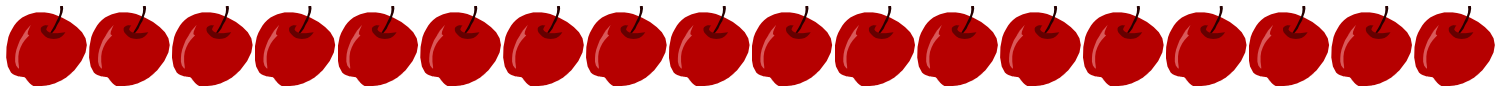


# Kiel/Sisco School News



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## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

*Pat Hart*

It is with great enthusiasm and excitement that I welcome you to the 2009-10 school year. In the Spring I had the opportunity to attend the National Principal's Convention. It was extremely inspirational to network with people from all over the United States and to attend workshops directly linked to what our students, teachers and parents need. At that time I learned about Stephen and Sean Covey's work which includes the following books entitled "The Leader in Me" and "The 7 Habits of Happy Kids". Upon my return, I shared what I had learned with the Kiel/Sisco staff. As a follow-up this summer, Sue Gersten our Media Specialist, Beverly Miller, our Speech Therapist and I attended "Education Summit 2009" to gain more information. The staff's enthusiasm for this great work and how it connected with our school led to the development of this year's theme which is **"We Honor the Greatness in You"**, Building Character, Building Leaders.



Let me ask you, **"How many of you have achieved your present level of success partly or even largely because someone believed in you when you didn't believe in yourself?"**

We look forward to honoring the greatness in each child through the teaching of the seven habits and by providing leadership opportunities throughout the building especially for our 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students. The best way to prepare the next generation for the future is to emphasize the value of communication, cooperation, initiative and unique individual talent. I look forward to sharing more about our initiative as we go through the year. I also look forward to us holding hands as educators and parents as we inspire greatness, one child at a time. As Stephen Covey says, "Leadership is communicating people's worth and potential so clearly that they are inspired to see it in themselves".

### Get in the Habit-In the Leader in Me

- Habit 1: Be Proactive
- Habit 2: Begin With the End in Mind
- Habit 3: Put First Things First
- Habit 4: Think Win-Win
- Habit 5: Seek First to Understand, Then to Be Understood
- Habit 6: Synergize-Together is Better
- Habit 7: Sharpen the Saw

## Pinwheels for Peace

September 21<sup>st</sup> has been declared the International Day of Peace. As a tribute to this date and great cause our students and staff will be creating "Pinwheels for Peace". "For many of us "Peace" can take on a different meaning, but in the end, it all comes down to a simple definition: state of calm and serenity, with no anxiety, the absence of violence, freedom from conflict or disagreement among people or groups of people."(Ann Ayers and Ellen McMillan). The pinwheel was chosen since it is a symbol of childhood which reminds us of a time when things were simple, joyful and peaceful. This process will involve students writing their thoughts which may be single words, poetry, prose, haiku, or essay style. On the other side they will creatively decorate their pinwheel. Our Pinwheels for "Whirled Peace" will be on display outside from September 21st through Back-to-School Night, weather permitting.

## News around Kiel/Sisco School:

We welcome some new faces and returning faces to our Kiel/Sisco family: Holly Campbell returns as Kindergarten teacher, Cathy Beevers rejoins as Sisco School aide, and our new faces: Mrs. Vickie Lutz, World Languages Teacher, and new classroom aides Mrs. Helene Geissel, Mrs. Geralyn DeLillo and Ms. Vielka Perez. Warm congratulations to Miss Nicole DiTommaso on her marriage over the summer! She returns as Mrs. Nicole Velasco.

## Family Day—September 28th

*A national initiative to remind parents that what your kids really want at the dinner table is YOU!*

*Family Day—A Day to Eat Dinner with Your Children* is a national movement to inform parents that the parental engagement fostered during frequent family dinners is an effective tool to help keep America's kids substance free. Family Day reminds parents that *Dinner Makes a Difference!* Family meals are the perfect time to talk to your kids and to listen to what's on their minds—whether you're cooking a gourmet meal or ordering from your favorite take out place. For more info visit [www.CASAFamilyDay.org](http://www.CASAFamilyDay.org).

## N.J. Schools Update Nutrition Rules and Cafeteria Menus

In keeping with state guidelines, the Kinnelon Public Schools continue to adopt a nutrition policy that includes more fruits and veggies and less fat and sugar. What does that mean at Kiel/Sisco School?

When celebrating Birthdays within the classroom, please plan treats that promote good nutrition. Some suggested items include:

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| Vegetables or fruit and dip | Cheese and Crackers  |
| Mixed fruit                 | Whole Wheat Pretzels |
| Oatmeal Cookies             | Muffins              |



Thank you for adhering to these guidelines which promote healthy eating.

## KIEL/SISCO BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT



**SAVE THE DATE!**

**THURSDAY,  
SEPTEMBER 24TH**  
*Details to follow via backpack.*

## KENSA PRESENTS:

## Simon Sez for Better Listening

**Thursday, September 24th**

Students will learn how to be better listeners through a simple game of Simon Sez. Topics will include concentrating, staying focused, avoiding distractions, not succumbing to peer