

Spring Edition

# DALY NEWS

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RUBY BRIDGES! PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE SPRING FEVER DALY FORMAL SANDY'S UPDATE BOWLING!



## DALY Intel

Daly Social A Huge Success!

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## Civil Rights Icon Preaches Tolerance

Ruby Bridges, who became a pioneer of integration at 6, tells students of segregation's cruelty; 'evil comes in all shapes and colors.'

Ruby Bridges, who became a symbol of the civil rights movement as a first-grader in 1960, Thursday called on Port Washington students to look beyond people's skin color.

Speaking to an audience at Paul D. Schreiber High



School, Bridges recounted the highly charged days in New Orleans when she was surrounded by U.S. marshals as one of the first pupils to defy segregationists and attend a formerly all-white school in the South. "I was thrust into the middle of this," she said, recalling the confusion of a 6-year-old as she was escorted past jeering crowds of whites. On the first day, she said, white parents pulled more than 500 pupils from the William Frantz Elementary School rather than have them take classes with her.

Bridges, whose story was made into a 1998 TV movie, recalled with affection Barbara Henry, who taught little Ruby as her only student that tumultuous year. If it hadn't been for the caring white teacher, Bridges said, she would emerged as a different person.

The two were reunited several years ago on the "Oprah Winfrey Show." Bridges recalled that not all the heroes of the civil rights struggle were black. Among the martyrs of the civil rights movements, she noted were James Chaney, Michael Schwerner and Andrew Goodman, one black and two whites. They were murdered in 1964 in Mississippi.

"Evil comes in all shapes and colors," she said.

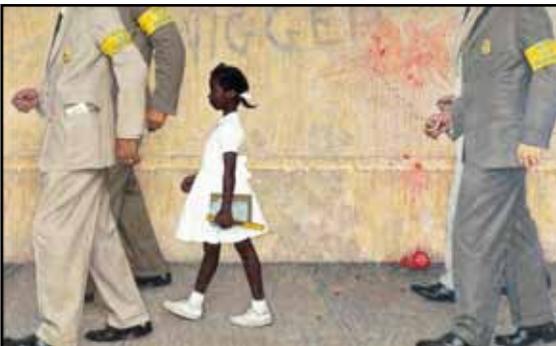
Bridges also spoke to pupils at Daly Elementary School Thursday through a grant arranged by the Port Washington Education Foundation. She was scheduled to visit Guggenheim Elementary on Friday. Artist Norman Rockwell helped to burn the image of Ruby Bridges in the national consciousness with his painting "The Problem We All Live With."

Bridges challenged students to look beyond the surface when they meet people. "You should never judge someone by the color of their skin," she said.



Elaine Ajello PWEF rep (former Principal, Daly), Ms. Kris Murphy Schreiber Art Teacher and Marisa DeMarco Schreiber Art Teachers and PWEF Grant recipients, which hosted Ruby Bridge's visit. Mr. Drew Graves, Daly Principal Credit PWEF

By Ken Schacter, patch.com March 18, 2011



## Did you know?

It wasn't until Ruby Bridges was an adult that she even knew that she was the subject of a famous Norman Rockwell painting, "The Problem We All Live With" (left) or written about in John Steinbeck's *Travel's with Charley*. She's also the subject of a picture book entitled *The Story of Ruby Bridges* by Robert Coles, who was her child psychiatrist at the time and a Disney movie called *Ruby Bridges*. This was was an amazing opportunity for the students at Daly to learn about U.S. history, civil rights and tolerance.

# THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE

Dear Daly Families:

We are finally seeing the "light at the end of the tunnel"—SPRING! This has been a particularly harsh winter and, hopefully, we will enjoy uneventful weather these last few days of the season.

It is hard to believe that we are already into mid-March and there are just a few months left to this school year. Looking forward, I would like to remind you of some important dates:

- April 7 Parent-Teacher Conferences - NO SCHOOL FOR K-5 STUDENTS
- April 14 Parent-Teacher Evening Conferences - SCHOOL IN SESSION
- April 15 Parent-Teacher Conferences - NO SCHOOL FOR K-5 STUDENTS
- April 18-25 Recess

**Assessment Schedule:**

- May 3 ELA - 3rd Grade
- May 4 ELA - 3rd/4th Grade - TWO-HOUR DELAY FOR K-2 STUDENTS
- May 5 ELA - 3rd/4th Grades - TWO HOUR DELAY FOR K-2 STUDENTS
- May 6 ELA - 4th/5th Grades - TWO HOUR DELAY FOR K-2 STUDENTS
- May 9 ELA - 5th Grade
- May 10 ELA - 5th Grade
- May 11 Math - 4th Grade
- May 12 Math - 4th/5th Grade - TWO HOUR DELAY FOR K-2 STUDENTS
- May 13 Math - 3rd/5th Grade - TWO HOUR DELAY FOR K-2 STUDENTS
- May 16 Math - 3rd Grade

This is a very busy time of the year, so please check the school calendar and your child's backpack for important notices.

