

# Clinton Courier

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Well, if April showers bring May flowers they can also bring many buckets of water for us to collect so we can save some of our water resources. One way to use this collected water would be to water our houseplants and gardens or wash our cars. This is only one instance where we can work with Mother Nature to help end the environmental crisis we are faced with.

The Clinton community is already at the forefront in trying to help save our planet. To assist in these efforts, we will bring the Clinton community many other ways to help with the "Clinton Goes Green" column. Thanks to the efforts of our talented editor, Liz Herring, this column will begin in our May *Courier* and continue each month with green tips, products, and strategies for all of us to use and model for our students. It is our goal for the students to learn how they can join us in our initiative and continue to enjoy a beautiful, healthy planet with sustainable resources shared by every living thing on it.

April showers also bring many indoor days, and I want to thank those of you, under the direction of Laurie Tarkan, who give of your time to offer our students alternatives to regular recess activities. A big thank you also goes to Leah Gomberg and our Social Worker Lindy Rollo who took charge of the Elementors and Lunch Buddies programs respectively. It is so wonderful to witness the interaction of our CHS students as they mentor their "little friends." The "big friends" are such great role models for our students and really help them overcome issues and problems they may be experiencing.

April showers have not stopped families from registering their five-year-olds for Clinton kindergarten. We are delighted at the turnout and excited to meet our new students and their families at our orientation on May 20th. This is only one of many areas we are preparing for as we look forward to the 2008-2009 school year. As we welcome our newest students, we will also be "moving up" our current students. To help ease the transition, we will have a Clinton School Move Up Day (in June) where students will spend some time in the classrooms of the grade they will be entering in September. During that time, the current teachers in those classrooms will discuss the learning that will take place and the expectations they have for their new students.

April showers did not stop Heather Kern from artistically designing and printing our Clinton School Student Expectations on posters that will be adhered to recycled

## APRIL-AT-A-GLANCE

- 9<sup>TH</sup> PAC MEETING, 6:15 PM  
PTA EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING, 7:15 PM
- 11<sup>TH</sup> CULTURAL ARTS ASSEMBLY, ELLIS ISLAND  
STORIES
- 17<sup>TH</sup> PTA GENERAL MEETING, 7:15 PM
- 21 -25<sup>TH</sup> SCHOOL CLOSED, SPRING RECESS

### COMING IN MAY

- 1-31<sup>ST</sup> ASIAN HERITAGE MONTH
- 1<sup>ST</sup> AFTER SCHOOL ENRICHMENT ENDS
- 2<sup>ND</sup> SCHOOL PRIDE DAY



## CLINTON SCHOOL STUDENT EXPECTATIONS

*We will:*  
*Be Kind to Ourselves and Others*  
*Respect:*  
*School Property*  
*The Personal Space of Others*  
*All Staff Members and Classmates*  
*Be Prepared to Learn and Strive to Be Our Very Best*  
*Follow Directions of Clinton Teachers and Staff*  
*Make Good Choices Daily*

poster boards already existing around the school. They add a colorful, kid-friendly touch to expectations created by the students and staff of Clinton School. We REDUCED the expectations to five, REUSED the words of all who submitted the expectations, and RECYCLED the poster boards they will hang on. See, it's not too hard! Thank you for all your efforts, enjoy the Spring Recess (April 21-25) and remember, every day is Earth Day.

—Patty

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## FROM THE PTA PRESIDENT

Hello Clinton Families,

What a March we had at Clinton!

It began with our very successful Tricky Tray (which brought in over \$22,000), much thanks to Claire Sinclair and the great Tricky Tray Committee who worked along with her. Thanks, too, to all who attended and hopefully won some great prizes.

And March ended with our very popular and delicious International Dinner, much thanks to Anne Klein and Robin Davenport for heading up this committee once again, and doing such an awesome job. In between, was St. Patrick's Day (which should be renamed St. Patty O'Neill's Day) which was celebrated like never before at Clinton School. From the early morning bag pipers, to the amazing step dancers in the afternoon—it was another great day at our very special school.

