

DALY Intel

Daly Kids Ride Trolleys!

Science Fair Declared a Hit!

Daly Students Vicariously Handle Sharks!

Prolific PEP Program Produces Pensive Pupils!

HSA Creates Tree of Knowledge!

Three Popular Teachers Retire :’(

DALY ELEMENTARY HOLDS ITS ANNUAL SCIENCE FAIR

On June 9, 2011, 74 third, fourth and fifth grade students at Daly Elementary School “manned” 34 projects at Daly’s Annual Science Fair, this year entitled Dalyland Amusement Park, because of its theme. The event was organized and hosted by Daly’s Compact Committee. All Daly students and their families had the opportunity to visit the fair and took “turns” enjoying all of the model rides and attractions in addition to playing all of the inventive amusement park games.

The junior scientists, some working alone and others in pairs or groups of three or four, conceived of and built models of amusement park rides and attractions, many of which had working electrical component, such as lights, sound or movement. While the rides were not required to actually work (although many of them did!), the students had to demonstrate how the ride would work. In conceiving and designing their projects, the students were asked to consider and incorporate principles of science, and be prepared to demonstrate how those principals affected their rides and attractions. Among those that were demonstrated are pulleys, levers, ramps, electrical circuits, switches, batteries and gravity. The children not only had a blast designing and demonstrating their projects, but they learned, hands-on, how these principles of science work.

The “rides” featured were numerous roller coasters with water slides, twists, spins, bridges, tunnels and/or tubes. There was also a “World Series” centrifuge-based spinning ride, a haunted mansion ride, an incredible dinosaur park, car racing, glow in the dark and bubble making ferris wheels, and more.

All of the rides were made with household items and old toys, including Legos, K’nex, recycled materials, and other found items. One student, Alvin Abreu (pictured below), a fourth grader and creator of the Prehistoric Park attraction, handmade numerous replicas of dinosaurs out of clay and was well-versed in all of the dinosaur names and important details about them. His artistic ability, creativity and passion for dinosaurs was truly one of the highlights of the event. Alvin stated, “I felt confident working on my science project because I participated in doing something that’s more important than going outside and playing. Working on the Science Fair Project was fantastic and outstanding. When I was making my dinosaurs I became so attached to my science project that I wanted to add more detail. I felt proud of myself for participating in the Science Fair.”

Daly’s Compact Committee is thrilled with the success of its Science Fair and has already begun discussions regarding next year’s theme. “It was the highlight of my experience on the committee to see the animated and energized faces of the Science Fair participants. This event was all about getting kids excited about hands-on learning, allowing them to use their creativity to learn important concepts, and watching as they demonstrated and explained their project with pride” commented Lisa Epstein, a member of the Compact Committee. Principal Drew Graves said “All of the science projects were well thought out and created with great care. Students put in the time to create amazing projects. It is the tremendous effort of our students participating in this year’s Science Fair that made this event such a great one. We are so proud of our students!”



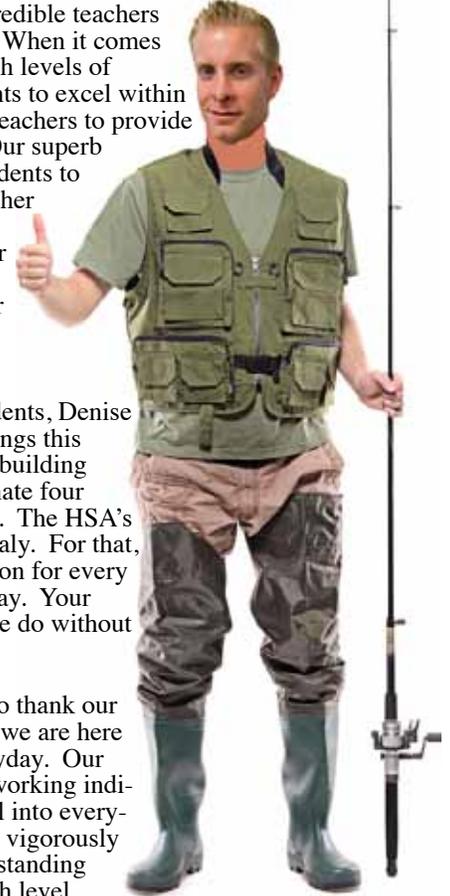
THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

