

DALY NEWS

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The Daly Playground Committee held its first fundraiser to help raise money for the improvement of our playgrounds at Daly. The Playground Bake Sale held on Friday, October 2nd at the Port Washington Train Station was a big success. The kids had fun selling the goods and the commuters were welcomed off the train by smiling faces and yummy treats.

We will be holding another bake sale on Friday, October 30th at the train station between 4pm and 7pm. Please support us by donating baked goods or coming along to buy them. For more information on the bake sale or getting involved with the Playground Committee please contact Jane Stevens at stevens.family@verizon.net.



On Thursday night, October 15th, the Kindergarten, First and Second graders were invited to Daly's Pajama Night. Over 50 students and their families came for a night of a bedtime story read by Mrs. Ajello and Mrs. Suzzan and then went to assigned rooms to create a poster of their favorite books. While they were drawing and creating their posters, Mrs. Ajello carried a continuous story to each classroom and words to the story were supplied by the children. The night concluded with a snack, a reading of the story and the sharing of posters. The posters will be hung in the cafeteria for all to see. This night was sponsored by Daly's Compact Committee.

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A Letter from the Principal...

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back to a new and exciting school year. We had a great opening day and a wonderful Open House night. We are truly gratified that so many parents came out to meet the teachers and get an overview of their child's curriculum for the year.

This year's school-wide theme is "Daly Goes Global". At the first HSA meeting, I introduced the theme by reading our school theme book *Whoever You Are* by Mem Fox. The book begins "Little one, whoever you are, wherever you are, there are little ones just like you all over this world". We hope that this year, and in the years to come, our students will begin to understand that people all over the world may be different in some ways but in many ways are very similar.

How will we make them aware, you ask? Last year Daly's Compact Committee wrote a grant to the Port Washington Education Foundation called *Global Learning through Pen Pals*. Our grant was not accepted, but our HSA became interested in the project and decided that they would fund the purchase of a video conferencing system that could be easily used by all classes in the school. The system is now up and running and our teachers are eagerly awaiting training so they can start corresponding with schools from all over the United States and abroad. A wonderful added feature to this system is that virtual field trips can be taken via this system. Museums, zoos, and many other distance learning opportunities can be possible with this piece of equipment.

Are we excited? Yes! It will make the 2009-2010 school year a year full of wonderful opportunities and adventures.

—Elaine Ajello



left to right : Dr. Virgilio, Jackie Gilmartin (Techolgy Staff Developer), David Baylen (Director of Technology), and Ms. Ajello with the video conferencing system

Notes from the Outreach Committee...



TREATS FOR TROOPS: We all know that after Halloween our homes have enough candy to feed an army... so why don't we? To give our troops a treat please send your extra candy (no chocolate) to Daly during the **week of November 2nd**. Look for the box in the lobby!



COAT DRIVE: Let's lend a helping hand! It's time to start cleaning out our closets to help neighbors in need. Daly will be collecting gently used winter coats and warm clothing **from November 12th - 18th**. Also, please consider volunteering on Thursday, November 19th at Manorhaven Pool from 4:00 - 6:00pm to distribute coats to families in need. This is our chance to show our community what Daly is all about! Please contact kimberly.siciliano@yahoo.com or andreababyboy@yahoo.com if you would like to help out.



HOLIDAY GIFT DRIVE: It's never too early to get into the holiday spirit! Daly will once again be participating in the holiday gift drive. If you would like to grant wishes to another family in need this season please email kimberly.siciliano@yahoo.com or andreababyboy@yahoo.com. Families can also team together to experience the joys of giving. If you are interested please let us know as soon as possible so that we can begin to spread the holiday cheer!

A Note from the HSA Co-Presidents...

