

MSAD 51 PTO Newsletter

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It's hard to believe we are already into a new month, and the season of change is in full swing. Frosty mornings and warm afternoons, red leaves swirling towards the ground, and the subdued acceptance of autumn is tempered with the arrival of the Cumberland Fair! Many thanks to all who have participated in our primary Sally Foster fundraiser these past two weeks, it is the fuel to get us off to a roar for the year. Each year the PTO spends approximately \$20,000 to provide students with experiences above and beyond the classroom setting. Our K-8 students are afforded opportunities that the school district does not include in its budget. Thank you for your support!

It is our hope that you will be active in the MSAD 51 community. We as a school system and a community are facing some changes in the near future in how our children's education is to be administered. There will be many opportunities to discuss our district needs. We encourage you to participate in these changes and voice your thoughts and ideas as we go. One venue to help with communication is the **Community Dialogue 51**. To become a member please send an email to the following address:

CommunityDialogue51-subscribe@yahoogroups.com

The PTO has many events planned this year. You can help support your school by attending and assisting with our family-oriented events. Please visit our website at www.msad51pto.com for more information on enrichment activities we offer our students. Another way to stay informed is to read the monthly PTO newsletter sent via email the first Friday of every month. Occasionally, we will send home flyers and letters with your student.

Communication is essential for the PTO to fulfill its mission. Your comments and suggestions are most welcome.

Respectfully submitted,

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Volunteer

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Board Position - **Events** - One-year term

Assist in planning and implementation of Appreciation events, Family Night Out, No Name Calling Week, and TV Turnoff Week. FMI contact Jen Rohde:
jrohde@maine.rr.com

MIW - The Ed Techs are looking for volunteers to join them on the playground during recess. You can make a monthly, weekly, or daily commitment - whatever fits your schedule. Play a game of Red Light/Green Light or set up an obstacle course, and help wrangle them back to class! Daily recess times for each wing are as follows:

11:00- 11:20 - Kindergarten - Begos, Gagnon, Folley, Gallant, Galli, J. King, L. King, Train

11:25 - 11:45- Butterfly - Adams, Carmichael, Geesaman/Shibles, Jones, Rugh **AND Starfish** - Brown, Kameisha, Libby, Russell, Zimmerman

12:05 - 12:25 - Salamander -Boire, Burke, Cameron-Raymond, Cooper, Cory, O'Rourke

**Wednesday schedule varies slightly*

Questions? Contact: glrnich@maine.rr.com

Becky Dilworth, Behavior Specialist, has requested help recruiting readers for lunch **read-aloud** at MIW. Please contact her at rebecca_dilworth@msad51.org

NYMS - Let's keep NYMS beautiful! **Oct. 6, 9am - noon**, drop in for a half-hour or stay the morning. Bring a rake, some clippers and play in the gardens. Interested? Contact Louisa Wickard, LBWickard@gmail.com

GMS - The Guidance Department is looking for volunteers to send in refreshments such as granola bars, cheese and crackers, pretzels, apples, basically anything that will not expire too quickly. These are needed for the NECAPs during the first two weeks of October for grades 6-8.

Enrichment (en-rich-muhnnt) ~

the act of adding greater value or significance to.

On Thursday, October 8 and Thursday, October 15 the third grade classes will be traveling to the Maine Wildlife Park for a tour, learn more about forest "consumers", and participate in a program called "Owls and Owl Pellets".

Enrichment Chairs

MIW ~Linda Collins 829-5178 geolinda@maine.rr.com

DRS/NYMS ~Amy Saffian 829-4266

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Events

Jen Segal, jendridge@yahoo.com

Oct. 21st- Bus Driver/Custodian/Food Service Appreciation Day

A time to say "Thank You" to the awesome staff that works diligently year round to keep our kids healthy and safe in the schools and on the road.

We are looking for help to put together platters to deliver to custodian teams and food service teams as well as for the bus drivers during their morning break. If you are willing to donate baked goods, fruit, or help set up/deliver goodies contact Jen at: jendridge@yahoo.com

Save the Date! Family Night Out

November 16th

Good Times TBD

About MSAD #51 Parent Teacher Organization: The purpose of the PTO is to enhance the educational experience for children attending public schools located in the Towns of Cumberland and North Yarmouth, Maine (the district) through communication and cooperation among students, parents, teachers and administration of MSAD 51.

Fundraising

Beth Smith, gsmith@maine.rr.com

Mori LeFevre, morilefevre@yahoo.com

Don't need wrapping paper but still want to contribute funds for enrichment activities? You can make a donation to the PTO either by sending in a check or using your credit card – check out the new PayPal option on our website!

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Box Tops

Ann Eisenhart, aeisenha@maine.rr.com

Clip Box Top coupons from favorite products and send them to our school. Look for monthly contests, new winners to be announced next month.

Note: When clipping the box top be aware that each one has an expiration date. This date must not be clipped off or expired for the submission to be valid.

Look for Hannaford Helps at your local store, it is another great way to support your school!

Meetings

We meet monthly, on the 2nd Tuesday at 7:00PM, at Mabel Wilson School unless noted otherwise. We review committee reports, plan upcoming events, and hear updates on each school. All are welcome to attend and participate.

Please join us **October 13th** in welcoming Superintendent, Dr. Hasson and David Galin, Curriculum Director, to hear an overview of the year ahead.

Green Team! Please join us for an initial meeting on **Thursday, October 1st, at 7pm in GMS rm 125.** Exciting green things are happening.....Green door prizes! E-mail Kcampbe7@maine.rr.com for more info, or just to stay informed via e-mail.

Cultural Competency! We need you and your ideas. Please e-mail Kcampbe7@maine.rr.com to get involved with this exciting new committee and to stay informed via e-mail.