BULLDOG NEWSLETTER

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Office Hours 7:30 AM—3:00 PM

April 20, 2012

Dear Apollo Families,

We had a great time last night at the Family Literacy Night. Mrs. Shah, Mrs. Nowicki, and Mrs. Swidzinski read books in different languages. I read the book *The Paper Bag Princess* by Robert Munsch and shared two examples of puppets that represented the main character. Students were then given the opportunity to make their own puppet of a favorite character from a book. In addition, students had a chance to make their own bookmark and create a book award. We also provided different literacy games for the families to play. I am also very grateful to Ms. Spetoskey from the Niles Public Library; she read a book to the families and signed students up for library cards.

We will also be having our Mega Event Party on Thursday, May 17th from 6:00 – 8:00. Everyone is invited to attend and the students are very excited about this fun-filled evening. There will be games with prizes, inflatables, and face painting. Don't miss out on your turn to spray Ms. Hall and Ms. Perelgut in the Power Shower. We will also be selling food. Please contact the school if you are able to volunteer. We really need your help!

Have a great weekend!

Thank you,
Ms. Hall

IMPORTANT DATES

- **April 23rd—Mega Fundraiser Orders & Money due**
- **May 7—Pick-up Mega Event orders**
- **May 25 - Early dismissal**
- **May 28 - No school all students**
- **June 1 - No school all students**
- **June 8 - Last day of school dismissal at 11:15**

HEALTHY SNACK

Apollo School began serving a Healthy Snack on Tuesday, April 4th. We only have these snacks on Tuesdays and Thursdays. The snacks are washed and sorted for every classroom to receive in the afternoon. Ask your student what they had for snack. It might surprise you how interesting the food we are snacking on is. The Healthy Snack is from a grant that we received and promotes nutrition education.

EARLY DISMISSAL

Our next early dismissal is Friday, May 25th. The students in grades one through six will be dismissed at 11:30 A.M.

Attendance	847-827-6242
Band Dept.	847-493-8673
Orchestra	847-493-8446
District 63	847-299-1900
Septran Bus	847-392-1252
Sodexho Lunch or breakfast	847-493-8560
TLC Office	847-493-8438

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS/ GUARDIANS

MAINE TOWNSHIP GENERAL ASSISTANCE

There are two programs sponsored by Maine Township. The first is the **Maine Township Emergency Food Pantry,** that has been serving our residents since 1982. The requirements are simple. Families wishing to use our pantry must be township residents with an income that does not exceed 200% of the poverty guidelines for the State of Illinois. For information please contact the Maine Township at 847-297-2510 x 236. Secondly, we are also proud to announce a **new discount Rx program** for all our residents. Everyone is eligible regardless of income, age, or health status. **Coast 2 Coast is a free drug card prescription program for the entire family** and may be used anywhere within the continental USA. Some medications may be covered by Coast 2 Coast that are not covered by the local insurance health plans. **Coast 2 Coast is not intended to replace any insurance program, but may be used as an alternative for a specific prescription, if it provides a savings.** Coast 2 Coast also includes additional savings for pet prescriptions; Lab and Imaging test, Diabetic testing supplies, audiology issues, vision discount program and dental needs.

Should you have any additional questions regarding either our Maine Township Food Pantry or the Coast 2 Coast Rx program please contact Maine Township at 847-297-2510 ext. 236.

APOLLO PTA SPRING FUNDRAISER

We are starting a Spring Fundraiser to raise money for our school! Proceeds from this fundraiser will be used to help pay for the great activities we provide for our students, including field trips, school events, etc. We are asking for everyone to help with this effort by selling some of these great products. **All** of our students benefit from this sale so everyone's participation is greatly appreciated!

> TURN IN DATE: Monday, April 23rd! Return all copies of order sheet. PLEASE put your name, phone number, grade and teacher on all ordering sheets.

> PAYMENT: Collect all monies when you take your orders. Money is due when you turn in your orders on 4/23/12. Make checks payable to Apollo School PTA.

> PICK-UP-DATE: Orders will be delivered the week of May 7th. A notice will be sent home with details prior to the delivery date.

THE MEGA EVENT FUN FAIR is Thursday, May 17th from 6:00 pm-8:00 pm. The **"V.I.P. Family Plan"** is your first student sells eight items, each additional student in your immediate family sells just four items: **Get a V.I.P. Wristband to play all of the games & inflatables FREE! Volunteers** are needed for this event. If you can give us any time please call the school office.

PE NEWS

Starting on Monday April 23, 2012 students in grades 3 through 6 will participate in fitness testing. The purpose of fitness testing is to help establish physical activity as part of their daily lives.

Please make sure that your child has a healthy breakfast and remembers gym shoes and loose fitting clothes. Components of the Fitnessgram Fitness Tests are: Aerobic Capacity, Muscular Strength, Endurance and Flexibility. Student Activity Reports will be sent home with the report cards in June. Ask your child about the tests and how they are performing. Spring testing is to help the teacher and student set personal fitness goals.