

# Chango Counseling Corner Newsletter

## January 2011 Edition



CHANGO *Happy and Cheerful*

Character Words of the Month

## Caring Cooperation

- Say nice things to others
- Offer to help a friend in need
- Work together with classmates



### The First Graders have learned all of Kelso's Choices to solve small problems.

Kelso teaches boys and girls what they can do if a small problem happens between friends.

The students have learned about nine solutions they can use to solve small problems. We have practiced using these choices with Kelso puppets the students made in class. Ask your first grader about what he or she has learned.

- Go to Another Game
- Share and Take Turns
- Tell them to stop
- Make a deal
- Wait and cool off
- Talk it out
- Ignore it
- Walk away
- Apologize

## TOY DRIVE

Thanks to all of the students and families who participated in the Toy Drive. Together we were able to collect more than a dozen boxes full of toys to donate to Captain's Toy Drive. Thanks also to Mrs. Odorizzi- her efforts made sure all of the gifts were delivered on time and the Toy Drive would not have been possible without her.



## SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE



Attention Families:

The next session of classes for the PTA Afterschool Enrichment Program will be starting soon!

There are scholarships available for our KidzArt program that begins on Feb 7<sup>th</sup> and runs through March 21<sup>st</sup>. The classes are held at Chango on Mondays from 3:15-4:30.

Fliers will be distributed to classes in the next few weeks with more information. If you would like to apply for one of the scholarships available, please contact Mrs. Huntsman at 881-0520 ext 46451, or send a note in to the counseling office with your student. All applications for the scholarships will remain confidential.

To learn more about what is offered through the program, feel free to visit the KidzArt website at:

<http://new.kidzartcrny.com/index.php>

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Students in grades 4 and 5 will soon be

participating in classroom lessons with Mrs. Huntsman to learn more about personal safety, internet safety and bullying prevention. Look for handouts and brochures that will be sent home with students. For more information visit the Netsmartz website at [www.netsmartz.org](http://www.netsmartz.org)



## Saratoga County Council on Autism



A website and brochure are available from the Saratoga County Council on Autism.

This resource includes a wealth of information regarding Autism Support Organizations within our community. Contact information for parent support groups, socialization and play groups for children, and many other community activities available to families are listed in this guide.

For more information, go to:

<http://www.saratogacountyny.gov/upload/prguide113.pdf>



The Community Hospice offers a unique support program for children called **Wave Riders**.

This program is designed to provide a supportive environment for children, teens, and families who have experienced the death of someone significant in their lives.

This program is offered free of charge and is open to anyone in the community. Registration for spring sessions is currently open. Most sessions will start during the month of March. Pre-registration is required to participate. For more information, please contact the local Community Hospice Office at 581-0800.



Saratoga Center for the Family is currently offering an evening Strengthening Families Program. This is a program that helps parents and youth strengthen and build skills that maintain a strong family. The group will meet at the Saratoga Springs Public Library.

Dates: 1/19/11 - 3/16/11 (Wednesday)

Time: 5:30 - 7:45 p.m.

Fee: No charge

For more information, or to register please contact the Saratoga Center for the Family at 584 1198, or visit their website at [www.saratogacff.org](http://www.saratogacff.org)

