



School Program Update for Teachers

2007-2008 4th Grade Program

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 We're very grateful to NJEA, our Classroom Welcome Kit sponsor this year! Neon pencils, postcards, posters and other fun NJ stuff are on the way!

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Dear Karen,

Hope you had a wonderful Thanksgiving break and are celebrating this colorful New Jersey autumn. Speaking of reasons to celebrate New Jersey, we've booked a number of events for celebrating your students this coming Spring. Please check the "Events and Happenings" page on our website for events in your area. Also, look for your classroom welcome kits to arrive this week (if they haven't already)-- hope the pencils and postcards generate excitement as students dig in to their writing assignments. Can't wait to see what they come up with!

Event Schedule now on the website

We've been busy as Santa's elves lining up locations for our springtime Awards Events and Celebrate NJ!baseball game nights. The schedule is still in progress, but a number of dates are already listed on our Events and Happenings page.

As a reminder, all students who participate in the program by either writing and submitting an article to you or by being part of a class project under your direction, qualify for a free baseball ticket. (Additional tickets will be available for purchase at a discounted price.)

Students whose work is selected as part of the 2008 Celebrate NJ "Best of the Best" will be invited to attend the Awards night in the mall located closest to your school. (Announcements will be made in April.)

If you notice that one of our events is in direct conflict with an event on your school calendar, please let me know as soon as possible. We don't want students to miss out on the fun!

PTO Support

Your Classroom Welcome Kit contains a postcard addressed to your school's PTO President. As a non-profit organization, we rely on community and school support to enable us to continue to make

the program available to all schools at no fee. We're asking your help. Would you please deliver this postcard to your PTO President and tell them why you've decided to use the Celebrate NJ! program in your classroom? Your recommendation makes a big difference.

We now have an online donation button on our "Get Involved" page to make supporting the program easy.

Thank you so much for your support!

Resources to Share

Last update we told you about the NJ History Kids website sponsored by the NJ Historical Commission. Did you know that the Celebrate NJ! website has a Links and Resources page chock-full with great information to support the classroom study of NJ?

If you find a great site or develop a tool to share with other teachers, send us an email and we'll include it on our website.

Just as I was preparing to send this out, I received a couple of tools to help students focus on their assignments from Kathy Suk of Thomas B. Conley Elementary School in Bethlehem Township. Check them out on the Teachers Page.

For general program information, please refer to the Program Overview on the School Program page of the website. If you have any specific questions, please contact me at khatcher@celebratenj.org or by phone 732-333-0462. We'll be in touch again soon!

Sincerely,

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