If you have any questions regarding the above schedule, please contact me.

Yours truly,  
Drew Graves



## Daly HSA Executive Board

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# Bowling Day 2011



# MATH OLYMPIAD

On Friday March 4, 2011, five teams from the Port Washington elementary schools and a sixth grade team from Weber, participated in The Nassau County Math Olympiad Tournament held at the College of SUNY Old Westbury. A total of 50 schools across the island participated with teams comprised of 4th, 5th and 6th graders. Each of our schools sent a team of the five top scoring 4th, 5th, or 6th grade students from their respective buildings. The PEP teachers served as chaperones and facilitators for the tournament.

The Nassau Olympiad Math Tournament consisted of both an individual event and a team event. During the individual event, every student was given ten problems to solve in thirty minutes. During the team event, students were able to work collaboratively to solve ten additional problems in a twenty minute time period. Our team worked collaboratively to accomplish their goals and were exemplar representatives of Daly School. We should all be proud of their positive attitude and hard work they displayed in preparing for this experience. Math Olympiads is an example of a wonderful enrichment opportunity offered to Daly's 4th and 5th grade students. Congratulations to the students who participated in this year's Nassau County tournament: **Anna Finkelstein, Sarah Finkelstein, Elijah Fox, Julia Kim, and Maya Leong.**



## DALY SNIPPETS



**Calling All Green Thumbs!** Spring Fever is here. Grab a garden tool! We need your help! Calling all parents. No green thumb necessary! We need lots of parents to help plant the spring seeds and seedlings with students. If you think you can help, send an email to **Lisa Epstein** at [Lbmathome@aol.com](mailto:Lbmathome@aol.com) or **Trish Class** at [RTClass@aol.com](mailto:RTClass@aol.com)



**Science Fair:** The Compact Committee is gearing up for a Science Fair to be held in school on June 6. 4th and 5th will create amusement park "ride" inventions. Third graders can do an egg casing experiment. All students and parents of participants will be able to visit the presentations. Participation can be as individuals or groups, and is voluntary. Fliers will be sent home soon with details



**BE THE PAJAMA PROGRAM WINNER!** The **Boico Family** is hosting an event in support of the Pajama Program. The Pajama Program provides new, warm pajamas and new books to children in need in the U.S. and around the world. Bring your donations to the Classic Kitchen & Bath showroom at 177 Mineola Ave, Roslyn Heights on Sunday, May 1 from 1-5 PM for a fun filled day compliments of the Boico Family.



**Daly Social Generates Big \$\$\$ For Playground:** The Daly HSA raised \$35,000 at the Daly Formal for the planned playground. Congratulations to the organizing committee and special thanks to the attendees for their generosity.

(left) Daly formal organizers enjoy a non-alcoholic beverage in celebration of a successful event

# *Daly Musical Notes*

- Kudos to the following Daly 5th graders who participated in the All County Music Festival at CW Post's Tilles Center on January 9, 2011: **Anna Finkelstein, Sarah Finkelstein, Rebecca Katz, Dara Kaufman, Julia Kim, Sherry Shi, Madeline Tashlik and Jennifer Valenti.** They represented Daly well and had a wonderful learning experience!
- The Daly community was treated to a stellar Winter Concert by our 4th and 5th grade students on January 19th and 20th. Bravo to all !
- **The Spring Concert will be held on Wed. May 25, 2011 at 7:30 pm.** Please note that this is a change from the printed calendar date. All are encouraged to make plans to attend.
- New to the Daly Website is the entry under Faculty Web Pages for the Creative Arts Department. Here you will find information for **Art – Mrs. Heath, General Music/Chorus- Dr. Addeo, Band – Mr. Prindle, and Orchestra – Mrs. Field.** In an attempt to be more earth friendly, the music department has “gone green.” Concert programs will be projected at the concerts but still available on line to be printed out.
- **The Beginner Concert is scheduled for Thurs. June 9th at 9:15 am.** This concert features the Third Grade on recorders and beginning string players. All students should be practicing their instruments diligently. Parents of 3rd and 4th graders can find practice assistance for the recorder on the General Music website.



## CAREER DAY

**Mrs. O'Donnell** and **Mrs. Vella**, Compact Committe Parent, organized Daly's first Career Day and it was a smashing success. The students were amazed to hear from professionals in the fields of: Motor Sports, Business, Health, Law, Journalism, Television, Advertisement, Education, Accounting, Real Estate, Communications, Administration, Music, Veterinary Medicine, Finance and Social Work.

