



# Pocasset School News

*Respect \* Responsibility \* Kindness*

## April 2010

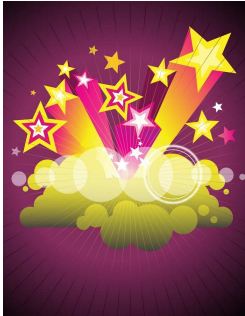
We are officially in spring and experiencing the anticipated April showers! The Rhode Island Department of Education has announced their school classifications for the 2009 -2010 school year and Pocasset has made adequate yearly progress. We would like to recognize the efforts of the entire Pocasset staff who continuously strive to prepare and present lessons that enable each of our students to meet with success. Parents and families are also commended for your dedication to your children's education. Your Partner in Education,  
Fran Blaess

## PTO Meeting

Pocasset's **Parent Teacher Organization** is scheduled to meet the second Wednesday of each month in the school's cafeteria from 6:00 to 7:00 pm. The next meeting is Wednesday, April 14, 2010.

**We have recycled 5, 717 juice pouches and raised \$114.34! Keep up the good work!** Our thanks to Ms. Alves' and Ms. Dempsey's first grade class who have performed community service by counting the pouches by tens and prepared them for shipment.

## Star Students for February ...and March



Preschool: Carrigan Clays  
Anjolie Marvel  
Kindergarten: Sarah Souza  
Ryan Rogalin  
Grade One: James Rydberg  
Amber Medeiros

Delia Pieroni  
Chaissen Costello  
Ayowin Frias  
Thomas Burrell  
Chayla Travers  
Emma Beaudoin

Grade Two:	Ryan Oliveira Elizabeth Burrell	Jackson Potts Abbie Chase
Grade Three:	Shane Nickerson Jayden Hankins	Sydney Concepcion Harley Quicksall
Grade Four:	Aiden Furze Rachel Pare	Alec Arruda Warren Levesque

## Reminder! Appropriate Dress for Spring Weather

The weather is always tricky this time of year. We can often continue to have cooler mornings, so please make sure that your child wears a jacket, a sweater, or something that will keep him or her comfortable during the chilly mornings. At the same time, the days are warming up as we move closer to May and June.

- Shorts are permitted; however, parents please help out by asking your children to save spaghetti strapped tops, tank tops, mid-riff tops, bathing suits, and other “extremely casual clothes” for the weekends or after-school.
- In addition, backless sandals, flip-flops and platform shoes could be dangerous when your child is playing outside during recess; we highly discourage wearing these types of shoes to school.
- Labeling clothing articles makes it possible to return lost items. Your child’s name should be on the inside of all outerwear.

We appreciate your help!



**Safe Arrival** We ask that you remember to exercise extreme caution and to drive slowly in our parking lot. Only buses are permitted to use the exit on the South Side (Cafeteria) side of the building. All other vehicles should turn around at the rear side of the

building and exit onto Main Road on the North (Main Office) side of Pocasset. Please note the speed limit in our parking lot is 5 miles per hour and please proceed with caution.

- ◆ We encourage students to take the bus to and from school whenever possible. If children are brought to school by car rather than riding the bus, they should be dropped off at the designated drop off spot at the second crosswalk on the sidewalk. Students should exit the vehicle on the passenger side so that they can proceed on the walkway. Students should never leave their cars as the vehicle is exiting the parking lot. Mr. Botvin and Mr. Reed will greet your children as they arrive. Students in kindergarten through grade four walk down the sidewalk and then enter through the main entrance. The front doors are unlocked at 8:40am.

**Please exercise extreme caution and thank you for keeping our children safe!**

## **Feinstein News**

We were fortunate to have Mr. Feinstein visit our school on Tuesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>. He reminded the boys and girls how special they are and how the world is a better place because of the good deeds they do every day.

**Feinstein After- School All Stars** – Meaghan Dempsey has received funding from Mr. Feinstein to begin a new pilot program at Pocasset School for first and second graders. It will be an hour long, 1 day a week beginning the week we come back from April vacation and will run for 5 consecutive weeks. The first half hour will be homework help and the second half-hour will be literacy practice (sight word games, reading groups). The goal for this program is to help students understand the importance of a structured homework time and to allow them extra practice with literacy skills. A different home-connection bag will be sent home each week. The bags will be filled with activities, books, games etc. that the student can share with their family over the course of the week. They will return the bag and get a new one each week.

**Feinstein Jr. Scholar T-Shirt Orders:** Our Tee shirts should be arriving soon!  
Thank you, Mr. Feinstein!

**Reach for the Stars – Begins on Wednesday, March 31<sup>st</sup> and ends Tuesday, April 13<sup>th</sup>!**

Students who participate may read any book and can include the time they read during school when determining the total minutes read per day. Be sure to also include the minutes that an adult reads to them. The students collect pledges from family and friends for reading the 300 minutes and record their pledges. The pledges will result in books for the students and our school. The reading/pledge sheets and money collected need to be returned Wednesday, April 14<sup>th</sup> through Friday April 16<sup>th</sup>. Special prizes and awards will be handed out at the conclusion of the program.

**READING Week Schedule**

Monday, April 5<sup>th</sup> Guest Reader Day

Tuesday, April 6<sup>th</sup> Read My Shirt/Used Book Swap

Wednesday, April 7<sup>th</sup> Poem in your Pocket Day

Thursday, April 8<sup>th</sup> Partner Read

Friday, April 9<sup>th</sup> Reading Marathon and Salute to Reading Magic Show

**April Clean Up Week: April 17<sup>th</sup> through April 25<sup>th</sup>**

Please Pitch in For Tiverton. Kick-off Day on Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am at DPW (behind the Police Station).

Sign up sheets listings areas in need of cleaning will be at the Town Hall, Coastal Roasters, and Essex Library for anyone wishing to work during the week at their own convenience. Bags and gloves will be available at Essex Library on Highland Avenue during regular hours as of April 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Collected trash may be left out with your regular household trash or brought to the landfill. Contact DPW (625-6760) if items are too heavy or difficult to remove. Thank you for your help!

Contact: Gayle 624-7830 or Bonnie 816-0968

*-Sponsored by the Tiverton Garden Club and Tiverton Litter Committee*

**Please Save the Date..... Tiverton's Financial Town Meeting is  
Saturday, May 8, 2010 at 9:00 am in the Tiverton High School  
Gymnasium**