



WINTER 2009

A Letter from

LAUREN BARANELLO

SHELTER ROCK SCA VICE-PRESIDENT



Dear Shelter Rock Parents,
Hello and a Happy New Year to all our families here at Shelter Rock!
I wish that 2009 brings good health, peace and well wishes to all!

I cannot believe that we are halfway through another school year at Shelter Rock! Looking back, I am pleased to say that my second year as Vice President has, so far, run very smoothly. It amazes me how fast my two-year term has flown by, and I look forward to the remaining time I have being your SCA Vice President.

There are so many different and wonderful programs for our children here at Shelter Rock and so many more ahead to look forward to in the remainder of this school year. I would personally like to thank all the parents who have dedicated, and continue to dedicate, their time willingly to help all the children. All, especially on behalf of Jennifer and myself, appreciates the volunteerism that is expressed amongst our parents.

I want to begin by thanking Melanie Kaye, who is in charge of Hospitality, for all the SCA meetings and various other events throughout the year. Our Yearbook Committee, consisting of Rebecca Scara-

mucci and Dawn McCormick, has been meeting weekly and working endlessly to complete the yearbook so it will be memorable for our sixth graders. I cannot wait to see the end result so thank you both for all your hard work! In December, the Holiday Lunch, for the support staff, was another success thanks to the help and organization of Jeanine Ferrone and her partner, Bethanne Dematteis. I know the staff is always appreciative and looks forward to it during the holiday season.

This January was a very special month. On the 29th, Shelter Rock celebrated its 40th anniversary! There were celebrations going on throughout the day and it continued into the evening as an “adult playdate” at Leonard’s of Great Neck. The children gathered in the morning with a memorable assembly filled with singing by all grades and even the staff! In the afternoon, they all sang “Happy Birthday” to the school and celebrated with a special snack. Thank you to those parents who contrib-

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uted the treats for this special day to take place. In the evening, it was nice to see a social blending occur between the parents and the faculty as they ate and danced the night away. By the way, I want to personally thank Tony Bianco for the dance!

Guess Who's Coming To Read took place in the beginning of February. We had twenty volunteer readers that took time out of their busy schedules to come and read to the K-3 students. A special thank you to Susan Powers and Maria Brunetti who did a wonderful job coordinating the schedules of the readers and organizing this event. Bravo, ladies!

Shelter Rock celebrated Casa Wellness Week during the second week in February. Thanks to Lisa Currie and Androula Xenophontos for all their help during this week's event. Lastly, I cannot forget to thank my good friend, Jackie Pracher, for dedicating her time in putting this newsletter together. It is a source of information we look for that requires time and organization to put together so thank you, Jackie!

I would like to close by saying thank you to all the parents out there who help make Shelter Rock a wonderful place for our children to learn and grow. As I have mentioned in the past, I cannot express enough to you all what a privilege it has been to experience being your Vice President here at my alma mater! I am looking forward to a Happy Spring!

Regards,

Lauren Baranello

Shelter Rock SCA Vice- President

THE TOWER FOUNDATION ANNUAL DINNER DANCE

The annual **Dinner Dance** is at
Plandome Country Club
on **March 14th.**



Last year's initiative enabled Tower to purchase and install 52 SMARTboards™ throughout all of Manhasset's schools. SMARTboards™ have enabled our teachers and children to use an interactive, hands-on, state of the art educational tool which has enhanced teaching and learning in every school. The mission, however, is not complete—The Tower Foundation is still working towards their goal of a SMARTboard™ in every classroom throughout the District. All proceeds support the SMARTboard™ initiative, benefiting all Manhasset Public Schools. Look for your invitation in the mail or visit Tower's website at www.towerfoundation.com for more information.

Please note: The reverse raffle is \$100 not \$150 as printed on the invitations.



HAPPY 40th BIRTHDAY SHELTER ROCK!



I AM IN LOVE (with my smartboard)!

by Terese Keogh, Manhasset HS Physics Teacher

When I first saw Brett Thompson demonstrate a SMARTBoard at the Fall Conference last year, I saw the future of physics teaching and I knew I had to get prepared.

I began by taking a 15 hour course at my school last spring and when I was notified that my classroom was selected to get a SMARTBoard installed this September, I took a week long course at Babylon High School with Eric Reiser, a veteran SMARTBoard user. I was psyched in September with already a few rudimentary lessons prepared for the first week. To say that I love my SMARTBoard would be an understatement and though I have not mastered it, it's been great fun for me and my students who are taking the journey with me.

The ability to go between technologies has made my lessons flow so much easier. I can do a lesson that uses a video that I have embedded, or link to a website or powerpoint presentation with a touch of a finger. I knew I would like its ability to move things around such as showing how vectors can be moved and still get the same resultant. Doing the same thing with graphs as I align distance, velocity and acceleration graphs one on top of another to show the progression of graphs has amazed my students so much that one even asked me how I was ever able to teach physics without a SMARTBoard.

