



# Nassau TRACT

## Teacher Center



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### A MINI-GRANT SUCCESS STORY

By Trish Roberts

On Tuesday, February 8, 2007 approximately one hundred third graders and their families participated in Stewart School's (Garden City UFSD) first fun-filled **Family Math Night**. The evening was made possible through a mini-grant awarded to Trish Roberts from Nassau TRACT Teacher Center with the help of Barrie Dratch and Tom Corso and the Family Math Committee. These funds provided all the games, activities and raffle prizes that made the event a huge success. In addition, each family received a *Take-Home Math Packet* containing books and manipulatives to enable families to engage in further math activities at home.



This exciting school–community based event provided families the opportunity to interact together to develop problem solving skills while building a conceptual understanding of The New York State Math Learning Standards through hands-on, fun activities.

Throughout the evening, families demonstrated their enthusiasm for math while participating in literature, physical fitness and Spanish activities. The dedicated Stewart staff created other fun and exciting games involving arithmetic, geometry, logical reasoning, measurement, time, money, and estimation.

The evening was a great success! “We had a very special time together learning math,” said one mom. With Nassau TRACT Teacher Center’s funding, we were able to provide a fun-filled evening and build the foundation needed to create similar events in the future. As one dad stated, “... it was excellent to have tangible real life examples of math in everyday life...we’re excited to do it again.” We look forward to having other Family Math Nights in the future.

Thanks Nassau TRACT Teacher Center!

Trish Roberts was awarded this grant through Nassau TRACT Teacher Center’s annual mini-grant program. Look for details on our website and future newsletters for next school year’s funding.

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**In Memoriam**

On a very sad note our Director and friend Etta Schneiderman passed away on February 21<sup>st</sup> after a long battle with cancer. Etta was an intricate part of the Nassau TRACT Teacher Center for 20 years serving on the policy board, as a facilitator and director. Etta was at the forefront of bringing technology to our member school districts. A very big passion of Etta's was the development of Character Education at Nassau TRACT and in particular the anti-bullying program "Don't Laugh at Me". Etta put together countless conferences and workshops with Operation Respect, bringing an awareness of bullying to our schools. She also developed the first S.W.A.T. team on Long Island (*Students Working to Advance Tolerance*) inviting the students to our conferences to spread the word. Etta will be missed on a professional level and as a friend to everyone she worked with.

The family requests that donations be made in Etta's name to:

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