

# The PTA Express

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## PTA President's Message



Dear Forest Park PTA members,

We are already into February, which means it is now time to look ahead and form a nomination committee to recommend the Forest Park PTA board for next year.

We are constantly in need of new blood to inject new ideas and untapped energy into the working of the PTA. I once again urge you to up your level of involvement with the PTA, and step up to take on a position on the board. To start with, please attend our association meetings to ensure that you meet the qualification requirements. Most positions require you to be a member of the PTA in good standing and to have attended a minimum of 2 association meetings.

It has been an incredible six months, and I am proud to say that we have accomplished a lot so far. I do have to mention here that I am concerned about the fact that we are not seeing too many new faces step up to volunteer. Those who currently volunteer are a few very dedicated members that continue to deliver on every initiative. I do hope this trend changes during the remainder of the year. Please remember, this is for your children!

Thanks,  
Jaydeep Marathe  
PTA President, 2010 - 2011

## Upcoming Events

- Feb 4: Bagels for Dads (7:45 AM - 8:30AM, MPR)
- Feb 11: Science Night  
K-3: 6:15-7:05 PM  
4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>: 7:20-8:10 PM, MPR
- Feb 15: Coffee with the Principal (6PM, MPR)
- Feb 15: PTA Meeting (7:00 PM, Room 304)

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## PTA-Sponsored Events and Funded Programs

By the PTA Board

We would like to take this opportunity to let you know how your generous contributions to the PTA via JumpStart and other programs such as eScrip, Amazon, Boxtops, and Shares have been used for the students, staff, and parents at Forest Park.

The list to the right lists some of the events that the PTA has sponsored or approved to fund so far this school year.

Below is an example of books received from the Junior Library Guild. The fee for a year's membership to the Guild was funded by the PTA, allowing the Librarian to get 10 or more books on a monthly basis, most of which are award-winning children's books.

If you'd like to learn more about PTA funded programs, come to the PTA meetings!



### PTA-Sponsored Events:

- Welcome Back Luncheon
- Kindergarten Preview
- Coffee with the Principal
- E-Waste Recycling
- Red Ribbon Week
- UN Day
- Pictures with Santa
- Muffins for Moms
- Movie Nights
- Respect Week

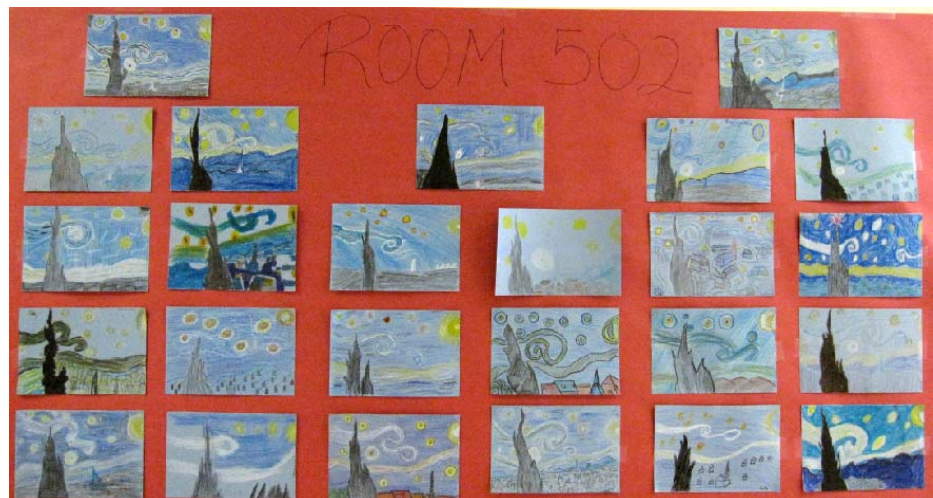
### PTA-Funded Programs:

- \$7000 – Field Trips (\$1000 per grade level)
- \$4500 – Library materials
- \$5157 – Health & Safety supplies
- \$2000 – FAMEous
- \$986 – Science Educational Materials
- \$800 – Friday Folders

## FAMEous Update

By the FAMEous Team

The FAMEous program is still going strong. The students are enjoying the monthly art lessons provided by the parent volunteers who generously donate their time to teach kids about art and artists. This month, the children are learning about Vincent Van Gogh.



## Movie Nights

By Harish Arora

The PTA hosted movie nights on Jan 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> at Forest Park to show Toy Story 3 (K-2<sup>nd</sup>) and How to Train Your Dragon (3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup>). Not only was admission was free for PTA members, they were also given free popcorn and water to enjoy while watching the movie.

Of course, no event would be successful without the help of parent and student volunteers...so THANK YOU to all those who volunteered at the events!

**A special shout out to Principal Graves...** He went above and beyond in helping us organize these events! His day starts very early in the morning, but for both events he stayed after school and helped us do the setup and preparations. On the 28<sup>th</sup>, he did the whole AV setup in the MPR by himself and even helped with mopping the MPR floor after the movie was over...THANK YOU, Mr. Graves!



