



Waltham Territory

Waltham C.C.
Elementary School
District #185

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FROM OUR SUPERINTENDENT, MR. ROBERT ABNEY

I was reading some interesting data from a couple of informational brochures produced by the Parent Institute. Are you aware that from the day children are born until they graduate from high school they only spend 15 percent of their waking hours in school? The other 85 percent is spent outside school- and most of the time is spent at home. You really are your child's most influential teachers! I realize that many of you feel very rushed and hardly have time to sit down for a meal, so I'd like to offer you some ways you can find time for the important job of helping your children learn.

Use time in the car with your child. She/He can't write an essay in the car, but she/he can talk about what she/he's going to write or, perhaps, review spelling words or review for a test or quiz.

Try and rearrange priorities to allow for more time with your children. Make sure your decisions reflect what matters. Decide it is OK to forgo the big dinner and fix something quick so you can read a book with your child.

Spend one-on-one time. Kids need "quality" time with you. There's nothing like spending time alone with a parent to make a child feel special. Every week, make an appointment to spend some time alone with each of your children. Treat that appointment as seriously as you would an important business meeting.

Find your child's "prime time" for studying. This may be a key to her/his success in school. Work with your child to find the homework time that's best for her/him. You [might find that her/his "prime time" works to your advantage.](#)

"You can teach a student a lesson for a day; but if you can teach him to learn by creating curiosity, he will continue the learning process as long as he lives". ~Clay P. Bedford

FROM OUR PRINCIPAL.....MR. HAMANN

Parent Power

There are many ways you can support your child's learning and school. Here are a few ideas:

- ↪ Spend a few minutes every evening looking over handouts and homework your child brings home.
- ↪ Ask your child's teacher if you can help them out at school.
- ↪ Make sure teachers know you appreciate their efforts. From time to time, send a thank you note or an email.
- ↪ Contact your child's teacher immediately if you see a problem. Working together will help your child succeed.
- ↪ Attend conferences, parent meetings, and school events regularly.

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WINTER PROGRAM

Mark your calendars! The Waltham Christmas Concert dates are as follows: Grades 4-8 will perform on Monday, December 13th at 6:30 pm at Waltham North. Grades K-3 will perform on Thursday, December 16th at 6:30 pm at Waltham South. We hope to see you there!

MUSIC DEPARTMENT NEWS

Band members for the 2010-2011 school year are:

8th grade: Brody Frig—drums, Joe Kim—drums, Samantha Whalen—clarinet.

7th grade: Anna Low—flute, Kyle Small—clarinet.

6th grade: Nic Bollis—trombone, Julia Browning—flute, Emily Ficek—flute, Jace Hardy—sax, Kathryn Henry—flute, Andrew Kim—trumpet, Sydney Miller—trumpet

5th grade: Abby Kamke—flute, Jordan Ovanic—sax, Tylynn Ramos—clarinet, Kirsten Rolando—clarinet, Claire Senica—keyboard, Hannah Turigliatti—clarinet

4th grade: Madison Aimone—trumpet, AJ Bollis—drums, Paige Bunzell—guitar, Meygan Echols—flute, Julia Graham—flute, Ethan Henry—drums, Anna Jereb—flute, Robbie Linn—cornet, Hunter Monterastelli—clarinet, Ron Moriarity—clarinet, Malcolm Roebuck—trumpet, Mary Claire Tomminello—keyboard, Zen Webster—drums.

Mrs. Smythe

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Yes, you read that right! Mrs. Hewitt is already taking appointments for Kindergarten Registration on **Thursday, January 13, 2011**. If your child will be attending Kindergarten at Waltham South starting in August, 2011, please call her to make your appointment. There will be a short screening administered by our teachers, Mrs. Kummer and Ms. Siembab. Call 815.667.4790 soon for the appointment of your choice—they are filling up fast!!

