



## Cultural Arts Committee

The Cultural Arts Committee would like to thank the Atlanta Percussion Trio for putting on a wonderful Holiday's in Steel show in December. All grades attended this fun show and many were able to participate playing tambourines, and ringing bells. One child after the show said, "I didn't know I could play the tambourine!"

Also, on Feb.17th we will have our next show featuring Lasergrace, an exciting laser light show, which will provide our stars with a science lesson combined with an exciting light and sound laser show. For more information on Lasergrace you can visit their website at [www.lasergrace.com](http://www.lasergrace.com).



### Safety Policy and ID

Please keep in mind that all visitors (even AM drop-offs, cupcakes, etc.) must have an ID available. We are checking everyone because safety is our top priority at Sixes.

### R.I.F.E Needs You

#### Make a Difference In the Life of a Child

How? Do you have a love for reading and just thirty minutes a week that you can devote to a student at Sixes? Then you can be a volunteer with the Reading is for Everyone (R.I.F.E.) tutoring program here at Sixes. Volunteers are needed! A background check is required by the Cherokee County Board of Education for all volunteer tutors.

For more information on R.I.F.E or to volunteer,  
contact our R.I.F.E. coordinator  
Linda Chapman (770) 479-3302 Or [LLChapman@alltel.net](mailto:LLChapman@alltel.net)



### Contribute to the Sixes Newsletter

Do you have information or announcements that you would like to have added to the Sixes Star Newsletter? If so, then please send them to Keith Martin @ keith\_m27@yahoo.com.



## PTA Events

### February

- 3 1st Grade Teacher Breakfast
- 6 Beef O Brady's Night
- 6-10 Care for animals week
- 14 Stevie B's Night
- 15 Custodian appreciation Day
- 16 Pastry for parents K, 2,4
- 17 Sprit Day
- 20-24 Winter Break
- 27 PTA Board Meeting 8 AM

### March

- 1-10 Exceptional Children week
- 2 Read Across America /Book Character Day
- 3 Teacher Breakfast Kindergarten
- 6 Beef O Brady's Night
- 9 Pastry for Parents 1,3,5
- 10 **Bingo Family Night**
- 13-17 National Nutrition Week
- 14 Stevie B's Night
- 18 Spring Fling
- 20 PTA Board Mtg 8am
- 20-24 Teddy Bear on Patrol
- 22 Book Fair Preview
- 23 Book Fair Opens 5-7
- 23-30 Book Fair
- 23 PTA Gen Mtg 1st Grade per forms
- 31 Cultural Arts Events Day

### April

- 3-7 Spring Break
- 11 Stevie B's Night
- 13 Volunteer Appreciation Dessert 7:00 pm
- 17 PTA Board Mtg 8am
- 17-21 GCRCT Testing 1st - 5th
- 26 Secretary Day
- 27 PTA Gen Mtg 2nd Grade Performs

# Recycle at Sixes!

Recycling- Protect the environment and raise money for our kids!

**Newspapers-** The collection bin is located in the back parking lot. Just deposit whatever comes with your paper; no bags please!

**Aluminum cans** – The collection trailer is located in the back parking lot, near cafeteria. No plastic bottles, aerosol cans or household garbage. Empty cans from all bags!

**Used printer cartridges, cell phones, and now - laptops** - A receptacle is in the main lobby for donations. Cartridges from laser and inkjet printers are acceptable. PLEASE, no toner bottles! For a list of eligible items, see [www.cartridgesforkids.com](http://www.cartridgesforkids.com).

Thank you to all who have helped to make these programs successful!

For questions, go to [www.sixespta.org](http://www.sixespta.org), or e-mail: [judyymf@adelphia.net](mailto:judyymf@adelphia.net).

**Did you know???**

- A printer cartridge takes 1000 years to decompose!
- In the U.S., almost 8 cartridges are thrown away every second.
- That's almost 700,000 cartridges every day.
- It takes almost 3.5 quarts of oil to produce one laser cartridge!
- A half gallon of oil is saved each time a laser cartridge is remanufactured.
- Recycled cartridges will save 3 million gallons of oil!!

## Sixes Fundraising

Our Fundraising efforts at Sixes have been a huge success. The QSP/Readers Digest raised over \$26,000 and the Fall Festival raised over \$16,000. Of course, all of this would not be possible without our hard working parents and students at Sixes.



