

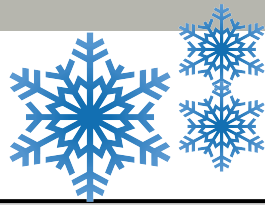
# F.N. Brown Newsletter

## January 2015

Principal: Dr. Anthony Lanzo

SCA Co-Presidents: Antonia Castner & Alice Poueymirou

Dates to  
Remember...



**Thurs., 1/1- SCHOOL CLOSED**

**Fri., 1/2- SCHOOL CLOSED**

**Mon., 1/5- SCHOOL REOPENS**

**Tues., 1/6- SCA Pasta Lunch**

**Thurs., 1/8- SCA Pizza Lunch**

**Fri., 1/9- Pre-Kindergarten Registration (snowdate 1/16)  
3rd Grade Trip- World of Wings (8:45-2:15)**

**Mon., 1/12- SCA Meeting 7:00 pm (library)**

**Thurs., 1/15- SCA Chicken Lunch**

**Mon., 1/19- SCHOOL CLOSED**  
Martin Luther King Jr. Day

**Thurs., 1/22- SCA Bagel Lunch**

**Fri., 1/23- Winter Bingo Night (snowdate 1/30)  
B-Line Articles Due**

**Thurs., 1/29- SCA Pizza Lunch**



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## B-Line News

**Holiday House** – What a beautiful sight to watch as the children of F.N.Brown carefully picked the “right” present for those special people in their lives. The Holiday House Committee would like to thank all of the Special Elves who helped make this a joyful experience for our children.

**Holidays Are For Sharing**– The Holidays Are For Sharing Committee would like to thank the students and their families, as well as the staff of our school for their generosity. The gifts collected were shared between the ARC of Essex County, The Salvation Army, and Verona families in need. A special thank you goes to our fourth grade helpers for their effort and enthusiasm. Once again F.N. Brown has shown the true spirit of giving this holiday season.

**Busy Bee Scrip Program**– Thank you for those who have participated in the Busy Bee Bucks program. We have generated over \$1,200 so far this school year! We hope to keep the momentum going with the super easy fundraising program. January orders are due on the 16th and will arrive in backpacks within 1 week.

Reminder: the classroom with the most sales by the end of May will be awarded an ice-cream party in June. Through December Mrs Pellegrino's class in the lead, closely followed by Mrs Staranka and then Mrs Orsini! Questions? Please contact Kate Curren [katefullercurren@gmail.com](mailto:katefullercurren@gmail.com) or 973.857.8663.

**Oliver's Labels**– With the colder temperatures come layers of clothes. Utilizing Oliver's Labels is a practical and smart way to ensure your child's belongings do not get lost. The labels are waterproof and the tags are made of high-performance, scuff-proof materials that are dishwasher, microwave and washer/dryer safe. Customize and preview your labels instantly with your name and choice of over 70 colorful designs!

Visit [www.oliverslabels.com/fnbrown](http://www.oliverslabels.com/fnbrown) today! F.N. Brown receives 20% of all purchases.

## Pomptonian Lunch Dates

Pomptonian will be serving lunches on the following dates: January 5, 7, 9, 12, 13, 14, 16, 20, 21, 23, 26, 27, 28, and 30.

**Please remember all lunches must be preordered.**



# Birthday Boys and Girls

## January

John Hromoko, Julia Hromoko,  
Elin Attal, Andrew Boyle,  
Samantha Anderson, Malachy Black,  
Gavin Campbell, Alyssa Ehrlich,  
Marc Nigro, Sebastian Trece,  
Mairi D'Andrea, Marina DeMaio,  
Emily Poueymirou,  
Natalia LoCurto,  
Jesse Wagner,  
Anthony Onofrietti



## More B-Line News

**Note from the Treasurer** – For those submitting expenses for various programs, please place your receipts in an envelope along with your name and a short explanation of the expense. All reimbursement checks will be returned to the SCA mailbox in the main office within 24-48 hours. If you have any questions, please contact Kristen Mautone, [krismaut1@verizon.net](mailto:krismaut1@verizon.net).

**Pre-Kindergarten Workshop**- The F.N. Brown SCA is sponsoring Pre-Kindergarten Workshops for all students who will be 5 years old on or before October 1, 2015. The program will be held on 4 Saturdays- February 7, March 7, April 11 and May 2 from 10:00am to 11:00 am. Forms are available in the office. Children will have the opportunity to meet their classmates and become familiar with the school environment. Snacks and crafts will be provided. Parents are invited to stay for refreshments. Questions can be directed to Kristy McCabe at [kmccabe@veronaschools.org](mailto:kmccabe@veronaschools.org) or Doris Luftglass at [dorisluftglass@verizon.net](mailto:dorisluftglass@verizon.net).