## Respect Week

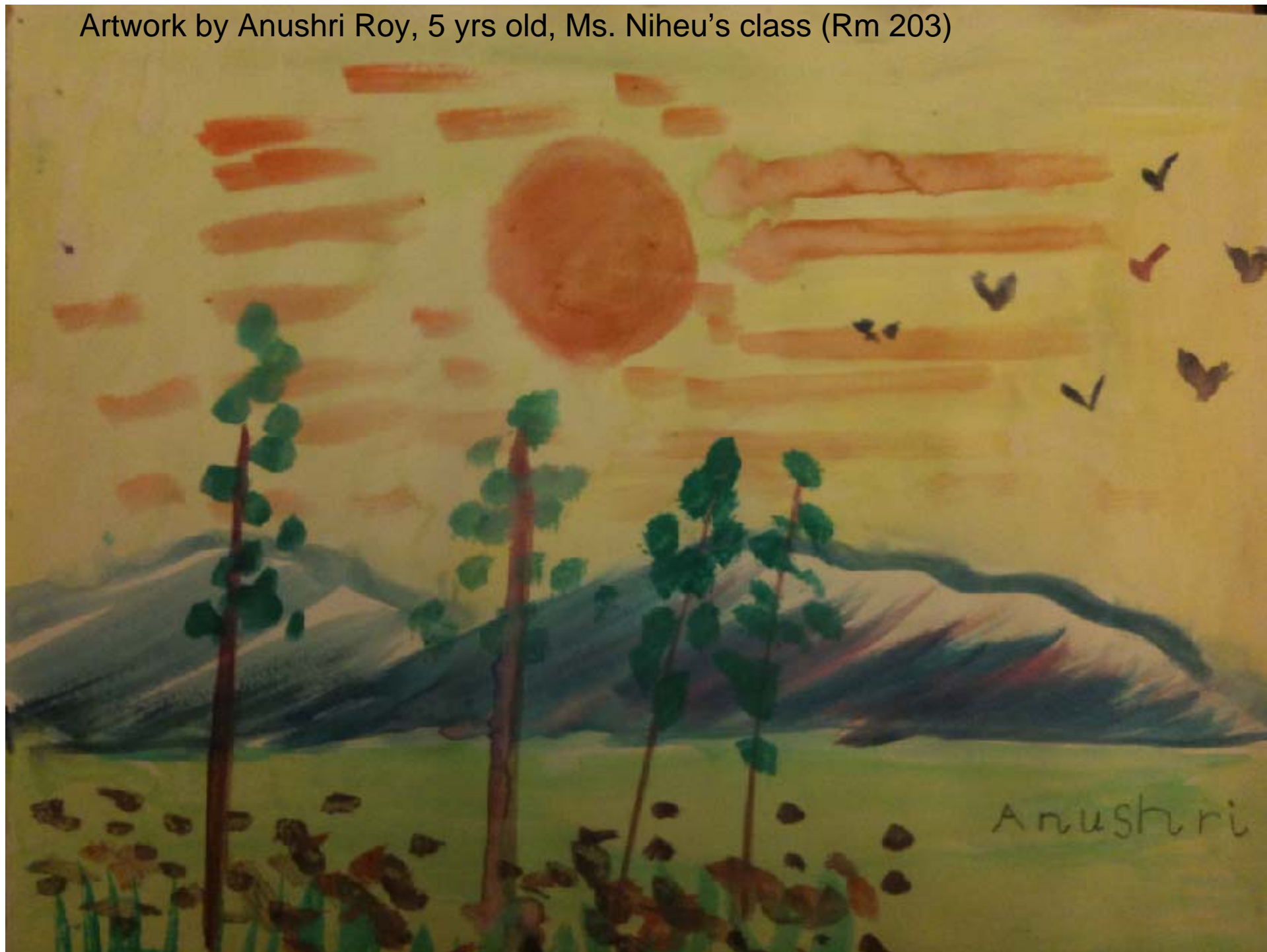
By Neepa Mehta and Anita Banerjee  
Harmony Chairs

Forest Park observed “Respect Week” from January 24<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>. The students wrote letters about a person they respect, such as a family member, friend, teacher, neighbor or celebrity. The letter described why the student respects the person they chose and how that person has influenced his/her life. The letters will be displayed throughout the school.

This week always gives us an opportunity to celebrate the diversity of our school and community and to reflect on the differences and similarities of all people.



Artwork by Anushri Roy, 5 yrs old, Ms. Niheu's class (Rm 203)



Artwork by Mira Ramachandran, 8 yrs old, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, Ms. Brandon/Ou's class



Wear Your PPE

Lab

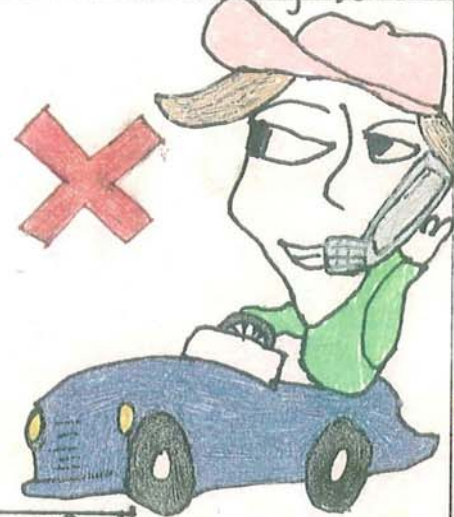


Personal Protective Equipment

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No Texting While Driving



STAY ALERT!  
DON'T GET HURT!

Wear Your Helmet



Cover Your Mouth When You Sneeze

AAA...



Poem by AASHNA NILAWAR

4<sup>th</sup> Grade RM # 404

## VALENTINE DAY

VALENTINE DAY  , how very funny!

Exchange of gifts without a penny



Giving gifts with a flair,

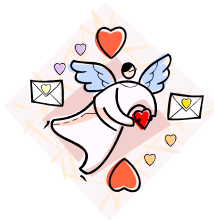
Spreading the joy without a spare.



Cards, candies, earrings & hair pins,

Don't feel like dumping in the bins.

Spreading the joy of friendship & love,



Like an adorable pure white dove!

By Sonia Sakleshpur, Grade 5, Mr.Gallagher's class



Artwork by Grace McGahan, Ms. Young/Liu's class (Rm 209)



Grace