

DALY NEWS

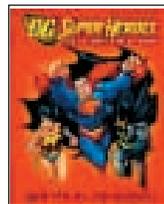
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Acclaimed Author Visits Daly

Matthew Reinhart Visits Daly

On October 17th, second and third graders at Daly were treated to a special assembly with acclaimed author and pop-up book artist Matthew Reinhart! Matthew shared a slide show including information on his background, an explanation of how pop-up books are produced, and details from many of his amazing books, including his new Star Wars; a Galactic Pop-up Adventure. Students were delighted To learn fascinating pop-up techniques and many left the assembly inspired to try out their hand at creating their own pop-up books! Students also had the opportunity to purchase autographed copies of several of Matthew Reinhart's books. This wonderful author visit was organized by the Daly library and the HSA PARP committee, and kindly sponsored by the Dolphin Bookshop.



THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

Dear Daly Families,

As we approach the holiday break, it is only natural to reflect upon some of the wonderful things that have been happening at Daly School this year. We cannot believe how quickly time is traveling as we all have fun and learn together!

Our school theme of the year, "Write On, Right On!" is off to an incredible start! This year, our students have been enjoying themselves tremendously as they become immersed in the writing process. Starting with our Daly HSA's generous donation of the book of the year, *Rocket Writes a Story*, by Tad Hills, to every classroom teacher, our theme of the year has provided our students with incredible motivation. Upon reading the book of the year, our students have become inspired to create their very own "Brainstorming Word Tree" bulletin board. This bulletin board contains student-created inspirational, pre-writing post-it messages consisting of sketches, letters, words, poems, sentences and graphic organizers. These inspirational, pre-writing post-its have been instrumental in helping our kids start their writing processes. To get our students even more excited, Tad Hills himself will be visiting Daly School on February 5th! The famed author has even told us that he cannot wait to see the bulletin board that our wonderful students have created after becoming inspired by his book!



As I am sure you are already aware from talking to your children at home, Bobby the Bookworm is back! Once again, we are off and running with our reading initiative, "The Daly Bookworms." Our Daly Bookworms mascot has returned to Daly to challenge our students to read as much as possible and we are all ecstatic about it! He has been growing around our school as our students read at a record's pace already! Our goal this year is to read 75,000 minutes in 3 weeks as a school building and our kids are already well on their way to accomplishing that goal! I want to thank our amazing HSA and our incredible PARP Committee for all of their help in making this initiative so successful. I would also like to thank all of our dedicated Daly Families for supporting our initiative at home. We have been having a ton of fun, while fostering motivation in the area independent reading!

As we overcome the devastating effects of Super Storm Sandy, we take pride in sticking together and helping each other through difficult times. We take on the same philosophy here at Daly School, knowing that it takes an entire school community working together to fully and properly educate a child. With that being said, I would like to thank all members of our Daly School community for their dedication, perseverance and hard work in helping our students to grow socially, emotionally and academically. With all of us working together with the same goal and the talents of our amazing students, the future is very bright! We are off to a fantastic start for the 2012-2013 school year!

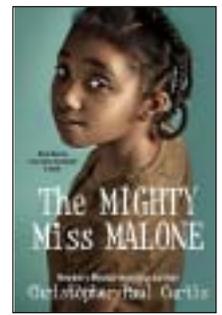
To all of the members of our Daly Family, I wish you all a safe and enjoyable holiday season and continued success in the New Year!

Sincerely,
Mr. Graves

LIBRARY NEWS

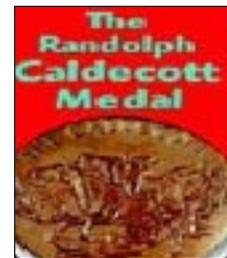
Battle of the Books

The Daly library has organized a special reading program for our 4th and 5th graders this year. After an introduction to 10 high quality fiction titles in the library, students are challenged to read the books independently or with a parent at home. Those who complete the reading will be invited to participate in a “Battle of the Books” trivia contest where they will form teams and compete against each other to answer questions based on the books. The winners will receive a prize and all participants will be treated to a pizza party in the library at the end of the year. For more information on The Battle of the Books, please contact Mrs. Pinto at 767-5216.



The Caldecott Challenge

Every year in January, the American Library Association announces the winners of the prestigious Caldecott Medal, an award offered for the most distinguished picture books of the year. In conjunction with a study of the Caldecott Medal in the library, 2nd graders at Daly have the opportunity to take the “Caldecott Challenge.” Armed with a checklist of the gold medal winning books from 1938 to the present, students set out to read as many Caldecott books as they can from now until the end of the year. Students who meet their goal will receive a certificate and a prize, and will be invited to the library for a group photo as they are inducted into the “Caldecott Hall of Fame.” For more information on the Caldecott Challenge, please contact Mrs. Pinto at the Daly Library 767-5216.



