



**October 30**

7:00 p.m. Open House for prospective families at Caedmon

**November 6**

School is closed for parent conferences. Book Fair in the lobby of the school.

**November 14**

8:30 EP Coffee & Curriculum – Montessori

**November 15**

Parents Auxiliary Cocktail Party to kick-off the Auction

**November 21-23**

The Caedmon School is closed for the Thanksgiving holidays

**November 28**

FACES Book discussion “Night” by: Elie Wiesel <http://www.holocaust-trc.org/night.htm>

## The Caedmon School Goes “Green”



*Mary Moross, Caedmon’s art teacher, explains to students about The Caedmon School signing the pledge to go “green.”*

This newsletter will be the first of many newsletters to update you on what is happening inside the Caedmon community. In keeping with our mission, the Caedmon community has taken a pledge to become a Green School along with other independent schools in New York City. Mary Moross, art teacher at Caedmon, is taking the leadership role to begin the greening process. A green school, also known as a high performance school, is a community facility that is designed, built, renovated, operated, or reused in an ecological and resource-efficient manner. Green schools protect the occupants’ health, provide a productive learning environment, connect students to the natural world, increase average daily attendance, reduce operating costs, improve teacher satisfaction and retention, and reduce the overall impact to the environment.

In our October all-school assembly, Ms. Moross explained the process for becoming green in our school and what we can do as an entire community. In the beginning stages Caedmon students, faculty, and staff will pledge the following:

1. Turn lights off when leaving the room
2. Use our class cups during snack time instead of a paper cup every day. Presently, several classes are already using their own plastic cups, which saves 400 paper cups per month per class. This has been a great math lesson for some classes as well!
3. Use both sides of paper and write notes on pieces of scrap paper.

We are very excited about this work and encourage you as families to get involved at home as well. If any of you have further information about becoming green, please pass the information on to Ms. Moross.



*Ms. Vrazel and Mr. Davidson singing with the children at the all-school assembly.*

## **Community Service is a Central Theme for the School Year**

One of the four tenets of The Caedmon School mission is Community and Community Service. In our October assembly, Kristina Bakker, art teacher, presented the project to the children. The entire school will support the Heifer Project throughout the year with Ms. Bakker taking the leadership role in working with our students. The Heifer Project is helping to bring an end to world hunger through unimaginable blessings. Today, millions of people who were once hungry will be nourished by milk, eggs, and fresh vegetables. Families who for generations knew only poverty will be building new homes and starting businesses. Children who once headed out to the fields to do backbreaking work will be heading into schoolrooms to learn to read. People who never thought they would be in a position to help someone else will be experiencing the joy of charitable giving. Through our contributions to Heifer, children's dreams become a reality. Ms. Bakker will be working with our children throughout this year as they continue to support Heifer.

In addition to the all-school project, the children at each level in the school will participate in curriculum-based community service projects. Lower Level students will be participating in the "Fun Run" for the Ronald MacDonald House. In Middle Level, students are partnering with a Navajo grandparent as they continue their studies of Native Americans. Other grade levels are developing their community service projects, which will be reported in other newsletters.

My grandfather always said to me, "Gregory, for those to whom much has

been given, much is expected.” We at Caedmon have been given much in so many ways and we will continue to support our mission in giving back to our community.

This is the first of the monthly newsletters I will be sending you to keep you informed of the events at school. I look forward to communicating the many wonderful learning experiences our children have every day!

Aloha,  
Greg Blackburn