

## **Elysian Charter School Weekly Newsletter**

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*Please note that the school newsletter is sent out on Mondays. When Monday is a holiday, the newsletter is sent the following day. If you have news, please send it to [lynneshapiro@rocketmail.com](mailto:lynneshapiro@rocketmail.com) by 3:00 PM on Mondays.*

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### **Harry's Corner**

#### **Report Cards**

On February 17 we will be distributing our report card narratives. These are one of the unique features of Elysian, and something that has helped parents and teachers to really understand each child's growth and learning.

These narratives, usually several pages long, discuss each child within the classroom and the progress that he/she is making. Teachers spend long hours writing these; and they provide wonderful insights into how the children are performing and interacting in school in a context that most parents never see. These are a wonderful tool for a discussion with the teacher (please make an appointment if you want to discuss anything; drop off and

pick up are hectic times and the teachers may be distracted).

In addition, students in the special education program receive a progress report from the special education teachers. These reports are attached to the report cards of students with IEPs when they are distributed, but are not kept in the children's cumulative folders. These reports are treated as confidential information and do not continue on to the children's high schools as part of the application process. According to guidance that we have received from the Department of Education, information that goes on to high schools may not identify a student as a special education student (even the College Board is no longer allowed to indicate if students took the SATs under modified conditions). As a result of this, we will no longer be indicating, on the report card, that a child has modified goals or expectations. The information on the report card will remain the same, and any special education reports will be placed in the special education progress reports.

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### **Valentine Roses for Sale Through Friday**

Roses are sweet and now they can be even sweeter....Purchase a chocolate rose today to donate money to the Elysian Middle School. \$1 each. Dark or white chocolate. Deadline, February 10th. Thanks!, Natalie Papa, 7th grader

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### **Square 1 Art Orders are Due by Friday**

Please return your order no later than FEBRUARY 10, 2012. We cannot accept orders received **after February 10th**. Please make checks/money orders payable to the ECS PTSO. We cannot accept cash.

This fundraiser helps the Art Department with supplies for all students.

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at [tgc437@optonline.net](mailto:tgc437@optonline.net) .

Thank you,  
Tracey Calvanico  
Square 1 Art Coordinator

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## **News From Friends of Elysian**

### **The 2011-2012 Friends Of Elysian Annual Appeal is underway!**

The Friends of Elysian 2011-2012 Annual Appeal is underway. The funds we raise through this Appeal will help Elysian Charter provide for facilities, fund capital improvements and underwrite projects that help our students and teachers succeed. The Friends of Elysian would like to thank these families, teachers, staffers and friends for being the first to contribute to the 2011-2012 Annual Appeal.

Ryan Cairns  
Pam Cushing  
Carter and Stephanie Craft  
Rennie & David Greenfield  
Jeff & Mitzi Joss  
Lynne and Tom Kluepfel  
Paola & Tom Kusner  
Emily McIntosh  
Kathy Mone  
Maureen Melnick and Brian Neville  
Debra Pelto and David Naumann  
John Rutledge  
Liz and Dave Swift  
Sherry Tomasso  
Alison Ziegler and John Fisher

It only takes \$1 to be counted in this important fundraiser for Elysian. The goal of this year's appeal is 100% participation from all Elysian families so please consider joining these early donors in supporting our school. Donations will be accepted by mail or on-line at [www.friendsofelysian.org](http://www.friendsofelysian.org). Thanks for helping us reach our goal.

## **Annual Dinner Dance and Auction: Purchase Tickets Now**

Tickets now on sale for the Friends of Elysian annual fundraising dinner dance and auction. For the price of \$125 each, you will enjoy a fantastic night out that includes an open bar, a cocktail hour, full buffet dinner, live and DJ music and four auctions/raffles. Ticket prices also include a donation to the Elysian charter school's technology fund that will provide for new Smartboards, computers and tablets to be installed in the classrooms by September 2012. To purchase tickets go to [www.friendsofelysian.org](http://www.friendsofelysian.org) or contact Kim Demopoulos ([kim.demopoulos@ubs.com](mailto:kim.demopoulos@ubs.com)), Eileen O'Brien ([scotchies@aol.com](mailto:scotchies@aol.com)) or Donna Olah-Reiken ([donna@olah-reiken.com](mailto:donna@olah-reiken.com)).