**Tae Kwon Do & Yoga** – During the winter months the SCA sponsors a Tae Kwon Do and Yoga Program as an alternative activity for recess. Please check your weekly packets for sign ups and information.



**Shoparoo** – Do you own a smartphone or tablet? If you have not joined us, please consider participating in this hassle-free fundraiser called Shoparoo. All you need to do is take pictures of your grocery receipts with the Shoparoo app made for your smartphone or iPad. It doesn't matter where you shop or what you buy - every receipt submitted results in a donation to our school! So, what are you waiting for? Simply download the free app from the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store by searching 'shoparoo' and then select our school as your chosen cause. Since there is no limit to how much money we can raise with Shoparoo, be sure to invite your friends and neighbors to join in – every receipt counts!

### Box Tops for Education

Please remember to send in your box tops! We earn 10 cents for FN Brown for each box top that's collected. Just clip, save and send them in. Thanks!



## And A Special Thank You Goes to...

**\*The Holiday House Committee!** We would like to thank Jacqueline Alkaysi and committee. You did a fabulous job organizing and running the sale. It was a great success thanks to all of you!

**\*The Holidays Are For Sharing Committee!** A big thank you to Maggie Lambert and committee. Many less fortunate were able to enjoy their holidays a little more due to the time and energy you dedicated to this great cause.



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January 2015

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year! Welcome back! I hope everyone had an enjoyable holiday break. Special thanks to the Holidays Are for Sharing Coordinator - Mrs. Lambert. Many gifts were donated by FNB families to those in need. Also a big thank you to our Holiday House Coordinator– Mrs. Alkaysi. Also, thanks to the numerous parent volunteers that signed up to help our students at Holiday House. We could not have done this without parent assistance. The students enjoyed shopping for the holidays! There was a great selection! A BIG thank you to Mrs. Frey and Mrs. Matta for spearheading our participation in the Original Art fundraiser. This was our first time participating. What a great experience for our families! Thank you to all of the parent volunteers that continue to assist with hot lunch and the weekly packet.

## **Friendly Reminders:**

- The side lot should not be used at any time (including Kindergarten dismissal at 12:30) for pick up/drop off. Also, please inform family members and family friends that may be picking up/dropping off your child.
- Please do not drop off/pick up in the staff parking lot across the street from the school.
- Please do not park on the yellow curb in front of the school. This includes arrival and dismissal times. However, the yellow curb may be used for drop off and pick up contingent on parents/guardians remaining in the car while students exit the car on the sidewalk side. Thank you for not parking in front of the fire hydrant. For those vehicles utilizing the handicapped parking spots, please make certain to have the State of NJ hang tag or placard visible at all times.
- Student arrival begins at 8:15 AM daily. Please do not arrive prior to this time since we do not have supervision. Also, school begins each day at 8:30 AM. Students that arrive after 8:30 AM should report to the main office for a tardy slip. As a reminder, parents should not walk their child(ren) to the classroom.
- Visitors (including parents) should not enter a classroom unannounced. Visits to the classroom must be prearranged with the classroom teacher. All visitors should sign in at the main office.

## **Pre-K Registration**

Please remind neighbors, friends and relatives that live in the FNB community to register their child(ren) for kindergarten 2015 as soon as possible.

### **School Spirit Week**

School Spirit Week will take place during the week of January 20<sup>th</sup>. Please feel free to join us for our all school assembly on Tuesday, January 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am in the auditorium. The School Spirit Committee is comprised of the following staff members - Mr. Waibel, Ms. Passage, Ms. Witter, Mrs. Walker, Dr. Lanzo, Mr. Hill, Mrs. Jasterzbski, and Mrs. Szybist. The SCA Parent Representative is Mrs. Wacha. The committee will be sending follow up memos to parents about the events scheduled for the week. It should be fun filled!

Thank you for supporting our programs!

Sincerely,

*Anthony Lanzo*

Anthony Lanzo

# ***ACTIVITIES AT F.N. BROWN SCHOOL***

## **KINDERGARTEN – CATHERINE ORSINI & MICHELE STARANKA**

Must be Santa!!! Must be Dr. Lanzo!!! The Kindergartners experienced their first all-school music concert under the direction of Mrs. Szybist. They enjoyed singing some of their favorite holiday songs and felt very special echoing Dr. Lanzo in singing **Must Be Santa**.