What will April have in store for us? Well, it's not just Earth Day for us—we're celebrating Earth Month! Our April 17<sup>th</sup> general PTA meeting is going to focus on "greener living" at home and at school (a green-living specialist will be at the meeting giving us some great tips). As mentioned in the last *Courier* and on page 3, we are going to go paperless (for district flyers), but our goal is much bigger than that. Here are some of the things that we already do at school to help preserve the environment:

- Place plants throughout the school to help clean the air
- Have an art club which uses only recycled materials
- Recycle print cartridges/cell phones
- Recycle plastic
- Recycle newspapers and paper
- Collect aluminum cans to raise money for children in the St. Barnabas burn unit
- Practice "green" school-wide pest management
- Clean with safe, green cleansers and disinfectants
- Use fluorescent bulbs throughout the school

Here are some of the things we will begin doing at school to help preserve the environment:

- Collect rainwater to water plants and gardens
- Recycle juice pouches (see page 5)
- We are looking into purchasing products from companies that believe in and practice our mission!

Come to the general PTA meeting on April 17<sup>th</sup> and learn more about all of these things. As always, snacks and babysitting (for ages 4 and up) will be provided by the PTA.

Also, adding to the item above about plants at school, we'd love to have more, so if you have hearty houseplants that you'd like to donate to Clinton School, bring them with you on the 17<sup>th</sup> and our "green thumb," Ms. O'Neill, will take them under her wing.

Hope to see you there and around school!

Best wishes,  
Leah

## RECYCLE YOUR OLD PRINTERS!

If you decide to replace your inkjet with a state-of-the-art laser printer, don't just throw your old one out if it's still in good working order. Our teachers can always use printers as well as other equipment and supplies as long as they're in good condition.

## CLASSROOM NEWS

This feature provides a wonderful opportunity for everyone in the Clinton community to learn about all the innovative and inspiring activities that engage students during the school day. If you would like to have your child's classroom experiences and stories included in next month's *Courier*, please send an email to Bob Hugel at [bhugel@scholastic.com](mailto:bhugel@scholastic.com).

### KINDERGARTEN

Ms. Cosmas' kindergarten class celebrated St. Patrick's Day by making Irish soda bread with the help of Lance M.'s mom. The students did a great job measuring ingredients, stirring batter, and counting down with the oven timer. The kids ate the bread on party plates and washed the snack down with apple juice.

### FIRST GRADE

In honor of Dr. Seuss's birthday, Mrs. Cutrufello's first-grade class made a delicious breakfast of green eggs and ham. Mrs. Aguirre prepared the delicious feast. The class liked it so much that there were no leftovers for Mrs. Cutrufello, who stopped in to say hello. It was a great *Seuss-ess!*

In honor of Women's History Month, Mrs. Motz's first-grade class studied famous women in the United States. Students learned about Ruby Bridges, Rosa Parks, Eleanor Roosevelt, Betsy Ross, and Helen Keller. The class celebrated St. Patrick's Day by eating green mini-bagels. They also graphed with Lucky Charms marshmallows and then ate them.

### SECOND GRADE

Students in second grade have been participating in a chess club that plays during recess on Fridays. The kids are having lots of fun!

## ELLIS ISLAND STORIES

Rounding out an enriching array of programs, the final cultural arts assembly for the year, Ellis Island Stories, will take place on **Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 12:45 and 1:45 pm**. The assembly will feature a theater troupe from New York City retelling immigration stories from various perspectives. To enhance our artist-in-residence grant acquired by Mrs. Dunsavage, this presentation will give Clinton students a more in depth understanding of the American immigration experience.

As always, parents are welcome to attend, particularly those who have morning kindergarteners. Additional seating is available in the balcony. Thanks to the PTA for sponsoring another great learning opportunity for the students. —Lori Mirabal

**Columbia High School will host its annual School in Action Night on Wednesday, April 9th from 7:00-9:45 pm. The community is invited to enjoy demonstrations and performances and sample some of the clubs and other activities offered, and discover what makes Columbia such a special high school.**

## TRICKY TRAY BREAKS RECORD!

Thank you so much to everyone who helped make our Fifth Annual Tricky Tray/Silent and Live Auction the most successful yet. We raised over \$22,000! We plan to put the proceeds towards our ongoing auditorium renovations and our extensive cultural arts programming. We had a wonderful committee this year and plans are already in the works for next year. If you would like to be a part of the Sixth Annual Tricky Tray/Silent and Live Auction, we would love to have you!