NEWS FROM GUIDANCE



It has been a wonderful kick off to the 2012-2013 school year and my first year here at Daly Elementary. We started the year with introductory lessons and read aloud in all classrooms so the kids could meet their new guidance counselor. In October we focused a lot on learning about the new Dignity Act and what it means for our school community. Hurricane Sandy kept us away from school a little but it made us stronger as a community and we came together as a school to put together Thanksgiving Baskets for our community. Each classroom created a basket and we delivered 26 baskets of food to families in need this year. Currently we are running a toy drive for the holidays and a coat drive for our school community.

NOTE FROM THE HSA CO-PRESIDENTS

Dear Daly Families,

As we all “Fall” back into our routines, we want to invite YOU, our Daly families to get involved and share your talents! Check out our committees listed in the blue Directory or on the Daly H.S.A. webpage (www.dalyhsa.org), under Committee Descriptions, to find out how you can help. We hope to have as many parents as possible become a part of this wonderful new school year. We are excited for several new programs and events this year, such as BACK TO SCHOOL MIXER, INTERNATIONAL DINNER, and PARP (PARENTS AS READING PARTNERS). With the support of our wonderful teachers, paraprofessionals and administrative staff, our kids have already made a terrific transition from the carefree days of summer to Daly’s 2012-2013 school year.

Our year kicked off with a BACK TO SCHOOL MIXER, which was fun for all. Children and parents got to reconnect with friends and make some new ones. It was a great night, full of dancing and playing, and we would like to thank Cathy Saunders for chairing this wonderful event. Also, September means our annual Pride in Port celebration with the Daly children and parents marching in the parade down Main Street. Thanks to Milton Josephs for organizing our involvement!!

The Daly H.S.A would like to thank everyone for a spectacular OPEN HOUSE NIGHT. Between the new Dalywear choices (thanks to Jennifer Coccarelli and Tonya Romero) and a wonderful program of events organized by the school, parents and staff reported feeling an overwhelming sense of enthusiasm and vibrancy

which was felt by all who attended! This night would not have been a success if it hadn’t been for the hard work of many, many volunteers!! THANK YOU!!

The Class Parent Tea gave class parents and teachers the opportunity to meet and discuss the upcoming year. Thank you to all the class parents for volunteering their time to help support the teachers, as you are valuable liaisons between the teachers and the Daly H.S.A. Also, we would like to thank Brynn Klein and Talia Senders, Class Parents VPs, for organizing such a lovely afternoon!

Thanks to our Rebates co-chairs, Heather Garfin and Sheryl Spring, we all can shop at and earn money for our school by simply enrolling our cards at STOP and SHOP and TARGET, or returning BOX TOPS to the office. To learn more, please check out our Daly website for step-by-step instructions to enroll. Another way your purchases can benefit Daly is through the SCRIPT GIFT CARD program, run by Loren Lieberman and Alison Paltowitz. By choosing to purchase retail gift cards through the H.S.A., rather than from the retailer directly, a dedicated percentage is given right back to Daly, with no additional costs to you.

In these challenging economic times, we know you have a choice of where to spend your money and a right to know that it is being used wisely. Simply said, all the money raised is given right back to Daly, for the KIDS. Thanks to the efforts of so many hardworking parents and staff, the HSA was able to make the following contributions to the school: - Three new pieces



School Mixer



Pride in Port

for the Avenue C playground, which will complete this initiate- Scholarships for musical instrument rentals now that school has started - Curriculum enrichment at every grade level - Planners for third, fourth and fifth graders. - One Smartboard for general classroom use.

We are proud to announce the theme for the year, "WRITE ON, RIGHT ON!" This theme will be explored in a variety of different ways over the course of the year, culminating in the activities of Specials Week in February, and will hopefully engage our children in developing a love of writing and understanding the power of the written word.

Fall at Daly would not also be complete without several tried and true events. The Pumpkin Sale, held on a beautiful fall day, was a huge success thanks to the efforts of Marianne McCoy and Dana Rochester, and their team of volunteers. A love of reading is always encouraged at Daly but was especially true with our Bookfair. Congratulations to Lucy Day, Barbara Minadeo, Wendy Sinnet and Debbie Nelson for a great week! We all look forward to seeing our children's class pictures change from year to year and huge thanks go to Lauren Neches and Yuri Weber for working on this year's Picture Day. Lastly, thank you to Katie Bellomo and Jodi Okun- Alfano for a spooktacular Halloween themed Bingo night for all the children. Fun was had by all!!

