



Dear Families,

The PTO can't thank our parents enough for their support this year. Whether you volunteered at classroom parties, the school picnic, the Holiday Workshop, No Name Calling Week, on field trips, or at book fairs—whether you saved box tops, provided scrumptious snacks for teacher staff meetings or attended family night out events, you had a part in making the 2008-2009 school year a great year.

As our school year winds down the classrooms have a multitude of enrichment activities on the horizon. Without your monetary support none of these would happen. Your Kindergartner may come home filled with the wonder of his/her fledgling sunflower – be sure to plant it and watch their flower and amazement grow. Your First grader may impress you with their knowledge of Longfellow and life along Main Street as the state started to modernize after their trip to the Maine Historical Society, or your Fifth grader may come home exhilarated after a day at Funtown putting their knowledge of physics into practical situations. Who knew learning could be so fun?!

All of these donations – monetary, time, knowledge, and guidance help enhance each student's life experience creating a more rounded child. Without the willing cooperation of volunteers school life would be less rich!

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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We still have four board positions available for the 2009-2010 school year. Without the help and leadership of parents, the continued success of the many PTO sponsored programs and events will not be possible for the upcoming year. If you would like to contribute your ideas, talents, energy and time to make a difference for our children, please contact Deb Regan at deborah@maine.rr.com

The PTO Annual Meeting will be held on **Tuesday, May 12th at 7pm in the Mabel I. Wilson library**. The Annual Meeting is the time each year when PTO board members for the upcoming school year are elected. The positions and nominees to be voted on are:

Co-Chair – Needed

Co-Fundraising – Needed

2 Co-Events – Needed

Co-Treasurer – Kelley Craig

Co-Secretary – Kate Soucy

Volunteer Coordinator – Jen Rohde

Co-Publicity – Tom Gilley

MIW Enrichment – Linda Collins

DRS/NYMS Enrichment - Amy Saffian

All parents are welcome to attend the Annual Meeting to cast their vote to elect new PTO board members.

EVERY PIE COUNTS! The PTO is seeking bakers to make 35 pies to be awarded as prizes at the Memorial Mile. So far, we have 2 donations. If you can donate a pie, please contact Beth Smith at gsmith@maine.rr.com.

COMMUNITY OPPORTUNITY

GOOD DEEDS for ME is a family friendly, no commitment volunteer group that hopes to encourage and enable people to make volunteering a part of their busy lives. We have two monthly opportunities to donate your time or talents to local non-profits. These opportunities help to connect adults and children alike with their community and demonstrate the importance of giving back to that community.

For more information contact Rebecca Williams at reclaims@yahoo.com or by phone at 829-8406, or Rachel Williams at rachelat390@yahoo.com

ENRICHMENT UPDATES

MIW – Amy Saffian, saffian7@verizon.net
Burke, Carmichael, and Jones classes will be doing their Desert of Maine field trip in late May, which ties in nicely with their science units. Students will learn about history of the Desert of Maine, the science behind desert formation, and will search for treasures in the dunes.

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

GMS/GHS – Deb Regan, deborah@maine.rr.com
Seventh Grade students are headed on their annual visit to the Peabody/Essex Museum in Salem, MA. While examining paintings, sculptures and objects from everyday life in Asia, students will learn about artistic processes, materials and symbolism. They will also have the opportunity to explore the Yin Yu Tang. Built late in the Qing dynasty, in a rural village in China's Anhui Province and reconstructed at the museum, this residence was home to the Huang family for more than two hundred years. This trip aligns with the Humanities unit on Asia.

Check out our Class Wish Lists:

[Click here for MSAD 51 PTO Wish List!!](#)

EVENTS

Brenda Pitcher, brendalpitcher@msn.com
Sara Perfetti, sara.perfetti@gmail.com

Here are the winners for the April Teacher/Staff Drawing.

The will be getting gift certificates to Basil's.

Heather Geoghan & Katie Dexter ~ GHS

Katherine Coupland ~ NYMS

Jill Tucker ~ DRS

Jean Swan ~ MIW

To complement our monthly staff meeting treats and monthly prize drawings, the PTO celebrated our teachers with daily opportunities of tokens of our appreciation this past week. Lucky winners took home: A chocolate cake, a hydrangea plant, movie tickets, a pedicure/manicure and a 4 pack of Seadog tickets. You are an amazing group of professionals. Enjoy!

Upcoming Event/Fundraiser: Memorial Mile & Fun Run - Monday, May 25th @ 8:00am in front of GHS

FUNDRAISING

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It is time again for the 14th Annual Memorial Mile and ½ Mile Fun Run, Monday, May 25, 2009! The Fun Run starts at 8:00 a.m. at the Greely High School, with the Memorial Mile start to follow at 8:45 a.m. Entry forms can be obtained online at: [Click here for registration form!!](#)

The Fun Run cost is \$3.00; the Memorial Mile cost is \$5.00 and completed entries can be mailed to:

Memorial Mile/MSAD 51 PTO
c/o Superintendent's Office
357 Tuttle Road, Cumberland, Maine 04021

Registration is available on the day of the event at the Greely High School South Wing from 7:00 a.m. to 8:15 a.m. All participants in the Fun Run will receive a "prize"; in addition, the first through third place winners for both boys and girls in each age category receive a prize. Prizes are awarded to the top three male and female winners in each age category of the Memorial Mile, as well. For further questions about the races, contact Ellen Hart at 829-0925.

BOXTOPS WINNERS!

Ericka Winchester, erickawinchester@hotmail.com
MIW- Abby Lucey Touch a truck t-shirt
Helen Crosby Magic tree house book
DRS - Briana Sledjeski Books etc gift card
GMS - Shelby Weber Movie ticket.

MEETINGS

Tuesday May 12th, 2009 **ELECTIONS!**
Meet us at MIW 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.