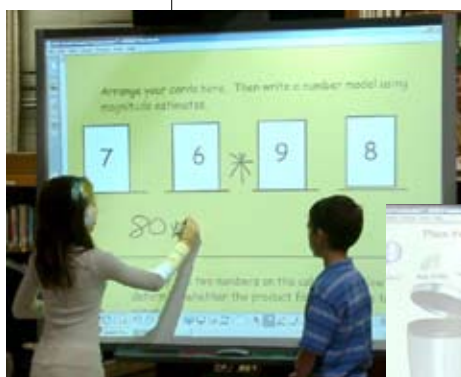
I have found that SMARTBoard lessons planned in advance work best. But, unlike powerpoint presentations which do not allow changes, the SMARTBoard lessons are flexible enough to let you improvise on the spot. For instance, in one lesson I was discussing forces and the Iron Cross maneuver done by male gymnasts. Some of my students didn't know what the Iron Cross was so I googled

images and found a great picture of a male gymnast in the Iron Cross position.

I quickly copied it into my SMARTBoard presentation and then took out the protractor from the gallery to measure the angle of his arms to show how his arms were not perfectly horizontal. From there, we did a quick estimation of the force that each arm was exerting. All this was accomplished in about 10 minutes.

For someone like me whose handwriting is illegible, the SMARTBoard has been a saving grace for my students and now I can easily embed pictures so that my students are not exposed to my "artistic" expression of what a truck or person would look like. SMARTBoards are a major innovation on how a class can be taught. I just have to hope that there's no computer or electrical breakdowns. But, at least, I still have my trusty old chalkboard if that happens. And my artwork again will generate a game of Pictionary as students try to guess what I have attempted to draw.

Elementary school students demonstrate the SmartBoard for parents.



SCA SATURDAY SERIES

We're having tons of fun on Saturday mornings! The SCA Saturday Series offers classes in a wide range of skills— from Cooking to Model building, Spanish to Fencing, Sports to Art. There's something for everyone!

The SCA Saturday Series is a parent-run enrichment program. It is open to Manhasset-school district residents only. If you would like to join the committee, volunteer, have suggestions or questions, please e-mail satseries@aol.com.

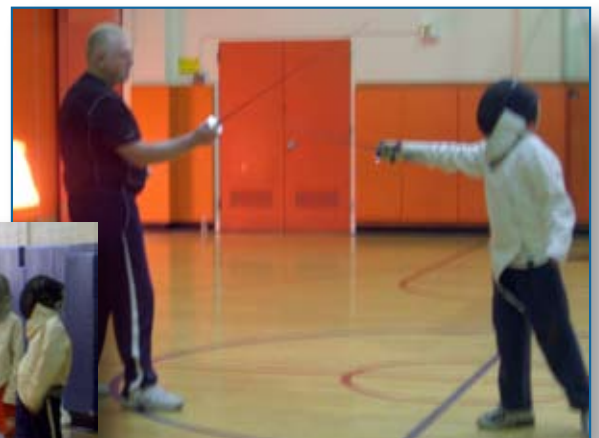
This year's play is ***Camp Rock!*** and will be performed on March 21st in the Shelter Rock Auditorium. Admission is free.



Spring decorations made in Fun Stuff



Cake decorating



Fencing

LIGHTS, CAMERA, BOOK FAIR!

It is that time of year again and the Shelter Rock Book Fair is pleased to announce this year's Book Fair theme: *Hooray for Hollywood! Reading Makes You A Star!* Shelter Rock students, staff and families are cordially invited to walk the Reading Red Carpet from Monday, March 30th until Friday, April 3rd. Students and their families will have an all access pass to our exciting, star-studded, reading extravaganza premiering in our very own Shelter Rock Library/Media Center.

Book Fair hours will be as follows:

Mon, March 30th, 3 — 9pm (Preview Night with Author)

Tues—Thurs, March 31st—April 2nd, 9am—3pm

Wed, April 1st, 9 AM—3pm & 3:30—6:30pm

(Special Guest Day)

Fri, April 3rd, 9 am—12 noon

Join Us For An Exclusive Premiere! David Adler, world-renowned children's author, will be on hand to autograph books on Monday, March 30th from 7 to 9PM. He will debut his newest production *Cam Jansen and the Sports Day Mysteries* exclusively at Shelter Rock. This book will not be available in stores until April 2nd. Be the first to own it!

Casting Call! Are you interested in volunteering? Volunteer forms will be emailed to parents just prior to the Fair's opening. Please feel free to sign up and assist your child and their classmates as they make their book selections.

