

## THE IMPORTANCE OF READING

The number one activity linked to academic success is reading. Parents of fourth grade students should encourage their children to read everyday for at least thirty minutes. Parents should also spend time every day reading to their children. Reading together creates a shared experience between a parent and a child.

Children who learn to read successfully master three core components: 1. They are able to identify printed words using sound spelling connections and have a sight word repertoire (i.e. a, are, do, etc.). 2. They are able to use precious knowledge, vocabulary and comprehension strategies to read for meaning. An example of a comprehension strategy is when a student re-reads a sentence or paragraph to gain a better understanding of that sentence or paragraph. Another example is when a child makes predictions about what will happen next in a story. 3. They read with fluency, that is, they can identify words swiftly so that what is read is understood and reading itself is enjoyable. Reading with fluency also includes adding appropriate expression and pauses when reading aloud. Students on the fourth grade level should read at a rate of 100 to 120 words per minute. For more information access [www.improve-reading-skills.com](http://www.improve-reading-skills.com).

*Mr. Luciano, Grade 4 Language Arts Teacher*

## BARNES & NOBLE BOOK FAIR COMING SOON

The annual Barnes & Noble Book Fair to benefit the Frank W. Gavlak and Jefferson Schools will take place at the Barnes & Noble store in Clifton on Tuesday, June 12<sup>th</sup>. Please watch for flyers about the Book Fair which your students will be bringing home in the next few weeks.

*Mrs. Garey,  
Media Specialist*



## JUMP ROPE FOR HEART

The fifth and sixth grade students from Frank W. Gavlak School jumped into the fight against heart disease on March 28 and March 29, 2012, as they participated in our annual Jump Rope for Heart fundraiser.

The students were organized into teams. Each team consisted of six students. The students took turns and jumped rope for one minute. Jump Rope for Heart is designed to teach children about cardiovascular diseases and the importance of caring for their hearts through regular exercise. The total amount of money raised by our students was \$589.00.

Special recognition goes to the top students who raised the most money:

- Emilia Bialek 5G \$74.00
- Juliana Najda 5B \$60.00
- Cynthia Carr 6R \$50.00
- Tricia Calabrese 5G \$50.00

Congratulations to all the students who participated. Special thanks to all of the sponsors for making this event a great success.

*Mrs. Ferguson & Mr. Bell  
Physical Education Teachers*



## KINDERGARTEN TO GRADE 3 PLAY DAY

Extra! Extra! Read all about it! K-3 Play Day is coming soon. Students will get to experience a positive character education day plus fitness. High School students will volunteer to help make this a great day. Don't forget, dress appropriately, sunscreen and water bottles. An added treat is our PTA graciously delivers ice for all to enjoy!