

BOOK WEEK 2007

With Ms. Nanny Simmons

Ms. Nanny Simmons, assisted by Ms. Jenny Hassell, officially opened Book Week on Monday, May 21 during a Sacred Heart School assembly.

Students and teachers were present, as well as Council Members Akilah Levenstone and Lucia Woods. Ms. Nanny thanked the Landsloterij and Innovations Bureau for their financial support.

Several children were awarded:

- Bianca Johnson for the theme;
- Dimetri Whitfield for the T-Shirt design;
- Shareska Lucas, Bodna Guerrier, Berline Germain, Esmeralda Johnson, Frankely Wilson, and Natasha Klaber were commended for their library visits;
- Grade 3 won a class certificate for Story Writing.

Fun activities took place in the classrooms, at Child Focus, as well as in the library. There was a puppet show, singing, poems and skits. There even was a fun dress-up afternoon and a walk-a-thon. Story telling was done by the authors Franklin Wilson, Heleen Cornet and Greta Marlin (see picture).



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LAURA LINZEY DAYCARE CENTER &
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*Teachers and Assistants
at Teachers Appreciation Movie Night*

ANNOUNCEMENT

Please, mark your calendar!

DR. LENNOX BERNARD

Will hold a public lecture

At the Eugenius Johnson Center

On Thursday May 31,

From 7-9 pm

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NEW BOOKS @ LIBRARY

By Jet van Heijnsbergen

The **Innovations Bureau** has received some new books for the **library**. The books can be loaned to teachers as well as parents.

The connecting theme in all books is abuse, in whatever form and what teachers and parents can do about it. Not a very cheerful theme. Still, it can be important to read about it if you want to help your students, friends or family members.

The new titles are:

- *Child Management. A Program for Parents and Teachers.* Judith M. Smith, Donald E.P. Smith
- *Role of Educators in the Prevention and Treatment of Child Abuse & Neglect.* Cynthia Crosson Tower
- *The Impact of Family Violence on Children and Adolescents.* Javad H. Kashani, Wesley D. Allan
- *The Good Kid Book. How to solve the 16 most common behavior problems.* Howard Sloane, Ph.D.
- *Preventing Child Abuse and Neglect through Parent Education.* N. Dickon Reppucci, Ph.D., Preston A. Britner, Ph.D., Jennifer L. Woolard, M.A.
- *Self-esteem Games. 300 Fun Activities That Make Children Feel Good about Themselves.* Barbara Sher
- *No-Talk Therapy for Children and Adolescents.* Martha B. Straus, Ph.D.
- *Sibling Abuse. Hidden Physical, Emotional, and Sexual Trauma.* Vernon R. Wiehe
- *Dear Teacher If You Only Knew. Adults Recovering from Child Sexual Abuse Speak to Educators.* John M. Seryak, M.Ed.
- *A Manual on Nonviolence and Children.* Stephanie Judson (ed.)

EDUCATE AND APPRECIATE

By Jet van Heijnsbergen

May 6-12 was **Teachers Appreciation Week**. The Innovations Bureau hosted an evening of appreciation. We offered all teachers and caregivers of the island, who work with children and youth from 0-18 years, a special dinner-and-a-movie night at *Tropics Café* on May 10.

Commissioner Lisa Hassell contributed to the celebration by giving all educators (32 in attendance) a gift, and opening the evening with a story that could have very well happened in real life.



Teacher Bonnie is invited to a dinner, when a well-paid CEO tries to make fun of her, saying: "You know how it is with teachers? Those who can, do. Those who can't, become a teacher!!!" After this misplaced remark, he asks: "Tr. Bonnie, what do you make?" Bonnie pauses for a second and then replies: "I make children with a C+ feel like they received the Medal of Congressional



Honor; I make children listen for 40 minutes while parents need an I-pod or Game Boy to capture their attention for 5 minutes; I make them have respect and take responsibility for their actions; I make them feel safe in my classroom.

People who want to make fun of what I make, are ignorant. I can keep my head up high and proudly say: I make a difference!"

And that is exactly what the movie was about. The movie *Freedom Writers* depicts how a young teacher (Hillary Swank) reaches out to her at-risk students.



In the pictures you see the teachers smiling and laughing, but we were all moved to tears when we saw how the youngsters open up and confide in their teacher.

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The teacher in the movie listens and respects her students and is willing to sacrifice part of her own life for them. The DVD is for rent at ICS.

The **Innovations Bureau** gave out cards with inspirational quotes. Inspiration also came from the fact that all educators, for the first time, were joined in a social function.



We hope this evening has given the teachers some extra energy to complete the school year.



SPELLING BEE & TALENT SHOW

By Tr. Sharron

On Thursday May 3rd the students of SHS participated in a **Spelling Bee** and **Talent Show** held at the Sunny Valley Youth Center. The four houses competed against each other to find the best speller per class. The overall winner for this part was Lambert Hassell House (Green House).

Then for the talent show there were various acts of singing, dancing, poetry and drama performed by Kindergarten students up to 6th Grade.



All in all it was a fun filled and exciting day.