



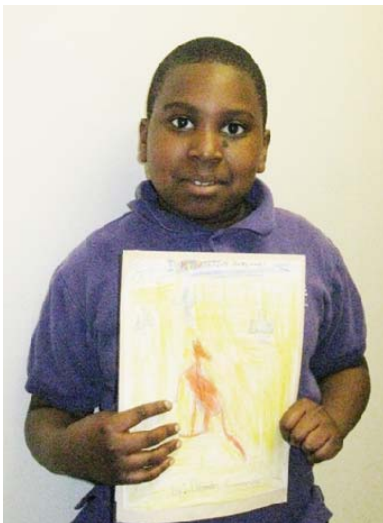
## Friday Letter

May 16, 2008

Dear Members of the ACCS Community,

We are quickly approaching the end of the school year and the students are creating remarkable writing products that are on display outside many classrooms. Some of the reports were written after the students researched a topic. Some were creative writing pieces that were written during writer's workshop. All of the writing products show us that our students, even in the lower grades, are using higher level thinking skills. Congratulations to the teachers and students.

Ms. Shelley's class has been working very hard on a creative writing project in writer's workshop. After reading a book about an urban cat and a rural cat, the class created picture books about two children who switched places to see what it was like to experience a different environment. Terris Jerome Brown II (TJ) told me about his picture book. "The kid in the city went to the country. That kid saw apples, trees, a fox and a squirrel. The country kid went out and got a job in a car shop." TJ thought it was fun writing a picture book.



Ms. McLoughlin's class completed animal reports on mammals. Demetri Cummings wrote his report on kangaroos. In his report, Demetri wrote the following, "Did you ever wonder if a kangaroo was an omnivore, herbivore, or carnivore? Well, it is an omnivore because it eats dead animals, lizards, but mostly plants. I didn't know that they eat meat! Now I wonder if they will eat me!" Demetri liked everything about the project and he learned things he never knew before. Beginning with the research and finishing with the final publication, his report took about a month to complete.

Mr. Mark's fifth grade is working on a unit about natural disasters. Each student is researching a natural disaster. Elijah Bethel chose to research volcanoes. He liked learning about volcanoes and what to do if it erupts. The fifth graders have been working in groups to produce natural disaster videos. Look for the videos at the June show of work.



Again, congratulations to all of the teachers and students for their amazing work.

*Mary Theresa*

, Mary Theresa Streck, Principal

## The Traveling Blues Comes to the Ark



On Monday we were lucky enough to have Guy Davis visit our school to perform his show *Traveling Blues*. Mr. Davis' show included a history lesson on how the blues developed and the difference between the Delta Blues and the Piedmont or East Coast blues, interspersed with songs of both varieties. The students were a wonderful audience clapping along and asking very thoughtful questions.



Thank you to the Capital Region Center for the Arts in Education for bringing him to our school!

### A Concert to Benefit the The Arts Center of the Capital Region

Join us for an Afternoon of Music!  
Saturday, May 17th - 12:00 - 4:30 p.m. in front of  
**THE BEAT SHOP**  
197 River Street in Troy  
(The Antique District)

Appearing on Stage  
Kate Pittman  
Molly Durnin  
Simple Theory  
Ramplin Jug Stompers  
and  
Jonesville

**KEEP THE ARTS ALIVE!**  
All donations will benefit  
The Arts Center of the Capital Region  
265 River Street  
Troy, NY 12180  
[www.artscenteronline.org](http://www.artscenteronline.org)

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL**  
272-0433

### New classes starting soon -

Check our website at [www.artscenteronline.org](http://www.artscenteronline.org)

It's not too early to sign up for  
Kids & Teens Camps this summer

Children's Camps - 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

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| July 7-11      | Puppet Extravaganza                 |
| July 14-18     | Ocean Adventures                    |
| July 21-25     | World of Make-Believe               |
| July 28-Aug. 1 | Wacky World                         |
| Aug 4-8        | Around the World in 5 Days          |
| Aug 4-8        | Drama Camp (All Ages Program)       |
| Aug 11-15      | Art Through the Ages                |
| Aug 11-15      | Circus Theatrics (All Ages Program) |
| Aug 18-22      | Superheroes & Cartooning            |
| Aug 25-29      | Sensational Sculptures              |



On Monday, May 12, 2008, both kindergarten classes held our very first Mother's Day Tea Party! The kindergarteners served their mothers and munched on muffins and iced tea. The kindergarteners also presented their mothers with their mother's day gifts! A fabulous time was had by all! Look at the smiling faces!



# May 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
18	19	20	21	22	23 NO SCHOOL HOLIDAY	24
25	26 NO SCHOOL HOLIDAY	27	28	29	30	31 FLAG DAY FLOAT BUILDING
June 1	2	3	4 School Doctor	5	5	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14

FLAG DAY  
PARADE  
1pm

SAVE THE DATES: Tuesday, June 17: Student Show of Work, 6pm  
 Monday, June 23: Grafton Park Family Day for Grades 2-6  
 Thursday, June 26: Last Day of School  
 Moving Up Day Celebration 9:30am,  
 Evening: 6th Grade Graduation

Ms. Augustine, Ms. Jacqui & Mr. Walon are working with the parent group to create a big beautiful presence at the Flag Day Parade hopefully including an Ark FLOAT & all our students! Please volunteer to help build the float, plan for and march in the parade! Please call Ms. Augustine to help.

## LUNCH MENU for week of 5/19-5/23

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Chicken Taco Salad Beans Fruit Milk	Ham & Cheese Sandwich Soup Fruit Milk	Chili Bread Broccoli Fruit Milk	Hot Dogs Cheese Nachos Salad Fruit Milk	NO SCHOOL

Peanut butter and jelly sandwiches are always available as an alternative.