally appropriate for children.
- **All people deserve to be treated with fairness, respect and dignity.** Speak to your children about the importance of treating each other with fairness, respect and dignity.

For additional resources and activities, please visit:

- www.peacefulparenting.com
- www.nasponline.org/families/index.aspx
 - <http://www.first-school.ws/activities/firststeps/peaceeducation.htm>

Sincerely,

Ms. Cruz, Guidance Counselor



Health Office

From the Tyson Elementary School Health Office

Flu season is around the corner. Simple ways you and your family can beat this is to wash your hands regularly with soap and water. Also visit your doctor's office and talk about getting a flu shot today.

Help prevent flu complications like pneumonia and ensure you and your children are healthy and in school! Help us prevent loss of class instruction time!

Nurse *Notes*

TIPS FROM YOUR SCHOOL NURSE FOR PROTECTING YOURSELF AGAINST THE FLU VIRUS

- Don't get sidelined by the Flu this season
- It's not late you can still get a flu shot
- Plan to have a word with your Medical Provider if you have any concerns
- Practice Healthy Habits: Wash your hands often with soap and clean water for at least 20 seconds.
- Practice your coughing etiquettes: Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing and sneezing and throw away your used tissues.
- Getting immunized is easy, low cost and saves lives.