Dear Parents,

With the end of the school year quickly approaching, there are many people to thank. First, I want to thank all of the members of our Daly School community for accepting me into the Daly family. This is a wonderful school filled with amazing students, parents, teachers and staff members. You have all made me feel at home very quickly, and I thank you all for that tremendous honor and privilege. Daly School is a great place to call home and there is no other place that I would rather be!

I would like to thank our phenomenal Daly Staff for an amazing school year. Our incredible teachers worked so hard this year. Their dedication and work ethic never ceases to amaze me. When it comes to helping our kids, our teachers always go the extra mile and give it their all. The high levels of preparation, collaboration and common planning this year has really helped our students to excel within their academic areas. Implementation of character education techniques allowed our teachers to provide pivotal social and emotional support to our students, helping them grow as citizens. Our superb school psychologist and guidance counselor have also provided key support to our students to help achieve these goals. Our wonderful paraprofessionals continuously worked together to keep our students safe and happy throughout our school building. Our marvelous custodians took pride in keeping our school building clean and safe from hazards. Our extraordinary secretaries help to make sure that day-to-day operations run smoothly. Their attention to detail and organizational skills facilitated a smooth school year. Our spectacular nurse took proactive measures to inform our staff of medical concerns and worked everyday to keep our students in good health.

I would also like to thank our amazing HSA. Through the leadership of our Co-Presidents, Denise DePalma and Lilie Charno, the HSA has been able to accomplish some remarkable things this school year. The HSA's efforts to raise funds have helped lead the way in starting the building of a new playground for the students of Daly. This year, the HSA was also able to donate four SmartBoards to Daly School, supporting the integration of technology within learning. The HSA's efforts have led to many amazing programs, events and activities for the students of Daly. For that, I am extremely grateful. I would like to take this time to offer my immense appreciation for every HSA member, chair, executive board member and supporter for all that you do everyday. Your dedication to our kids and our school is truly heart-warming. We could not do what we do without your help!



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Last, but certainly not least, I would like to thank our remarkable students. They are the reason we are here and they continually inspire all of us everyday. Our students are perhaps some of the hardest working individuals that I have seen. They put their all into everything that they do. Not only do they work vigorously in all academic areas, our students are outstanding citizens as well. Our students exude a high level of citizenship and are always willing to lend a helping hand. Their high levels of volunteerism has led to donations and offering of assistance to people in the community and around the world who are in need of help. In the realm of technology, our students have shared amazing interactions with other students and people all over the world through the use of video-conferencing. They continually, “Step Up to the Plate,” and we are a better school because of it! They have made us all very proud. The sky is the limit for our students and we cannot wait to see the great things that they will accomplish in the future!

As this school year comes to a close, I wish you all a healthy and happy summer! Remember to keep education in all of your family trips and fun events that you are involved in during the summer. Encourage your children to read over the break and enjoy the summer recess!

Sincerely,

Drew Graves



HSA President's Letter

Dear Daly Families,

June...is here and we have had a very busy and productive year! Overall, Daly had an amazing year! It is because of ALL of the efforts our community that we can take pride and revel in the success of 2010-11! We are so excited that our kids had another year of amazing enrichment, ranging from exciting field trips to the purchase of FOUR NEW SMART BOARDS, an imaginative Science Fair and our groundbreaking plans to install Phase I of our NEW PLAYGROUND THIS SUMMER! These accomplishments could not have been achieved without everyone in our community "stepping up to the plate" and becoming an agent of change and enrichment for our kids. We cannot say it enough, thank you everyone for helping to enrich our kids' lives, DAILY. This year's theme, "Daly Steps Up to the Plate" could not have been more true, as everyone, teachers, parents and administrators, stepped up and contributed and hit a Home run for the team!



