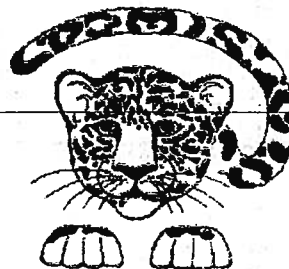


LOOMIS LEOPARD NEWS ON THE SPOT

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PTO Editorial

Dear Loomis Families and Teachers,

We are all busy preparing for our last few weeks of school here at Loomis and the children are anxiously awaiting the beginning of summer.

Our annual Field Day and Family Cookout were a huge success. Mrs. Ward and the entire cafeteria staff as always did an outstanding job. It takes a lot of time to organize and plan this event and we would like to thank Mrs. Ward for her energy and enthusiasm. She goes out of her way to make sure all the children have a fun day. The picnic was great! Thank you to the cafeteria staff and to our personal chefs, Ms. Teti and Mr. Lucas for a wonderful cookout.

We're sure all the children are looking forward to the "Big Guy" breakfast, which is next Friday, June 6th. Make sure you bring your "Big Guy" and your appetite. A great big thank you to Jeneice Seagraves and Margaret McKelvey for planning this special morning.

Thank you to all who participated in our Joe Corbi's fundraiser, which earned over six hundred dollars for our school. Sherri Molinaro has done such a great job all year planning and running our fundraiser's, thanks for a job well done. Our fundraising efforts go towards many things. Not only are we dedicated to always progressing our technology department, but we also take care of providing assemblies, buses for some of our children's class trips and classrooms improvements. This is just a few of the many items our PTO is able to provide through our fundraising, so thank you for your generosity. Thank you to our treasurer Aida Roth for her time and professionalism taking care of our funds, she does an incredible job.

Just a reminder to continue saving your General Mills Box Tops, Campbell's Soup Labels, Pepperidge Farms UPC and Acme receipts throughout the summer. A total of \$566.81 has been received from the Box Tops for the school year 07-08. Thank you to Maria Croce for doing this job for many, many years. Each year we usually receive an average of \$1,500.00 from Acme, so please remember to continue to save your receipts over the summer.

We are still in need of a vice-president for next year. If you are considering this position, please contact us with any questions you may have. Remember that all positions can be shared with a friend.

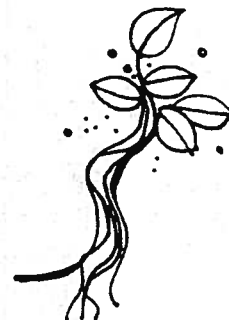
Barnes & Noble night will be Tuesday, June 10th. You will be able to get your summer reading books and also help out our school at the same time.

Thank you again to all of our committee chairs, parents, teachers, staff and our wonderful principal, Ms. Teti for making this such a memorable school year. The time, dedication and talent you bring to our school are so very much appreciated. We can't thank you all enough! Loomis is a great place to learn and grow thanks to all of you. We hope you all have a happy, healthy and safe summer! See you next year.

Upcoming Events:

- Friday, May 30th
 - Tuesday, June 3rd
 - Friday, June 6th
 - Tuesday, June 10th
 - Wednesday, June 11th
 - Thursday, June 12th
 - Friday, June 13th
 - Friday, June 13th
- 4th Grade - Invention Convention
 - Loomis Talent Show
 - "Big Guy Breakfast" 8:00 a.m.
 - Barnes & Noble Night
 - 5th Grade - Awards Ceremony
 - Early Dismissal - 12:00 p.m.
 - Kindergarten Graduation - 10:00 a.m.
 - Last Day of School - 12:00 p.m. Dismissal

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June 2008

Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
		Talent Show 1:30 p.m. & 7:15 p.m. Kindergarten visits 1st Grade	PTO Meeting @ 7:00 p.m. in library 1st Grade Picnic Lunch		Big Guy Breakfast 8:00 a.m. to 8:45 a.m. 5th Grade to Nursing Homes 5th Grade Basketball vs. Staff 4th Grade to John Heinz Reserve	5th Grade to Dorney Park
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
		5th Grade to Brandywine Barnes & Noble Fundraiser All Day	5th Grade Graduation Ceremony @ 9:30 a.m. 5th Grade Party 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. 2nd Grade Picnic 4th Grade Picnic	1st Grade Flag Assembly @ 11:00 Noon Dismissal	Kindergarten Graduation @ 10:00 a.m. LAST DAY Noon Dismissal	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
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29	30					

