

May 1, 2009

# Cardinal Connection

## All School Project

The O Ambassadors were trying to decide on how they could combine an Earth Day project and a community service project into one. They came up with using empty water bottles and toilet paper rolls to make flowers in a vase to deliver to senior centers in the area. The collecting of toilet paper rolls and water bottles began so that each student would be able to make two flowers and a vase. On April 22, all the flowers were made and put in their vases ready to be delivered to Wheeling Senior Center, Lexington Health Care, Brighton Gardens, Luther Village, River Trails Senior Center, and Whitehall. We hope that they will enjoy the beautiful creations from the students at Anne Sullivan. It is important for our students to understand that everyone can make a difference in the world.

## Anne Sullivan School

### What a Great Year!

Can you believe that the 2008-2009 school year is coming to a close? It has been a great year of learning. The staff has worked hard this year focusing on assessment for learning and improving instructional practice for students who are learning English as their second language. We have analyzed the MAP, ISAT, and DIBELS data to determine the needs of the students. Then we developed small groups of students who could work with teachers during a block of time when the entire school was working on literacy. We called the thirty minute block of time after lunch, travel time. This year some teachers were also able to develop a math intervention for students who needed extra support. We also have developed plans for students who needed more extensions of the material they were learning in class. We want to make sure that every child is progressing so that he/she can reach his/her potential. We had a discussion about AR so that there is consistency across grade levels. We want students to have a goal to work toward, to be able to choose books at their level, and to encourage students to be life-long readers.

We read two books and participated in one and a half staff development days with the Illinois Resource Center to improve our practice when working with second language learners. The instructional practices we learned about also benefit all students because they include the use of a lot of visuals and discussion. We will continue improving our practice every year to best meet the needs of all of our students at Anne Sullivan School.

### May is Better Speech and Hearing Month!



Both the House of Representatives and Senate introduced laws supporting the recognition of May as Better Speech and Hearing month. Both acknowledge the importance of speech-language services in the United States.

Typically, in the school setting, speech-language services focus on the following areas of communicative disorders:

- Stuttering
- Articulation Disorders (wabbit for rabbit)
- Language (slow to develop vocabulary, concepts, grammar)
- Voice Disorders (nasal, breathy, hoarse voice quality)

More than five million children are identified in the U.S. with a speech or language disorder. If parents suspect their child has a speech-language disorder, they should contact their school speech and language pathologist. If left untreated, a speech or language disorder can have a negative impact on a child's social and academic development.

For more information, contact [www.asha.org/about/news/2008/detectdoisorders.htm](http://www.asha.org/about/news/2008/detectdoisorders.htm)

## Thank You

Thank you to the Board of Education for approving the installation of a new playground at Sullivan School for next year. Ask your child about the design.

Thank you to the PTO for their hard work on the rummage sale, which profited approximately \$2,400, the funding for the author, Donna Washington, and for Movie Night.

Thank you to Wheeling Public Works for providing signs for the rummage sale and to Route 12 Rental for giving us a truck to use to collect the donations.

Thank you to everyone who worked or attended the Culver's Night. We made \$504; everyone who attended had a grand time.

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## Goodbye Fifth Grade

We wish the fifth graders the best as they head over to MacArthur Middle School for the 2009-2010 school year. We are so happy that they were able to learn so much at Anne Sullivan School. We hope that they continue to make good choices, and enjoy their time as 6<sup>th</sup> grade students. Don't forget to stop by and say hi to us next year. We will miss you. Do your best and continue to make a difference in the world.

## May News

May 1 registration packets need to be returned. Remember, if your child is a third grader the residency information must also be turned in.

May 4-8 is Staff Appreciation Week.

The Book Fair will be from May 11-15.

On May 12 at 7:00 p.m., come and listen to the band, orchestra, and choir concert.

The next Board of Education Meeting is May 13 at MacArthur at 6:30 p.m.

May 15 we will have our get yourself moving day from 1:00-2:15 p.m.

There will be no school on May 25.

June 2 is 6<sup>th</sup> grade parent orientation night.

June 5 is the Sullivan All School Field Trip.

June 10 is the Sullivan Awards Assembly beginning at 9:00 a.m.

June 11 is the last day of school dismissing at 11:00 a.m.

Thank you for a wonderful year working as a team. Have a wonderful summer, and we hope to see you back next year. Please feel free to contact me at 847-870-3865 if you ever have a question, concern, or you just need to talk.

Sincerely,

*Debbie Gardiner*