Students used videoconferencing equipment to communicate with divers in Australia!

Although it seems like ages ago, Nutrition Week and Specials Week in April were huge hits thanks to co-chairs **Sheryl Spring, Jennifer Mannion** and **Jasmine Maglione** who planned an incredible evening of programs, that included a teleconferencing chat with divers in Australia!

We got into the spirit of Earth Day with our Daly Diggers Spring Plant Sale on May 6. The day was beautiful as were the flowers, herbs and plants that were sold. Thanks to **Trish Class** and **Mary Thompson** and their team of volunteers for coordinating this annual fundraiser. May was intense as our kids and teachers had testing, and then our wonderful Staff Appreciation Luncheon, which allows us the opportunity to thank the wonderful staff at Daly that nurtures our kids. A big Thank you to our Chairs, **Susan Edelblum** and **Helene Glassman**! We also got to move our bodies and exercise with traditional events like Project ACES, which had to be held inside for the first time in several years. Even so, spirits were not dampened and our children came home telling us of the many dances and routines they have come to enjoy!

BUDGET BRIGADE- We would like to thank everyone who came out to help support the Budget. Whether you helped pass out flyers, spoke to neighbors about the importance of voting for the budget or just voted, we want to thank you for helping make a difference in our children's continued educational growth.

At the May HSA Meeting, we voted in the 2011-2012 Executive Board.:

Co-Presidents; **Lilie Charno & Melissa Vissicchio** ; Vice- President **Jennifer Mannion** ; Past President; **Denise DePalma**; Treasurer; **Talia Senders**; Class Parent VP's- **Randi Schor & Brynn Klein** : Recording Secretary; **Anjana Mohan**; Corresponding Secretary: **Adrienne Saur** , Fundraising Chairs; **Stefanie Hiller, Lee Martinez, Ann-Marie Bullaro** and **Katie Weinstein**; Fifth Grade Chairs: **Lisa Vella & Lori Spier**. Please join us in welcoming these committed individuals to the HSA Board.

June started off with a terrific Cultural Arts event, Congo to Brazil! Nego Gato: Afro-Brazilian Music and Dance Ensemble. Thank-you to our Cultural Arts Chairs: **Michele Posner and Kiran Saraon**, along with their committee, for their year-long efforts in bringing wonderfully diverse cultural arts events to the students at Daly. Daly's own talented performers charmed audiences during both the Beginners Concert (June 9) and the Spring Concert (May 26). I know you all share in our gratitude to **Dr. Addeo, Mrs. Field** and **Mr. Prindle** for teaching our children the gift of music! Music continued to be an unofficial theme for June when the Fifth Graders took a trip to NYC as part of their moving-up celebration to see "Spiderman, Out of the Darkness on June 8th". The trip was a wonderfully enriching experience for the children, We are very grateful for our amazing chairs, **Hilary Fox** and **Joanne Sica** and their amazing team, for all their efforts which will culminate with the Moving Up Ceremony and Graduation Party on June 22rd. A summer night at Daly is never complete without the annual Carnival, held on June 16h. This fun-filled evening could not have happened without **Nichole Guzzello** and **Lori Currier** and the team of volunteers, including over 35 Schreiber Key Club members! Another great example of the community effort that defines Daly and Port Washington! Thank you for helping make this annual event something to look forward to. The Compact Committee brought us another unique event in the form of a Science Fair held on June 9th, celebrating both the creativity and scientific inquisitiveness of our Daly kids! With our organic garden continuing to blossom, the children embrace their commitment to nature and sustain their dedication to reducing, recycling and reusing for the sake of our planet! We wish you a wonderful and very relaxing Summer of 2011!



