

# FOCUS

ON JERICO  
TEACHERS  
AND THEIR ISSUES

February 2007

## Wheelchair Basketball Raises Big Bucks!

Faculty members from the various buildings played the Nassau County Kings, a National Wheelchair Basketball Association team, members in a challenging and fun-filled game of wheelchair basketball to raise funds for these incredible athletes. Teams played before a capacity crowd at the high school gymnasium. Proceeds from the evening, which totaled \$5,068 will directly benefit the Nassau County Kings.

The Kings said that our event is unsurpassed by any other group and have expressed their heartfelt thanks to everyone for their making this event a huge success.



Photos by Mary Marks

### FYI

In the year 2000, Jericho's Wheelchair Basketball event raised \$1,000. In 2002, the event raised \$2,050. In 2007, we raised \$5,068!



**Research & Development Reminder:** if you handed in an "Intent to Participate" form, you need to hand in to your CA or Principal your proposal for the Phase I (3.25 days) by next Tuesday, March 6th.

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## FOCUS

is the monthly newsletter of the Jericho Teachers Association. We welcome input, articles, viewpoints, and questions from all members. If there is an issue you would like to see addressed or if you would like to contribute please e-mail

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JERICHO HIGH SCHOOL  
ALUMNI HALL OF FAME  
THURSDAY, APRIL 26, 2007  
7:00 P.M.  
AT  
THE JERICHO PUBLIC LIBRARY  
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Reminder: our school e-mail addresses are  
our first initial followed by our last name (no space, all lowercase letters) @jerichoschools.org

This was sent to me by a (retired) colleague. Please do not try this at a real faculty meeting or in-service course!

## How to Stay Awake in Teacher In-Services or Faculty Meetings

Do you keep falling asleep in extended faculty meetings and in-services? Here's a way to change all of that.

1. Before (or during) your next meeting, in-service or staff development, prepare yourself by drawing a square. I find that 5" x 5" is a good size. Divide the card into columns-five across and five down. That will give you 25 one-inch blocks. (*Editor's note: I did this for you - just as a visual*)
2. Write one of the following words/phrases in each block: (there are bazillions of words from which to choose). (*Editor's note: I did this for you too - hope you don't mind*)

no child left behind	SEL	learning styles	test scores	core competencies
standards	benchmarks	activating strategies	win-win	curriculum mapping
background knowledge	effective learning	extending/refining	student engagement	reflection
cooperative learning	touch base	start a committee	mind-set	differentiated instruction
implementation	action plan	knowledge base	data driven instruction	think outside the box

3. Check off the appropriate block when you hear one of those words/phrases.
4. When you get five blocks horizontally, vertically, or diagonally stand up and shout "BULL\*\*\*\*!"

Again, folks, PLEASE don't try this at home!