Animation Fun: We invite all students to share in the excitement by participating in our Book Cover Contest. Information on the contest will be sent home with your child the week of March 9th. Kindly encourage your children to participate. Your children can be as creative as they wish. We want to see what inspires them

to read! One winner will be picked by lottery from each grade. Winners will receive a \$10 prize certificate to the Book Fair.

Celebrities Give Back: What is *One for Books*? During the Book Fair, students are invited to place a donation of one dollar in one of our popcorn collection tubs. What can one dollar do? Scholastic will match every dollar Shelter Rock raises with the dollar equivalent in book donations (up to a million dollars worth of books) to these non-profit organizations: Kids in Distressed Situations, National Center for Family Literacy and Toys for Tots. What's more? All the dollars we collect will go directly into purchasing books for Shelter Rock's own Library/Media Center!

All The World's a Stage: Help us care for our planet by reducing waste. If you wish, you may send your child in with a recyclable bag (of the strong vinyl/canvas variety) to carry their books home in. Every little bit helps!

Questions? Please feel free to contact our Book Fair Chairpersons:

Carol Conner at carolconner23@msn.com

Cris Ann Frisone at cmfriso@optonline.net.

Join us for the Shelter Rock 2009 Book Fair

Where Books Entertain & All Readers Are Celebrities!



All Proceeds Go The SCA!

SHELTER ROCK'S HOLIDAY GIFT PROGRAM

Thank you to all who participated in the Holiday Gift Program. We had an exceptional outpouring of generosity. Our guidance counselor received many thanks and some tears of gratitude from family members for making their "Christmas" happen. There are many kids wearing much needed winter coats.

It was a great display of our kind and compassionate community at a time when it was needed the most.



SCA NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The 2009 SCA Nominating Committee is soliciting Nominations for the 2009-2011 Term. The following positions are open for nomination:

Executive President
High School President
Shelter Rock President
Executive Secretary

Each of the positions serve a 2-year term.

We are now soliciting nominations (including self-nominations) and encourage you to submit names of individuals you think would make a difference in our schools and in our community.

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Nina Kiess 365-2401 NKiess@aol.com

RECAP FROM LAST YEAR'S SHELTER ROCK ROCKETS INTO READING!

Last year, *Blast Into Books... A Journey Through Outer Space* landed at Shelter Rock School and proved to be a student favorite! The school's Library and Media Center was magically transformed into intergalactic fantasy! As students approached the Library, they were greeted with a space shuttle mural, hand painted by Shelter Rock mom, Cris Frisone. Inside the Library, the universe lay before them. Planets and stars surrounded them endlessly!



But not even the aliens, which peeked at them from corners all over the school, could distract the students from the purpose of the fair: BOOKS!! Books abounded and students and parents certainly did their part in promoting literacy by purchasing hundreds of books.

Thank you to the Book Fair Committee for their dedication to promoting literacy; to the Shelter Rock staff for their assistance; and last, but not least, to the parents and students of Shelter Rock School for their participation in this annual fundraiser. Everyone's generosity was not only apparent in the book purchases but also in the over \$400 collected for One for Books, a program that assists underprivileged children.



Respectfully submitted by:
Carol Conner and
Cris Ann Frisone,
Book Fair Chairpersons

SHELTER ROCK STUDENTS ARE SHINING STARS AT ART SHOW



Shelter Rock School students showed Manhas-
set their talent in the Special
Education PTA (SEPTA) Art
Show at Barnes

& Noble this past December. With their art work displayed throughout the children's section of the store, our young artists were the shining stars as more than 100 local residents came to view the exhibit.

Each participant received a gold star medal achievement award to honor their contribution to the art show. "The children are beaming with pride as they received their awards," Karen Vigliotti, Manhasset SEPTA's event chairperson noted. "They are truly personifying the You are a Shining Star theme of this year's art show!" Mrs. Vigliotti added.

The students not only were a shining example to the school but to the entire community as they helped raise funds for the Manhasset Public Library. The art show kicked off a week-



end-long fundraising event to provide additional books and DVDs to the Library's newest parent-

ing resource, the Special Needs Parenting section. The fundraiser brought an additional \$500 to the new Library section for 2009.

The Special Needs Parenting section officially opened on December 9, 2008 with a ribbon cutting ceremony attended by parents and Library officials. The Library's director Marian Robertson and children's section director Patricia Roos presided over the event. Manhasset Special Education PTA co-vice president Andrea Costello, who headed the project, dedicated the new section to all those who support the community's special needs population.



The section is located on the third floor in the children's Library allowing parents to peruse the books, videos and DVDs as they enjoy the Library with their children. The section has nearly 200 titles on a wide range of special needs issues including special education, learning and developmental disabilities, special education law, the gifted and talented and family related issues. Donations are still being accepted for this new section. Please contact Manhasset SEPTA by mail at P.O. Box 155, Manhasset, or by email at ManhassetSEPTA@aol.com for more information.



