

# Tracy Times

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Spring is in the air at Tracy Elementary School!



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Edward Tracy Elementary School  
Home of the TRACY TIGERS

## News for our families:

- **Elementary Parent-Teacher Conferences** take place from 4/4-4/8. 12:25 dismissal each day.
- **Math/Literacy Night 4/14, 6:00-8:00**
- **Early Dismissal 4/20 12:25**
- **Spring Break 4/21-4/25**

## Tracy Art Room News



3D Art...

using recycled products is filling up the art room here at Tracy School. Students are busy creating art that focuses on sculpture from re-

purposed or recycled items such as water bottles and paper towel rolls.

4th grade is busy transforming empty water bottles into Native American Hopi Indian Kachina dolls. Using plaster gauze has been exciting, challenging, messy and fun. When completed, they include a book students handmade telling the history of the Kachina doll. This project integrates both art and library. Thanks to Mrs. Palmer our librarian for working with the students in the writing and construction of their books! In addition, we have been fortunate to have received a grant from the Crayola Corporation which allows us the funding to complete this project. Thanks CRAYOLA!

Continuing with plaster, our 3rd grade is busy learning about the history of masks. Our travels take us around the world for an understanding of the celebration of Carnival. We also are learning about the masks of African tribes and Ancient Egypt.

2nd grade art continues with the Egyptian theme by creating cartouches using clay slab construction. Into the cartouches, each student has carved their name in Hieroglyphics. This has been 2nd grades second creation in clay. Our first experience in clay was making pinch pots. 2nd graders were introduced to hand building, and glazing their own unique pots. 1st grade created Model Magic polar bears and penguins while learning about the Antarctic and Arctic areas of our Earth. We all had an amazing time with our first sculpture experience.

Since then, we have used real clay and created stamped necklaces which will be glazed soon. Currently, 1st grade is learning about keeping our planet clean by creating unique "Litter Bugs".

Check back for pictures of our completed art in 3D.

Keep Art in Your Lives!  
Mrs. Ross



cil would like to thank all of the students and their families for their generous donations.



## Wall of Hope

The Tracy Elementary School Student Council participated in the American Cancer Society's Wall of Hope campaign from February 28<sup>th</sup> through March 4<sup>th</sup>. Students were able to purchase an American Cancer Society die cut for a \$1.00 donation. The die cut was in the shape of a yellow daffodil – the flower of hope. The American Cancer Society conducts fundraisers such as DAFFODIL DAYS to support research, education, and advocacy and to provide services to local cancer patients. Also, for every 25 die cuts that our school purchased, the Lehigh Valley Unit of the American Cancer Society, through Project Care, donated a Birthdays R. Hope special edition Boyds Bear to a child in need in our local communities. The Tracy Elementary School Student Coun-



## Gym Goodies

In Physical Education classes, Grades 3 and 4 are in the middle of their Volleyball unit. All classes have worked on skills such as serve, bump, dig, set, and spike. Classes will play games in round robin fashion after they learn the rules and rotation. Lower grades are introduced to serve and bump as part of their ball skills activities.

## Read Across America Day : March 2, 2011

Happy Birthday Dr. Seuss!

First graders at Tracy sang a song dedicated to Dr. Seuss and his wonderful pieces of literature. This song was sung during our morning announcements!





First graders read Dr. Seuss books!

## PSSA Pep Rally

To help get ready for the PSSAs, Tracy School had an exciting pep rally for our 3rd and 4th grade students!



**Go Tigers!**

