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| **Somerville School**  **Ridgewood Public Schools**  **Dr. Lorna Oates-Santos, Principal** |
| February 13, 2018 E-News  *" When you love what you have, you have everything you need" ~ Anonymous*  **VALENTINES' DAY GUIDELINES:** Many classrooms will be celebrating the Valentine Holiday with a party of some sort. Please keep in mind that Ridgewood School District Food Policy has clear guidelines that help to keep our students healthy while acknowledging that eating some sweet treats is fun! There should be a healthy snack if a sweet snack is to be served. **Additionally, valentines with candy attached cannot be distributed.** We have children who are allergic to different kinds of foods, are diabetic, or cannot tolerate gluten. Thank you for understanding. We want everyone to enjoy the holiday!  Looking forward, there are some dates to be mindful of so please mark your calendars:   * **February 16th-20th**:  School Closed ~ February Recess * **February 23rd**:  H.S.A. Meeting @ 2:00 PM * **February 27th**:  Science Fair @ 7:00 PM * **February 28th**:  Science Fair All Day * **February 28th**:  Wellbeing 2017-2018 Speaker Series, "Developing Grit, Self-Control, and a Positive Mindset: The Keys to Success" ~ GWMS 7-9 pm * **Ongoing:** There will be no food drive this month.  The month of **March**will be **pancake mix and syrup**coordinated by our first grade.  Please consider donating to this worthy cause.   Below is the link to this week's eNotices.  Please remember to scroll down for any notices that you may have missed!  [https://tinyurl.com/y82f9fcq](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/kREe6WM1VUEhUc_7jFumsw~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRcZEzdP0TLaHR0cDovL3RyYWNrLnNwZS5zY2hvb2xtZXNzZW5nZXIuY29tL2YvYS90NVVETVZQMmZna1pLUEJheFRTUzRBfn4vQUFBQUFRQX4vUmdSY1d5aVdQMFFjYUhSMGNITTZMeTkwYVc1NWRYSnNMbU52YlM5NU9ESm1PV1pqY1ZjSGMyTm9iMjlzYlZnRUFBQUFBRUlLQUFJVzlYbGFiSEprSEZJY1kyRnVaV0ppYVdGQWNtbGtaMlYzYjI5a0xtc3hNaTV1YWk1MWN3fn5XB3NjaG9vbG1YBAAAAAFCCgABXRmDWi3tzKFSHGNhbmViYmlhQHJpZGdld29vZC5rMTIubmoudXM~)  **HSA E-NEWS**  **FROM THE PARENTS’ ASSOCIATION**  “*You gotta learn to laugh, it’s the way to true love*.”   -- Nora Ephron  **LIP SYNC** last Friday was the BEST Lip Sync EVER! We had record-breaking participation – 192 Somerville talents up on the stage, wow! Fortunately we had our very experienced and calm-under-pressure chairs **Kelly Gazzini** and **Elizabeth Hall** in charge to manage Somerville’s equivalent of the Super Bowl halftime show. Thanks so much, Kelly and Liz! You guys are great!! And congratulations to our young performers!  **SCIENCE FAIR**   Do you have a problem with commitment?? Don’t wait! Choose a subject and get set to have an empirically good time at Somerville’s **Science Fair** on **February 27th and 28th**. You’ll be glad you gave yourself plenty of preparation time, because it is super-rewarding to work on these projects with your child! All exhibitors are also invited to participate in Super Science Saturday that weekend at the high school as well. Science Fair Chair **Sohee Bidol-Lee**has prepared a genius Google Docs sign-up sheet that tells you everything you need to know: <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfZZj_aQUndSb1a7JoKQPpcJx4ztoC8fyLV-QgWKF-qnxDdHg/viewform?c=0&w=1>  **THERE’S A FORTUNE IN YOUR GROCERY CARDS… Literally!