LOOK WHAT WE'VE BEEN DOING IN CLASS

Kindergarten

The marvelous month of May started off with a bang in kindergarten! Can you say "Ole"? A fabulous Cinco de Mayo celebration helped us understand more about a Mexican holiday honoring this culture's independence and freedom. Complete with neat picture books, tortilla chips and salsa, maracas, sombreros and of course a piñata, the kiddos had an enjoyable and educational time! Next, came our big pizza lunch in the cafeteria. With thoughts of summer vacation and first grade just around the corner, we stopped by the cafeteria to check out where we'll be eating next year with the "big kids"! We had so much fun ordering our lunch, paying the lunch ladies with our own money and of course, spending time eating with our friends! We can't wait for all the fun that lies ahead next year at Loomis! Then, it was time for more practice being a 1st grader as we rode the bus to our field trip destination...Neumann College! We're almost smart enough for college, but instead we stopped by their campus theater to watch a play entitled, "The Dragon Singer". This fun show touched on themes such as friendship and respecting differences in others. And of course, who could forget...the long awaited Loomis Field Day! After a dreary rain delay, field day turned out to be a fun-filled afternoon complete with food, family and friends! GO BLUE AND WHITE!

But believe it or not, with all this fun and excitement buzzing through our classroom and the school, there was still time to squeeze in some learning! In Math, we've finished up with telling time and adding and recently were introduced to the idea of subtracting! We had so much fun using manipulatives such as dominoes, counters, cubes and games such as "Spaghetti and Math Balls", "Chocolate Chip Cookie Math" and even our addition/subtraction beach balls to help us add. Who knew learning could be so much fun! Language Arts brought us more practice with beginning reading and writing, a visit from a fabulous author and performer, Rick Peoples, and jotting down some of our favorite kindergarten memories!

Coming up in June...the Loomis talent show, a visit to the three 1st grade classrooms, a celebration honoring our summer birthday kids, our kindergarten graduation ceremony and of course, summer vacation!!!



1st GRADE – Rooms 1, 2 & 3

May is coming to an end. That means that we will soon say good-bye to our first grade experience, teachers, and friends. It has been a wonderful year. Let's end the weeks of June as smoothly and as happily as we have been all year long.

The highlight of the month had to be our field trip to the Arden Theater to see Go Dog Go. The boys and girls laughed and clapped along with the silly dogs as they performed live on the stage. A big thank you to our parent chaperones who helped keep track of our first grade friends.

Mr. Joe, the science guy, came to each first grade class and went a little "buggy!" We learned about spiders and even made our very own cool spider webs out of blue glue. He also stressed the importance of washing our hands to keep the "bugs" out of our bodies. This was an enjoyable experience provided by our PTO! Thank you so very much.

In the month of May, we also were treated to a dazzling science assembly from the Franklin Institute. The school was thrilled to see the power of electricity and learned a lot from the program.

Another thank you, goes to our parent volunteers for a wonderful Teacher Appreciation Week. We were treated to a yummy luncheon and breakfast, as well as other special treats. Thank you for your hard work to show us your appreciation. We in turn, appreciate all of you!!

Let's enjoy the final weeks of school and look forward to the fun that June will bring!

LOOK WHAT WE'VE BEEN DOING IN CLASS...(continued)

3rd Grade – Rooms 10, 11 & 12

The busy month of May has been just a whirl wind for the third grade! We had our mile run, "Sneaker Day", we enjoyed the fourth grade show, the art show, the visiting author, and of course field day!

Doctor, lawyer, post master, business person.....We hope you enjoyed the third grade career fair! Before the fair, we investigated different careers and worked on career projects. Several parents and friends came into school to tell us about their careers. Many students visited work places to see what life is like for the person that they researched. Students also shared their findings in their classrooms with creative presentations.

We enjoyed our annual visit from "Mr. Joe". His presentation was full of cool chemical experiments. We learned many of the terms scientists use when working with chemicals, such as; mixture, reaction, and solution. We are looking forward to a presentation by a chemical engineer and a chemist from Lymondell Chemical Company. Both of these visits are deigned to help us to better understand the importance of chemicals in our lives.

