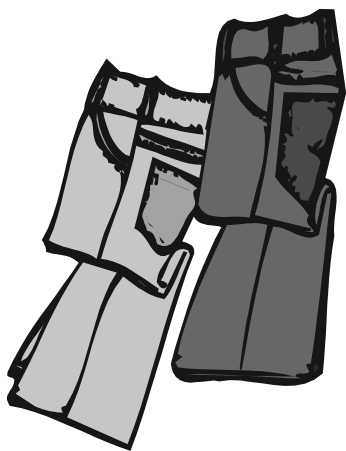


Fishkill Plains Helps Injured John Jay Graduate, Mark Abrams

by Steve Schwartz



Every Friday Fishkill Plains Elementary School dresses down. Each staff member that dresses down contributes \$1.00. This year, we have decided to contribute the first half of this year's money to the Mark Abrams Fund. Our school sent \$250 to his fund from our dress down money.

Editor's Note: As of February 20, 2007, \$1145 has been donated by WCT members to help defray the cost of obtaining a wheelchair accessible vehicle for Mark after his spinal cord accident. If you are still interested in helping Mark, please contact Ann Meagher at 845.702.0443 or Jimmy Goodwin at 914.475.4469.

Dates to Know

February 27	R.A. meeting	April 2-9	Spring Recess
March 9	payday	April 6	payday
March 12	BOE meeting (WJH, VR, & OV)	April 10	BOE meeting - (JJ & SR)
March 23	payday	April 20	payday
March 26	BOE meeting (KR & BR)	April 24	BOE meeting - (RCK, OG, & MC)
March 27	Superintendent's Conference Day & R.A. meeting	April 24	R.A. meeting
		April 26 - 28	NYSUT's Representative Assembly

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May 4 **payday & WCT dinner party held at Sinapi's at Arbor Ridge - 6-7 cocktail hour, 7-11 party (SAVE THE DATE)**



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Good News!

- Congratulations to **Bernie (VW) & Leslie Leventhal** (MC/WCT president), proud grandparents of Henry Martin, son of Michael & Shari Leventhal. Henry Martin Leventhal was born January 27, 2007 at 6 lbs 12 oz and 20" long. Mother, father, and baby doing well!
- Congratulations to **Tim and Michelle Murphy (KR)** on the birth of their 2nd son, Owen George. Owen was born February 11, 2007 weighing 8 lbs., 12 oz. and 22" in length.

Ralph & Janet Capasso Scholarship

The WCT, in conjunction with the Wappingers Congress of Retired Teachers, is offering three (3) \$1500 scholarships to seniors presently enrolled in any public or private high school planning to attend college in the fall of 2007. To be eligible, candidates must have a parent or legal guardian who is a member in good standing of the WCT.

The selection process for these awards will require the following:

- an application
- an essay
- a high school transcript
- one letter of recommendation
- a personal interview for the finalists.

Applications are available in the WCT office. Please call 227 - 5065 to request an application or pick it up directly. To be considered, applications must reach the WCT office no later than 5 p.m. on **April 10, 2007**.

Committee members are: Catherine Kim, Marla Rohwer and Kathryn Shekitka.

Hoops for Hope

2nd Annual Women's Basketball Tournament

Sunday March 11, 2007

McCann Recreation Center at Marist College

Poughkeepsie, NY

What is Hoops for Hope?

Hoops for Hope is a women's three-on-three basketball tournament with a mission to raise funds for the Miles of Hope Breast Cancer Foundation. The Miles of Hope Breast Cancer Foundation is a 501c3 not for profit organization founded in March of 2003. Since its inception the foundation has raised almost \$500,000 for women and families affected by breast cancer living in the eight counties of the Hudson Valley.

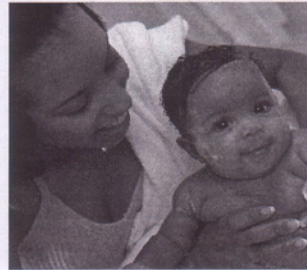
Games are scheduled to begin at 9:00 am and run through approximately 3:00 pm. Games will be 12 minutes long (2 X 6 minute halves). There will be a Mom's Division for those without basketball experience and a Varsity Division for those with experience and/or who currently play competitively.

Volunteer officials will be necessary to help make this event a success. Anyone who is interested in contributing an hour (or two, or three) please contact Jennifer Oppenheim at JenOppenheim@frontiernet.net or at 227 - 4640. The donation of your time would be greatly appreciated and benefit a very deserving cause.

To find out more about Hoops for Hope and the Miles of Hope Breast Cancer Foundation please visit the web site at www.milesofhopebcf.org.

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