—Claire Sinclair and the Tricky Tray Committee

## THE SPRING FAIR IS COMING!

The Clinton School Fair will take place on **Saturday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, 11 am–3 pm**, in the Clinton parking lot. This year it will have a medieval theme. To make the School Fair the huge success it is every year, we need your help. Volunteers, we need lots of volunteers! All we ask is that you give one hour of your time. The rest of the day can be spent enjoying the fair's fun activities, which include games, rides, music, food, and prizes! To volunteer, please contact Deb Yohannan, Volunteer Coordinator at [deb1105@verizon.net](mailto:deb1105@verizon.net) or 973-761-4055. Please provide a time slot during which you are available (set up, 11-12, 12-1, 1-2, 2-3, or break down).

## TAKE A READING ROAD TRIP

Mark your calendars! The Spring Scholastic Book Fair kicks off at the Clinton Spring Fair on **Saturday, May 17th** and will continue to run through **May 23<sup>rd</sup>**. The theme this time is "Reading Road Trip" and it will be a great opportunity for everyone to stock up on their summer reading!

We could always use some extra help, whether it's setting up, decorating, supplying refreshments for the teachers' preview luncheon, working during the fair, or packing it up. So if you can spare a few hours to

## ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK

The 2008 yearbook will be available through pre-order only. A flyer with an order form will be sent home soon. If you have candid photos from Clinton School events in any grade, please forward them to Maureen Davenport, c/o Emily in Mrs. Pomares's class. For information, contact Maureen at [Maur760@hotmail.com](mailto:Maur760@hotmail.com).

## WE ARE NOW PAPERLESS!

We want to remind you this is the first month of our paperless initiative. We will no longer distribute a copy of every community flyer in backpacks. Instead, we will send out a monthly email with a link to the Community Digital Backpack ([www.somds.k12.nj.us/digital-backpack](http://www.somds.k12.nj.us/digital-backpack)) on the SOMA School District website, where these flyers will be listed and available for downloading. **This will not affect flyers and notices that pertain to Clinton School or Clinton School PTA events and news.** This is only for the community flyers we receive monthly for activities such as youth sports, exercise programs, plays, etc. Please note: We will have copies of these flyers on hand in the PTA front hallway display rack for families who do not have internet access.

Accessing these flyers electronically will save a great deal of paper since they are usually distributed to all 485 of our students. To be sure you receive the monthly email with the Digital Backpack link, please be sure you are on the Clinton PTA Email list by sending your email address to [ccancellaro@verizon.net](mailto:ccancellaro@verizon.net).

## GETTING TO KNOW SPANISH TEACHERS LAURIE SELTZER AND MARITZA LEYVA

**Hola! Meet our Spanish teachers, Laurence (Laurie) Seltzer, who has been at Clinton for four years, and Maritza Leyva, who started teaching at Clinton this year. They took time out from their busy schedules— Señora Seltzer also teaches at Jefferson and Seth Boyden, Señora Leyva at South Mountain—to tell us about their backgrounds and how they motivate the students.**

**Both of you have lived in exotic locations around the world. Tell us where.**

**LS:** I was born in Morocco and went to school in Montreal and Jerusalem. I also lived in Japan for a year.

**ML:** I was born in Perú and have studied in Germany and Costa Rica.

**How did you end up in New Jersey?**

**LS:** My husband is from New Jersey. We met while we were both in graduate school in Israel.

**ML:** I moved to New Jersey because my family had moved here, and I wanted to be close to them.

**Why did you decide on a career teaching Spanish?**

**LS:** I worked as a translator for Berlitz for many years and was ready for a new challenge. My first interview was with the South Orange and Maplewood School District. I liked the energy and enthusiasm that surrounded the World Languages program, which was new. Once I started teaching, I liked the support I got from parents and colleagues, and I've never looked back.

**ML:** Since I was young, my dream was to teach. Though I started out in another career—I was dean of human resources at the University Florencio del Castillo in Costa Rica—eventually I came back to what I enjoyed, which was teaching. Spanish is a language that is rich in words and meanings, a reflection of a very interesting culture.

