

Dear Six to Six/Thurgood Marshall Families,

It is a wonderful to feel the weather begin to turn warm again – even though the rain will most likely be with us most of this week. It is the time of year when we've completed our CMT testing, we've changed the clocks and the days are longer, and we are in the process of making plans for the remaining part of the year. Chris is working on our next year's budget and the staff is back to working hard to have the students progress closer to their end of the year goals. I find myself meeting with teachers as I continue to do classroom observations and I am always pleased with the amount of progress that I see with all of our children. We truly are a school that CARES. Our staff is working hard to develop students that excel academically as well as work together cooperatively. During the month of March we have had two groups of students show their academic skills as well as their skills working cooperatively.

On March 16th, I traveled with 11 of our school's Family, Career and Community Leaders (FCCLA) students and three of our middle school parents as the students participated in the Students Taking Action for Recognition (STAR) events. As this is the last year of this leadership program, it was wonderful to see that all 11 of them were chosen as top winners in their events and will now be eligible to present their projects at the National Leadership Conference in Chicago, Illinois in July. Sophia Vetrosky, Laura Mateusiak, Mary Sohon, Danielle Steer, Vivian Anaeto, Mellissa Edwards, Karli Kibby, Maria Anna Zdrodowska, Chad Davis, Jonathan Sabathie, and Jeremy Proto all did a wonderful job. The last time that we had such a large group qualify for this wonderful experience was in 2005 and it is our hope that all 11 winners will be able to represent our school and our state by fundraising between \$650.00 and \$1,000 per student which is a major task. The experience of attending workshops and presenting their projects at a conference of over 5,000 is one they never forget. The group has already planned to hold FUN DAY on April 8th which is a service event for all of you who need child care during our half day conferences. Flyers were sent home last week and they are due by April 1st so please complete them and turn them into the office. They will also hold their annual silent auction/pasta supper on June 1st and will sponsor the annual 6 to 6-TMMS night at the Bluefish on June 14th. These event are all fun family events and ones that will help our students to reach their goal.

We also had 4 teams of students participate in the Destination Imagination Competition where they too were successful. Team Hewitt which consisted of participated at the Middle School level in the DI Flip Challenge and won first place and the prestigious Renaissance award for creativity (only one award given for the entire competition) and are now planning on representing our school in Knoxville, Tennessee. Team Carafiello participated in the elementary Flip Challenge and came in 3rd place. Team Soto, the Rising Stars division, received medals for an outstanding job, and Team Smith, participated in the DI BOT challenge attained 2nd place. These programs are ones that stretch our students' minds, and allow them to develop public speaking skills and thinking skills outside of the classroom and are ones that are beneficial to all. All should be very proud of their efforts.

Family conferences are coming up in two weeks and I hope that I will see many of you in our building. It's a good chance to speak with your child's teachers about your thoughts regarding your child's progress as well as to brainstorm ideas of how you can help your child during the upcoming months as they prepare to move to a higher grade. Because we hold these conferences in the afternoon as well as the evening, I hope most of you will be able to come in.

Have a wonderful week,

Robyn Proto

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