

# MSAD 51 PTO Newsletter

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December 2008

Greetings,

We would like to take this opportunity and once again thank all the families who participated in our Sally Foster fundraiser. Our yearly budget has been set and we happily announce the following amounts allocated for enrichment.

MIW - \$6,461

DRS/NYMS - \$6,409

GMS -- \$7,137

**Total Enrichment - \$20,007**

We have also earmarked monies towards a membership at Ruth's Reusable Resources for administration and full-time classroom personnel for grades k-8. Ruth's is an amazing non-profit organization that provides donated items, ranging from paperclips to office furniture, to school personnel for use in the classroom.

And lastly, we have set aside \$1,000 to subsidize the Arts Alliance 4<sup>th</sup> Annual *Celebration of the Arts* during the month of March.

All of these funds assist in providing learning experiences above and beyond the text book and classroom. We are extremely fortunate to live in a community that can continue to provide this for our students and we look forward to communicating all the exciting adventures ahead in the school year.

Sit back, take a deep breath, and enjoy the month!

Respectfully submitted,

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## VOLUNTEER NEWS

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The 4-square games received a facelift and two hopscotch games were added to the playground at **NYMS** thanks to members of three local Junior Girl Scout troops. Meredith Dwyer, Caroline Baker, Maggie Dickey, Libby George, Sarah Somes, Kaitlyn Currier, Miranda Eisenhart, Katie Thibeau, Claire Nicholson, Hannah Rose and Brooke Lawrence swept the area and painted the new games. A special thank you to Brandon Thibeau for being the foreman!

**MIW** – The Ed Techs are still looking for a few more people to round out the Recess Volunteer Program. FMI contact Gloria Nicholson, [glrnich@maine.rr.com](mailto:glrnich@maine.rr.com). The Butterfly and Starfish Wings are especially low on help.

The recess times\* are as follows:

**11:00- 11:20** - Butterfly Wing – Adams, Carmichael, Geesaman/Shibles, Jones, Rugh

**11:25 – 11:45**- Kindergarten – Begos, Belanger, Folley, Gallant, Galli, J. King, L. King, Shaw, Train

**11:50 – 12:10** – Salamander – Allen, Boire, Burke, Cameron-Raymond, Cooper, Cory, O'Rourke

**12:15 – 12:35** – Starfish - Brown, Kameisha, Kearins, Libby, Russell, Zimmerman

\*Wednesday times will differ

## ENRICHMENT UPDATES



**MIW** – Amy Saffian, [saffian7@verizon.net](mailto:saffian7@verizon.net)

**DRS/NYMS** – Becky Sledjeski, [esledjeski@maine.rr.com](mailto:esledjeski@maine.rr.com)

**GMS/GHS** – Deb Regan, [deborah@maine.rr.com](mailto:deborah@maine.rr.com)

The entire 8th grade is going to see the Portland Stage Company's production of "A Christmas Carol." This is a tradition for the eighth graders as part of the ELA work with genres of literature. This trip exposes eighth graders to the theater production of a piece of literature that they study in school during December.

## EVENTS

Brenda Pitcher, [brendalpitcher@msn.com](mailto:brendalpitcher@msn.com)  
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### *Holiday Workshop!*

This Saturday afternoon at Greely Middle School let us help you cross something off your Holiday shopping list.

There are 18 fun and easy crafts from which to choose. Children can make homemade gifts for everyone in the family with prices ranging from \$0.50 to \$2.50. The Holiday Workshop is a fun and inexpensive way for kids to give a memorable gift to a loved-one. There will be free gift wrapping and face painting along with free baked goods for all to enjoy while the kids create their gifts.

## FUNDRAISING

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## BOXTOPS



**MIW**  
Hunter Kremin -Touch a Truck t-shirt  
Emma Spoerri -Magic School bus book

**DRS/NYMS**  
Ryan Morrison -Books Etc. gift card

**GMS**  
No winner (Remember to put your name on the boxtop if you would like the chance to win the monthly prizes.)

Prizes will be the same next month.

Note: Instead of alternating DRS and NYMS we have combined all submissions from the two schools and will choose one winner.

## MEETINGS



There is no meeting scheduled for December.

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