Dear Daly Families,

Welcome back to another exciting year at Daly – September and October are always two of the busiest months of the school year and this year has been no different. New parents to Daly were welcomed into the Daly Family at the **New Parent Welcoming Breakfast** (September 22nd) and **Open House** (September 24th) allowed everyone to meet their children's teachers and the great staff at Daly. We would like to thank Annie Floch for her successful efforts in getting everyone who ordered school supplies their supplies before the start of school. It was a huge undertaking and for this we are eternally thankful. Shirley Viel and Rachael Klein were instrumental in coordinating the **Kindergarten**



Bus and making sure the kindergarteners that rode the bus had a successful first week of school. April Furst and Peggy Connors also ensured a smooth transition for the kindergarteners with the **Bus Buddies** program. They helped match up 5th grade students with incoming kindergarteners so that there was a continued commitment to the kindergarteners' safety and sense of community on the bus routes. **Pride in Port** was a huge success despite the iffy weather. Cloudy with a chance of rain could not dampen our spirits and we were definitely the loudest school in the parade. Thank you to Rebecca Hirschwerk and Pauline Cytryn for their collective efforts in bringing about Daly School Spirit. **Allergy Awareness Week** was an opportunity to educate our students on the importance of understanding food allergies and how to be sensitive to their classmates that may be affected by them. Thank you to Beth Horn and April Furst for their dedicated help and assistance in providing materials to each of the classes. Daly is a safer and more compassionate place because of you. **Compact Reading Night** for K-2 on October 15th brought out the reader in all of us. Kindergartners, 1st graders and 2nd graders wore their pa-

jasamas while they discussed their favorite book and made posters. Everyone had a great time being at school "after hours!" Thank you to the Compact committee for bringing another fun evening to Daly.



The Pumpkin Sale (October 16th) led by Daly Diggers chairs Trish Class (rtclass@aol.com) and Mary Thompson (4thompson@optonline.net) was a huge success with everyone getting a pumpkin to celebrate the fall harvest! If you would like to help out with planting the donated plants or help with the spring sale, please contact Trish or Mary directly. The much anticipated **Scholastic Book Fair** (October 19-23) was held in the Daly Library. Thanks, goes out to Julia Chu (jujichu@aim.com), Tracy Winters (cybertwinters@yahoo.com), Catherine Scotto (catherinescotto@gmail.com), Kiran Saraon (rsaraon@hotmail.com), Lucy Day (lucyjohnday@yahoo.com) and their dedicated volunteers. These chairs scheduled two evenings for families to shop together and brought the wonderful world of reading to each family. **Dad's Night Out** (October 26th) at LaMotta's also proved to be a fun evening. Thank you to Greg Glassman (greg@firstsource-realty.com) who led this annual favorite and energized the football fan in all of our Daly dads!

There is still an opportunity to order giftwrapping, chocolates and other gift items if you haven't done so already. Anna Raziano (araziano@hotmail.com), the giftwrapping chair, has set up a school number 101905 through the www.misschocolate.com website; please make sure you include the school number when ordering so that Daly gets credit for the purchase. Thank you, Anna, for all your help with the **giftwrapping fundraiser**. We would also like to thank Randi Schor (schor@optonline.net) who has **The Birthday Book Collection** underway. The Birthday Book Collection helps the Daly library with book donations commemorating your child's birthday. Please



view the Daly School Library site for recommended book donations and contact Randi if you need a reminder around the time of your child's birthday. It is a great way to help build our wonderful library at Daly. **Popcorn Day** is off to a great start with Amira Ashmawy (aliashmawy@gmail.com) and Ann Marie Bullaro (annmarie_rn@yahoo.com) leading the efforts. Popcorn Day and T-Shirt day have been changed to the first Friday of the month since many holidays fall at the end of the month. We hope that everyone shows their Daly School Spirit by wearing Daly inspired fashions from this year or last. If you are looking to purchase **Daly Wear**, Elva Prohens (elvaprohens@aol.com) and Aileen Novo (sabimeg@hotmail.com) have put together a wonderful new line-up of merchandise to select from in children and adult sizes. Please check out the order form on the dalyhsa.org website to order the latest designs.