This month in Reading Workshop the children have been finishing up their work in Fiction literature. When they return in January, they will begin the Non Fiction genre. Baggie books will continue throughout the year. Please read with your child every night. During the holiday, have your child show off his/her reading skills to visiting family members and friends. They are all very excited to show off their reading skills.

In Writing Workshop the children created List Books and Labels. “I like to...”, “I wish...” and favorite foods, toys, etc...

The children are reading, writing and printing numbers eleven to twenty in math. Continue to practice numbers at home. The calendar is a great place to help learn to identify numbers to thirty. There were many fun activities during the month of December: the holiday concert, Holiday Shop, Holidays are for Sharing, a visit to see train sets in the gym, readers from Seton Hall University athletic teams and the Verona High School carolers.

Enjoy this very special time of year with your family and friends. Happy New Year! 2015!

## **FIRST GRADE –ANNA COLLINS & ERICA MC KENNA**

Oh my how December has flown by! Students are working well with the Envision Math Program. They are being encouraged to think outside the box with the problem-solving component including the morning work that they complete upon arrival. They enjoy the challenge of either working on it alone or with a buddy to try and figure out the answers. They have been learning about doubles, near doubles, and doubles plus two just to name a few of the addition strategies being taught to help students understand the concept of addition. They were even taught a doubles rap! Please refer to the math sheets done daily in class to review with your child at home. If you ever have any questions about any of the math concepts that your child is learning or has learned, please contact your child’s teacher for further information about a given topic or assignment. When we work together, we can accomplish great things!

Our third author celebration was a huge success! Children got a turn reading their story in front of their first grade peers. The children were all asked to write a realistic fiction story, which was not an easy task. They really had to use their imaginations! They were asked to come up with a character, a setting, problem, and two solutions. They also had to write a good lead as well as an ending. It was fun watching the wheels spinning in their minds while they wrote these stories. This was a wonderful experience for all the students because they had to be active listeners as well as readers. What an accomplishment!! They are so proud of themselves and should be.

Polar Express Day was another spectacular event for all of us! What a classic! The first graders listened to the story in class as well as did many fun-filled literature based activities as a follow up. We discussed how the book and the movie were both alike and different, discussed what happened at the beginning, middle, and end of the book, and even got to wear a bell necklace at the end of the day!

December has been a fun-filled month! May we all be happy and healthy this holiday season!

## **SECOND GRADE – MARIA GRAZIANO & NANCY HISCANO**

Happy New Year and welcome back to school! We hope that you all had a wonderful and relaxing break celebrating with family and friends. The second graders are beginning the year by setting goals for themselves and talking about resolutions. They will revisit these goals at the end of the school year to see how far they have come.

We are wrapping up our unit on Fiction in Reading Workshop. We had a great time exploring traditional fiction by using the Gingerbread Man story. We read various versions such as; Gingerbread Baby, Gingerbread Friends, Gingerbread Girl, and Gingerbread Bear. We were able to compare and contrast the stories using a Venn Diagram, and we explored story parts, and common themes throughout the genre of traditional literature. We will finish the Fiction unit by learning about similes, idioms, and personification in stories. We will move into a Non-Fiction unit next where we will focus on text features and structures. We will also learn about types of non-fiction stories, such as biographies, literary non-fiction.

We have integrated our Fiction unit in Reading by writing some great fictional tales in Writing Workshop. As The Gingerbread Man story as our model, the children have used their knowledge of story parts to create their own version of the story. Each student used a graphic organizer to list story events and generate a problem and solution. They are great! Come and check them out in the hallways!

In Math, we move on to subtraction with two-digit numbers. We will be learning how to regroup, solve word problems, and check answers by using addition. As always, continue to practice basic addition and subtraction facts at home for speed and accuracy. Subtraction is often more challenging than addition.

In Science we will be exploring Motion, our last topic in our unit on Energy. We will be learning about gravity, magnetic energy, friction, and push and pull. We will reinforce these concepts by conducting experiments with magnets and moving objects to explore push and pull and attracting and repelling.

### **THIRD GRADE – MEGAN PELLEGRINO, KAREN SABATINO AND KIM SAVOLSKIS**

As a new year begins, we look forward to new beginnings and reflect on the events of the past year. It is hard to believe we are half way through the school year already. The month of December flew past in a flurry of activity and excitement.

