



Greetings,

The trees are bursting, the buds are opening and some days have felt as though summer were already here. As the school year winds down, the activities seem to rev up! The PTO started May with Teacher Appreciation Week and a variety of gestures to acknowledge the wonderful work of our classroom teachers, allied arts teachers and education technicians. Thank you all for collaborating to celebrate our teachers and the investment they make in our children's education and lives.

Many classrooms are tapping into their enrichment funds with outings to the ballet and theater, while others will participate in classroom activities relevant to their curriculum.

At the end of the month we will be sponsoring our 15th Annual Memorial Mile. It is the kick-off of a true community experience. The run will be followed by a parade with a dedication of a new veteran's memorial, a C/NY community photo, and we will finish with some crafts, activities and music. Save the date and join us on the front lawn at GHS.

And for those of you who are racing to and from school for performances, baseball/lacrosse/track practices, parent pick-up and happen to drive by NYMS – take a moment and enjoy the gardens. They have been overhauled and tended to all year long and the hard work is paying off!

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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## EVENTS

Events celebrated "Staff Appreciation Day" on Wednesday, April 28th by delivering platters of "goodies" to staff at each of the 5 schools and the administrative offices.

May 3 - 7 marked "Teacher Appreciation Week." The following are some of the activities planned by MSAD51 PTO to honor teachers:

MONDAY – A Token of Thanks... Students either sign their name or write a brief note of thanks (or a favorite memory) to their teacher(s) on a paper token cutout and drop it in the special cup on their teacher's desk

WEDNESDAY – A Rainbow of Thanks... Children wear their teacher's favorite color.

THURSDAY – Allied Arts Day... Don't forget your art, guidance, gym, library, music or computer teacher! Bring in a token for your "special" teacher! This is also a great day to bring in a note or picture to say "thanks" to your classroom Ed Tech!

FRIDAY – Sweet Thank-You's... Desserts and Fruit will be provided by the PTO & parent bakers for all teachers and staff.

A daily raffle with prizes for the teachers with generous donations from our local businesses: Ames Farm Center, Brian Gilbert Associates Community Recreation Department, Cumberland Shell, Jennz Petz Grooming, Toddy Brook Golf Course, Stones Café, The European Bakery, and Val Halla

## Volunteer

The Let's Go! team has received many new supplies for use at recess. Beginning May 7<sup>th</sup> and each **Friday** until the end of the school year we are hoping to have two recess volunteers to facilitate and supervise the use of these toys. The time commitment would cover all three recess times, from 11-12:25, with time on either side to set up and take down the activity. A specific area will be designated on the playground for the highlighted activity of the week. Each week has a different theme to showcase the new equipment, rules and ideas will be provided. Dates: **May 14, 21, 28 and June 4, 11.** If you would like to participate please contact Gloria, [glrnich@maine.rr.com](mailto:glrnich@maine.rr.com) with your date preference.

**Enrichment (en-rich-muhnnt) ~**  
**the act of adding greater value or significance to.**  
**Enrichment Chairs**

**MIW** Linda Collins, [geolinda@maine.rr.com](mailto:geolinda@maine.rr.com)  
Kindergarten teachers purchased planting supplies with PTO funds for their spring unit.

First grade will be attending the Portland School of Ballet's *Flat Stanley*.

Second Grade will be going to the Desert of Maine.

**DRS/NYMS** Amy Saffian, [saffian7@myfairpoint.net](mailto:saffian7@myfairpoint.net)

**GMS/GHS** Patty Normandeau, [murphpat@maine.rr.com](mailto:murphpat@maine.rr.com)

Thanks to generous funding from the PTO Enrichment funds and Healthy Casco Bay, K-5 students will enjoy a locavore lunch on May 26th. The meal will feature food grown and produced locally. During library classes, students in grades K-3 will learn about meats, grains, fruits and vegetables produced in Maine, and will discuss the benefits of eating local food. We're encouraging all students to participate in the Local 20 Poster Contest. Featuring 20 Maine foods that are accessible twelve months a year, students' posters will decorate the lunchroom during the locavore lunch. Prizes will go to lucky winners, one from each grade, in a random drawing. Please contact Lalla Carothers (829-2283) or Martha Leggat (846-0052) with questions or to become involved.

**How to Contact us:**

- Check the PTO website at [WWW.MSAD51PTO.COM](http://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.

**FUNDRAISING**

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Fundraising is working feverishly to prepare for the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Memorial Mile race. We're excited to be a part of this year's celebration which includes an enhanced parade up Main Street with a dedication at the Moss Side Cemetery, a first annual Community Photograph, Music on the GHS Campus and activities for all to enjoy. Race applications are now available online:

<http://www.msad51pto.com/Fundraising%20-%20memorialmileform2010.pdf>

You can also find the race application in the Summer Recreation Department flyer, and at various local businesses. For a full schedule of Memorial Day events, please visit:

[www.cumberlandmaine.com/2010\\_memorial\\_day.cfm](http://www.cumberlandmaine.com/2010_memorial_day.cfm)

Volunteers are needed to bake 36 pies that serve as first prize for the Mile race, as well as to help during the race and during the day's events. To volunteer or for more information, contact Mori [morilefevre@yahoo.com](mailto:morilefevre@yahoo.com), or Beth, [gsmith@maine.rr.com](mailto:gsmith@maine.rr.com).

**Box Tops**

Ann Eisenhart, [aeisenha@maine.rr.com](mailto:aeisenha@maine.rr.com)

Congratulations to the April Box Top Winners!!

**MIW** Henry Clapp, Turner Gamache, and Christopher Theodores  
**DRS** Kylie Rogers and Jacob Whiting  
**NYMS** Tyler Plante and Tate Porter  
**GMS** Ryan Pynchon

Congratulations and thanks for collecting Box Tops!!!

**Important Upcoming Dates:**

Teacher Appreciation Week, 5/3-7  
Memorial Mile Fun Run, 5/31

**MEETINGS**

**Tuesday, May 11th @ 7pm**  
Mabel I. Wilson Library