The **Organic Garden** is in its second year and really has brought the entire school together. Children have been busy renewing old friendships and making new ones as they plant "crops" for their grade. Led by Lisa Epstein (lbmathome@aol.com), Trish Class (rtclass@aol.com) and a group of parent volunteers, a great fall harvest of radishes, arugula, endive and kale, to name a few, have been planted. An opportunity to see your child grow and change through the years is through school pictures. All the children looked great dressed up and had huge grins on their faces. Thank you to Dara Hillman (dara-hillman@yahoo.com) and Rebecca Herschwerk (rebgant@aol.com) for an incredible job coordinating all the classes so that every student had an opportunity to get their picture taken during **Picture Day**. If you would like to assist Dara and Rebecca on the picture re-take day (November 4th), please contact them. They would be happy to have the



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volunteers.

If you are looking for an easy way to help support all of Daly H.S.A.'s fundraising efforts, please clip your **box tops**, Campbell's labels and register your Stop n Shop and Target cards as all proceeds can be designated for Daly Elementary School. For a full list of Box Tops and Campbell's Labels products and for information on how to register your Stop n Shop or Target card, please visit the dalyhsa.org website. If you have any further questions please contact Sharen Kam (sharenkam@aol.com) or Grace Worms (gworms@optonline.net). Thank you both for spearheading these effortless fundraising activities!

The first HSA meeting of the year was held on September 17 and, as is tradition, Mrs. Ajello introduced the theme for the year, **Daly Goes Global**. Along with the introduction of the theme, she also unveiled the new teleconferencing cart, which is the first in the district, totally funded through H.S.A. fundraising efforts and will allow Daly to truly be part of the global community. As we look toward fundraising efforts for the 2009/10 school year, we face several challenges and opportunities. As many of you know, the playground facing Rockwood Avenue was partially dismantled as a result of repeated injuries and to ensure the continued safety of all the children at Daly. The children have rallied around a vision for new and improved play space and many wrote letters to Mrs. Ajello outlining their ideas. One student thought of **Pennies for the Playground** and a large water container sits in the lobby for spare change; others through a collective effort had a bake sale at the train station. We hope that the entire parent body catches this enthusiasm and will support the new and dedicated playground fundraising efforts, led by Jane Stevens (stevens.family@verizon.net). The H.S.A continues to fund school-wide enrichment and field trips at every grade level and we hope that you will support us in these efforts. We hope you are able to participate in some of the upcoming events that are perennial favorites: **Halloween Parade** (October 30th), led by Kerian Czarkowski ([\[optonline.net\]\(http://optonline.net\)\) with decorating efforts to make sure the children have a "spooky" experience at school and during the parade. Children will also be participating in **UNICEF** drive during Halloween, led by Judy Nissan \(\[jpnissan777@aol.com\]\(mailto:jpnissan777@aol.com\)\) and Lynn Pelossof \(\[lynnmeir@optonline.net\]\(mailto:lynnmeir@optonline.net\)\). We are hoping to raise more money than last year for this worthy cause. The **Daly Blood Drive**, an opportunity to give back to our community, is scheduled for November 6th \(from 2:30-8:00pm. Let's try and surpass last year's donation by donating 35 pints of blood. Please contact Judy Nissan \(\[jpnissan777@aol.com\]\(mailto:jpnissan777@aol.com\)\) or Emily Chicoy \(\[echicoy@gmail.com\]\(mailto:echicoy@gmail.com\)\) to schedule your blood donation. Another charitable event supported by the HSA is the **District Coat Drive**, scheduled for the week](mailto:czark@</p></div><div data-bbox=)



