



What a wonderful community effort to help celebrate **No Name-Calling Week**. Thank you again to Katie Campbell and her team for their efforts. A special thank you to Parent and artist Michael Boardman for creating a beautiful poster depicting a knight and a dragon "making peace" and signing a pledge to end name-calling. Each classroom at North Yarmouth Memorial, Drowne Road and Mabel Wilson received the making peace poster to sign and hang in their classroom.

Artwork and poetry still fill the walls and students, teachers, bus drivers and administration are still chatting about the Peace Cakes, which were made and delivered by 38 volunteers. Once again, the Greely GSA wrote and performed (4 times!) a skit about name calling and bullying for the students at MIW. Students at DR focused their OWL meetings on name-calling. There was participation from every school in the system - very impressive. It really was a whole community effort!!

At the beginning of the year, our hope was that families would be active in the MSAD 51 community. Even with the difficult economic times, we continue to be strong and willing to support each other whenever the needs arise. Thank you for your continued support and willingness to do good things for our schools.

As always, if you have any questions, comments or suggestions, don't hesitate to contact the PTO via email at our address below.

Respectfully submitted,

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VOLUNTEER NEWS

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Volunteers needed for Medical Round Robin on Friday April 3rd

This popular program enhances the 6th grade science unit on the study of human body systems. We are looking for parents in the medical field who would be willing to come in and share their expertise with the students. This is a wonderful hands-on event that allows the students to see the connection between real careers and their current unit of study. **WE NEED YOUR HELP!** Are you a doctor, dietician, nurse, physical therapist or other medical professional? Please consider volunteering for this worthwhile event! Contact Deb Regan deborah@maine.rr.com or 829-5787 with any questions or to volunteer.

THANK YOU!!!!

Thanks so much to the recess volunteers during No Name-Calling Week for helping out on the playground last week. The administration and staff appreciated your presence, and the kids were thrilled to have so many moms and dads to play with! The week was a big success. We couldn't have done it without you.

ENRICHMENT UPDATES

MIW – Amy Saffian, saffian7@verizon.net

Multi-year students will travel to Merrill Auditorium to attend Theatreworks USA production of *Charlotte's Web*, based on E.B. White's loving story of the friendship between a pig named Wilbur and a little gray spider named Charlotte. This is a literature based curriculum connection covering relationships and family.

DRS/NYMS – Becky Sledjeski, esledjeski@maine.rr.com

GMS/GHS – Deb Regan, deborah@maine.rr.com

Salatat Bathinjan? Aroz Mofalfal? Tafta Kofta? On Monday, February 9th, **GMS 7th Grade** will taste a sampling of dishes from the Middle East prepared and served by parent volunteers. This "feast" compliments their unit of study about the Middle East. Throughout the day each Humanities class will listen to presenter Andy Davis, from the World Fellowship Center, tell tales of the Middle East. For over 60 years the World Fellowship Center has promoted peace through educational and multi-cultural programs, providing opportunities for people of different backgrounds to meet and to discuss the issues of the day.

8th grade students are headed to the Southworth Planetarium at USM in Portland. The trip is directly connected to their earth and space unit of study and enriches the students' understanding of the content taught.

EVENTS



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Important Upcoming Dates:

- Family Night Out, 3/16 7:00pm @ GMS
- Staff Appreciation Day, 4/29
- National TV-Turnoff Week, April 13-17

FUNDRAISING

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"The Fundraising Committee is looking forward to the next fundraising event, scheduled for March and designed to both be a delicious family opportunity, and good for the MSAD 51 community-more details to follow!"

BOXTOPS

MIW

Nina Brinker (touch a truck t-shirt)
Matthew St. Hilaire (Magic School Bus book)

DRS

Nolan Pakulski (\$5 Walmart card)

NYMS

Lauren Williams (\$5 Walmart card)

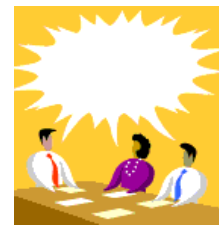
GMS

Maura Perry (Movie pass)

Prizes will be the same next month.

For more information on this program:

www.boxtops4education.com



MEETINGS

February meeting date: Tuesday February 10
Guest Speaker: GMS Principal Kim Brandt
Meet us at Greely Middle School, 7 pm!

How to Contact us:

- Check the PTO website at WWW.MSAD51PTO.COM
- Send a note to school an envelope marked PTO and it will be delivered to the PTO mailbox in the office.
- Email directly or call directly the event/activity chairperson.