If you are interested in donating towards tickets for the staff (\$75/each) please contact either Eileen O'Brien ([scotchies@aol.com](mailto:scotchies@aol.com)) or Kim Demopoulos ([kim.demopoulos@ubs.com](mailto:kim.demopoulos@ubs.com)). We are maintaining a master list of staff interested in attending on March 10th and will facilitate both the purchase and the notification of the donation. Donors have the option of remaining anonymous, so please let us know how you choose to proceed.

And, finally we are still in need of auction donations, so please contact Deb Lewis at [atgenstein@optonline.net](mailto:atgenstein@optonline.net) with your contributions no later than February 28th.

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## **Free Youth Lacrosse Clinic**

A free clinic for 8 and 9 year old boys AND girls is being offered to see if there is enough demand to start a formal youth lacrosse program here in Hoboken. (More clinics will be coming for other ages if this trial is a success...)

The clinic will be held in the Walker Gym at Stevens Institute of Technology on the following dates:

2/5: 3 to 4PM  
2/26: 3 to 4PM  
3/4: 10 to 11AM

Lacrosse sticks will be available. Kids should wear gym shoes and shorts and be ready to run! Registration for the clinics is now available on [www.hobokenlacrosseclub.com](http://www.hobokenlacrosseclub.com).

Also, please 'join' the club by signing up for our email list and look for us on facebook!

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## **8th Grade's "Improve a Life" Project - PJ DAY This Friday**

Wear Pajamas on Friday, bring in \$1, and Elysian will raise money for Hoboken's shelter, our next door neighbor.

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## **Penny A Page Reminder:**

Participants who raise the most receive a Barnes and Nobel gift card courtesy of the Kusner Family. The first collection date is February 17, 2012. If you have any questions, contact Christiano Kusner in the 8th grade.

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## **Requested Donations for the Art Room**

We need: hand sanitizers, baby wipes, sponges, cardboard tubes, shoe boxes & egg cartons.

Thank you!

Jessica

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## **Reminder: Hoboken Inventor's Challenge is March 24th, 10:00 AM**

The Hoboken Board of Education is proud to announce an exciting new academic competition for students grades 2-8 attending all schools in Hoboken (public and

private). The Young Inventor's Challenge allows individuals and teams of students to explore, create, and compete with other budding inventors. There are prizes in each category and a best in show prize. The cost per entry is \$10 per individual and \$25 for each team entry (4 students per team max).

Start the registration process for your child by clicking on the link below. Log on to the district website [www.hoboken.k12.nj.us](http://www.hoboken.k12.nj.us) for more information about the competition. If you have any questions about the registration process, please do not hesitate to contact Marisol Ocasio, Hoboken Board of Education, 201-356-3668.

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## For Elysian Basketball Games this Week - See Calendar

### **Basketball Practice Schedule:**

If there are any practice scheduling changes, parents will be notified by phone or e-mail in advance:

**The Little Eagles**, Weds, Rue Gym, 5:00 to 6:00 PM.

**Girls' Varsity**, Thurs., Rue Gym, 5:00 to 6:00 PM.

**Biddy** Fridays, Demarest Gym, 3:30 to 5:30 PM.

**Boys' Varsity** practices Fridays, Rue Gym, 5:00 to 6:00 PM.

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## PTSO Corner

### **Upcoming PTSO Events: Topics**

### **Date**

### **Chairpersons and Speakers-**

Square One Art

Orders due Feb. 10 (Tracey Calvanico)