of November 16 at Manorhaven Pool. Our thanks go out to Kim Siciliano (Kimberly.siciliano@yahoo.com) and Andrea Boico (andrea-babyboy@yahoo.com) for coordinating the Daly outreach efforts; please contact them if you can help with the donation, transport or giving out of coats. Kim and Andrea are also coordinating the **District Holiday Drive** (November/December). The Holiday Drive matches up groups of volunteers with needy Port families. A fun family evening is in store during **Movie Night** (November 13th), led by Janet Lavin (jdLavin@aol.com) and Courtney Jordan (courtsjordan@yahoo.com). Come out and enjoy a movie with all your Daly friends. **Ladies Night Out** (December 2nd) at Harbor Links will be a wonderful evening with great raffles and class basket auctions. Come out and support Daly by getting a jump on holiday shopping. Nancy Haberman (njh820@aol.com), Stefanie Hiller (shiller26@aol.com), Sue Jarman (sjarman@optonline.net) and Melissa Vissicchio (mvissicchio@optimum.net) have planned a wonderful evening. **The Holiday Boutique** (December 8) led by Marlo Spilko (mSpielko@optonline.net) and Melissa Hames (mhamesny@msn.com) gives the children an equal opportunity to shop for loved ones and support



Daly at the same time.

Finally, as many of you know, the Port Washington School District revamped their website to coincide with the start of the school year. We also felt the HSA website could use a makeover and have been extremely busy redesigning and formatting this site, www.dalyhsa.org, to better communicate all our information to you. We encourage you to visit the site and see all that is happening at Daly this year. There are still plenty of opportunities to volunteer and the website is a great way to learn about them. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Lillie Charno and the Daly Webmaster, Vivian Lee, for all their dedication and hard work on this monumental effort.

We know that these are challenging times for our country and community and wish to thank you all for your continued support in our fundraising efforts to make Daly a better place for all our children. Whether you chair a committee, volunteer your time, donate old coats or purchase any of the fundraising items, we are truly appreciative and value your input at our HSA meetings. Looking forward to seeing you soon, Beth Lipset and Denise DePalma

SAVE THE DATES!!!!

November 13: MOVIE NIGHT!
Come and get cozy in the gym for a family themed movie - popcorn and other treats for sale!!

December 2: LADIES NIGHT OUT! Ladies, come and socialize and shop!

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!
LOOK FOR FLYERS IN THE BACKPACKS!!!**

Daly H.S.A. is looking for parents to volunteer to help Chair Game Day. Please contact Lillie Charno: lcharno@optonline.net for more information.

AGATE

Upcoming Meetings

**Thursday, November 5th, 7:30 pm,
Weber Library**

Dr. Joel Ziev: Advocating for Your Child

AGATE & SEPTA will host a joint meeting to hear Joel Ziev, Ed. D, Director of Partners for Access present Advocating for your Child. For more than 25 years, Dr. Ziev has served as an effective advocate for equal access for people with disabilities.

**Monday, November 16th, 11:30 am,
PW Public Library**

Conversations with Teachers and
Administrators

Young Readers' Book Club

Children ages 4 through 6 who are able to read independently will meet at the Port Washington Public Library Children's Room on Monday, November 9th from 3:45 to 4:30 to discuss *The Rainbow Fish* by Marcus Pfister. The discussion will be led by Orange Girtz an experienced and enthusiastic elementary school teacher. Ms. Girtz received her master's degree in education from NYU and taught in Greenwich Village for several years before moving to Port Washington. Copies of *The Rainbow Fish* and all subsequent selections will be held on reserve prior to the meeting. To register, please contact AGATE Co-President Nomi Barasch at nomieddy@optonline.net or 244-5455.

AGATE stands for Advocacy for Gifted and Talented Education. At AGATE, we believe all students deserve an appropriate and challenging education designed to help them achieve their fullest potential. For more information, visit our website at www.agatepw.org, send us an email at agatepw@gmail.com, or contact our Co-Presidents Nomi Barasch at 244-5455 or Renee Karmel at 356-0614.

