

Rossman Rap



Rossman Elementary School—School District of Hartford, Joint 1

April 2011

Opera for the Young

On March 14th, seventeen Rossman students participated on stage with the Opera for the Young (OFY) cast as pirates, wards, and constables. All of Rossman's Kindergarten through fifth grade students

learned the chorus songs and sang along during OFY's performance of *The Pirates of Penzance*. Rossman's PTO generously sponsored the event. Thank you PTO!

-Mrs. Johnson



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Folk Dance

The 2nd grade students in Ms. Ellis-Stigler's physical education classes participated in a Folk Dance and Rhythms unit during late March and early April. They enjoyed it tremendously! Not only did they learn various dances from different countries they, through their homework, learned of their own ancestors and those of their classmates. They practiced proper etiquette by asking for and accepting dance partners. They worked on their counting skills in order to keep their steps in time to the music. They learned to work cooperatively

and patiently with others. Additionally, and just as importantly, they had fun!

The culminating activity for the students was to show the dances they learned to their classroom teacher. It was a wonderful way to complete the unit.

Join in the fun and ask your child to show you 'Bunny Hop', 'Little Bird Dance', 'Jump Jim Jo', 'Bingo' and 'Hokey Pokey'. They will impress you with their knowledge and skill!

-Ms. Mary Ellis-Stigler, Physical Education

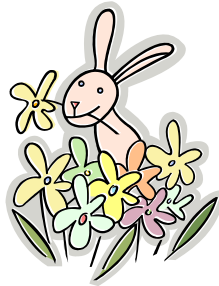
Pictures by Mrs. Weninger & Mrs. Guyette



Mixing Art and Literacy

Some of the 2nd Grade Reading Club kids celebrated spring by mixing art with literacy just before spring break. They worked hard to create papier-mâché rabbits and then wrote and edited creative stories about their little creatures. This was a great opportunity for the kids to create a visual image, which made transferring the story onto paper just that much more engaging and fun. It almost made their story come to life. Mixing art and literacy is always sure to produce some fantastic results!

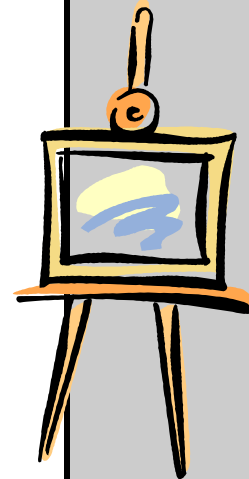
-Lisa Hedrick, Reading Teacher



Youth Art Month

Thank you to all parents and special people that displayed their **children's artwork at work for Youth Art Month** during the month of March (and beyond!) Your time and effort are greatly appreciated, and your children are thrilled to have their artwork on display for others to see.

Hartford Jt. 1 Art Teachers
 Pam Brandt – Central
 Kelly Oppermann – Lincoln
 Leah Volm – Rossman



Hansel and Gretel

Students in every 3rd grade class just completed their performances of Hansel and Gretel. Mr. Bui posted videos of each performance in the *family resources* link, under Rossman Media Gallery.

- Mrs. Johnson





Drink Pouch Brigade

Happy Earth Day Rossman Families!! Thanks to the wonderful efforts of some truly committed Rossman families and staff our latest recycling efforts yielded 1,202 recycled juice pouches. Over the past two years the Rossman Family has recycled a total of 9,416 juice pouches. We have earned \$164.28 to help offset a variety of school expenses. It is a

proud moment for Rossman School to be doing their part to help make the earth a cleaner and more wonderful place to live.

If you are interested in helping with our recycling efforts please contact Mrs. Gundrum (1st Grade teacher) at gundrum@hartfordjt1.k12.wi.us. We are always looking for more people to lend a helping hand.

- Mrs. Julie Gutschenritter



Spring Book Fair

Rossman's Spring Book Fair was held April 4th-7th. Again this year, the Rossman PTO gave each Rossman student a \$5 certificate to buy a book. The kids love this chance to pick out a new book for themselves, and the PTO is committed to putting books into the hands of Rossman students. This was the last book fair for chairs Mia and Pam. They will be handing the reins over to Jeanine and Angie. Thanks Pam and Mia for all your years of hard work.

-Jennifer, Editor



Field Day

Kids are you ready for field day 2011? Let's make it the best field day yet! Field day is Friday, June 3. The PTO will be looking for parents to help run the stations again this year, look for the sign up sheet coming home next month.

Again this year the PTO will be offering special "FIELD DAY" T-Shirts. Look for the order form to come home later in May.

- Jennifer, Editor



Reminders from the PTO

Mark your calendars! The last Market Day order for this school year is due May 20 with pick-up on May 25. Stock up on your favorite Market Day items for summer picnics and grilling.



There are three positions on the Rossman PTO board up for election in May, two co-chair positions and secretary. Please consider serving on the PTO board, it's a great way to be involved in your child's education. If you have questions about these positions, please contact any of the board members listed on page 6.





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May Events Calendar

- May 4 PTO Staff Appreciation Lunch
- May 5 3rd Grade Farm Trip
- May 6 Kindergarten Muffins with Mom
8:10 am—9:00 am
- May 12 4th Grade Ye Olde School
Smoke House
- May 13 4th Grade Ye Olde School
Rendezvous/Awards
8:45 am
- May 14 D.A.R.E. Brewer Game
- May 16 School Board Meeting
- May 17 PTO Meeting
6:30 pm, LMC, Free Childcare
- May 19 4th Grade Ye Olde School
EMS visit
- May 20 4th Grade Ye Olde School
EMS visit
Walk to School
- May 25 Market Day Pick-up
- May 26 Bob Lock-In (tentative)
- May 27 Red, White, and Blue Day
- May 30 Memorial Day
No School
- May 31 Last Day to Check Out Books



June Events Calendar

- June 1 Limo Ride
Switch Day
8:30 am—9:00 am
All Library Books Due
- June 3 Field Day
- June 9 Awards Ceremony
9:15 am—10:45 am
- June 10 Last Day of School/
Early Release
11:30am

