

Truman Moon School News

Mrs. Napolitano, School Principal

Have a wonderful, safe & restful summer. I will see many of you in Sept.

Mrs. Napolitano

What Does Peace Feel Like?

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The Truman Moon Library recently hosted teaching artist Lyle Cogen. She was 'artist-in-residence' for the library this year. We collaborated on a program emphasizing peace, friendship and kindness, using the books What Does Peace Feel Like? by Radunsky and the Grouchy Ladybug by Eric Carle. Lyle used music, movement and puppets to bring these concepts to life. A peace pledge banner was set up in the hall outside the library for students to sign. Photos were posted with simple explanations to help students understand the meaning of pledging to be 'peaceful'. After carefully considering

what it means to be kind to everyone, all the students in the building signed the 'peace pledge'. A short wrap up assembly was held on Friday afternoon. Along with a review of what we learned during the week, Lyle sang two songs about friendship and being kind to others. Our young students were touched by the songs. Some said that they almost cried. The whole program had a wonderful impact on our students. It was worth the effort in planning and implementing. Graciously, Lyle Cogen

donated the peace book to the Truman Moon Library.

The week before Lyle Cogen's arrival, the library focused on "Be a Buddy, Not a Bully." I read The Bully Blockers Club by Bateman, gave out "Be a Buddy, Not a Bully" bookmarks and sent home websites for parents regarding bullying.

These activities have led to a flurry of interest in taking out books about peacefulness and friendship and have dovetailed nicely with our new Peace Builders initiative.

Submitted by Mrs. Linton
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Special points of interest:

- All unclaimed items in the Lost & Found will be removed from the school on June 23, 2011
- June 22 Elementary 1/2 day
- June 23 Elementary 1/2 day & last day of school

FREE Books For Everyone

Mrs. Reynolds hands out one free book, donated to every student, from the Truman Moon PTO. Many parent volunteers assisted throughout the Book Fair to make it the success it turned out to be. The PTO also delivered special tokens of appreciation to each

staff member during Staff Ap-



preciation Week in May. Special thanks to Mrs. Reynolds and Mrs. Ferrara who worked tirelessly to kick off this school year's PTO. We have many great new additions to the team. Welcome new PTO President: Kelly Vincent.

Community Helpers



After learning about how different community workers help people the children in Mrs. O'keeffe's class wrote reports about a worker they know. Here is what some of them had to say:

My dad is a firefighter. He keeps us safe.
 My dad is a police officer. He makes sure people are safe.
 My aunt is a pharmacist.
 My mom works at a nail store. She paints nails.
 My mom works in a pharmacy.
 My dad is a nurse he takes care of people.
 My doctor helps people feel better.
 My dad is a policeman
 My neighbor is a policeman. He takes people to jail.

My mema is a post office worker. She delivers mail
 Miss Doreen is my bus driver.
 My dad is a fireman.
 My mom is in the army. She is a soldier
 My bus driver takes care of people he has to be a good driver.
 My dentist helps people brush their teeth.
 My dad is a firefighter he puts out fires.
 Submitted by Mrs. Horovitz, social work intern

Good Citizenship Awards

Nine classes participated in Push In Services by Mrs. Wall, LMSW & Mrs. Horovitz to discuss Good Citizenship.

Good Citizenship was our character word for the month of May. During our morning announcements Mrs. Chinchilla's class shared their thoughts of what makes a good citizen. Congratulations to our Good Citizens: Alexandra Narveza (2), Crystal Jimenez (2), Kevin Lara (2), Silvia Noguez (2), Nyla-Mone Levy (3), Zavier

Sanchez (4), Julia Angus (5), Emanuel Stevenson (6), Jade McKoy (7), Christal Hosten (8), Eduardo Galicia (11), Mikelle Quinones (12), Carrie Phillips (13), Joshua Rosales (14), Adam Ruvelas (15), Connor Vincent (16), Destiny Duke (17), Jeremy Miller (18), Scott Green (19), Brett Lanos (20), Lucas Calderin (21), Der-

rell Taylor (23), Jashlynn Brito (33), Elijah Burke (34). On June 3, 2011 during our Peace Builder's Assembly the names of our good citizens were announced to cheers from their classmates and staff. We were joined by several parents who were invited to share in their child's award.