In Reading, all classes completed our study of Fiction. The students spent much time reflecting on their reading through the seven strategies of comprehension. Reading responses focused on various skills such as inferencing, questioning and making connections. As the students began the much anticipated non-fiction unit of study, emphasis of non-fiction text features have been analyzed. Students realized that they can utilize many of the skills/strategies that they learned in our fiction unit. For example, students read, *A Butterfly is Patient* and were able to activate their schema and generate questions of their thinking while reading the beautiful non-fiction text.

In Science, students have developed an understanding for the meaning of classification and why it is important. They classified animals in groups of vertebrates, invertebrates, warm-blooded, cold-blooded, mammals, fish, amphibians, birds, and reptiles. Students explored invertebrate animals next. A fascinating fact that the students were amazed by was that of the million or more animal species in the world, more than 98% are invertebrates.

Our first field trip was the much anticipated event of the New Year. The students had the opportunity to visit Wonderful World of Wings in Teaneck, NJ. There the students had a chance to examine the variety of butterfly species that inhabit the earth, the intricacies of their body structure, as well as complex life cycle they undergo. Students had a chance to view butterfly species from around the globe, many of which are at risk of extinction, as well as an eco-friendly attitude to help these winged wonders continue to spread their beauty (and wings!) throughout our Earth. In addition to the butterfly exhibit, the students visited their exhibition hall where they explored an array of live reptiles and amphibians, such as Bearded Dragons, Russian Tortoises, & Red-Eyed Tree Frogs, to name a few. A great time was had by all, including teachers and parents!

In Writer's workshop, our fiction writers developed their realistic fiction stories by developing strong characters listing both external and internal traits. The students then began to sketch out their story structure using graphic tools (story mountains, story boards, mini-books, timelines). Through mini lessons students observed what other writers do to "show not tell" (rather than writing, "She was nervous," (tell) you could write, "Her knees shook so hard she could barely stand" (show). Students have fine-tuned their first draft with editing and revisions to publish their realistic fiction story.

In Math, all classes completed their study on Multiplication meanings, and Multiplication facts using patterns and known facts. The students learned their facts through memorization, rhymes, strategies and tools such as an array or the distributive property. It is a good idea to continue studying your facts using either flash card, your times table chart or the rhymes that you are learned in class. Parents can help build these skills at home by using flash card games as a fun way to practice. Electronic and computer games can also be used. The classic card game of War can be adapted, as players must multiply the face values of the cards and call out the accurate product to win the hand. The same concept can be used with a pair of dice. We have begun our study of division and will be relating multiplication to division throughout Topic 7: Meanings of Division. Our mathematicians will understand that division can be related to subtraction, through repeated subtraction as well as explore division as sharing through equal groups. As always, memorization of facts is key to all third graders success and will benefit them in the upcoming grades.

One thing is certain; the New Year has much more learning in store. We take this opportunity to wish all F.N. Brown families a Happy and Healthy New Year!

#### **FOURTH GRADE – MARY ANN FORCE & LOU WAIBEL**

The fourth graders lived like fiction writers last month. We realized that characters have motivations and obstacles that get in their way. The solutions in the story are generally those that the characters bring about themselves. Students are continuing to develop characters for their realistic fiction writing.

We just completed our Fiction unit for Reading Workshop that included realistic fiction, myths, and folktales. Students worked on the five elements of story as well as theme, mood, and tone. We are now focused on the three different types of Non-fiction (Literary Non-fiction, Reference Texts, and Bibliographies) and how text features can help us navigate informational texts. Students are learning how to interact with a text to deepen their understanding of a topic. Skills include using structural elements, determining importance, visualizing, making inferences, and making connections/using their schema.

In Math fourth graders are learning to multiply a whole number of up to four digits by a one-digit whole number and multiply two two-digit numbers, using strategies based on place value and property of operations.

Earth Science will be our focus as we move on to identifying and describing major landforms and how they develop. We will also be examining Earth's structure and the natural forces that change its surface. Comparing and contrasting and cause and effect remain critical skills that we'll be concentrating on in this unit. In Social Studies, students are beginning to study European exploration and how that affected life in North America for Native Americans and settlers alike.

Life would be pretty boring if we always agreed with each other. In Peace Pals with our second graders, our students are learning that the diversity of our thoughts and opinions makes it interesting to listen to each other and gives us opportunities to learn from one another. Students are practicing to listen without judgment to what other students have to say. We are very pleased with our students' receptiveness to this very important skill. Bravo!