As the holidays are approaching, an enormous thanks to our wonderful Fundraising VPS, Stefanie Hiller, Laura McMillian, Katie Weinstein and Lee Rosenberg,

for organizing our annual Ladies' Night Out! The event was a lovely evening of shopping, eating and socializing!! Thanks again!! Also, we don't want to forget the dads who organize a wonderful Dad's Night Out, so thank you to Lou Martinez and Paul Higgins. Additionally, a big thanks goes to Heather Garfin and Lauren Furstenberg for running our Gift Wrap fundraiser, which was a huge success this year!! Lastly, thank you to Angela Krayeski and Rhina Arevalo for organizing our Holiday Boutique, which allows are children to buy gifts for the ones they love!

This fall was one for the history books as Super Storm Sandy hit Long Island, leaving a path of destruction in its wake. It was a trying time for our Daly family with power outages lasting for some up to 13 days and damage to homes and property. However, it was amazing to see and hear how Daly families helped each other during this time with hot food, beverages, showers and sometimes a warm bed to sleep in. And above all, with so much craziness in our own lives, when asked to help a school in Oceanside, the outpouring of generosity by our Daly families was tremendous. This is what makes Daly so special to all of us!! Again thank you, thank you, and thank you!!

With warm regards, we thank you and encourage you to email or call us with any concerns.

Have a safe and festive Holiday Season!
Melissa Vissicchio and Jennifer Mannion
Daly HSA Co-Presidents

Daly's Treats for Troops collection shipped 90 pounds of candy and about 350 cards to our troops. Daly's Junior Girl Scouts did a great job with all of the sorting and packing.



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Freshdaly

The place to catch up with all of Daly's Green initiatives

Conservation – Nutrition – Health

We had a fantastic fall planting season at the Daly Organic Garden with many classes and parent volunteers working side by side. Our friends at local PW non-profit, Environmental Grassroots brought us bags of fresh compost, packs of seeds, and some young seedlings to get us started. Kids from K through 5th came out to help us prepare the beds, plant and harvest a wide variety of fall veggies.

Visit our garden and you will be amazed at what you see;

First Bed (Closest to the Daly building); in the front, we have some beet plants still growing. The back of this bed was once lush with kale plants. We have since harvested and enjoyed the bounty. The kids LOVE the kale chips!

Bed #2 Our Cauliflower plants have grown quite big from the little seedlings we planted, but no cauliflower yet. If we continue to have such a mild winter, we might get some yet!

Bed #3 Our Green leaf lettuce continues to grow here. Classes trimmed and enjoyed these leaves in yummy beautiful colorful salad greens.

Bed #4 We have a variety of red and green leaf lettuce here. This entire bed grew from seed and gave us beautiful colorful salad greens.

Bed #5 This bed was overflowing with Spinach and Kale which we planted from seed. We got so many of these plants that we had classes take some home and other move plants into emptier beds.

Bed #6 More red leaf lettuce here! And still growing. There is also an oregano bush here and some fennel that started from seed in the back. We got so many that the fennel has since overtaken Bed #7 as well.

Bed #7 We started the season with strawberries and tomatoes ripening in the front. And have ended it with a whole lot of fennel, rosemary and sage. ‘Guess the herb’ was a favorite game among the kids.

The teachers were incredible in their support of the garden and that enthusiasm really showed in each class that came out to help. Our kids have learned a lot about the benefit of organic produce, composting, and gardening. But best of all they are really enjoying their vegetables – in conjunction with the Green Committee, we featured some of our harvest at a “farmer’s market” on the Daly blacktop. The kids were given samples of Kale Chips, spinach rolls, white bean dip with herbs, pizza with fresh oregano, rosemary potatoes, and a massive tray of black bean and kale brownies (which disappeared really fast!)

We can't wait to see what our spring planting brings! If you are interested in volunteering please email sheila-hay@gmail.com.





BIRTHDAY BOOK PROGRAM

**Commemorate your child's birthday.
Teach the importance of giving.
Give the joy of reading to our Daly Students!**

For your child's birthday send a book to school along with a note that it is being donated to the library. Books can be donated to the Daly Library any time throughout the year so if your child's birthday has passed, you can do it now! Your child will get to deliver it to Mrs. Pinto (our Librarian), who will enter your child's name on the special birthday book plate and add it to the Birthday Book Collection. A picture of your child donating their book will be taken. New for 2013...look for a birthday book bulletin board where these pictures will be proudly displayed! For book suggestions, visit the Daly website, click on Library Media Center and then Birthday Book Suggestions. Also, a library birthday book "wish list", containing recommended titles to purchase for the Birthday Book collection, will be sent home to you.