## Special Thanks



## Sixes QSP Fundraiser Results

**Top Seller - Madeline Snyder \$680.00**

**Top Class - Meek**

**Money Machine & Limo Ride w/ 350+**

<b>Madeline Snyder</b>	\$680.00	Teacher-Harris
<b>Landon Douthit</b>	\$439.00	Teacher-Burgess
<b>Riley Dodson</b>	\$434.50	Teacher-Mitchell
<b>Regina Graham</b>	\$388.50	Teacher-Haliburton
<b>Taylor Uliana</b>	\$382.00	Teacher-Nickerson
<b>Lindsay New</b>	\$379.50	Teacher-Spain
<b>Jessica Ion</b>	\$349.50	Teacher-Spain

To **Anne Reed, Heather Martin, Lorie Dodson, Roxanne Eilerman, Teresa Morris-Wiley, Alison Moreau, Teresa Goble, Todd Chiesa, Lorriane and Neal Murphy** for a wonderful and successful Fall Festival.

To **all parent volunteers** that gave time and money for a successful Fall Festival.

To **Evy Carver and all volunteers** for a successful Holiday Shop.

To **all the Administration** for all their help for all of the school events.

To the **Custodial Staff** for always cleaning up our mess.

# WWW.SIXESPTA.ORG

# Exceptional Children's Week

March 1st through March 10th is Exceptional Children's Week at Sixes Elementary. It is a week dedicated to public awareness of the needs and capabilities of our exceptional children and youth, both those with disabilities and those with giftedness and special talents. **Volunteers are needed.** If you are interested in volunteering, then please contact Catherine Canter(cjcanter@comcast.net) at 404-720-7480 for volunteer opportunities.

## WELCOME TO HOLLAND

By Emily Perl Kingsley.

I am often asked to describe the experience of raising a child with a disability - to try to help people who have not shared that unique experience to understand it, to imagine how it would feel. It's like this.....

When you're going to have a baby, it's like planning a fabulous vacation trip - to Italy. You buy a bunch of guide books and make your wonderful plans. The Coliseum. The Michelangelo David. The gondolas in Venice. You may learn some handy phrases in Italian. It's all very exciting.

After months of eager anticipation, the day finally arrives. You pack your bags and off you go. Several hours later, the plane lands. The stewardess comes in and says, "Welcome to Holland."

"Holland?!?" you say. "What do you mean Holland?? I signed up for Italy! I'm supposed to be in Italy. All my life I've dreamed of going to Italy."

But there's been a change in the flight plan. They've landed in Holland and there you must stay.

The important thing is that they haven't taken you to a horrible, disgusting, filthy place, full of pestilence, famine and disease. It's just a different place.

So you must go out and buy new guide books. And you must learn a whole new language. And you will meet a whole new group of people you would never have met.

It's just a different place. It's slower-paced than Italy, less flashy than Italy. But after you've been there for a while and you catch your breath, you look around.... and you begin to notice that Holland has windmills....and Holland has tulips. Holland even has Rembrandts.

But everyone you know is busy coming and going from Italy... and they're all bragging about what a wonderful time they had there. And for the rest of your life, you will say "Yes, that's where I was supposed to go. That's what I had planned."

And the pain of that will never, ever, ever, ever go away... because the loss of that dream is a very very significant loss.

But... if you spend your life mourning the fact that you didn't get to Italy, you may never be free to enjoy the very special, the very lovely things ... about

## Examples of People First Language

### Say:

People with disabilities.  
He has a cognitive disability (diagnosis).  
She has autism (or an autism diagnosis).  
He has a diagnosis of Down syndrome.  
She has a learning disability (diagnosis).  
He has a physical disability (diagnosis).  
She's of short stature/she's a little person.  
He has a mental health diagnosis.  
She uses a wheelchair/mobility chair.  
He receives special ed services.  
She has a developmental delay.  
Kids without disabilities.  
Communicates with her eyes/device/etc.  
Customer  
Congenital disability  
Brain injury  
Accessible parking, hotel room, etc.  
She needs . . . or she uses . . .

### Instead of:

The handicapped or disabled.  
He's mentally retarded.  
She's autistic.  
He's Down's.  
She's learning disabled.  
He's a quadriplegic/crippled.  
She's a dwarf/midget.  
He's emotionally disturbed/mentally ill.  
She's confined/wheelchair bound.  
He's in special ed.  
She's developmentally delayed.  
Normal or healthy kids.  
Is non-verbal.  
Client, consumer, recipient, etc.  
Birth defect  
Brain damaged  
Handicapped parking, hotel room, etc.  
She has problems/special needs