#### **NURSE – MARIA RODGERS**

The past several months have been exciting for me as I get to know the students here at FN Brown. Our health goal is to try and keep students in good health. With the Flu season upon us, let's review some facts. Seasonal flu activity usually peaks in January or February, but flu viruses can cause illness from early October to late May. Flu viruses are thought to spread mainly from person to person through coughs and sneezes of infected individuals. People may also become infected by touching surfaces with flu viruses on it and then touching their mouth, nose, or eyes.

The flu is a contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses that infect the nose, throat, and lungs. Signs and symptoms of the flu include fever, chills, cough, sore throat, runny/stuffy nose, muscle/body aches, headaches and fatigue. It is spread mostly by droplets when people with the flu cough, sneeze or talk. These droplets can land in the nose or mouth of people nearby. The flu may be able to be passed to someone 1 day before symptoms develop to 5-7 days after becoming sick.

According to The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Influenza causes more hospitalization among young children than any other vaccine preventable disease. They also state that the single best way to protect against seasonal flu and its potential severe complications is for children to get a seasonal flu vaccine each year. This vaccine is recommended for children ages 6 months and older. Making some healthy choices at school and home will help prevent the flu and prevent spreading the flu to others. The following are some recommendations by the CDC:

- Get a yearly flu shot.
- Students should stay home when they are sick. This will help prevent others from catching their illness.
- Stay home at least 24 hours after no longer having a fever or signs of a fever without the use of fever reducing medicine.
- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Practice Respiratory Etiquette.  
Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze, then throw the tissue away after use and wash your hands. If tissues are not available cover your mouth and nose with your sleeve, not your hand.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water especially after you cough or sneeze. If soap/water is unavailable, use an alcohol based hand gel.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth. Germs can spread that way.
- Clean and disinfect surfaces or objects touched frequently and especially when someone is ill.

Following these suggestions may help prevent flu, help keep all our students safe and decrease the incidence of illness during flu season. The most helpful thing staff, parents and students can do to keep from getting sick and spreading illness to others is to wash their hands frequently.

For more information go to [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov).

### **VOCAL MUSIC – JUDY SZYBIST**

I would like to congratulate all the students for a Winter Concert that was simply magical. The caliber of your performance was outstanding and your hard work and amazing spirit are what make our programs so successful.

I would also like to thank Dr. Lanzo for sharing his time and talent to help our Kindergarten Class with their debut performance and also "FNB's favorite magician", Mr. Waibel, for entertaining us so spectacularly! Involving faculty and staff in our school performances has become a tradition that we look forward to each year! The F.N. Brown community is indeed a special one and I am honored to be a part of it. The support of faculty, parents, and students is second to none!

I look forward to continuing a successful and enjoyable music program in the classroom and in future performances throughout the New Year! Best wishes for a Happy and Healthy 2015!!

### **ESL – NANCY BEATTIE**

The English as a Second Language students have been focusing on developing and increasing their reading, writing, listening, and speaking skills through learning about the various holidays that are celebrated in December. Stories were read about different holidays and the E.S.L. students shared what they celebrate and the traditions their families follow. The upper grades read about how Christmas traditions are celebrated throughout the world. The lessons included locating various countries and continents on a map. The website [www.brainpopjr.com](http://www.brainpopjr.com) was utilized to view thematic, educational videos and to play games. I would like to wish everyone a very happy, healthy 2015.

### **SPANISH – LUISA WITTER**



Hola de la clase de español! All students in grades one through four have been learning about how the holidays are celebrated in Spanish speaking countries. Dia de los tres reyes (Feast of the Three Kings) is a holiday that is big among Spanish speaking countries. It varies culturally from country to country, but it usually involves either shoes or shoeboxes filled with grass or hay. The Three Kings come on camel and leave gifts for the children. Students in grade one worked on a unit of colors and shapes through different activities including songs, games, verbal practice to express what colors they like and dislike using Sí me gusta and No me gusta, and describing shapes using colors. Students in second grade recently completed a unit on numbers from 0-20 and also reviewed colors as well to prepare them for future units which will use colors as adjectives to describe objects around them. Third grade students have been working on a unit of classroom objects in Spanish and have been practicing communicating in Spanish what they may need in a given situation. Fourth grade students recently completed a unit on time and are now involved with a unit on places in the community. Students are building on vocabulary to express themselves both verbally and in written form. Students have learned useful phrases in class to ask questions that typically come up in a classroom setting. I am very proud of the students for doing an excelente job en español. Keep up the good work!