** Watch your kid’s backpack tomorrow because there’s a SURPRISE in the grocery card envelope they bring home – in honor of the Chinese New Year, a fortune-cookie fortune!!  After you find it,  please take a few minutes to write a check for Stop n Shop, King’s, or Shop-Rite grocery cards and send it back. This month we are having a contest to see which class can get the most families to participate. The winning class will get an autographed copy of a book by this year’s visiting author, Grace Lin, for their class library. Contact our Grocery Card Chair **Rich Miller** [richamiller@hotmail.com](mailto:richamiller@hotmail.com) with any questions, such a helpful guy!  **TEACHER APPRECIATION BREAKFAST** Tomorrow, our teachers will be treated to a special Valentine’s Day breakfast of treats prepared by our parents, to let them know how much we appreciate their hard work. Thank you to **all**our volunteers and especially to Chairs **Liz Coleman**, **Jamie Cariddi** and **Liz Mazzurco**!  **INTERNATIONAL DAY**is coming on **April 5th**! HUGE turnout last week for the kickoff meeting for International a. This is the ultimate feel-good event! There’s still plenty of time to sign up to help at a country table, or have your own. Contact our nifty co-chairs, **Mayumi Harada** [mayumiharada@mac.com](mailto:mayumiharada@mac.com) or **Anthony Fasano** [anthony@engineeredcontent.com](mailto:anthony@engineeredcontent.com)**.**  **RPL READING MARATHON    Ready, Set… READ!!** We are well into the **Ridgewood Public Library’s Reading Marathon** month so don’t forget to fill out your **Bingo Cards**. You can get more cards here: [https://docs.wixstatic.com/ugd/eb7023\_586d60e45bee4307ab2dbfdade5bccbb.pdf](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/tvRZLbgET-xJL6kXkPgQBw~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRcZEzdP0RKaHR0cHM6Ly9kb2NzLndpeHN0YXRpYy5jb20vdWdkL2ViNzAyM181ODZkNjBlNDViZWU0MzA3YWIyZGJmZGFkZTViY2NiYi5wZGZXB3NjaG9vbG1YBAAAAAFCCgABXRmDWi3tzKFSHGNhbmViYmlhQHJpZGdld29vZC5rMTIubmoudXM~)  Remember, you can complete as many Bingo cards as you like and each one will be entered into raffles for many prizes to be drawn at our Comic Con Saturday, February 24 at the Ridgewood Public Library.  Check out other great programs offered at the Ridgewood Public Library on behalf of the Friends of the Library. Your generous donations help keep these great programs running.  Please click [here](http://track.spe.schoolmessenger.com/f/a/vd1O9814II3lxEMKdGe5yw~~/AAAAAQA~/RgRcZEzdP0R1aHR0cHM6Ly9tc2cuc2Nob29sbWVzc2VuZ2VyLmNvbS9tLz9zPV80c1J3Ukt2Z0hjJm1hbD0zMmFkZTU4ODdiZDI2NmJkYzJiZGQ2YWY2NTJjZmM2MzE4NWVhODg0MDc4Njc2NmFkZmQ1NWJjMWY0MjA1MTNiVwdzY2hvb2xtWAQAAAABQgoAAV0Zg1ot7cyhUhxjYW5lYmJpYUByaWRnZXdvb2QuazEyLm5qLnVz) for the flyer.  Contact **Tammy Juco**, Reading Marathon Chair at  [tjuco@yahoo.com](mailto:tjuco@yahoo.com" \t "_blank) for more information.  **BOX TOPS --   BUY.CLIP.EARN $ for Somerville!**  Our next submission is March 1st.  Please get your box tops in by **Friday, February 23rd**.  Thanks to all you clippers!  **FRIDAY, Feb. 23rd** is also our next **Somerville Home and School Association meeting**. ALL are invited to attend at 2:00 in the gaga pit room (!). Sheila Brogan of the Board of Education will be there to give a short presentation about Super Science Saturday.  Enjoy your break, everyone!  Alexa Wagschal |