**What do you think makes you a good teacher?**

**LS:** Hopefully the fact that I try to reach students in different ways: I incorporate movement, music, games, reading, acting out mini skits, etc. I plan activities where students need to read, speak, or listen. I also try to get my fifth graders ready for middle school by giving them homework periodically. They don't always like it, but I hope they eventually realize that I have their best interest in mind!

**ML:** My skills, my knowledge, and my experience help me understand what the needs of the students are in trying to learn a foreign language. It is when you understand these needs that you learn how to teach them in an interactive and innovative way.

**How do you make learning fun in your classroom?**

**LS:** To extend the fun beyond the classroom, one of the things I did was to create a website ([senoraseltzer.com](http://senoraseltzer.com)), which has word searches, puzzles, etc. I find it so rewarding when students tell me they went on the website after school and had fun doing activities in Spanish. We also started the Reading Fiesta last year in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month and the Poster Contest last month in honor of World Languages Week. The response was great, and the PTA was very supportive with prizes and gift certificates for both events. A fourth grader in Mrs. Johnson's class, Dalila R., won third place in a statewide poster contest and made us very proud.

**ML:** I try to create a friendly and comfortable environment, and then I use games to create an incentive to learn in an active way.

**Since Spanish is the first foreign language class most Clinton kids take, does it make teaching them easier or harder?**

**LS:** Actually since Clinton hosts the ESL program, we have a lot of students who already speak another language. These students often shine in Spanish because their minds are already used to switching from one language to another. Ultimately that is what we hope to achieve with all our students.

**Are Clinton students eager, frustrated, ambivalent, or excited to learn Spanish?**

**LS:** In general, third and fourth graders are the most eager and excited and absorb the language the fastest. By fifth grade, some students realize that learning a new language is hard work, and some really pick it up and are ready to challenge themselves.

**ML:** Most of them are very excited, because they realize that they can actually speak, play, and sing in another language.

**What would your students be surprised to know about you?**

**LS:** Maybe that I climbed the Great Wall of China last year.

**ML:** That I can speak five languages—Italian, German, Quechua (a South American language), English, and Spanish.

**How are you making a difference in the lives of Clinton students?**

**LS:** I hope that, by being exposed early to a different language and culture, our students grow up feeling comfortable enough to want to pursue learning a new language all the way to college and beyond. Our hope at the elementary level is to plant a little seed that will grow bigger and stronger from grade to grade.

**ML:** In each of my lessons, I try to make my students participate in different activities such as using the five senses as they learn Spanish. I also try to make students understand the different cultures and customs of various countries that speak Spanish.

—Nancy Mattia Henegan

## FUNDRAISING UPDATE

### Cookie Dough Fundraiser a Success

Our cookie dough/pretzel sale was a great success—it looks like we'll make around \$2200 from this fundraiser! I'd like to thank all those who did such a great job selling cookie dough, cheese cake, and pretzels. Your participation means so much. Ms. Kent's class sold the most and will receive money to spend in an Educational Insights Catalog.

### Tie Those Sneakers—the Annual Walkathon is Coming!

The Clinton School Walkathon will take place on **May 8<sup>th</sup>**, at Underhill Field. This is a fun and energetic event, complete with “pumped up” music from a DJ and refreshments! Pledges can come from anywhere in the country, and pledge cards will be mailed to each sponsor after the event. No money is collected up front. Ms. O'Neill will lead the students in a pep rally before the walks. “Fun breaks” will be taken every 10-15 minutes with a group dance like the Cha Cha Slide or the Macarena. An incentive prize will be awarded to the class with the most pledges. More information will be sent home soon with times and pledge cards. We need volunteers, so if you are available to help with refreshments or marking lap cards, please contact Karen Bethel at 973-762-3474 or [kbetheil@verizon.net](mailto:kbetheil@verizon.net).

## DISTRICT NEWS

As part of its ongoing program assessment process, the South Orange-Maplewood School District has undertaken the audit of its K-12 English Language Arts program. Phi Delta Kappa, an outside objective and universally respected educational organization, will conduct the on site portion of the audit on April 7, 8, and 9. If you wish to share your comments with the auditors via e-mail, please send an e-mail to [elaaudit@somsd.k12.nj.us](mailto:elaaudit@somsd.k12.nj.us).

