



We are two-thirds through our winter season, which can sometimes feel long and dreary. We have plenty of snow to ski and frolic but sometimes it's just not enough! The PTO has committed funds towards the Arts Alliance's *Celebration of the Arts* during the month of March. Multiple groups from the district and outside performers are scheduled to entertain and educate the students in grades K-5 in the areas of movement, music-instrumental and voice, as well as an Art and Literacy program. The *Celebration* culminates March 31st at Greely Middle School from 6-8pm with Family Arts Night, which is a free event open to our community.

In an effort to brighten the season for our teachers, we are trending to simpler gestures throughout the year rather than one frenzied week of appreciation in May. From now until June, interested schools will have their monthly staff meeting "catered" by volunteers and monthly drawings, for gift certificates to local establishments, will be held for teachers and staff.

Finally, near the end of the month we are partnering with *O'Naturals* in Falmouth to raise funds for future PTO enrichment needs. So plan to meet up with friends for dinner out or take it home-either way you'll enjoy a healthful meal and support a great cause!

Hopefully these activities will help us ease our way through March.

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

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VOLUNTEER NEWS

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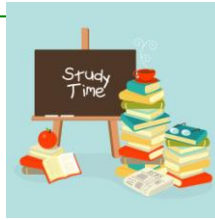
From now until June, interested schools will have their monthly staff meetings "catered" by volunteers. We are trying to provide healthy snacks/treats at each gathering. We need individuals to donate food and/or set up. FMI please contact:

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ENRICHMENT UPDATES



MIW – Amy Saffian, saffian7@verizon.net

The Multi-year and first grade classes will be traveling to Gilstand Farm at the Maine Audubon Center in Falmouth to learn "Snow Science"!

Create a recipe for snow! Learn how a snowflake forms, about the important insulating capacity of snow, and how animals have adapted to survive cold and snowy winters. This outing complements the Science weather unit.

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On Friday April 3rd, the 6th graders will learn all about human body systems through a special program called "Medical Round Robin." This program is made possible through the volunteer efforts of many community members who share their expertise with the students. This hands-on event is always a favorite with the students and often inspires greater understanding as well as a few medical career choices!

EVENTS

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Important Upcoming Dates:

- National TV-Turnoff Week, April 13-17
- Staff Appreciation Day, 4/29



FUNDRAISING

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Come support MSAD #51 PTO at **O'Naturals in Falmouth** on **March 24, 2009**.

10% of all sales from 4:00pm -8:00pm will go directly to PTO. Eat in or take home. MSAD #51 PTO organizes several fundraisers each year in order to raise money to support enrichment opportunities for the schools that are not covered by the school budget. Thank you for your support of our students! We hope to see you there!

Buy raffle tickets at the event to take a chance to win our fabulous basket of local products! Chances are 1 for \$5, 3 for \$10



BOXTOPS

"Between the months of November and January we collected 11,370 Box Tops. The General Mills Box Tops for Education program will be sending us a check for \$1,137.00. Those box top coupons you collect and submit to us really add up. Keep on clipping!!!"

For more information on this program:

www.boxtops4education.com

MEETINGS

March meeting date: **Tuesday March 10**
Guest Speaker: **GHS Principal Chris Mosca**
Meet us at **GHS Library, 7 pm!**

How to Contact us:

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