

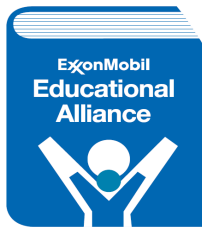
# PAW PRINTS

May – June 2010

## A MESSAGE TO OUR J. P. CASE COMMUNITY

IN OUR CONTINUED EFFORTS TO REMAIN “GREEN” AND ADDITIONALLY, TO PROVIDE CONSISTENT, UP TO DATE INFORMATION TO OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY, **THIS WILL BE OUR LAST PAW PRINTS EDITION.** WE ASK THAT FROM THIS POINT ON, YOU VISIT OUR WEBSITE REGULARLY AT [www.frsd.k12.nj.us/jpc](http://www.frsd.k12.nj.us/jpc).

WE ALSO WOULD LIKE TO REMIND PARENTS AND STUDENTS TO USE TWITTER AS ANOTHER WAY TO REMAIN INFORMED OF MAJOR SCHOOL EVENTS, UPCOMING ACTIVITIES AS WELL AS DAILY EVENTS AT [www.twitter.com](http://www.twitter.com) AND FOLLOW “mrcastellano”



## J.P CASE RECEIVES EXXON-MOBIL GRANT

J.P Case Middle School has been awarded a \$750 grant from the ExxonMobil Educational Alliance program to support the school’s use of technology in our Math and Science classrooms. It is the second time our school has been awarded this grant from ExxonMobil. This program, made possible by funding from the ExxonMobil Foundation, is designed to provide educational grants to neighborhood schools. Mr. Pesarchick of Flemington Exxon worked with the school to secure the grant.

The grant money will be used to purchase several I-Pod Touch devices to increase technology use in the classroom. Students will be integrating the use of the I-Pods to explore, calculate and retrieve information on the web, view sources for information, answer teacher led polls and surveys, create graphs, and utilize different applications for education offered by Apple.

## COUNSELOR’S CORNER

As Spring comes into full swing we wanted to remind parents to talk to their children about the dress code to avoid any unnecessary distractions at school. We also request your having a conversation about “having fun” versus “making fun”. We’ve included some helpful hints:

### HAVING FUN:

Good-humored, friendly, or playful teasing causes everyone to smile and laugh, including the “teasee”, the person who is teased. It is kidding or joking around. Fun and friendly teasing is a sign of friendship and does not damage one’s self-esteem. Generally, parents and teachers DO NOT hear about this type of teasing because children do not come home upset. Most children don’t even consider joking or clowning around as teasing because they generally perceive the act of teasing as negative and hurtful.

### MAKING FUN:

Hurtful teasing often causes the person being teased to feel sad, angry, upset, afraid, embarrassed, or helpless. When cruel teasing and taunting occurs repeatedly over a period of time, it can be considered abusive. This hostile teasing includes tormenting, harassing, or verbal bullying.

## TEACHING YOUR CHILD TO AVOID DRUGS/TOBACCO

Parents need to make an effort to apply the prevention strategies that follow. You will increase your child’s resiliency and resistance to the powerful influences that draw them into trying tobacco and other drugs. Six key actions you can take to prevent your child from smoking...or using any drug for that matter are:

1. Establish and maintain good communication with your child. Encourage conversation with your child by actively listening to them talk about things they are interested in.
2. Get and stay involved in your child’s life. Hold regular discussions regarding your child’s school performance and activities, attend after-school events and get to know your child’s friends.

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3. Make clear rules and enforce them with consistent and appropriate consequences. Develop clear family rules and establish enforceable consequences for breaking them. Enforce them consistently when broken.

4. Be a positive role model. Set a good example and talk to your child about positive things you do that your child may consider or follow.

5. Teach your child to choose friends wisely. Talk to your child about qualities that really matter in friendship. Such as being kind and trustworthy rather than popularity or how cool someone is perceived to be.

6. Monitor your child's activities. Be aware of their whereabouts.

**FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE**

To be cleared for all upcoming Fall sports, remember to drop off or mail your completed Fall athletic forms to the J. P. Case Middle School at least two (2) weeks before the start of school which includes:

**Part A: Health History Questionnaire** - to be completed by parent or guardian (required for each sport season). This must be reviewed by the examining provider at the time of a physical exam and must be signed and dated within 60 days prior to the first practice session.

**Part B: Physical Evaluation Form** - to be fully completed, especially vision, BP and pulse, height and weight, by an examining licensed provider within 365 days prior to the first practice session. Forms can be picked up at the J. P. Case Middle School or found online at [www.frsd.k12.nj.us](http://www.frsd.k12.nj.us).

Please note incomplete forms will be returned.

**FLEMINGTON PARKS AND RECREATION UPDATES:**

Please note all future information will no longer be distributed through the schools. Our information may be found on the school district's Virtual Backpack and on our website: [www.FlemingtonRaritanParks.org](http://www.FlemingtonRaritanParks.org). Our Summer Programs include the following:

- July 1, 2010 - First day for campers
- July 5, 2010 - Camp closed
- July 3, 2010 - Fireworks at Reading-Fleming School

**Other summer offerings will include:**

- Comic Book Club                      Fun in the Park
- Tennis                                      Fun at Four
- Readers Theatre                      Cooking Club

All registration forms will be available in the near future.

Please consider donating useable toys, games, and all play items. These articles help keep costs in check. Call for pick-up or contact Mr. Randazzese at 908-782-9493.

**HOMEWORK BOOTCAMP AT COPPER HILL SCHOOL**  
Contact Sal Randazzese at 908-782-9493.

**Park Pavilions:** In order to secure a permit for the scheduled use of the pavilions at Minebrook, Tuccamirgan, Morales, and Blackwell Parks visit our website. Permits are required for your event. Avoid conflicts!

Junior Counselor Applications are now available on our website. Students must have completed 6th grade by June 2010 and are not yet 14 years old.

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**IMPORTANT UPCOMING 8TH GRADE EVENTS:**

- Friday, June 4th:**                      8th Grade Trip to Hershey Park
- Friday, June 11th:**                      8th Grade Celebration @ J.P. Case
- Thursday, June 24th:**                      8th Grade Promotion @ J.P. Case

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!



For additional information, call JP Case at (908) 284-5100 or visit our website at <http://www.frsd.k12.nj.us>

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