

MSAD 51 PTO Newsletter

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Happy New Year!

We hope everyone is rejuvenated and ready to tackle 2009.



NO NAME-CALLING WEEK

www.nonamecallingweek.org

We are excited to be celebrating our 2nd annual **No Name Calling Week**. Originating nationally in 2004, **No Name-Calling Week** is an annual week of educational activities aimed at ending name-calling of all kinds and providing schools with the tools and inspiration to launch an on-going dialogue about ways to eliminate bullying in their communities. It was introduced to our school system last year at MIW as a joint effort between PTO and staff and this year we are expanding to include grades K-6. Please join us in celebrating our diversities **January 26-30**.

Some activities to be on the look out for at MIW, DRS, NYMS and GMS are: GHS students will perform a skit during lunch at MIW, themed books for the classroom, themed morning announcements, Creative Expression national poster contest, library displays, and parent volunteers at recess/lunch.

A special thank you to Katie Campbell and her team for their efforts in bringing this endeavor to fruition.

Respectfully submitted,

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VOLUNTEER NEWS

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The PTO has worked with GMS PE teachers, Diane Peters and Wendy Rozene to join the Let's Go! partnership. Let's Go! is a community-based framework to promote healthy lifestyle choices for children paying special attention to healthy eating and physical activity.

Our school was awarded a grant that allowed us to purchase GeoMotion, which is an aerobic dance program that will be incorporated into circuit training for our seventh and eighth graders. It can also be used as an option to reward classes for a job well done.



ENRICHMENT UPDATES



MIW – Amy Saffian, saffian7@verizon.net

Kindergarten classes will be travelling to Merrill Auditorium to attend the Theatreworks production of “If You Give a Pig a Pancake and Other Story Books”. These seven delightful stories come to life in a musical review performed by a multi-talented cast. The stories represent various issues, themes and ideas relevant to a broad and diverse audience of children. Literature based curriculum connections are communicated through language arts and music.

Second grade students will be attending the *Diavolo* performance at Merrill Auditorium on January 23. *Diavolo* redefines dance through dynamic movement, creative expression, the inventive use of sets and props, and innovative musical selections. *Diavolo* uses the kinesthetic power of dance to explore the sciences of the body and physics along with principles of trust, teamwork, and individual expression. Cross Connects to Maine Learning Results in Health and Physical Education with Math, Science, and Visual and Performing Arts

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EVENTS

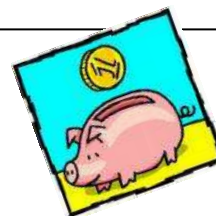
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January 28 – Please join us* for an afternoon of outdoor fun at the Yarmouth Skate Pond (behind Key Bank on Main St.). We will be skating from 2 – 3:30. Hot cocoa will be available to keep us toasty! Children should be accompanied by an adult.

*Weather permitting.

FUNDRAISING

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BOXTOPS



Dec Winners:

MIW: Xander Chu Magic School Bus Book
Blake Turner Touch a Truck T-shirt

DRS: Jennifer Spencer \$5 gift card

GMS: Gwen Sawyer \$5 gift card Books Etc.

Prizes for January include

MIW Touch a Truck t-shirt and Magic School Bus Book
DRS/NYMS \$5 gift card to either Books etc, Walmart or
Movie Pass

GMS \$5 gift card to either Books etc, Walmart or Movie
Pass

Next drawing on Jan 30

Thanks for your support!!!



MEETINGS

Our next PTO Meeting will be **January 13th** at 7 pm
in the NYMS Library.

Feature Speakers: NYMS Administrator Becky
Foley, and teacher leaders, Maggi Alexander and
Laurie Alves. PLEASE JOIN US FOR THIS EXCITING
GET-TOGETHER!

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PROGRAM, PLEASE VISIT WWW.MSAD51PTO.COM