A WORD FROM MRS. WILSON

Thank you to all who helped out the 8th grade by buying candy bars or Bergner's coupon books. We sold 116 coupon books; we are in the top 10 sellers and are eligible for the bonus. Our class trip will be Friday, May 20, 2011 and will include a performance of Blue Man Group.

7th grade will begin working on the United States Constitution right after Veteran's Day and will plan on taking the test before Christmas Break.

8th grade is entering the 20th Century in U S History and will start work on their Christmas around the World project after Thanksgiving.

6th Grade is beginning an Illinois Tourism project by writing letters to different cities around Illinois, asking for information. They will use this information and what they can find on the internet to create tourism brochures for their city.

WANTED

SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES

Waltham School District has three seats on our seven-member Board of Education to be filled on April 5, 2011. Stop at Waltham South and see Mrs. Hewitt for your informational packet today! Petitions need to be turned in beginning 8 a.m. Monday, December 13, 2010 until 5 p.m. Monday, December 20, 2010. Candidates must be, on the date of election, 18 years of age, a registered voter and a resident of the State of Illinois and Waltham School District for at least one year immediately preceding the election.





FIRST QUARTER HONOR ROLL RESULTS

HIGH HONOR ROLL

Eighth Grade: Maggie Durdan, Joe Kim, Christine Perona, Rachel Senica, Hannah Sheth, Samantha Whalen

Seventh Grade: Garrett Andreatta, Fred Becker, Olivia Graham, Aaron Kamke, Madeline Luce, Gabrielle McCabe, Adam Schwartz, Max Senica, Melanie Wilson, Kendra Yade

Sixth Grade: Matthew Adams, Nic Bollis, Julia Browning, Emily Ficek, Jace Hardy, Kathryn Henry, Bryanna Hoskins, Andrew Kim, Allison Laws, Chase Ludford, Nick McTee, Keegan Miller, Ryan Pijanowski, Brendan Pode, Owen Stoneking

HONOR ROLL

Eighth Grade: Madison Anderson, Breann Aubry, Brandon Bryan, Taylor Cimei, Cody Corcoran, Dyllan Farrell, Cody Flynn, Tiara Golgin, Cierra Johnson, Micah Johnson, Dylan Krager, Alena Laws, Chris Moshage, Erica Pode, Hannah Simcich

Seventh Grade: Kaleigh Cox, Matthew Cummings, Mariah Gibson, Logan Guerrero, Nevada Halm, Anna Low, Taylor Moriarity, Roberta Rehor, Frank Senica, Amber Sharp, Kyle Small, Kalli Steele

Sixth Grade: Cole Bokus, Levi Bottomley, Adam Claggett, Katie Corcoran, Cody Corneglio, Paige Foster, Carter Funfsinn, Joe Jansen, Sydney Miller, Devin Oberjat, Adam Payne, Carly Ramirez, Payton Rietgraf, Brendon Sebastian, Alex Smith, Conner Wheeler

GOLF OUTING

Mike Adams and Ginger Ludford have volunteered to co-chair the **2011 Golf Outing!!** The date is set for Sunday, May 22nd. Hope to see you there!

STORE CERTIFICATES

Don't forget to utilize store certificates for your upcoming holiday shopping! It is as easy as calling Renee Kim at 815.223.2847 or Tiffany Lewis at 815.667.4417. Happy Holidays!!!!

WALTHAM'S TRIVIA NIGHT

Mark your calendars!! **Waltham's Trivia Night** is scheduled for Saturday, **January 29, 2011** at Senica's Oak Ridge in the reception room!!! Doors open at 5:30, Trivia starts at 7:00 p.m.

SCHOOL DIRECTORY

Thanks to Ed and Nanci Monroe for compiling our 2010-2011 **Waltham School Directory**. It is a great tool to have for rapid communication with our Waltham families. We appreciate your time and effort in organizing the data!!