Many thanks to the following presenters for taking the time to inspire our children and make a difference: **Michael Alfano, Hank Hardy, Brad Bernstein, David Horn, Irene D'Antonio, Lynn Meir-Pelosof, Lauren DeFranco, Maryann Ressa, Michael DePalma, Bari Siegel, Mark Spier, Dr. Michael Ezell, Sam Fox, Ms. Tsiolis, Lori Waxman, Dr. Lerner, Mr. Lindberg, Mr. Perez and Art Vandelay**

Many of the presentations were hands on and every presentation captured the attention of the 4th and 5th graders who attended. As students increase their awareness, they increase their possibilities and chances for success.



## Note from the HSA Co-Presidents

Dear Daly Families,  
Spring is almost here and we are certain that after this long, snowy winter, everyone will be excited to shed their coats, put away their boots, and get outside! Despite the numerous snow days, delayed openings and terribly cold weather, the Daly Family kept busy with many events designed to beat the winter doldrums, for both children and adults alike. The Winter Concert on January 20 gave all the student musicians at Daly, in the 4th and 5th grades, the opportunity to showcase their talents. A special thank you to **Dr. Addeo, Mrs. Field and Mr. Pringle** for leading the way! Bingo Night, held on Friday, January 21 was, as always, a fun-filled family event with students winning prizes and **Mr. Graves** lending his talents as a captivating caller! Thank you to kindergarten parents, **Jen Rothberg and Lindsey Allen**, and all their dedicated volunteers, for making this traditional evening seem fresh and new! Game Day, held every Wednesday during lunch, was another way our children enjoyed their winter recess time. Thanks go to **Dara Berliner and Kerian Czarkowski** for organizing the games and recruiting volunteers, who gave up their lunch hours to play board games with our children. The Valentine's Day Boutique, held on February 11, was also a great success. Thanks to **Anna Raziano and Debbie Oxenhorn** for putting their hearts and infusing laughter into this annual fundraising event!

The Hearts and Diamonds Dinner Dance, also scheduled as a Valentine's Day boost on February 12, gave Daly parents an opportunity to socialize and have some fun too! This event truly captured the heart and soul of Daly both in the dedication of parent volunteers and the generosity of our parent body- With 140 people in attendance and a raffle held in the weeks leading up to the event, this event raised over \$35,000 for the Daly's Playground Fund and the general fund benefitting all students at Daly. Another round of thanks goes out to **Ann Marie Bul-laro, Stefanie Hiller, Katie Weinstein, Jane Stevens and Rose Miscioscia** for making this event happen and to all of those who supported the event, whether by attending, donating to the playground fund directly, or taking their chances with the raffle!

So, you think you can dance? A new addition to the line-up of family fun at Daly was a first-ever Dance A Thon held on Friday, March 18. The gym was transformed into a dance floor, and parents and students alike had the opportunity to dance the night away! Thank you to co-chairs **Diane Livingston and Pri-anka Kakkar** for getting us all moving! Specials Week, April 11-14, we will be dedicated to Daly's 2011 theme of responsibility, "Daly Steps Up to the Plate", with a host of activities highlighting personal responsibility, community awareness and global responsibility, planned by co-chairs, **Sheryl Spring**

and **Jennifer Mannion**. Many volunteers will be needed so please reach out to Sheryl or Jennifer at **Sheryl@springroc.com** or **jmitchmann@gmail.com** if you are able to give some of your time to Specials Week/ Night. Specials Night will be held on a Wednesday this year- April 13, beginning at 6pm. Nutrition Awareness Month, which takes place nationally in March, is also incorporating Daly's theme of taking responsibility by teaching our children ways they can take charge of their health through diet (Paint Your Palate) and exercise (Jump Start Your Day - Jump Rope Challenge). Thanks to Nutrition Co-Chairs **Jazmine Maglione and Jennifer Mannion** again for their efforts.

There are so many other great events happening before the end of the school year and we look forward to seeing you at any and all of the following: Daly Math Night (April 6), Spring Photo Day (April 28), Spring Plant Sale (May 6) Staff Appreciation Lunch (May 19), Spring Concert (May 25,) Beginners Concert (June 9), Field Day (June 10), and Carnival (June 16).

As many of you are aware, we are about to enter the School Budget season, which promises to be one of the toughest yet, given the unfunded state mandates the district faces. The Administration, guided by the directives of the Board of Education, is working hard to present a budget that minimizes cuts and preserves programs. The Board of Education meetings, held every other Tuesday (see Portnet for specific dates and locations) are a good place to hear what is happening in the District. Daly will be partnering with Salem School and dedicating the May 10th HSA meeting to a Budget Presentation with **Mary Callahan**, Assistant Superintendent, as our guest speaker. We strongly encourage everyone to get involved, be informed and get out and vote.