Birthday Book Donations September-December 2012: Ellie Hattem, Jackson Dietrich, Julia Martinez, Noah Shafranck, Riley Funk, Rorey Gaff, Tessa Timpone, Anthony Cooper, Carter Fritz, Dara Stulberg, Robert Higgins, Dante DelVecchio, Jack Rothenberg, Leo Siskind, Zachary Tessler, Jack Senders, Julia Garfin, Alexa Saur, Gabriel Furstenberg, Holly Simon, Sailor Engel, Ava Silverstein, Camryn Neches, Emma Allen, Matthew Hillman, Sam Rothenberg, Thomas Day, Ziad Ashmawy, Zoe Edelblum, Jack McMillan, Jesse Nelson, Sarina Scaffidi, Danielle Hiller, Emily Gross, Ethan Rotko, Hunter Alfano, Jonah Nissan, Noah Klein, Zachary Stulberg, Avery Klein, Braidy Lipset, Juan Saravin, Colin Funk, Luke DePalma, Miles Engel, Parker Mannion, Spencer Klein, Anabella Lee, Abbie Garfin, Abigail Chicoy, Emma Schor, Jacob Nissan, Nate Senders, Ryan Barry, Zachary Ryan, Ben Rotko, Daniel Haas, Kyle Sinett, Emma Weston, Erika Saur, Larissa Scaffidi, Remi Haas, Ali Martinez, Avery Mannion, Madeline Hiller, Brian Winters, Michael Barry

THANKS TO ALL WHO DONATED AT THE BOOK FAIR!

DALY SNIPPETS

What's happened this year so far..

- Friday, 9/14 The Back to School Mixer
- Saturday, 9/29 Pride in the Port Parade
- Friday, 10/12 Daly Digger Pumpkin Sale
- Tuesday, 10/16 Picture Day
- Friday, 10/19 Bingo Night at the Guggenheim Cafetorium
- Monday, 10/22 Dad's Night Out with Salem Elementary
- Monday, 10/22-26 Book Fair
- Wednesday, 10/24 Daly Reading Night
- Wednesday, 11/28 Ladies Night Out
- Friday, 12/7 Ladies Boutique



Daly Reading Night

What's coming up in the New Year !!!!!

- Friday, 1/11** Daly Talent Show – See students perform song, dance and other creative performances which takes place at the Guggenheim Cafetorium.
- Saturday, 1/12** Pizza Day – Stay tuned for details.
- Friday, 1/25** Daly Social – Our biggest fundraising event of the year. Casino Night dinner, dancing to benefit Daly Technology Fund. Held at the Westbury Manor.
- Monday, 2/4-8** Specials Week – Themed enrichment program with activities for each grade during the week. A Special Family Night is planned for Thursday, February 7th .

DALY SPORT CORNER



by Jonah Hirschwerk



Mr. Atkinson-Fantasy Football Freak!

Welcome back to school sports fans! Today I'm sharing my interview with one of our coolest and sportiest teachers at Daly: Mr. Atkinson!

I was lucky enough to have Mr. Atkinson as a teacher for two years: in Kindergarten and First Grade. We always talked about-what else?....sports! Today I will be reporting on Mr. Atkinson's love of football and the trials and tribulations of his fantasy football team. Mr. Atkinson remembers that his favorite team to watch on TV when he was a boy was the 1985 Chicago Bears. They were Super Bowl champions and he loved to watch Walter Payton.

Fantasy Football is an online game where you pick real NFL players from different teams and positions and earn points based on how they do during the real games of the week. Mr. Atkinson has two teams and I have one. We are always talking together about our fantasy teams.

Mr. Atkinson does fantasy because it is an exciting way to spend quality time with friends. Mr. Atkinson has two leagues: one with friends from childhood and another with friends from the gym. His first league's record is a respectable 7 wins and 6 losses. On the other hand, his second league...well....let's just say it's pretty awful: 3 wins and 10 losses. Mine kind of stinks, too! I'm 4 and 9!

Here's a little bit about Mr. Atkinson's teams. His best and dominant player is Marshwan Lynch, the running back for the Seattle Seahawks. Lynch is an exciting player to watch and he's always reliable to score points.

Mr. Atkinson enjoys analyzing the game, and loves to check on his teams throughout the week. One problem is that when players on his team get injured, there's nothing he can do about it. The 2009 season was his best season, next to winning the championship in 2010. 2009 was great because it was his first time ever in the playoffs and he had Tennessee Titan's Running Back, Chris Johnson who rushed for 2,000 yards.

Next year, Mr. Atkinson is hoping to bounce back and show his leagues that he's got mad fantasy skills. If he has the first pick in next year's draft, he would choose the Houston Texan's Running Back, Arian Foster.

I had so much fun interviewing one of my favorite teachers! Even though I'll be in Weber next year, I really hope Mr. Atkinson and I can still keep in touch with the uncontrollable game of fantasy football. Maybe I'll join his gym so that I can get into his fantasy league!