FALL FESTIVAL turned out to be another evening of fun and laughter. Thanks to all who attended this annual event. Kudos to the McCabe family and their committee for their efforts to make this night a special time for Waltham families. Thanks to our teachers and 8th grade students who volunteered their time and talent to the fall festival. McDonalds in Utica graciously donated orange drink and hamburgers. Both were a hit. HyVee donated all of the two liter bottles of soda for the ring toss game. The Water Store donated the water used during the evening. Thank you to the cake and cookie donors along with our business donors, HyVee, McDonalds & The Water Store!!

BOOK FAIR

Once again, the Waltham Community made the book fair a success! Waltham Parents and teachers LOVE to put books in the hands of children!!! Total sales were \$4100, with a book profit of \$2500. Thankfully this keeps our libraries growing. A big thanks to all parent volunteers and Mr. Hegland and Mr. Beavers for all their help, Mrs. Schultz and Mrs. Smythe for giving up their classrooms. Also, Ms. Balzarini has a huge job on her hands. Logging each book into the library before it hits the shelf is a never ending job! Thanks a bunch Ms. B! We are looking for chairpersons for next years book fair. It's always good to have a year or two to learn the ropes before old chairs leave the school. Please consider this position for next year.

Keri Claggett

**PROJECT SANTA**

Since 2005, volunteers have worked to share a little holiday cheer with the men and women in Iraq, Afghanistan, and hospitals in Germany. Approximately 40,000 stockings later, these volunteers have continued to create a super network to keep the holiday cheer alive.

For our fourth year, Waltham students have “printed” stockings and written letters to the soldiers. The Waltham families have donated supplies and groceries that will fill some of the stockings. One-hundred and sixty stockings, 160 heart-warming letters, boxes of groceries and supplies show the spirit of the Waltham community once again! Thank you to all of you who helped in any way to make Project Santa a success at Waltham.

CHARACTER COUNTS’ COAT & MITTEN DRIVE

Please bring **new** or **gently used** coats, mittens, and hats to decorate our Giving Tree and they will be donated in time for Christmas. Bring items to the North or the South building between November 15—December 15th.

If any families in our district are in need of these items, please contact the school’s office. North 667-4417 or South 667-4790

The trees in the lobbies of the buildings will be decorated with the items brought in. Thank you for your generosity!

WALTHAM ART ON DISPLAY

The artists of Waltham School have their chance to shine from November 29-December 13th at the Ottawa Regional Hospital. If you have a reason to visit the hospital or just passing by, students work will be hanging in the hallway in display cases. It is always a pleasure hanging the work, as I receive so many compliments about the students’ work. Way to go, Waltham artists!

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Saturday, December 4, 2010 8 a.m. and 10 a.m.
Seatings

Before Santa gets too busy in his workshop, tell him what you would like for Christmas, enjoy a delicious breakfast, and receive a keepsake ornament.

Afterwards join the City of LaSalle in Miracle on First Street Activities. \$6.00/Child \$8.50/Adult, Reservations Required 815-223-1851

GINGERBREAD CHRISTMAS

Sunday, December 12, 2010 1:30 —4:00 p.m.

Spend the afternoon decorating gingerbread men ornaments and creating your own gingerbread house. Enjoy holiday treats and listen to our favorite Christmas stories including Jan Brett’s The Gingerbread Baby along with a variety of other festive activities.

\$19.99/Child, Reservations Required 815-223-1851

Both events are located at Lock 16 Visitor Center
754 First Street, LaSalle, IL 61301
Any questions, call Katie at 815-223-1851

IMPORTANT DATES

Nov. 24—Early Dismissal 2:05 N, 2:20 S

Nov. 25&26—No School Thanksgiving Break

Nov. 29—Market Day Pickup

Dec. 6—PTCC Meeting at Waltham South

Dec. 7—Early Dismissal 2:05 N, 2:20 S

Dec. 13—Winter Program 6:30 pm (North)

Dec. 14—Early Dismissal 2:05 N, 2:20 S

Dec. 15—Board of Ed Mtg. 6:30 pm

Dec. 15—Hot Lunch (cheese pizza)