Peace Table in Room 14

A recent trip to Mrs. Moffett's class yielded a demonstration in how to resolve conflict through peaceful measures. As the students were separated into their centers a young boy came to Mrs. Moffett, "She said I was not a nice friend." Mrs. Moffett with the calmness like a day at the beach with the rustling wind from the sea, asked "Do you think you can work it

out?" The young student shook his head yes. "Would you like to take her to the Peace Table?" Mrs. Moffett asked and his response was again, "Yes." "Well why don't you think about what you want to say to her when you get there." She said. The student thought for a few seconds, walked up to the young girl and asked her to come with him. The two sat at the Peace

Table and though I could not hear their words, I saw them conclude with bright smiles sealed with a hand shake. Peace comes when we are willing to bring our differences respectfully to the table. Mrs. Moffett introduced the Peace Table to her class several years ago and each year teaches her students in September how to resolve their differences through peace.

June 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

- June 2 & June 16, 2011 Board of Education Meetings
- June 3 Farm Day & Peace Builder's/Good Character Kids Assembly
- June 10, 2011 Spring Concert, Kindergarten at 10am & 1st Grade at 2:30pm
- June 14, 2011 Field Day, Kindergarten
- June 15, 2011 Field Day First Grade
- June 20, 2011 First Grade visit to Maple Hill Elementary School
- June 22, 2011 1/2 Day at Truman Moon
- June 23, 2011 1/2 Day & LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

Baby Chicks Everywhere

I am sure you heard the excitement from your kindergarten student about the baby chicks at Truman Moon. The chick eggs were brought in and the students watched and turned the eggs daily, paying special attention to how they handled them. During morning announcements one day Mrs.

Napolitano announced that Ms. Nelson's class was the first to have their baby chicks hatch. Soon thereafter another class rejoiced at the new additions, then another. Before the week was through each kindergarten class saw their eggs transform before their very eyes. What an awesome lesson

on the life cycle. Students in Mrs. Rosa class taught me how to approach the table where the baby chicks chirped away, hands behind your back and be careful. On a visit to their classroom I witnessed the birthing of one chick as he pecked his way through the egg. "Oh my there's his leg!"



The children were able to care for the chicks before they returned to the farm.

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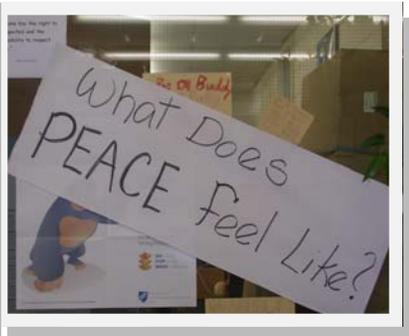
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Truman Moon Primary Center

The mission of Truman Moon Primary Center is...to be safe and contribute to the safety of others...to be partners...students, teachers, staff, parents, families, administrators and community members, all who are responsible for our educational growth...to do the right thing by setting examples of personal responsibility and moral conduct...to grow by developing intellectual, physical and artistic abilities...to try our best and reward efforts so that small steps turn into long strides...to be part of a team whose members are willing to give help as well as ask for it...to be happy in a positive, creative environment...to be inspired to learn through the continuous discovery...to belong to the family that is Truman Moon.



The children in Room 6 learned all about bats. First they read the wonderful book *Stellaluna*, written by Janell Cannon, about a baby fruit bat that is separated from her mother and is taken in by a bird and her babies. Then they consulted some nonfiction sources to learn more about these wonderful creatures. Each child then wrote a report about what they had learned that most interested them. Their reports are hanging outside the classroom, but in case you haven't had a chance to check them out, here is what Mrs. Heil's class learned and wrote about bats:

- They are mammals.
 - They eat insects.
 - Some bats can eat 1,000 insects in an hour.
 - They can be big or small.
 - They have fur.
 - Some drink from flowers.
 - Babies can't fly.
 - The largest ones live in South America.
 - They are nocturnal.
 - Some bats like to eat fish and frogs.
 - They like to hang upside down.
 - Their babies are called pups.
 - They are born alive.
 - They live in caves.
- Submitted by Mrs. Horovitz, social work intern

Newsletter written by Mrs. Wall, LMSW School Social Worker