CROSSING GUARD NEWS

Dear Daly Families,

I would like to welcome everyone back for a new school year. I hope all of you had a nice summer vacation. I would like to thank all the parents who cooperated last year; it helped make the school year go smoothly.

Just a note to new parents and kindergarten parents, as well as a gentle reminder to returning parents:

1. Rockwood Avenue has been designated a one way road during school hours. By not allowing cars to travel in both directions, the buses are able to move through the drop off zone safely. It also allows me to watch the children and control the flow of traffic more efficiently.

2. The stop sign means "STOP" — the only time you can pass is when I wave you through. Do not take it upon yourself to make that decision.

3. Do not drop off or pick up anyone in the middle of the road. It's too dangerous. If a passing driver is not paying attention, he may not notice the child until it's too late.

4. You cannot leave your car. If you must walk your child to the door, then you must park in a legal space before leaving your car.

5. You are not supposed to exit your car at anytime while in the drop off line, so if you need to open the door for your child, wait until you are past me and the crosswalk and please do not allow the child to exit from the driver side of the car. It is very dangerous, with buses and cars pulling in and out, an open door is an invitation for disaster.

6. In the afternoon, it's important that you keep the line moving. As soon as you pick up your child, please leave the line. If you want to have a conversation with another parent or let your child play in the playground, as a courtesy to the others waiting for the space, park your car elsewhere.

7. Lastly, to set a good example, use the crosswalk, and teach your child to use the crosswalk. It is where I have the most control of traffic flow, foot or auto. A parent is the best teacher, as they learn from your example. If you do it, they will too.

If all of you follow these simple requests, drop off and pick up will be quick, easy and painless for all. Thank you! —Sandy



Due to the recent NYS testing date changes, the music dept. has rescheduled both the Winter and Spring Concerts.

The new dates and times are:

Thurs. Jan. 14, 2010 @ 9:30 AM Daly Gym

Thurs. June 10, 2010 @ 7:30 PM Daly Gym

Please note the changes on your calendars and spread the word!

Thank-you! Ruth Addeo, Vicki Field, Aaron Prindle



Daly PEP is Off and Running!

by Dr. Irene Virgilio
Daly PEP teacher



The 3rd grade unit using pentominoes for visual/spatial activities

Core Groups: The PEP room has been a busy place since school opened this year! The PEP core groups in the fourth and fifth grades are busy with lessons, activities, and homework assignments to enhance their units of study. The fourth graders are studying Cell Structure, DNA, and Genetics. The fifth graders are involved in The Newsday Stock Market Game as part of their unit on Economics.

Challenge Workshops: One hundred thirty students in grades 3 and 4 signed up for Challenge Workshops this year. Each workshop will take place for approximately six weeks. Workshops are held during the students' recess time. Forty eight third grade students are taking the Computer Cartooning workshop right now. We have 3 different sessions (Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday) during the week, to accommodate the number of students who signed up for this popular workshop!

A wide variety of topics were selected this year, by students, including the ever popular Computer Cartooning and Mystery Science for third graders. Fourth graders selected Science Lab, Creative Inventions, The Thrill of 3D Building, and Digital Photography this year. Students really enjoy coming to the PEP room, or the Computer Lab, for these workshops!

School-wide Enrichment: Third graders visited the PEP room for several weeks and completed a wide variety of critical thinking tasks. From Silly Jilly which tapped their visual and verbal skills, Pico Fermi Bagel which boggled the mind, Transformations which allowed students to use their originality and flexible thinking skills, to visual activities which focused on visual and perceptual skills.....the third grade had a great time with this enrichment unit! Each week introduced a different "thinking" type of activity!

Fourth graders developed strong math problem solving skills during a six week unit introducing the "Math Olympiads" program. I worked with each fourth grade class, once a week, on a variety of math activities and previous issues of the Math Olympiads contests. Math strategies were examined and students were encouraged to share their critical thinking skills in group discussions. It was great to see students gain a better understanding of math and develop self confidence in this content area.

