

# Balmville Broadcast

## *February 10, 2009*

Acting Principal's Message. I would like to thank the PTA, our parents, faculty and staff, for your participation and support during the two Open Houses. They were a success! It was wonderful to welcome so many prospective students and their families to visit our school braving the inclement weather. Thank you for making this possible! Parent Teacher Conferences went extremely well. If you missed your child's conference please contact your child's teacher at (845) 563-8550. Please call your child's teacher between 8:40-8:55 am or between 3:30-3:55 pm to discuss your child's academic progress.

### Junior High Open Houses

Junior High Open Houses will take place according to the following schedule:

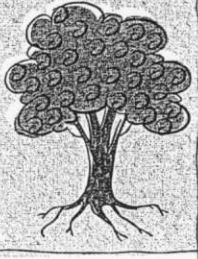
South Junior High	February 18, 2009	563-7000
Heritage Junior High	February 25, 2009	563-3750

\*\*\*Meadow Hill School and Temple Hill School will also have 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade placements for the 2009-2010 school year.

### Important Dates



February 10, 2009	½ Day for Students-Staff Development
February 12, 2009	Balmville Compact Meeting @ 4pm
February 12, 2009	Central Compact Committee Meeting 7pm @GAMS
February 13, 2009	Bingo Night @ 6pm
February 16, 2009	No School- Presidents' Day
February 24, 2009	PTA Meeting @ 7pm



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## Authors on the Move

Mrs. Smith's class is in the last stages of becoming authors of books about the explorer Henry Hudson. In honor of the Hudson Valley's Quadracentennial celebration of the discovery of the Hudson River and valley region by Henry Hudson, the fourth grades are creating individual books about this great explorer.

The books will include original poetry, facts, and comments about Henry Hudson and his life. Some books include interesting facts about the plant and animal life of the Hudson River region.

This is a sample of one of the poems in Olivia Burke's book:

## Henry Hudson

**H**e looked for a way to sail across North America

**E**xplored North America for the Netherlands

**N**ative Americans greeted him with presents

**R**owed on a boat to the Hudson River

**Y**ears ago he discovered the Hudson River

**H**e wrote, "The land is the finest, that I ever in my life set foot upon."

**U**nited States is where the Hudson River is

**D**etermined to find a northern route to Asia

**S**ailed his ship into New York Harbor

**O**n September 3, 1609, he sailed the Hudson River

**N**ever found a way across North America

Here are some comments from our authors:

**Sabrina Myers:** It was fun looking up Henry Hudson facts and animals of the Hudson River Valley.

**Lisandro Chihuahua:** It is great to learn about Henry Hudson and know that he discovered the Hudson River and the Hudson Bay.

**DeJuan Pearson:** I am working on an sixteen page book of interesting facts about Henry Hudson. Wait till you read it.