

Central School Assembly Programs

2009-2010 School Year

The following is a list of the assembly programs chosen for this academic year. The PTO Cultural Committee selected and coordinated the final list with prior input from a representative group of Central School teachers. These programs were funded entirely by the Central School PTO, thanks in large part to the fundraising efforts of you, the Central School families. We hope your children enjoy the shows! Due to limited space in the gymnasium, we ask that parents and younger/older siblings do not attend these events. However, any child in kindergarten who is not in school during the scheduled assemblies may return to attend with adult supervision.

- October 20, 2009 Mark Rothstein's World of Rope Jumping**
From Atlanta, Georgia, Mark Rothstein will present the World of Rope Jumping. The opening show will be an inspirational show in which Mark will perform rope jumping routines and interact with the students through enjoyable character building skits. Following the show, a grade level at a time will return to work "hands-on" with Mark in a rope jumping/fitness workshop! Mark has established two world records for marathon rope jumping. His most recent being 36 hours of continuous jumping. (Keep your eyes open! Our JUMP ROPE fundraiser will be coming soon!!)
- December 3, 2009 Piccirillo Science Storytelling (Dragons & Dreams)**
With castles, kings, a dragon keeper, an Ice Sorceress, the Horn of Fire, two villagers, and a daring journey to save the entire kingdom, enjoy this spectacular adventure as we're swept away to a world where dragons are real, dreams come true, and only the most daring of people will survive to tell the tale! Join us as we learn about the science of Fire & Ice by telling a tale of Dragons & Dreams using experiments of flash paper, exploding bottles, "cool" dry ice, and much more. Wouldn't dragon's breath be an amazing sight!?!)
- January 22, 2010 The Ice Age and Its Mammoth Hunters (Geography)**
Using students, overhead projectors and an elaborate backdrop, Jack Brannigan creates a cave scene from long ago, complete with replicas of a mastodon and saber-toothed cat. Special effects and lighting help illustrate how our planet was plunged into a deep freeze, and a magnificent slide presentation demonstrates what it must have been like to live during the last ice age.

- February 8, 2010** **The Harlem Hoopsters**
Get ready for some Hoopin talent that will blow your socks off, players such as Luis 'Trickz' Da Silva who has appeared in a number of *Nike* commercials will perform breathtaking tricks. The dynamic group will astound the students with trick basketball skills, hip-hop routines to music and lots of audience participation!
- March 29, 2010** **Our Home Plant Earth**
This program will help boys and girls realize how important recycling is and how it is everyone's responsibility to respect and conserve the earth's natural resources. The show opens revealing a six foot diameter globe of the planet earth. Most people consider their town as being their home, but after a fast paced question and answer dialogue, students quickly realize that the entire planet earth should be considered as their home. Using a huge globe, terms such as revolution, rotation, and the relationship of the earth with the sun and the other planets in the solar system, are easily understood by students. Using special lighting effects and the huge earth ball, Jack Brannigan demonstrates what causes day and night. Many teachers have commented how difficult concepts are made easy by these creative teaching techniques.
- April 23, 2010** **Dinosaur Dig**
This fun-filled assembly will cover the formation of fossils, herbivores vs. carnivores and Q&A. Mike and Roberta Straka will discuss their work as field paleontologists. The presentation will feature an 8 foot triceratops skull, "Elvis" an Albertosaurus skull, music, and the "Dinosaur Game Show." Each child will leave the dig with a special find!
- June 2, 2010** **Flight of Raptor (waiting on confirmation)**
Basic program begins with a background history on birds of prey, their nesting habits, hunting adaptations, and flight patterns. All of this is accompanied by **real raptors**, up close and personal. Next, we take you out of the classroom, and into the field. A variety of birds are released for an awe-inspiring flight demonstration, that won't soon be forgotten by all who see it.

2009-2010 Assembly Programs

October 20, 2009 World of Rope Jumping Assembly

9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. - One Assembly

Followed by 30 minute a workshop for each grade level
(schedule to follow)

December 3, 2009 Piccirillo Science Storytelling

1:45 p.m. to 2:45 p.m. – One Assembly

January 22, 2010 The Ice Age and its Mammoth Hunters

9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

February 8, 2010 The Harlem Hoopsters

10:00 a.m. to 10:45 a.m. Grades K,1,4
11:00 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. Grades 2,3,5

March 29, 2010 Our Home Planet Earth

9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.

April 23, 2010 Dinosaur Dig

9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m. – One Assembly

Followed by 30 minute workshop for each grade level
(schedule to follow)

June 2, 2010 Flight of Raptor

1:45 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. – One Assembly

(Followed by an outdoor demonstration. Details to follow)