Fourth grade students may continue to tackle the 2009-10 Math Olympiads monthly contests during the school year. They take place once a month, from November through March. This program is optional for students in grade four. However, it offers them a great opportunity to practice their math skills and prepare for the contests that all students will be doing next year in fifth grade! The five students with the highest scores, overall from grades four and five combined, will have the opportunity to participate in the Nassau County Math Olympiads Tournament at SUNY Old Westbury!

The New Daly School Website!

The Port Washington School District has a new website! Since the beginning of the school year, many teachers have been involved in workshops to learn how to use the new "School Wires" program. These workshops will continue throughout the year for those teachers who would like to learn about this new program.

The John J. Daly home page is a great place to get a lot of information about

our school. Please use it during the year to keep up with your child's class or school wide activities.

Please encourage your child to visit the Daly Web Site from home. It offers many educational sites for students and also allows them to keep updated on school happenings throughout the school year.

I have developed the new Daly PEP webpage and will continue to update it throughout the school year. It offers a great deal of information and resources for core group parents. Core group students use it for a great deal of their studies in class and at home.

The Daly PEP room is definitely a busy and exciting place for our students to visit and learn! I love working with the Daly students and look forward to another wonderful school year!

Sincerely,
Dr. V.

In the ART ROOM:

Fifth graders are visited by cartographer, Dr. Patrick Kennelly

In November, all New York State fifth graders will be taking a state Social Studies exam. In preparation for the test, students are working on an interdisciplinary project combining art and Social Studies lessons relating to the study of maps. Daly School was honored to have cartographer Dr. Patrick Kennelly, Associate Professor Department of Earth and Environmental Science at C.W. Post, discuss the art of map making with the fifth grade students.

Dr. Kennelly was introduced to the fifth grade students by his son, Ethan Kennelly, who is currently in Ms. McGrade/Mrs. Winter's fifth grade class. Dr. Kennelly enlightened the students with both visual images and descriptions of the major components of map making: the compass rose, ordinal and cardinal directions, legend and key, latitude and parallel lines, along with longitude and meridian lines. Dr. Kennelly's presentation encompassed contemporary artwork based on global grids, compass roses used as art forms and navigational tools and maps used in literature, e.g., Winnie the Pooh and Eragon.

After Dr. Kennelly's wonderful presentation, students are now creating watercolor Fantasy Islands which, of course, include all of the elements of cartography they were introduced to by Ethan's dad.

What's Cooking?

Your update from Daly's Nutrition Committee

Greetings Daly Families:

Danielle and I would like to introduce ourselves as your Nutrition Committee chairs. This committee is a district-wide committee of parents, students, health professionals, and district staff. As a team, we will work together to maintain and improve the quality of food choices served to our students and raise awareness about health and nutrition.

Sample Days will be conducted once a month during regular lunch period. This new non-menu item will give the students the opportunity to taste new recipes and give their valuable feedback to our committee. This feedback will help us determine how well the student population enjoyed this particular item. For the month of October, we will be sampling Corn Chowder Soup. The students will give us a "thumbs up/thumbs down" vote. We track the items popularity and share any comments the students provide with the committee.

National Nutrition Week will take place in March. This is a nutrition education and information campaign that has an annual focus. Over the next several months, the committee will develop a program that will help raise awareness about the particular focus. We encourage and appreciate parent volunteers to participate in this event.

*We are looking forward to working with this committee, the Daly community and welcome any comments, concerns or ideas. You can contact us at:
AnnMarie Bullaro (Annmarie_rn@yahoo.com) and Danielle Lieblein (danielllle@aol.com)*

Thank You, AnnMarie and Danielle

Food For Thought:

Breakfast is the most important meal of the day. Eat a well balanced nutritious breakfast.