Dec. 16—Winter Program 6:30 pm (South)

Dec. 17—K-3 Holiday Parties; 2:20 Dismissal

Dec. 17—4-8 Holiday Parties; 2:05 Dismissal

Dec. 17—Early Dismissal 2:05 N, 2:20 S

Dec. 20—No School, Holiday Break Begins

Jan. 4—School Resumes—Early Dismissal 2:05 N, 2:20 S



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WALTHAM COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER SURVEY

1.) Do you enjoy receiving the Waltham Community Newsletter twice a year?

___ YES ___ NO

2.) Would you like to receive the newsletter ONLY by e-mail?

___ YES ___ NO

If so, please list your e-mail address:

3.) Would you ONLY like to continue to receive the newsletter by mail?

___ YES ___ NO If yes, please list address:

4.) Would you like to stop receiving the newsletter all together?

___ YES ___ NO

If yes, please list your name so we can take you off our mailing list:

There are many ways to return your survey to us; Send the survey to school with your child, drop off survey at either school office, or there will be a drop box at the Utica Library that you can use to return the surveys.

Thank you in advance for participating in our survey!!! Waltham School District



Balzarini's Buzzline



Technologically New @ Waltham

E-Rate ~ E-Rate is a program that schools and libraries apply for through the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC). The program provides discounts to schools and libraries to help make telecommunications and Internet access more affordable. Depending upon the level of poverty and the urban/rural status of the population served by the school or library the discounts for services range from 20% to 90% of the costs of eligible services. Waltham's percentage of discount is 50% and is eligible to receive a reimbursement of \$3,823.50 this school year.

The Federal Communications Commission has worked this past year to make the application process for e-Rate more efficient and protect against waste, fraud, and abuse of funds. As a result the usual timeframe for applying and completing the Form 470 and Form 471 for the 2011-2012 school year has been delayed.

One of the significant changes set forth by the FCC for schools and libraries in the e-Rate application process was the elimination of a technology plan requirement when applying for reimbursement for only Priority One services—telecommunications and Internet access. However, this new change does not supersede any state or local technology-planning requirement when applying for "NCLB Title II Part D (EETT) funding, Priority Two e-Rate reimbursement or discounts, and other state or federal funding initiatives, which support educational technology" (ISBE—http://www.isbe.state.il.us/curriculum/elearning/html/tech_plan.htm)

Other significant changes made by the FCC in the Sixth Report and Order include the addition of dark fiber to the eligible services list (ESL), and permitting community access to E-rate funded facilities and services during non-operating hours. These topics will be discussed in further detail in upcoming newsletters.



Open Tech Lab Days

Waltham's computer lab has been opened to its community at large on designated Saturdays and has been supervised by the Technology Coordinator, Ms. Balzarini. We are continuing this tradition once again this year. Tech Lab Days are from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon. Mark your calendars with these scheduled dates for the 2010-2011 school year at Waltham North:

- 📅 November 13
- 📅 December 11
- 📅 January 8
- 📅 February 5
- 📅 March 12
- 📅 April 9
- 📅 May 7

The purpose of Tech Lab Days is to provide access to and help with software applications. All aged-learners, pre-schoolers through senior citizens, are invited to attend. Learners in sixth grade and under are to be accompanied by an adult.