PTSO Meeting	3/7	Meet the Board Candidates Panel
Annual Meeting	3/13	
Spring Fling  Kleckner)	3/16	Middle School Spring Fling  (Kim Demopoulos and Melissa
PTSO Meeting	4/4	Middle School Info Night  (Esp. recommended for 3-8)
PTSO Meeting runs	5/2	PTSO Elections! Have a say in who  events and works with next year's chair.
PTSO Meeting	6/6	Review and plan for next year
End of Year Picnic chair)	6/14	Melissa Kleckner (2012-13 PTSO

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### **Autopay Now Available**

The school now has the ability to automatically debit your credit card or bank account for regular monthly payments such as afterschool. Please let me know if you would like to go on autopay. We will be able to refund you if you decide not to use a month, or discontinue billing if you drop our services. Please let the Business Administrator (Kathy Mone, 201-876-0102 or office@ecsnj.org) know if you would like to go on autopay. We will be able

to refund you if you decide not to use a month, or discontinue billing if you drop our services.

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## Lunch on Tuesdays

Send in a bag lunch for the Hoboken Shelter. We collect lunches every Tuesday. Contact: Jennifer Giattino, 201.780.6779

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## Donate By.... Shopping ...or Matching Gift Program!

A fabulous Target REDcard receives a 5% discount at [www.target.com](http://www.target.com) and in stores. [Register and](#) 1% of Target purchases are donated to Elysian.

Campbell's Labels for Education: A&P doesn't participate, but Shoprite does, [register](#) your participating store card. Each product you purchase earns 1 point for Elysian.

Amazon: Yes, Virginia, there is a new Amazon widget on our [Donate](#) page and if you use it, up to 10% of each purchase is donated to us.

[Innisbrook](#) donates an incredible 50%! Use code #120231.

General Mills Box Tops from your home purchases are gladly received at the office at Rue. [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com)

[iGive.com](http://iGive.com) Shop at 900+ stores on the web or add the new iGive App to donate up to 26% of each purchase to Elysian.

Matching Gift Programs: Some companies will double, or even triple, individual tax-deductible contributions made by their employees to non-profit organizations. Friends of Elysian Charter School is a 501/C non-profit association whose sole purpose is the support of the Elysian Charter School. All donations to the Friends are tax-deductible. Check with your company's human resources department to find out about your company's program. They can give you a form to fill out and send to the Friends with your contribution.

Thank you for your continued support year round.

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## February Calendar

### **Monday, February 6**

Biddy Basketball Game, 6:15 PM, Wallace School, Elysian Green vs Stevens Red

### **Tuesday, February 7**

Varsity Basketball Game, 7:15 PM, Multi, Elysian White vs. Hoboken Charter

Biddy Basketball Game, 7:30 PM, Wallace School, Elysian White vs Hudson

### **Wednesday, February 8**

4:30 Performance of **Brazil, Brazil!** (Tickets available, call Lynne Shapiro) \*\* Please note, this is the correct date - not the one posted in the last newsletter.

Varsity Basketball Game, 7:15, Wallace, Elysian Green vs Mustard Seed

### **Thursday, February 9**

5th grades to New Victory, **Brazil, Brazil!** 4:30 Performance of **Brazil, Brazil!**

### **Friday, February 10**

Spirit Day - Wear Pajamas, donate \$1 to the Hoboken Shelter (part of the 8th grade "Improve a Life" project.

Square 1 Art deadline is today! No orders will be accepted after this date.

Deadline for purchasing chocolate roses to raise money for the middle school.

### **Thursday, February 16**

Second grades go to Newark Museum

### **Friday, February 17**

Report Cards distributed to parents at dismissal today. Parents unable to pick up report cards will receive them in the mail.

Deadline for first "Penny a Page" collection.

### **Monday, February 20 - Friday, February 24**

Winter Break, Elysian closed. See you on February 27th!

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