Warmest regards, Denise Depalma & Lilie Charno

Field Day 2011



Watch out! These girls mean business! Pictured: Abbie Garfin, Erika Saur and Aniyah Cox



Aaron Waxman, Sam Sanders and Zach Leonard (at anchor) get ready for their turn at the tug-of-war



Nate Senders clearly exhibits an "Eye of the Tiger" attitude in this foot race. Go Nate Go!



Brianna Vissichio leads the race this time.



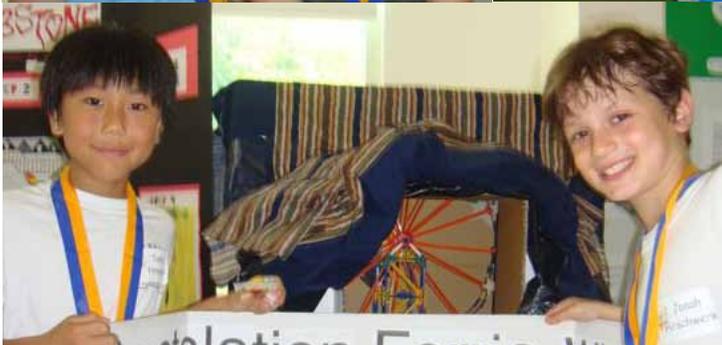
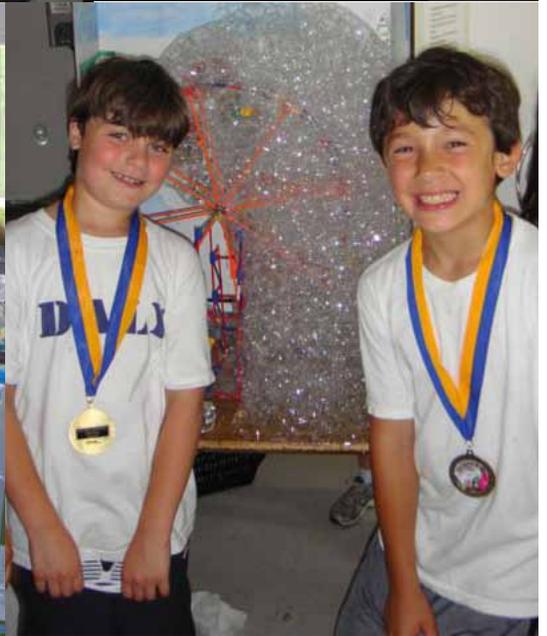
Hello? Hello? Fun was had by all on Field day! Pictured: Ella Saunders and Erika Saur.



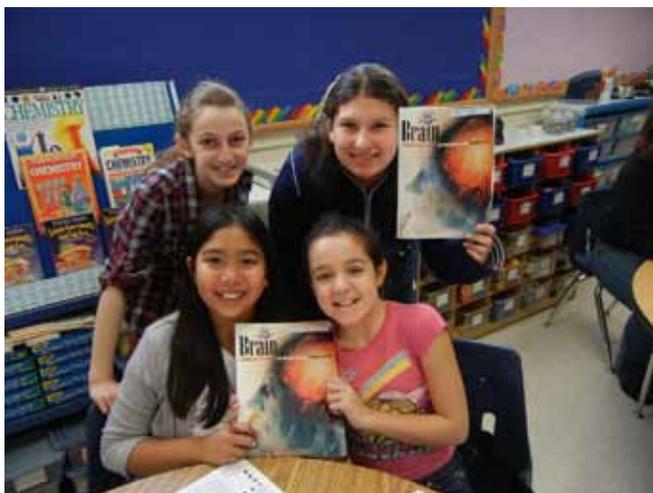
Samantha Fried exhibits flawless execution on the Sponge Run!

Field Day Rocks!