Third graders are also finishing their autobiographies. It was fun to do some research into our early loves so that we could write about all that has happened since we began!

We are studying the founding of our country. We began with the colony of Jamestown and we will learn about the start of the United States government.

Rooms 10 and 12 are hosting students from the Marple Newtown Senior High Class of 2008 as part of their Senior Project. The seniors will spend three weeks at Loomis helping in the classroom. What a treat to see so many former students at Loomis as accomplished young adults ready to head off to college!

We are looking forward to the annual Talent Show. It is sure to be a treat! Many of our third graders will dazzle us with their performances! Also on the calendar for June is our trip to the Marple Township building and the police station. This trip is an important part of our unit on government and we thank Mr. Lucas for helping to facilitate this event.

A special thank you to Mrs. Ward and our fantastic parents for all they did so that we could enjoy field day this year. It is a lot of work, and we appreciate it!

We want to take this opportunity to thank all of the wonderful Loomis parents for making this A GREAT PLACE TO LEARN everyday☺!

4th Grade - Rooms 14, 16 & 18

We can't believe how this year has flown by so quickly. There has been so many exciting events these past weeks. It is hard to think where to start. The fourth graders had two exciting field trips locally. One was at the Newtown Square Papermill, and the other was at the Octagonal Schoolhouse. Both trips gave the students a real taste of how life was different in the 1800s. Joe, the Science Guy, also visited each of our classes. We were able to actively participate in some fascinating experiments and extend our knowledge on electricity.

Thanks to Mrs. Heller, we also squeezed in enough chorus practices to prepare for our amazing concert. All of the children sounded great as they performed "Celebrate the States". The teachers were particularly impressed with the state rap where the kids sang every state in alphabetical order along with its capital.

We also need to thank Mrs. Ward and all of the parents who volunteered to make Field Day a huge success. It is always one of the highlights of every school year. Everyone had so much fun!!!

In the classroom, the students have been busy as well. In Social Studies, each child was assigned a state to research and they were given project choices. They really worked hard, and the state projects look great. Finally, in Science, the students are putting on their inventor hats for the upcoming Invention Convention. We hope many parents can join us this Friday, May 30th from 2:00 to 3:00 so you can see how amazing our Young Inventors are with their creative ideas.

LOOK WHAT WE'VE BEEN DOING IN CLASS...(continued)

2nd Grade – Rooms 4,5 & 6

The marvelous month of May sure went by quickly! The second graders enjoyed lots of fun activities and continued to work hard learning new skills.

In science class, we are happily watching our class caterpillars as they grow and change. We see silk in their cups and know that they are chewing and chomping and getting bigger and bigger. Reading lots of books about caterpillars and butterflies are helping to make us insect experts. We can't wait to show what we know when we visit the butterfly exhibit at the Academy of Natural Sciences!

Speaking of science, "Mr. Joe", the Science Guy, came to visit all three classes. We were junior paleontologists, digging up fossils and learning all about dinosaurs during his "Jurassic Junior" program. Thank you to the PTO for bringing this wonderful hands-on assembly to us each year. It was "dino-mite"!

In math classes, we have worked hard learning multiplication and beginning division concepts. Problems with remainders can be tricky, but with practice, we are getting the hang of it! Up next: geometry! The boys and girls know that they will have many skills to review and practice over the summer.

In reading, we have almost completed our second reading anthology. The stories have taken us through many different genres and have engaged our imaginations. Skills such as cause and effect and making inferences have been practiced to help make us even stronger readers. Second graders are encouraged to keep reading every day in the summer.

Thank you to all the parents for their help and support this year. We couldn't do it without you! Thank you also to the PTO for providing us with so many special opportunities for fun and socializing. We hope everyone enjoys a happy, healthy, and restful summer!

Jubilant June: Talent Show, Big Guy Breakfast, and the Second Grade Super-Sensational Summer Send-Off!

LOOK WHAT WE'VE BEEN DOING IN CLASS...(continued)

5th Grade - Rooms 13, 15 & 17

Room 13

Philadelphia looked great from the deck of the Spirit of Philadelphia cruise ship. 5th graders had a blast traveling to Philadelphia on May 5th. It was interesting learning about the history of the city, as we cruised along. The buffet lunch and live performance was a real treat for students and chaperones. Jake and Adrianos were great accompanying the performers.