The following programs and software are available on the network:

- ☺ Microsoft Office Pro 2007 - which includes Word, Access, Excel, PowerPoint, and Publisher
- ☺ Accelerated Reader - Waltham learners can show their parent/guardian/guest how the program works
- ☺ Exploring Math Concepts - Levels II, and III
- ☺ Heartsoft - which includes Billiards (homonyms), Bubblegum Machine (vocabulary-building), Coin Changer (recognize and total coins), Electric Math Chalkboard (math drills), Electric Coloring Book (letter recognition and coloring skills), Great American States Race (information about states), Memory Master (memory recall skills), Reading Rodeo (consonant and matching), Sleuth Master (decoding a number), Spinner's Choice (solving word puzzles), Tommy the Time Turtle and



- Tommy the Time Turtle Practice (telling time),
and Word Capture (vocabulary enrichment)
- ☺ Heartsoft Skills Builders
 - ☺ McGraw-Hill Reading Software (Level K-I and Level 2-3)
 - ☺ Kid Pix Deluxe 3
 - ☺ Kidspiration and Inspiration
 - ☺ Logical Journey of the Zoombinis
 - ☺ Where in the USA is Carmen SanDiego?
 - ☺ Where in the World is Carmen SanDiego?
 - ☺ Oregon Trail
 - ☺ Orchard Math
 - ☺ Touch Typing
 - ☺ Tux Paint
 - ☺ McGraw-Hill Reading Software - Phonics K-I and Phonics 2-3
 - ☺ Internet Explorer

Besides the above listed programs and software, learn how to use a scanner or digital camera.

Come join the fun!



Waltham Book Fair 2010

The Book Fair Committee continues to out do themselves. We have many new books and additional copies of the Monarch Award and Rebecca Caudill Award books to add to our classroom libraries and Building Libraries.

I would like to personally thank the Committee/Volunteers for their hard work and the parents for their fantastic support. The North and South Building Libraries will have a total of 369 new paperback and hardcover books to entice our readers.

Accelerated Reader Quizzes for books received from the Book Fair and others that teachers' request will be ordered shortly using the annual technology support commitment by the PTCC.

**THANK YOU
PTCC BOOK FAIR
COMMITTEE!**



Waltham Continues Recycling—

Waltham is helping to save its environment and at the same time provide for some of our needs by recycling empty ink and toner cartridges, copier toner cartridges, and old cell phones. Please help by sending your empties or oldies from home or work to either of the district's school buildings.

Our efforts from last year brought in \$119.60; the goal this year is to bring in \$200 through our recycling program.



Library Lines



Thank You Volunteers—

I would like to thank the parent volunteers—Mrs. Moshage, Mrs. Aimone, Mrs. Schwartz, Mrs. George, and Mrs. Monroe—for coming in weekly to help students check out library books during their scheduled Library time. The students enjoy their help and look forward to spending time with our parent volunteers.

I would also like to thank all the Book Fair volunteers for helping me prepare the inventory of the Book Fair books for the Committee. This list helps the Committee when choosing the books that are donated to the Libraries.

Reserved Book Shelf—

The libraries at Waltham North and South will have a "reserved book shelf" this year for the Monarch Award and Rebecca Caudill Award books to help ensure their availability for students who participate in the Monarch and Rebecca Caudill program. Only the participating students will be allowed to check out these books from the libraries until February 28TH. On March 1ST these selected books will be placed on the regular circulation shelves of the libraries for all students to enjoy.

Learn more about the Monarch Award and Rebecca Caudill Award programs and sign up to participate on page 10.





The Monarch Award: Illinois' K-3 Children's Choice Award

The Monarch Award is given annually to an author and/or illustrator of a book voted as their favorite by participating K-3 children in Illinois.

How did this award come about and who supports it? Several past presidents of the Illinois School Library Media Association (ISLMA) discussed the need for a K-3 children's book award in the summer of 2002. The Monarch Award: Illinois' K-3 Children's Choice Award was finally approved and supported by the ISLMA in April 2003.

The award was named in honor of the Monarch butterfly, Illinois' state insect, its familiarity to K-3 children and to symbolize the growth, change and freedom that becoming a reader brings. The Monarch Award is also designed to encourage children to read critically and become familiar with children's books, authors and illustrators. Waltham will continue being part of the award selection this year.

How is the Monarch Award winner selected?