Photos: Shelter Rock's young artists shining bright at the SEPTA art show!

(Above) Manhasset Library's Special Needs Parenting section officially opens.

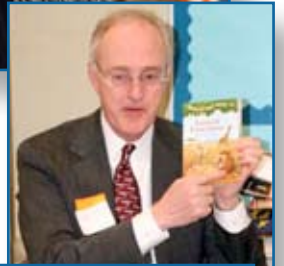
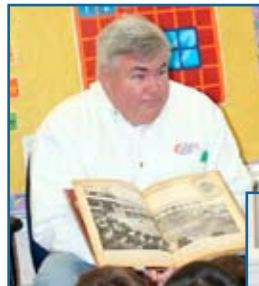
GUESS WHO CAME TO READ?

Shelter Rock School hosted its annual "Guess Who's Coming To Read?" event on Tuesday, February 3. It proved to be a great success and much fun for all students in grades K-3 and teachers involved. Manhasset community professionals came to share with our children their wisdom along with a story.

Co-chairs Maria Brunetti and Susan Powers were thrilled once again with the enthusiasm from the select group of talented readers. Each speaker either brought their own favorite book to read, or with the help of Amy Rowland, in the Library Media Center, a suitable title was selected for them.

THIS YEAR'S LIST OF READERS INCLUDED:

SEAN ADCROFT-Manhasset Schools IT Professional
DON BENVENUTO-Villa Milano Pizza Restaurant
JUDI BOSWORTH-Nassau County Legislator
JOSEPH CAPODICASA-Band Instructor
CHARLES CARDILLO-Schools Superintendent
LIDA DISPENZA-Music Institute of Long Island
ANNE DOROGOFF-Bank Accountant
DANIELLE GALLAGHER-Lacrosse Coach
PATRICIA GALWAY-Shelter Rock Nurse
ROGER GOODWIN-Deputy Fire Chief
PAT GRACE-Editor, Anton Newspapers
LESLIE GROSS-Town Clerk
MARGUERITE HARVEY-The Outlook School
DR. ROBERT HENDRICKSON-Veterinarian
HON. ANGELA IANNANCCI-Supreme Court Judge
JOHN KIGGINS-Manhasset Sporting Goods owner
MELISSA KIPP-Science Museum
SEAN LANDETA-Professional Athlete (NFL)
ARMAND MARKARIAN-Manhasset Schools Facilities Director
DAVID PATERSON-Movie Producer
ROBERT REILLY-Attorney/Assistant Dean
RITA SYRACUSE-Pet Therapist Trainer
JUDY ZOLLER-School Teacher





BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

GREAT FIRST TOTAL!

So far, the **5th** grade is in first place with 988 box tops. The **2nd** grade is in second place with 751, followed by the **4th** grade in third place with 562 box tops.

Thanks to all students, parents and friends who helped make our first-half collection so successful. The Shelter Rock SCA will be receiving \$400. Please keep clipping the pink "Box Tops for Education" labels and bring them into your class so we can top last year's record of \$840. *Remember, the grade that brings in the most box tops will have an ice pop party in June!*

Keep up the Great Work,
Reena Gilja and Ellen Albrechtsen
Box Top for Education Co-chairs



WANT TO STAY INFORMED?

We welcome all parents to attend the SCA Parent Council Meetings

Mar. 12th, Thurs., 9:15am SR Aud.

May 7th, Thurs., 9:30am SR Aud., Joint mtg.

June 11th, Thurs., 9:15am SR Aud.

Mark your calendars!

We look forward to seeing everyone there! Refreshments served!



Celebrating Shelter Rock's 40th Birthday at Leonard's of Great Neck.



GOT PICTURES?

Over the course of the year, we will be making submissions to the *Manhasset Press* as well as posting pictures on one of the school's bulletin boards. Please send us any pictures you take with a quick description of the event, teacher's name and grade.

Thanks for your help,

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Olga Steck: steck78@optonline.net

YOU JUST MIGHT MAKE
THE NEWS!

TOWER'S BINGO NIGHT

Tower held two of its popular bingo nights in the Manhasset High School cafeteria in November. The participation of over one hundred seventy 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th graders raised \$2,500 towards the foundation's annual campaign for more SmartBoards. Over 60 kids were the lucky winners!

Many thanks to Donna Lopez and Jeanine Ferrone for organizing this fun night, Paul Petras for his bingo calling skills, the custodial staff at the High School, the 7th & 8th grade volunteers and the board members who helped make the night a success!

*(Right and below):
Students and their families
enjoy the fun night*



Caller Paul Petras keeps the game interesting



*Tower co-presidents,
Wendy Cozzens and Elise Kline*



Student Volunteers monitors the numbers



Too exciting to sit!



Student volunteers help to run the snack table