After the cruise, we toured the city on a Philadelphia trolley. Our favorite had to be running up the Art Museum steps, just like Rocky. What a view when we reached the top!!!! If you haven't done this yet, you have to go!! It was interesting learning trivia about the city and the founding fathers as we traveled the city streets. We thank all the members of the 5th grade committee who helped make this trip so special.

We had a fabulous time as we stepped back in time and toured the Thomas Massey House. How exciting it was to walk the same floors as the Massey Family. Our tour guides were informative and gave us lots of insight into what life was like during colonial times. If you haven't been there, the house is right around the corner and worth the trip. Just ask a 5th grader.

A special thank you to our Unified Arts Teachers who always go out of their way to make Loomis a Great Place to Learn. The Book Fair was awesome, the Art Show- Fantastic, Field Day- Terrific and the 4th grade show- Great. We appreciate you and will miss you when we move on to Paxon Hollow Middle School.

Room 15

Mrs. B.'s math classes recently completed the 24 challenge competitions. In each rotation class, the top 4 students were recognized. Congratulations to all of our competitors and our 24 champs!

1st period: Amanda Goodyear, Nick Yan, Josh Gotlib, Robbie Ciccone

2nd period: Oleg Kariouk, Katie Gallen, Sara Grant, Chris Butler

3rd period: Saleena Alicia, Lilia Zozikova, Zach Manley, Matt Wilson

Mrs. Calabrese conducted the semi-final and final rounds between the top 5th grade students and the top 4th grade students: Jona Lieberman, Matt Trainor, Joon-Sun Park, and Melissa Roth. After great competition and sportsmanship by all, Joon-Sun was declared the Loomis School winner! Next, Joon-Sun competed at the Delaware County 24 championship. Mrs. Calabrese reported that he did a fantastic job, winning many points and almost earning a medal (he was *that* close!). Congratulations, Joon-Sun, for your outstanding achievement representing Loomis School as our 24 champion!

In Language Arts news, the boys and girls in Room 15 won the KidBiz3000 reading challenge for the month of April, earning a class party. Every student read at least 8 news articles and answered comprehension questions, earning points for good scores. Mrs. B. was very proud of the girls and boys for working so hard to do their best. The KidBiz Company sent us a big box of goodies for our celebration party. Ms. Irvine students, who came in 2nd place, will join us in our celebrations. Way to go!

Room 17

What an exciting month it has been! Our Philadelphia trip was fantastic! From the cruise on the "Spirit of Philadelphia", to the trolley tour of fascinating historic spots, and, finally, to our sprint up the steps of the Art Museum the fun never ended. On our visit to the Thomas Massey House, we were amazed at how resourceful the colonists had to be just to survive. The johnnycakes were delicious and the games were lots of fun, but we agree that we would not have wanted to take a bath the way they did. After touring Paxon Hollow Middle School, we are less nervous and really looking forward to meeting new teachers, making new friends, and joining activities in September.

In Language Arts, we have been reading Shiloh. The characters are so realistic and the plot is so suspenseful that we understand how it deserved to win the Newbery Medal. Some of us have even moved on to the sequel. In Creative Writing, our persuasive letters are almost completed. Then we will be organizing our writing folders for the end of the year.

LOOK WHAT WE'VE BEEN DOING IN CLASS...(continued)

News From Mrs. Ward:

A many thanks to all those who were involved in Field Day from parent volunteers to PTO Co-Presidents –Mrs. Alberici and Mrs. Abatangelo to Principal Teti and Loomis Staff. Your support and help were most graciously appreciated. The students had a lot of fun, which you could tell from the smiles on their faces. It truly turned out to be a great day even with the unpredictable weather. Once again it was my pleasure to organize a fun and active event for the whole Loomis community. Mrs. Ward

Vertical Jump Contest
2008

Third Grade
Girls

1 st Place	Regina Fairbanks	14"
2 nd Place	Sabrina Prince	13"
3 rd Place	Sophie Williams	11"

Boys

1 st Place	Andrew McKeivey	15"
Tie	Daniel Yong	
2 nd Place	Chase Silvestri	14"
Tie	Azamat Nosirov	
3 rd Place	Dean Kane	13"