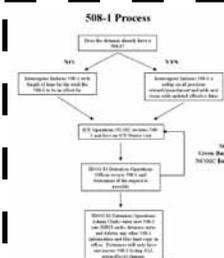
SHE BLINDED ME WITH SCIENCE!



Fifth Graders Exercise Their Brains By Studying Brains in PEP!



D A L Y S N I P P E T S



HSA Committee Procedure Library (aka Tree of Knowledge)

Committee chairs can now access a Procedure Library to help them plan HSA events. The library provides quick and easy access to the documents they need, which eliminates recreating everything each year! The link to the Procedure Library is on the lower left side of the Daly HSA homepage. After typing in a password, committee chairs can download the procedures, flyers, signage, budgets, invitations, letters, schedules, booklets, meeting minutes, guides, and other documents used for events. Committee chairs that need access can contact Adrienne Saur at adrienne@atsaur.com.



Good night, good night! Parting is such sweet sorrow!

This year we say good-bye to three long admired teachers. Mrs. Bracchi, Mrs. Milazzo and Mrs. Teepee. After decades of dedication, they have announced their retirements. We will miss them and wish them luck with all of their future endeavours.

PEP's Year of Non-Stop Enrichment!

The school-wide enrichment program at Daly School was filled with exciting units this year! This included the introduction and integration of our new SMART BOARDS throughout the program!

Kindergarten children completed a six week scientific observation unit. Students used magnifying glasses and microscopes to complete a variety of observations. They even got to use Daly's new state-of-the-art digital PRO-SCOPE.

First grade classes studied the three classical states of matter known as Solids, Liquids, and Gases. Their studies included instructional videos and hand-on experiments.

Second grade classes completed a six week crime scene investigation (CSI). Dr. Virgillio was the PEP Forensic Lab director, students gathered evidence to solve the crime that had taken place. Tasks involved using observation skills, fingerprinting, analyzing evidence and the writing investigation reports. This is always one of the favorite units!



Third graders analyzed the crime scene to figure out "Who borrowed Mr. Bear"

Third grade classes visited the PEP room for several weeks and completed a wide variety of critical thinking tasks. These tasks allowed students to use their originality and flexible thinking skills including focus on visual/spatial and perceptual skills. Each week introduced a different "thinking" type of activity!

Fourth grade classes developed strong math problem solving skills during a six week unit introducing the "Math Olympiads" program. Many interested students continued to tackle the 2010-2011 Math Olympiads monthly contests during the school year. Special congratulations to the students with the highest scores in 4th grade (Zachary Gruber) and 5th grade (Julia Kim).

Fifth grade students participated in a unit called "Multiple Intelligences and the Brain". As part of our study, students learned about Howard Gardner's Theory of Multiple Intelligences. They include: logical/mathematical, verbal/linguistic, visual/spatial, bodily/kinesthetic, interpersonal, intrapersonal, naturalistic, musical/rhythmic, and existential.

PEP Challenge Workshops

One hundred twenty students in grades 3 and 4 participated in Challenge Workshops this year. Each workshop lasted for six weeks and took place at lunch/recess time. A variety of topics were explored this year, including Games Galore, Daly Publishers, Computer Cartooning, Mystery Science, Science Lab, The Thrill of 3D, Creative Inventions, and Digital Photography!

The Daly PEP room is definitely a great place for our students to visit and learn!

Daly News Announces New Contributing Columnist!



The Daly News is pleased to announce that noted architect, marine biologist and importer/exporter, Art Vandelay has joined the Daly news as a contributing columnist. His column, "Ask Art" will debut in next year's fall edition and will cover a variety of topics. "I am humbled by all of the great feedback on my appearance in the last issue and look forward to working with the team," said Art.

CROSSTALK



Well it's almost here, the end of another school year. I would like to congratulate and say good-bye to the graduating fifth graders. I hope you do well in middle school. I'll miss you all.