1. A master list of the 20 nominated titles are sent to participating primary and elementary schools.
2. Students in grades K-3 who read or heard five (5) or more of the nominated books on the list vote for their favorite in February.
3. Votes are sent to the award committee, which compiles the final tally.
4. The winning title is announced in March.

The Monarch Master List for 2011:

ABE LINCOLN CROSSES A CREEK: A TALL, THIN TALE

Author: Deborah Hopkinson Book Level: 3.1

ABE'S HONEST WORDS

Author: Doreen Rappaport Book Level: 4.9

BAD KITTY GETS A BATH

Author: Nick Bruel Book Level: 3.7

A COUPLE OF BOYS HAVE THE BEST WEEK EVER

Author: Marla Frazee Book Level: 3.4

COWBOY & OCTOPUS

Author: Jon Scieszka Book Level: 2.2

DOG AND BEAR: TWO FRIENDS, THREE STORIES

Author: Laura Vaccaro Seeger Book Level: 1.3

FRED STAYS WITH ME!

Author: Nancy Coffelt Book Level: 1.8

HELP ME, MR. MUTT! EXPERT ANSWERS FOR DOGS WITH PEOPLE PROBLEMS

Author: Janet Stevens Book Level: 2.6

KEENA FORD AND THE SECOND-GRADE MIX-UP

Author: Melissa Thomson Book Level: 4.0

LEONARDO, THE TERRIBLE MONSTER

Author: Mo Willems Book Level: 2.3

MARTINA THE BEAUTIFUL COCKROACH: A CUBAN FOLKTALE

Author: Carmen Agra Deedy Book Level: 3.1

MUDBALL

Author: Matt Tavares Book Level: 3.4

OH, THEODORE! GUINEA PIG POEMS

Author: Susan Katz Book Level: 2.3

RHYMING DUST BUNNIES

Author: Jan Thomas Book Level: 1.1

SPLAT THE CAT

Author: Rob Scotton Book Level: 1.9

THE SQUEAKY DOOR

Author: Margaret MacDonald Book Level: 1.7

TOO MANY TOYS

Author: David Shannon Book Level: 3.0

TSUNAMI!

Author: Kimiko Kajikawa Book Level: 3.4

TWO BOBBIES: A TRUE STORY OF HURRICANE KATRINA, FRIENDSHIP, AND SURVIVAL

Author: Kirby Larson Book Level: 4.2

WHEN DINOSAURS CAME WITH EVERYTHING

Author: Elise Broach Book Level: 2.5



Rebecca Caudill Young Readers' Book Award

The Rebecca Caudill Young Readers' Award is an Illinois award for outstanding literature for young people. The Award was developed to encourage children and young adults to read for personal satisfaction. Waltham will continue being part of the award selection this year.

How is the RCYR Award winner selected?

1. A master list of the 20 nominated titles are sent to participating elementary and middle schools.
2. Students in grades 4-8 who read or have read to them three or more of the nominated books on the list vote for their favorite in February.
3. Votes are sent to the award committee, which compiles the final tally.
4. The winning title is announced in March.

Who was Rebecca Caudill?

Rebecca Caudill was born in Harlan County, Kentucky in 1899. A writer of children's novels, Caudill drew her topics from her early years in the Kentucky mountains. Her first book, *Barrie and Daughter*, was published in 1943. She went on to write nineteen other books for children including *Tree of Freedom* (1949), *School House in the Woods* (1949), and *A Certain Small Shepherd* (1963). The ideas for her books came from her childhood experiences; the characters were based on people she knew in the hill country of Kentucky and Tennessee. Her children's books are especially well-known for their accurate settings and for bringing to life the lives of settlers and pioneers in 18th and 19th century America. She was honored as Illinois Author of the Year in 1972. She died in Urbana, Illinois in 1982.

The Master List for 2011:

11 BIRTHDAYS

Author: Wendy Mass Book Level: 4.1

THE ALCHEMYST: THE SECRETS OF THE ... FLAME!