### **LIBRARY – CORISA WALKER**

Happy New Year!! We are excited to jump into 2015 by making our “Reading Resolutions”. Every student will be setting goals with books that they would like to read in 2015. We are also VERY excited about our author visit from Nick Bruel, acclaimed author of the very popular “Bad Kitty” series. A special thank you to Watchung Booksellers in Montclair for working with us to bring Nick Bruel to F.N. Brown. He will be visiting on Friday, January 16<sup>th</sup>. Be sure to send in your order form for an autographed copy of his book. Please email Mrs. Walker at [cwalker@veronaschools.org](mailto:cwalker@veronaschools.org) for more information. Besides preparing for our author visit, in January we will begin focusing on Non-Fiction, and working on non-fiction text features, structures, and types of non-fiction.

Special thank you to our library volunteers for their time making the library a special place for our students.

### **TECHNOLOGY – JENNIFER HOGAN**

Happy New Year! The Kindergarten students have been introduced to the Home Row Keys and number keys on the keyboard. The students have completed some typing activities to help them become familiar with letter positions on the keyboard. They have learned to create text boxes and made sight word collages. All grades are working on word processing and classwork enrichment projects; students especially love the virtual science activities.

December 8<sup>th</sup> kicked off Computer Science Education Week! Students in Grades 1-4 completed One Hour of Code. We discussed the impact computer science has had on society and what a career in this field could mean for their future. I think we may have some future coders here at F. N Brown!

### **READING INTERVENTION – KELLY FLYNN**

In Reading Intervention the students have been busy working on different skills. The first graders have been working on digraphs sh, th, ck, wh, ch and the glued sounds an, am, all, ang, ing, ong and ung. The students have used magnet boards to manipulate these sounds in words and have played games to work on tapping out words. In second grade, the students have been working on tapping out and decoding words. They are learning about the different syllable types such as open syllable, closed syllable and vowel-consonant-e, to help them break unfamiliar words apart. They have been practicing these skills using magnet boards and word sorts. The third and fourth graders are working on comprehension skills such visualizing and using evidence from the text to support their answers and thoughts. The students are encouraged to apply these strategies in their everyday reading. Overall, all of the students are working hard to these master skills to be the best readers they can be! I am so proud of all of their hard work.

*January 2015*  
*A Message from F.N. Brown SCA Co-Presidents*

Dear F.N. Brown Families,

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!!** We hope you all had a wonderful holiday season and enjoyed the break! As the weather gets colder and the wind picks up the SCA has some wonderful activities coming up to warm the halls of F.N. Brown!

We would first like to thank those who helped make the December SCA events successful. A special thanks goes to Jacquie Alkaysi and all of the dedicated volunteers who helped to make Holiday House a special day for our children. We greatly appreciate our Holidays are for Sharing Committee for assisting our F.N. Brown students in giving during the holiday season!

Once again, the Winter Concert was wonderful. The SCA truly appreciates the dedication of Mr. Morden and Mrs. Szybist to our F.N. Brown students. Special thanks to Mr. Waibel for his magical entertainment!

The students will have “that F.N. Brown feeling” during School Spirit Week, which kicks off on Tuesday, January 20<sup>th</sup>! Thank you to Dr. Lanzo, faculty volunteers and Maureen Wacha for organizing the event.

Tae Kwon Do and Yoga/Dance are back! Classes begin in January and will continue through February on Mondays and Wednesdays during recess. Please look for the sign up sheet that will be coming home.

Registration for Pre-K workshops will begin in January. If you have or know a child entering Kindergarten in September 2015, please contact Kristy McCabe or Doris Luftglass.

The SCA will be hosting the Winter Bingo Night! Save the date ~ January 23<sup>rd</sup>. Special thanks to the committee members; Val Balough, Stacie Ackerman and Alice Poueymirou for organizing this event! Look for the sign up sheet, coming home soon ☺

We encourage you to take advantage of our Shoparoo and Busy Bee Bucks program. Purchase gift cards through the SCA and F.N. Brown gets a percentage. Please contact Kate Curren for more information. These great, easy ways to help raise funds!

Upcoming events January 23<sup>rd</sup>, Bingo Night and February 5<sup>th</sup>, Valentine’s Day Project

Please join us for the SCA meeting, Monday, January 12<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

Wishing you and your families a Happy & Healthy 2015!  
Antonia Castner and Alice Poueymirou  
SCA Co- Presidents