I would like to thank all the parents who cooperated and followed the drop off and pick up rules. Next year we will renew our efforts to get you in and out quickly and safely.

I hope you all have a safe and enjoyable summer. I will look forward to seeing you again next September.

Sandy

Birthday Book Program

On 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 Ms. Jacobs (our Librarian), who will enter your child's name on the special birthday book plate and add it to the Birthday Book Collection. For book suggestions, visit the Daly website, click on Library Media Center and then Birthday Book Suggestions.

Contact: Lee Martinez
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Thank you to everyone who donated to the Daly School Library during the 2010-2011 school year!!!

Hunter Alfano Angela Ahmed
Braidy Lipset Arthur Kapinos
Zachary Stulberg Samuel Rothenberg
Daniel Salvatierra Carley Schor
Caroline Filorimo Madeline Hiller





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

Conservation - Nutrition - Health

DALY STUDENTS STEP UP TO THE PLATE FOR A TROLLEY

The Daly Elementary School HSA created a week in April themed, "Take Responsibility – Step Up to the Plate." Activities encouraged students and their families to step up to the plate to create a happier, healthier and more sustainable future.

Third and fourth graders received an assembly by Executive Director of Residents For A More Beautiful Port Washington and Co-Chair of the Daly Green Committee Mindy Germain on creating a more sustainable environment in Port Washington. Mindy educated the students on many important initiatives the Town of North Hempstead, Residents For A More Beautiful Port Washington, The Port Washington School District and other groups have taken including the dredging of Mill Pond, clean up of Sheets Creek, Clean Green Main Street, Tree-11, no pesticide policy on school grounds, organic gardens and the increasing presence of a trolley on Main Street.

Some students took a particular interest in the trolley and wrote letters to their Town Supervisor Jon Kaiman and Councilman Fred Pollack advocating for the trolley to continue, and perhaps run more often. Clara LaCorte's letter stated, "A trolley would save money by not buying gas for cars." Sally Hirschwerk's letter stated, "people will make new friends on the trolley."

Gabriel Germain's letter stated, "a trolley would reduce pollution." Ben Siskind's letter stated, "a trolley would reduce the amount of carbon dioxide, making a healthier environment." Michael's letter stated, "it would give more people jobs, and it would be cool as well." Nikki's letter stated, "it would be easier to get from place to place." Jonah Hirschwerk's letter stated, "people would get more exercise getting to and from the trolley."

Councilman Pollack was so moved by the letters that he invited the students to ride the trolley with him and the Executive Director of the Greater Port Washington Business Improvement District Roy Smitheimer on June 2 at the final Spring Fling event of the season. Councilman Pollack had each student read their letter to him. At the end the Councilman stated, "I am so impressed with your passion and commitment to creating a more sustainable future in Port Washington. Government is most effective when citizens and elected officials work together."

"When these children grow up I hope the trolley is a permanent fixture, so they can tell their children it was because they took responsibility and stepped up to the plate for what they believed in," stated Mindy Germain.



Left To Right Bottom : Benjamin Siskind, Eric Epstein, Clara LaCorte, Gabriel Germain, Jonah Hirschwerk , Michael Friedland, Sally Hirschwerk, Jacob Boico. Left To Right Top: Mindy Germain, Fred Pollack, Roy Smitheimer, Trolley Driver

HSA Goes Paperless!

As part of the Daly HSA's efforts to save money and "go green", we're trying to go paperless! Earlier this spring class parents surveyed their classes to find out which Daly families no longer want to receive the blue HSA flyers and instead only get emails from the HSA about events and announcements.

Approximately 220 Daly families have decided to go paperless! This will help the HSA save hundreds of dollars next year that we can use for programs and events for our kids.

For families that didn't get a chance to respond to their class parents, there's still time to go paperless! Just email Adrienne Saur at adrienne@atsaur.com and let her know the names and grades of your child(ren), your email address(es), and that you want to go paperless!