



## Claypit Hill Monthly Newsletter April 2, 2015

### *Principal's Message*

**“All is well ...that’s my new philosophy...” Sally from PEANUTS**

Dear Claypit Hill Families,

March roared in and out like a lion and April is figuring out what to do! We had fun news this week, as Principal Brian Jones and his wife, Christie, had their first child, a beautiful baby boy – Nathan Zachary Jones. For those of you who know Mr. Jones, you can imagine how happy he is! We wish the Jones’ family every good wish possible. It is that time of year when we think about student placement for next year. We will be completing our Loker reconfiguration as we add two fifth grade classrooms to Loker. Claypit Hill is planning to have 4 sections at each grade level for next year. I will post the teacher assignments in the June newsletter. The teachers will begin to design student groupings in May. The following explains this complex process so please read carefully:

Classroom teachers will meet with specialists, guidance counselors and special education teachers to create well-balanced, heterogeneous groupings, which reflect diverse talents, interests and needs. The staff will also address factors such as gender, social and academic strengths, special needs and friendships - not necessarily “best friends” but students who have nice working relationships in school. The classroom groups will then be submitted to me for comments and/or adjustment. I will then sit down with the guidance department for a final look. At the end of this process I will assign a teacher to each group.

I hope this description helps you to understand this month long process and why requests for individual teachers are not honored. Our whole team works diligently to determine the best grouping, advocating for your child’s academic and social needs. You may write requests about placement **if the following circumstances exist:**

- Request that your child not be placed with a specific child due to personal experience and impact on your child’s learning. (A list of children will not be honored.)
- Concerns about placement with a teacher due to your close relationship with that teacher or if you would like a different experience, due to having an older sibling in a classroom in a prior year  
(Teachers may also make a request based upon personal experience with a family.)

All letters regarding placement are confidential. If you are writing a letter, please send it to me by April 30th. **Due to the complex grouping process, I cannot accept letters after April 30<sup>th</sup>.**

Please read on to see the upcoming events in April. Christie Harvey, Claypit's new principal, will be attending some events in June and I will let you know when she is here, as we plan a smooth transition for the Claypit community. I am hoping the flowers will be in full bloom very soon, no snow on the ground, with sunny weather and lots of outdoor events – I'm ready to retire my gray and black hooded jackets for the season!

As always, please contact me if you have something important to share. Have a great April vacation with your family and friends.

Sincerely,

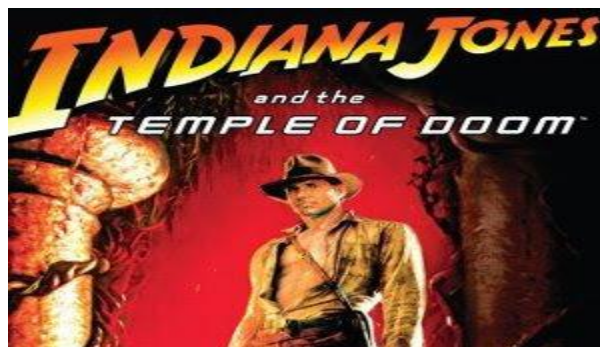
Debbie Bearse

### *Kid's Quote*

# Kids' Quote

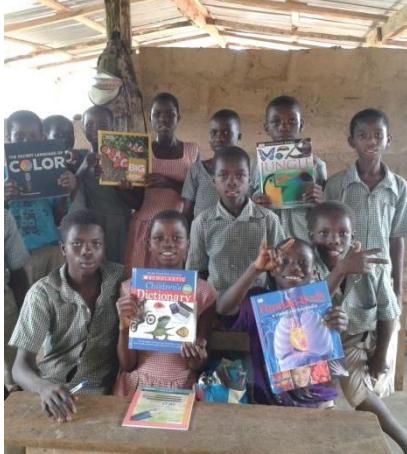
I heard a quote recently about Principal Jones – when one of Claypit's fourth graders was a kindergarten student at Loker, Mr. Jones was his principal. The student and his family went to Disney World and one of the exhibits was Indiana Jones. He came back and said to Mr. Jones very seriously,

"I saw your cousin, Indiana, when I went to Florida!"



## *From the PTO*

### *From the Book Fair Committee...*



Thanks to your generosity to the “All for Books” collection during the 2013-2014 Scholastic Book Fairs we were able to donate over \$200 in books to the Akaa Project. Lauren Grimanis, a Claypit Hill graduate, used the funds to buy hard-cover, non-fiction books for the school she founded in Ghana. Students at her school are pictured here with some of the books purchased with your donations. For more information about the Akaa Project, go to [www.akaaproject.org](http://www.akaaproject.org). Thank you and see you at the fair in May!!

### *The Book Fair is coming!*

Save the dates, the scholastic book fair will return May 4- 8<sup>th</sup>!



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## ***Upcoming Cultural Enrichment Event***

On Monday, April 27<sup>th</sup> the Cultural Enrichment Committee presents, ZUZU, African Acrobats!

*"Dynamic", "Exciting", "Impossible Stunts"!  
These are some of the words used to describe the .....*

# **ZUZU**

## **African Acrobats**

*Authentic, Cultural Entertainment at its Best!*

- Work on any surface
- Best performed as 20-30 min musical acrobatic spectaculars
- Performances to live, taped or hybrid music
- Performed at over 300 fairs and festivals worldwide
- Stars of Nickelodeon's summer Kickoff, Central Park's summer stage, Music Midtown Fest, Atlanta and many more

*ZuZu's high energy show has been said to be one of the best live, acrobatic shows in the world!!*

Witness spectacular choreographed routines involving fast pyramid building, limbo, contortion, bottle balancing, chair stacks, hand balancing .....all packed into an incredible high energy program.