Studies have shown that kids who eat breakfast are likely to make higher grades, have longer attention spans, participate more in class, and exhibit better behavior than students that do not eat a healthy breakfast.



Daly's Organic Garden: A Fall Harvest Update

Last school year, Daly students not only learned to "Go Green", but also earned "Green Thumbs" by contributing to Daly's new organic garden. In both fall and spring, the garden produced its first bumper crops of healthy vegetables and students took pride in planting, watering, watching and tasting from a variety of delicious and nutritious eats.

Now in its second year, Daly's organic garden has taken root in our school's community and become a project that students look at with pride. Created and maintained with parent assistance, in September the garden beds were cleaned out from the summer vegetation, the soil was loosened and turned and new compost was added. Class by class, Daly students



planted seeds and already seedlings are emerging. This fall's varieties include: Arugula, Baby Bok Choy, Endive, Red Kale, Green Kale, Spinach, Turnips, and Radishes.

Also exciting for this year: with

thanks to Daly's Compact Committee, a Captain Planet Grant for \$500 was awarded to Daly to further our school's Composting Program. We will have a compost bin built with the funds so that Daly students and faculty can collect the food waste from the cafeteria and "recycle" it into compost to be used in the Daly Organic Vegetable Garden.

Kudo's to Trish Class who successfully organized and ran the organic gardening program all summer long, and will co-chair this school year's gardening program along with Lisa Epstein.

The garden provided tons of tomatoes, cucumbers, eggplant, basil, broccoli, parsley, peppers, peas and much more for many local Daly families who participated in the summer gardening program. **Happy Planting!**

Daly Kids Reduce Port Washington's Eco-Footprint!

There is an old Chinese proverb, "Those who say it cannot be done should not interrupt the person doing it." The Daly Green Committee is getting things done with the support of our students, faculty and community at large...

1. Dunkin Donuts Says Good Bye to Styrofoam For Good! Following Daly's impressive advocacy letter writing campaign, Dunkin Donuts just announced that their paper cup pilot program is transitioning into a permanent solution.

2. The Daly Green Committee now meets monthly with all five elementary schools, sharing ideas and expanding programs.

3. Daly fifth grade students Sophie Germain and Dana Abeleira (pictured to the right), participated in a town clean up in September, making all of Port Washington cleaner and greener.

4. This spring, Stay tuned for a new comprehensive program coming to Daly focusing on a very green mode of transportation – THE BICYCLE. The program will include bike safety, skill development and access the coolest new bike helmets to hit Port Washington. The program will culminate on the last

day of school by bringing Daly fourth grade student, Spencer Bleifeld's "Ride Your Bike To School Day" concept to life. Stay tuned for more information!

5. As always, the Daly Green Committee continues to volunteer in the Daly Garden. We were very proud of our fall crop and look forward to a fruitful spring.

Parents interested in volunteering for any of these exciting initiatives should contact Daly Green Chairs: Mindy Germain (mgermain7@optonline.net) or Marketta Watson (Rwatson@aol.com).



For Your Child's Birthday, Donate a Book to The John J. Daly Library Birthday Book Collection

- ~ Commemorate your child's birthday ~
- ~ Teach the importance of giving ~
- ~ Give the joy of reading to a Daly Student ~

How it works.....

1) Make a Selection:

Tips from our Librarian:

- Discuss with your child what type of book they would like to donate.
- Suggest a book related to what your child is studying in school.
- Look at the new releases section in the children's department of the bookstore and choose one your child becomes interested in.
- Go to the Daly website (http://schools.portnet.k12.ny.us/~daly_school), click on the Library Media Center and click on Birthday Book Suggestions for donation ideas from our library.

2) Send it to School:

- On or about your child's birthday, send the book to school with your child along with a note that it is being donated to the library. 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.

Questions? Please email Randi Schor at schor@optonline.net or call 944-5584.

Please submit materials for the next issue of the Daly News by Dec 7th to: rachelle@rachellekrieger.com