Fourth Grade
Girls

1 st Place	Alexis Bowen	14"
Tie	Esther Lee	
2 nd Place	Victoria Downey	13"
3 rd Place	Fran Maslin	12"
Tie	Rachel Seo	
	Liz An	

Boys

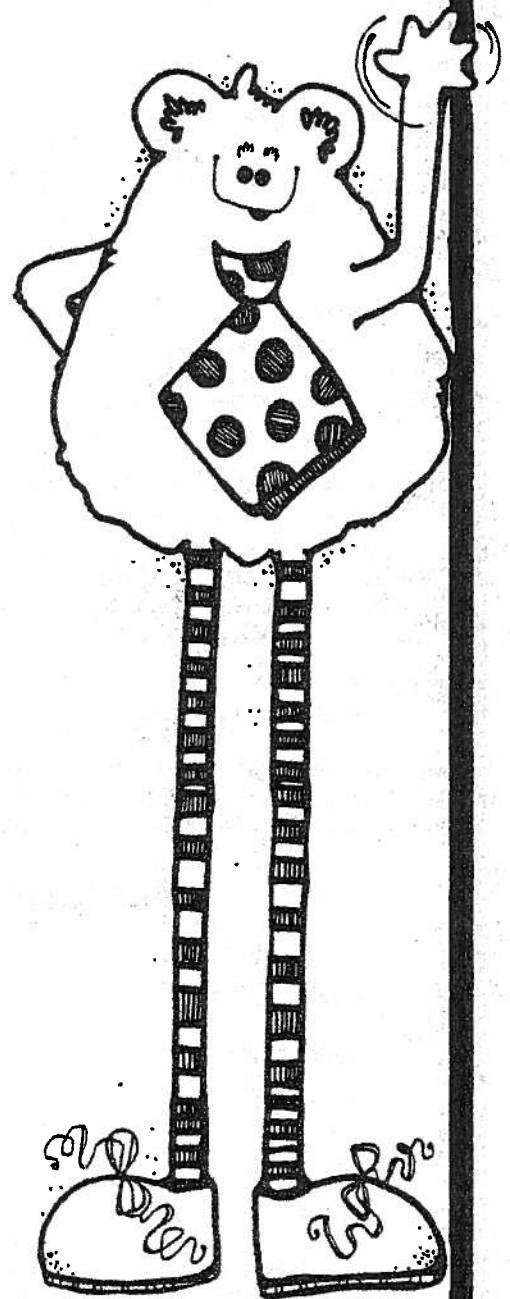
1 st Place	Mike Rutecki	22"
2 nd Place	George Lambrtsios	17"
Tie	Nicky DiCamillo	
	Gino DiCamillo	
	Nick Molinaro	
	Mikey Abatangelo	
	Chris Rufo	
3 rd Place	Matt Quinn	16"

Fifth Grade
Girls

1 st Place	Brittney Harvilla	19"
2 nd Place	Tina DeSantis	15"
3 rd Place	Francesca Capodanno	8"

Boys

1 st Place	Nick Giordano	22"
2 nd Place	Josh Gotlib	19"
Tie	Zach Manley	
	Nick Yan	
3 rd Place	JJ Yocum	18"
Tie	Anastas Gijdede	



The school record of 26" set by Tommy Davis last year held. There was a tie for the overall winner between Mike Rutecki and Nick Giordano of 22.

LOOK WHAT WE'VE BEEN DOING IN CLASS...(continued)

Jump Rope Contest Finals
2008

First Grade

Boys			Girls	
1 st Place	Cameron Leone	1:14 minutes	Lindsay Kane	4:37 minutes
2 nd Place	Marlon Weathers	20 seconds	Becca Ritchiea	2:11 minutes
3 rd Place	Max Fierman	8 seconds	Tatum Soda	39 seconds

Second Grade

Boys			Girls	
1 st Place	Jack Molinaro	1:37 minutes	Mikayla Lisacchi	3:15 minutes
Tie	Tyler Black			
Tie	Jonah Fox			
2 nd Place			Ceire Devlin-Mohan	1:03 minutes
3 rd Place			Marycate London	28 seconds