Author: Michael Scott Book Level: 6.4

ALL SHOOK UP

Author: Shelley Pearsall Book Level: 5.7

THE BOY WHO DARED

Author: Susan Bartoletti Book Level: 4.9

CHAINS

Author: Laura Halse Anderson Book Level: 5.2

DIAMOND WILLOW

Author: Helen Frost Book Level: 4.3

FABLEHAVEN

Author: Brandon Mull Book Level: 4.8

FOUND

Author: Margaret Haddix Book Level: 5.0

A FRIENDSHIP FOR TODAY

Author: Patricia McKissack Book Level: 4.1

THE GREAT WIDE SEA

Author: M.H. Herlong Book Level: 4.1

THE HUNGER GAMES

Author: Suzanne Collins Book Level: 5.3

THE MAILBOX

Author: Audrey Shafer Book Level: 5.0

NOTES FROM THE MIDNIGHT DRIVER

Author: Jordan Sonnenblick Book Level: 5.5

SAVVY

Author: Ingrid Law Book Level: 6.0

SCARLETT

Author: Cathy Cassidy Book Level: 4.5

SCAT

Author: Carl Hiaasen Book Level: 5.5

SCHOOLED

Author: Gordon Korman Book Level: 4.9

TROUBLED

Author: Gary D. Schmidt Book Level: 5.7

WAITING FOR NORMAL

Author: Leslie Connor Book Level: 3.7

YELLOW STAR

Author: Jennifer Rozines Roy Book Level: 4.3





Internet Safety Presentation—

On January 26, 2011, Sarah Migas, an Internet Safety Specialist from the Illinois Attorney General’s office, will be here for two presentations. The first presentation will be at 1:30 P.M. for our 5TH-8TH grade students and the topics will be Tools for Internet Safety and Social Networking. Students will be able participate throughout the presentation and there will be a Question/Answer Time.

The second presentation will be at 6:00 P.M. for our parents/guardians and community members. We hope to see many in attendance for this worthwhile presentation. The topics will remain the same, but the tone and material presented will be adjusted accordingly. Everyone who has attended a presentation from the Illinois Attorney General’s Office has left with a great deal of information.



SIT Conference—

The 11TH Annual SIT (Students Involved with Technology) Conference will take place in various locations in Illinois on February 12, 2011. Information concerning the SIT 2011 Conference has been mailed out to those that participated last year. If you are in 6TH-8TH Grade and are interested in attending the SIT Conference, please sign the SIT Participation Sign-up sheet in your homeroom by November 24TH; I will then contact parents/guardians to confirm that there are no family or school scheduling conflicts. I would like to have our registration information submitted by December 1ST.

It is a long day—we depart from Waltham South at 6:15 A.M. and return around 3:00 P.M.— but one everyone enjoys because of their participation.

The Monarch Award: Illinois’ K-3 Children’s Choice Award

I, _____ (please print student’s first and last name), would like to participate in the Monarch program and will read 5 of the 20 selected books by February 28TH to be eligible to vote for my favorite book. Challenge—Why not read all 20 books?

I, _____ (please print student’s first and last name), would like to participate in the Monarch Rewards program and will read 5 of the 20 selected books and pass the AR quizzes on the 5 books by February 28TH to be eligible to vote for my favorite book and also be eligible for an ice cream treat served in March. Challenge—Why not read all 20 books?



Rebecca Caudill Young Readers’ Book Award (Grades 4-8)

I, _____ (please print student’s first and last name), would like to participate in the Monarch program and will read 3 of the 20 selected books by February 28TH to be eligible to vote for my favorite book. Challenge—Why not read all 20 books?

I, _____ (please print student’s first and last name), would like to participate in the Rebecca Caudill Rewards program and will read 3 of the 20 selected books and pass the AR quizzes on the 3 books by February 28TH to be eligible to vote for my favorite book and also be eligible for a pizza treat served in March. Challenge—Why not read all 20 books?



Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

Please return to Ms. Balzarini