## SUPPLY KITS FOR NEXT YEAR

It's hard to believe that it's time to think about school supplies for next year, but it is! The pre-packed school supply kits will be put together using specific school supply lists provided by Clinton teachers. The company we use—School Kidz USA—features quality products like Crayola, Prang, and Staples at competitive prices. There are many advantages to getting your back-to-school supplies this way including not having to spend time shopping and not having to pay taxes on the supplies. Order forms for each grade will be sent home in backpacks shortly. This will be your only chance to order the kits (deadline is June 13<sup>th</sup>), which will be available for pick up the day before the first day of school and the morning of the first day of school. If you have questions, please contact Leah Gomberg at 973-275-0927 or [ldgomberg@verizon.net](mailto:ldgomberg@verizon.net).

## INTERNATIONAL DINNER

### THANKS

Thanks to all who turned out for the 7th Annual International Dinner, “A Taste of Clinton.” As always, there were some great dishes, and we're grateful to all the Clinton cooks who took the time to share their ethnic specialties with other Clinton families and reminded us of the school's wonderful diversity. Special thanks go out to Liz Salituri for working so hard at the hot dog grill, and to Kat Lozynsky and Jenny Tate for their very helpful assistance with set-up and clean-up. For those other Clinton members who stuck around to assist us with clean-up, thanks so much

## BOX TOPS CLIPPERS

March was a good month for Box Tops! We collected \$60. I want to thank all those sending in their Box Tops cut out along the dotted line and for including their child's name and teacher. It is very much appreciated! Please keep sending and collecting Box Tops and don't forget about Campbell's Soup UPC codes. To see a full list of eligible products, visit the websites:

[www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com) & [www.labelsforeducation.com](http://www.labelsforeducation.com).

—Stephanie Mosé

**Kindergarten:** Cosmas- **Asaad W.**  
Shelffo- **Jack G., Caroline L., Margaret L.**  
Swan- **Toby C., Lila Z.**

**1<sup>st</sup> Grade:** Motz- **Juliet A.**  
Wittig- **Mary A., Miranda L., Myles B.**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade:** Frascella- **Eli G., Amelia L.**  
Froelich- **Carly P.**  
Hall- **Jayson B.**  
Poutre- **Patrick L., Jashon S.**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade:** Antunes- **Aaron E.**  
Banks- **Stefen R.**  
Kent- **Luz A., Matthew H.**  
Pomares- **Ruby Z.**

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Johnson-**Socrates M.**  
Khan- **Alexandra M.**  
Schwarz- **Grant K., Gabriel B.**

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade:** Drechsel- **Kayla T.**  
Fleming- **Sam G.**  
Kirkland- **Jacob R.**

**Many thanks to parents Maria Cristina Tafurt and Renaud Pierrelouis for translating our bimonthly newsletter into Spanish and Haitian Creole. We are greatly appreciative of their time and effort.**

## APRIL LIBRARY PROGRAMS

As part of its Positive Parenting Series, the Hilton Branch of the Maplewood Library will present a workshop on Food and Sleep Issues on April 15<sup>th</sup>, at 7:30 pm. The Maplewood Library will feature a drop-in craft program for elementary school students during the vacation week, culminating in a Family Arbor Day program on April 25<sup>th</sup>.

## DRINK POUCH BRIGADE

Starting on April 14<sup>th</sup>, Clinton School will participate in a new recycling effort. In conjunction with a company called Terracycle, we will be collecting used drink pouches (not juice boxes, drink pouches like Capri Sun and Honest Kids brands). We will have collection boxes in the front entranceway and in our cafeteria. If you are sending the pouches from home, please cut the top off (as close to the seam as possible), remove the straw, and rinse.

Not only will Terracycle give us a penny for every drink pouch we send them (2 pennies for Honest Kids brand), but they will make tote bags out of the used pouches which will be sold in retail stores. Clinton School will use whatever money we earn from this to make our school a greener place, perhaps by purchasing indoor plants or outside plants for our soon-to-be-started Butterfly Garden. The best part is we'll be doing one more thing to help our environment.