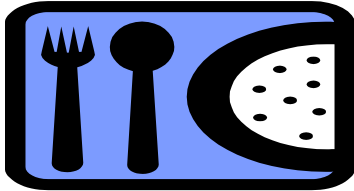


Three of our members have appeared on the recent "Americas Got Talent" Show on NBC TV.

*Capitol International Productions, Inc.*  
Daniela Rosenberg 847-940-0030  
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## Claypit Hill Reminders

***Please feel free to join your child for lunch any day.*** If you would like a hot lunch, please call the office at 508 358 7401 in the morning *and we will order it for you. Thank you!*



***Please send in back-up clothing for your children.*** Children sometimes get very wet when playing on the playground, so please remember to include some clothes, especially pants and socks, in your child's backpack! Thank you!



## Specialist News

*Please visit our specialist's websites for current happenings. (Please click the text to view each website)*

[Art News – Ms. Bentley](#)

[Library news – Ms. Burman](#)

[Physical Education News – Mr. Chadsey](#)

[Music News – Ms. Vanaria](#)

[Technology Update – Ms. Colbert](#)

[Strings Update – Ms. Tandon \(4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade\)](#)

[Band Update – Ms. Keenan](#)

[Technology News- Ms. Meyler](#)

[Strings Update – Ms. Jacobsen \(3<sup>rd</sup> grade\)](#)

*News from the Community*

The Wayland Community presents

*A CABARET STYLE FAREWELL TO  
ONE OF WAYLAND'S LONGTIME  
EDUCATIONAL LEADERS*

**Friday APRIL 10, 2015**

Join us to thank and honor Claypit Hill School Principal, Debbie Bearse, for her 23 years of service to the Wayland Public Schools and for touching the lives of thousands of children and families.

A night of music, laughter and friends featuring special performances by current students, alumni, teachers, staff and supporters!

**April 10, 2015**

**Wayland High School Auditorium**

**7 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.**

Lite hors d'oeuvres, desserts and refreshments will be served (there is no charge for this event)

**In lieu of gifts, please consider making a donation to one of Debbie's favorite charities**

**Jeff's Place, Children's Bereavement Center, 34 Deloss St. Framingham, MA  
01702**

**Lauren Dunne Astley Memorial Fund, The Village Bank, 62 Boston Post Rd,  
Wayland MA 01778**

**Daniel G. Burgess Memorial Award, WHS Scholarhip Program, 264 Old  
Connecticut Path, Wayland MA 01778**

## *News from the Health Room*

### *Scoliosis Screening*

Annual postural screening will take place in your child's PE class, April 7,8,9. Mr. Chadsey will be screening the boys, and Nurse Forti will be screening the girls. We request that girls wear a halter type top or bathing suit under their clothes that day to facilitate the screening. If you do not want your child screened, because the physician has done it, please send in a note BEFORE the day of the screening. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Cindy Forti at [508-358-3779](tel:508-358-3779)



### *Extra clothing for all CHS students:*

Please send in back up clothing for your child. The health room is not responsible for providing back up clothing. Without dry clothing, your child may be uncomfortable and/or you may receive a phone call to bring dry clothes.



## *Calendar of Events for April and May*

<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Date(s)</b>
<b>Good Friday, No School</b>		Friday, April 3 <sup>rd</sup>
<b>ALICE TRAINING for staff</b>	Entire school	Monday, April 6 <sup>th</sup> 3:30-4:20
<b>Rhythm Kids ( Kindergarten)</b>	Cafeteria	Friday, April 10 <sup>th</sup> (morning)
<b>Cabaret Farwell to Ms. Bearse</b>	High School (caf. and auditorium)	Friday, April 10 <sup>th</sup> 7 -9 p.m
<b>All School Meeting</b>	Gym	Monday, April 13 <sup>th</sup> , 9:00
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip</b>	Museum of Science	Friday, April 17 <sup>th</sup>
<b>No School - April Vacation</b>		Monday April 20 <sup>th</sup> - Friday April 24 <sup>th</sup>
<b>Cultural Enrichment Performance</b>	Gym	Monday April 27 <sup>th</sup> , 9:00
<b>Math Night</b>	Cafeteria	Tuesday, April 28 <sup>th</sup> , 6-8:30
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Grade Bash</b>	Middle School	Friday, May 1 <sup>st</sup> 5-7 p.m.
<b>PARCC Testing</b>		Various dates throughout May
<b>Book Fair</b>		May 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 all day
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Photo</b>		Friday, May 15 <sup>th</sup> , 9:15 a.m.
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Lexington Field Trip, Owen/Par. Whitesides</b>		Thursday, May 21 <sup>st</sup>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Lexington Field Trip, Bertram/Murphy</b>		Friday, May 22 <sup>nd</sup>
<b>2<sup>nd</sup> Grade North End Field Trip</b>		Friday, May 22 <sup>nd</sup>
<b>5<sup>th</sup> Grade Play</b>	Gym	Thursday, May 28 <sup>th</sup> 10:00 a.m & 7:00 p.m.