Third Grade

Boys			Girls	
1 st Place	John Walter	3:02 minutes	Maura Lyons	4:42 minutes
2 nd Place	Dean Kane	1:55 minutes	Eleni Valavanis	4:00 minutes
3 rd Place	Azamat Nosirov	43 seconds	Alexis Angelaccio	1:52 minutes

Fourth Grade

Boys			Girls	
1 st Place	Patrick Gallagher	4:24 minutes	Esther Lee	2:46 minutes
2 nd Place	George Lambritsios	4:20 minutes	Andrea Speckman	2:02 minutes
3 rd Place	Mikey Abatangelo	53 seconds	Lambrini Kosta	35 seconds

Fifth Grade

Finals are to take place sometime this week.

Note: The times may seem short for the winner. Most of the students listed above actually jumped for a much longer time in their classroom tournament than when they got together by grade for the finals. Nerves seemed to be abundant this year during the final jump-off.

PRESIDENTIAL PHYSICAL FITNESS AWARDS
Spring 2007

FIRST GRADE

Spring
Alyssa Angelaccio

SECOND GRADE

Spring
Jonah Fox

THIRD GRADE

Spring
Samantha Gabe Andrew McKelvey

FOURTH GRADE

Spring
Mike Rutecki

FIFTH GRADE

Spring
Nick Giordano Brittney Harvilla

LOOK WHAT WE'VE BEEN DOING IN CLASS...(continued)

NATIONAL PHYSICAL FITNESS WINNERS Spring 2007

FIRST GRADE

Spring

Becca Ritchie
Betina Mladenova
Anthony Solakian
John Pecorari
Alexandra Giovanopoulos

Alyssa Angelaccio
Marlon Weathers
Michael Paytas
Tatum Soda

Sohpia Gannon
Sarah Neale
Lindsey Kane
Eric Connelly

Vasil Kosta
Gianna Rastelli
Gloria Zacharias
Nicole Abatangelo

SECOND GRADE

Spring

Gia DeAngelis
Emily Seo
Isabella DiGiorgio
Ceire Delvin-Mohan

Carly Gallagher
Tyler Marinelli
Anthony Paoletti

Tyler Black
Marycate London
Ian Malarick

Kristen Rutecki
Stephen Morrison
Eralinda Hasani

THIRD GRADE

Spring

Lauren Holt
Lindsey Andreades
Nicholas Finnicum
Joseph Everett
Vasil Karaivanov
Sophie Williams

Alexis Angelaccio
Regina Fairbanks
Salome Tushima
Victoria Weaverling
Sarah Gannon

Rojin Baniasadi
Yujin No
Chase Silvestri
Jenny Woloski
Elizabeth Rains

Stella Ha
John Rastelli
Ryan Keating
Kelly Morris
Azamat Nosirov

FOURTH GRADE

Spring

Matt Trainor
Mikey Abatangelo
Jaclyn Zaccaro
Esther Lee
Jennifer Chamberlain
Victoria Downey

Patrick Gallagher
Jamie Sheehan
Jona Lieberman
Jarred Marinelli
Liz An
Emily Shihadeh

Chris Rufo
Julia Zoll
Sam Bruno
Alexis Bowen
Liambrini Kosta
Dean Giovanopoulos

Lexi Schina
Dorian Sulollari
Connor Keating
Alec Kerr
Lauren Brasch
Tyler Bottinger

FIFTH GRADE

Spring

Saleena Spink
Taylor Sforza
Josh Gotlib
Paul Bonkoski

Jamie Marinelli
Dana Kim
Arden Lieberman
Alyssa Seagraves

JJ Yocum
Emma Clancy
Amanda Goodyear
Zach Manley

Mackenzie Bane
Gabrielle Paoletti
Adrian Sapnas
Victoria Basciano

Spring Totals:

Presidential Physical Fitness Award Winners 7

National Physical Fitness Award Winners 91

Spring testing has finished. Above are those students who have qualified as of 5/22/08. However, there are several students who still have to finish up testing. A completed list will appear in the September newsletter.

Acme Receipts

Thank you for your support with the Acme Receipt Program. We will collect receipts until the last day of school and resume again in September, so please save your receipts this summer.

We are looking for additional volunteers to help sort the receipts next year. All the work can be done from home.

Please contact Rosemary Rains (610-325-9615) for additional information.