Happy Spring!  
Lilie Charno and Denise DePalma  
Daly HSA Co-Presidents

## CROSSTALK



### SPRING REFRESHER ON SCHOOL TRAFFIC SAFETY PROCEDURES

#### Morning Drop off

- 1). No parking in drop off area, from the posted sign to bus driveway
- 2). No leaving of car for any reason
- 3). Pull your car forward as far as possible, so all other cars can fit behind.
- 4). If you must walk your child or want to watch them walk into school, then you must park your car in a legal parking space.
- 5). As soon as your child exits the car, you must leave the car line
- 6). Do not drop off your child until you have passed the bus unloading driveway. Do not block the bus driveway, or impede the busses exit to the street.
- 7). Do not drop off your child in the middle of the street. You must pull over to the curb before they can exit the car.
- 9) Never block the crosswalk.

#### Afternoon pick up

- 1) You must stay with your vehicle while in the pick up area.
- 2) You cannot block driveways.
- 3) You must park in legal spaces
- 4) Do not pick up your child in the street. They must enter car from the sidewalk side of the car.
- 5) Please have your child use the crosswalk when crossing the street. It is the best way to keep them safe from moving vehicles.
- 6) There is no pick up line in the afternoon. No parking or standing is permitted beyond the cone. You cannot block the faculty parking spaces on Highfield Ave. You must circle around until the front school spaces become available.

## 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  
rosenberg2@optonline.net

Birthday Book Donations from Nov 2010  
-March 2011:

<b>Camryn Neches</b>	<b>Bailey Lipset</b>
<b>Emily Chicoy</b>	<b>Ali Martinez</b>
<b>Emily Vissicchio</b>	<b>Terrell McLean</b>
<b>Zoe Edelbaum</b>	<b>Solomon Li</b>
<b>Danielle Hiller</b>	<b>Hunter Alfano</b>





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

Conservation - Nutrition - Health

## Saving Trees Now Convenient For Daly Students That Bring Lunch!

The Daly Green committee just learned that one 15 year old tree can produce up to 700 paper lunch/snack bags. If every Daly student switched from using paper lunch/snack bags to reusable bags, Daly students can save many trees!!! For instance, if 400 Daly students use one paper bag every school day (about 185 school days in a year), that is 74,000 bags used at Daly every year! If you divide 74,000 by 700 (the amount of bags that can be made from one tree), that means that we can save about 105 trees at Daly by using reusable snack bags!!!! Let's all be a part of tree-saving!! The Daly Green Committee is offering reusable snack bags that can replace all of your brown paper snack bags forever!! Each bag has the FRESHDALY logo on it, and costs only \$3.00! Or, save some money and buy 2 bags for \$5.00. The supply is limited. Look for the e-mail and order form about how and when you can get your Daly Fresh reusable snack bag soon! Or, contact the Green Committee at Mgermain7@optonline.net or wenissan@gmail.com.



Daly's new FreshDaly bag is Fresh!

## 30 for 30

30 Tips for 30 Days of Health, Nutrition & Enrichment

March may be National Nutrition Month, but there's no reason to limit your health to just one month. These are some simple suggestions to keep you going. When you're ready add more activities to improve your health and your family's health. Let us know how you do. Share your story. What changes have you made to create lasting health for you and your family?

Contact the Nutritional Committee at jazmag@optonline.net with comments and updates.

Have a TV free day	Try to eat 1/2 cup of cooked vegetables every day	How many jumping jacks can you do in 1 minute? How about 3 minutes?	Try being a vegetarian for a day	Let kids make fruit kabobs with whipped cream cheese and jelly topping/dip
Create your own family game or story night	How many colors of the rainbow did you eat today?	Put some frozen bananas and almond or soy milk in a blender, for some homemade ice cream	Ride your bike to school or to the store	Sleep in - Getting the rest you need means less snacking
Swap out white flour for whole wheat flour	Create a scrapbook of physical activities you do or do together as a team with your family	Run don't Walk	Start your own vegetable container garden	Have a glass of water before meals to increase your water quota
Have a piece of fruit for snack or dessert	Commit to trying at least 2 of these tips every week	Try a new sport to boost energy & concentration	Add fresh vegetables like broccoli, carrots, cauliflower, peas, etc. to your pasta and sauce & enjoy!	Reduce stress by breathing in & out slowly, each time to the count of four Repeat as necessary
Make a pact to ditch the video games for a week	Park far away from a store entrance & walk & talk or just enjoy some fresh air	Challenge your kids to see who can get to the door first, to the corner first etc.	Walk don't drive	Freeze yogurt for a quick & cool snack packed with calcium
Invest in a pedometer & count your steps	Make homemade chips: thinly slice any kind of root vegetable, spray with olive oil & bake at 400° for 15 min or until crisp, sprinkle with a touch of salt	Create a dinner using all the colors of the rainbow	Have a family jump rope competition	Have a "junk food" free day