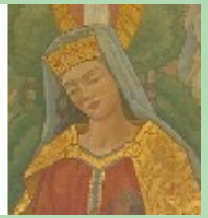




ST. ELIZABETH SCHOOL

Washington Heights
New York, New York



A Newsletter to Our Parents and Friends

Spring 2009



First grade students, Roger Sanchez and Luisanna Suero enjoy choosing books from our new collection!

Library Corner

Our school library continues to delight all the students and teachers! Under the capable direction of Ms. Jennifer Kietur, the children are able to borrow books and have quiet reading time during their busy day. From the youngest to the oldest students, the library has become a favorite place to read and study. Also, St. Elizabeth School was awarded a \$3,900 mini-grant from *Library Connections* to enhance the library program.

Our first grade students wrote letters to President Obama congratulating him on being elected 44th President. Ms. Kietur mailed the letters to the White House. We hope he will answer!

If you have any children's or Young Adult books in good condition that you would like to donate, please contact Miss Kietur. We would love to expand our reading selections!

Welcome Home, Sr. Eileen!

Sr. Eileen has returned to school after recuperating from surgery to replace a broken hip suffered in a fall at the beginning of February. She is happy to be back and thanks everyone for their prayers and best wishes!

New York Welcomes a New Archbishop!

Archbishop Timothy Dolan has been named by Pope Benedict XVI as the successor to Cardinal Edward Egan. Archbishop Dolan, the head of the Milwaukee diocese since 2002, was installed as the new Archbishop of New York on April 15th at St. Patrick's Cathedral. He has a long tradition of love and support for Catholic education. St. Elizabeth School welcomes him!

Admiral McGrath Visits St. Elizabeth

St. Elizabeth School students had a wonderful visit with Admiral Patrick McGrath of the United States Navy. He is a 1971 graduate of our school and a cousin of Sr. Sheila Kelly RSM. Admiral McGrath, who is a lawyer, is now stationed in San Diego. He spoke with our 7th and 8th grade students about his career and encouraged them to follow their dreams. He credits the Navy for giving him many skills plus a wonderful education.

For more photos and school news, please visit our website at www.steliznyc.org!

Don't forget your Box Tops!

St. Elizabeth School receives 10 cents for every Box Top for Education coupon we submit. Just cut out the coupon and send it in to your child's teacher. The class that collects the most gets a Pizza Party! In the fall, we earned \$217.80. Parent volunteer coordinator, Shelly Wolfe, reports that we should have a check for \$325 in April! Keep up the good work!

Alumni Corner

We are very proud to announce that the following graduates have achieved honors from their Catholic High Schools:

St. Vincent Ferrer H.S.: Nicole Ruszczyński, Principal's List and Liseidy Bueno, First Honors.

Xavier H.S.: Varun Behl, First Honors; Ronald Delphin, Second Honors; and Alexis Tactuk, Second Honors.

Aquinas H.S. Honor Roll: Jhairie Aguilar, Stacy Diaz, Sharlene Espinosa, Michelle Figueroa, Amber Hamilton, Carolina Noboa, Maridalia Martinez, Ileana Paulino, Michelle Pena, Janice Rodriguez, and Lisa Rodriguez.

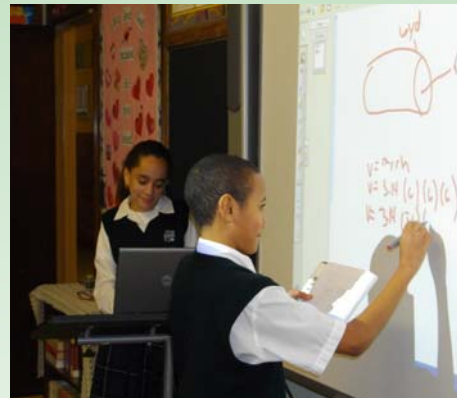
If you have any news of recent graduates, please let us know so we can share the news. Email to: officedev@steliznyc.org.

Take Charge of Education

Thanks to our parents, teachers and friends, St. Elizabeth School has earned \$618 from "The Take Charge of Education Program" sponsored by Target stores. When you buy something at Target and use your REDcard, St. Elizabeth earns 1% of that purchase. It costs the buyer nothing! You buy what you would ordinarily buy and Target donates the money to the school. Since we are getting to the Easter buying season, consider applying for the REDcard and listing our school as the designated recipient. It is a wonderful and easy way to give to your school!

Our New Smartboard Arrives!

St. Elizabeth School bought a new *Smartboard* for the 3rd grade classroom with Technology funds. A Smartboard is a large display board that combines the simplicity of a whiteboard and the power of a computer. It has a touch sensitive display that connects the computer and digital projector to show a computer image to a whole class. Computer applications can be controlled directly from the display, notes can be written in digital ink directly on the board and work saved as on a computer. We are very happy to receive such a great teaching tool!



Emily Martinez and Ryan Lopez practice on the new Smartboard

Water Pipe Emergency!

The school was closed for three days in February due to a major problem with the main water line coming into the building. The DEP found a crack in this pipe and it had to be repaired immediately! The cost to the school after insurance was \$16,000. Due to this 3 day closing, school will be **open** on March 17th, May 21, and May 26.

Shopping has never been easier!

Shop at www.innisbrook.com for beautiful holiday and birthday gifts and our school receives 50% of all sales! Remember: this deal costs you nothing extra! The company sends us a check for 50% of your order. Just use the school code 108891 on the order screen.