—Cecelia Cancellaro

## NEWS FROM PAC (MARCH '08)

The Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) provides a forum for interaction between the principal and parents. Every meeting will have a set agenda comprised of items submitted by committee members. Parents not on the committee may submit items for discussion through any committee member. A list of members and any actions taken by the PAC will be published in the *Courier*. PAC meetings are intended to focus on Clinton School issues, as this is where the most impact can be made. District-wide issues, though certainly relevant to the school, are generally beyond the scope of the PAC. The goal is to develop action plans to address concerns of the Clinton community when necessary. Each month, the *Courier* will run a summary of the PAC meeting agenda and discussion.

The following topics were discussed at the March meeting:

**1. Recess Clubs:** A question was raised to the membership regarding the process for participating in the recess clubs. Student participation in the recess club is voluntary and occurs on a rotational basis. However, since there are a large number of students compared to the number of programs offered, the rotation takes some time. Parents with a skill or particular area of interest are encouraged to run a club once a week or once a month.

**2. Spanish Language:** There was some discussion about Spanish language instruction for students in 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grade, as another school offers this as an enrichment activity. Our After School Enrichment program includes a Spanish class this spring. Any other kind of program would need to be tuition based since there would be a cost associated with providing an instructor and would require parent volunteers to organize and administer. Students begin receiving Spanish instruction as part of the curriculum in 3<sup>rd</sup> grade.

**3. Standardized Testing:** Principal O'Neill discussed the progress of standardized tests. While the progress overall was generally good, there was some concern over the timing of the tests immediately following daylight saving time. Discussion has already taken place regarding the timing of the exams for the upcoming academic year.

**4. Chorus:** A concern over parental notification when children participate in chorus was brought to the membership. Beginning next school year, parents will be notified of their child's participation or interest in chorus.

**The PAC Membership for the 2007-08 school year is as follows:**

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**3rd Grade:** Heather Spencer (semskee@verizon.net)

**4th Grade:** Sharon McHale (sjkmchale@verizon.net)

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**5th Grade:** Stephanie Williams-Jenkins  
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**Principal:** Patty O'Neill

**Asst. to Principal:** Ann Bodnar

**PTA President:** Leah Gomberg

**PTA Vice-President:** Cecelia Cancellaro

Please remember that the PAC members are your representatives; if you have any issues you would like discussed at the next meeting, please contact one of the members listed above or your child's class parent(s). Dates for the 2008 PAC meetings are: April 9<sup>th</sup>, May 14<sup>th</sup>, June 4<sup>th</sup>.

## PSEG GLOBAL GREEN

### EXPO

On the weekend of April 25<sup>th</sup> the PSEG Global Green Expo 2008 will take place at Liberty State Park in Jersey City. Nationally acclaimed speakers will discuss the current facts on the earth's crisis and what you and your family can do to help. There will be over 125 exhibitors featuring green products, services, and information. Bring your kids to the Kids Oasis where they can enjoy special performances and try their hand at composting and organic gardening. There will be over 40 workshops and demonstrations on topics such as composting, recycling, green cleaning, and eco-tourism. Featured key note speakers are Ted Danson, Ed Begley, Jr., Deirdre Imus, Dr. Sylvia Earle, Jeff Corwin, and Emme. A one day pass is \$15 two-day pass is \$25 and three day pass is \$30 and

## HONORING OUR TEACHERS

The South Orange-Maplewood Education Foundation (SOMEF) offers an alternative to the typical end of the year teacher gift. You can order a special Honor Your Teacher tribute card to be sent to any SO/M Schools staff member imprinted with your child's personal message. Your donation of \$5 or more per card will go directly to SOMEF's Teacher Grant program that enables all teachers to apply for grants for special classroom projects. Proceeds from Honor Your Teacher tributes have helped to support 353 grants in all 9 schools totaling \$220,000 in 7 years. Order forms will be sent home in backpacks in early May and will also be available at [www.somef.org](http://www.somef.org).

## POSTER CONTEST WINNERS

Thanks to all the many students who participated in the World Languages Poster Contest. The first place winners were Aliyah S., Dalila R., and Traci Marie C., who each received a \$15 gift certificate. Second place winners were Dionne W. and Nina K., who both won \$10 gift certificates, and third place winners included Brian E., Ruby Z., and Michael H., each of whom took home a \$5 gift certificate. And one of our winners, Dalila R. in Mrs



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