



Mayo News

Principal – Judith Evans
Assistant Principal – Patricia Hurley

PTA Updates

Upcoming Events

- Dec. 7** - HW Club at 3:30; Lifetouch School Photo Re-Takes
- Dec. 8** – Last day to collect \$ for Holiday Child
- Dec. 13** - PTA Meeting at 7 p.m. - Gr. 5 to perform
- Dec. 14** - 1/2 Day Dismissal at 12:20 Professional Development
- Dec. 20** - Holiday Concert for school at 2:15
- Dec. 21** - Holiday Concert for Gr. 3-5 Parents at 10:30; Gr. 1 Winter Solstice Program at 2:15
- Dec. 22** - Pajama Day - to benefit Paws' Pantry
- Dec. 23 - Jan. 2** - No School; Holiday Break
- Jan. 4** - HW Club at 3:30
- Jan. 11** - HW Club at 3:30
- Jan. 13** - PTA Chili Cook-Off (more info forthcoming)
- Jan. 16** - No School - MLK Holiday
- Jan. 18** - **NO** HW Club - high school midterms
- Jan. 23** - School Council at 4 pm
- Jan. 25** - 1/2 Day Dismissal at 12:20 Professional Development
- Jan. 27** - Second Term ends; report cards issued the following week

The 31st annual Craft Fair, which took place on October 22nd, was another huge success, netting over \$6000. With more than 60 vendors, the gymnasium, lobby, and cafeteria were packed with an assortment of crafts. Congratulations to Heather Bovat, who chaired the event, along with her assistants Joanne Roy, Kathleen McCarrick, and Amy Curran. We also extend our appreciation to all the parent volunteers. Plans for next year's craft fair are already underway. If you're interested in volunteering, please contact Heather at hbovat@charter.net. Also profitable was the Scholastic Fall Book Fair earning over \$7000.00 in sales. Christine Tivnan and Kirsten Newman organized this week-long event. From the sales, the PTA plans to purchase more SmartBoard projectors. The Genevieve Fundraiser also earned more than \$7000.00 in sales, and Box Tops brought in an additional \$1200.00. Keep collecting those Box Tops! Remember, by supporting the PTA, you are supporting your children's education. To learn more about the PTA, please visit their website at: www.mayopta.org.

Eric Newman and **Mimi Tatasciore** created this year's Mayo School Directory, while the cover was designed by **Shannon Tivnan** in Mrs. Olson's fifth grade class. Our thanks to you all.

Because of the Federal No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB), all schools are required to distribute the NCLB report card to parents. This report includes information for our school and district including: teacher qualifications, student achievement on MCAS and school and district accountability. In order to view these reports, you can go to our website at www.wrsd.net/mayo. You will find the reports by clicking on the link on the left side of the Mayo webpage. If you do not have access to a computer and would like to receive a printed copy, please let us know and we will send it home with your child.

New Faces at Mayo School

We welcome our new school nurse, **Mrs. Lisa Burwell** as she replaces longtime school nurse Mrs. Aline Pennino who retired at the end of September. Fortunately for us, Lisa comes to Mayo highly experienced. Prior to starting her position here, she worked as a part-time nurse at both Wachusett High School and the ECC (Early Childhood Center) at Jefferson School. As a substitute nurse, she has been to each of the district schools in the past 4 years. Lisa has a strong academic background, with undergraduate degrees in Psychology and Nursing and a Masters in Community Health Education. Her career has taken her throughout Massachusetts and even to Washington D.C. where she held various positions (which include working as a clinical educator, training visiting homecare nurses and working for the VNA of Northampton and Washington D.C.) Lisa believes her position as a homecare nurse and office nurse for plastic surgeons has been especially helpful in giving her a strong background in wound care. Lisa and her husband Don O'Loughlin have two high school aged daughters, Jill and Rose.

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New Faces (continued)

Also recently joining the Mayo Ranks is **Mrs. Vivian Fritsche**. Although Vivian is not a new face here, she does have a new role, working as an instructional aide in grades 3-5. Prior to that, Vivian worked as a translator for the district's Portuguese ELL population. She also does translating for the Berlin, Boylston, and Westborough school systems and works as an interpreter at the U.Mass. Hospitals. Vivian and her husband Andy have two sons, Lucas in 4D and Liam in 8th grade.

Another familiar face in a new role is that of **Mrs. Amy Collette**. Amy has been an active parent volunteer at Mayo School since her daughter Olivia began here back in the fall of 2008. This year she is working as an instructional aide with students in gr. 1, gr. 2, and gr. 4. In addition to her past volunteer work here, Amy has taught C.C.D. at St. Mary's Church and is a Brownie Troop Leader. B.C. (Before Children), Amy worked in the field of Hospitality and Human Resources and was employed at the Marriott, Boston Scientific, and Metso Automation. One of her favorite jobs was a past internship at Walt Disney World in Florida, where she met her husband Michael. The Collettes have two daughters, Olivia in 3W and Julia in 1K.

Classroom and Building News

Students in **Mrs. Olson's** class are once again participating in the Maya Interact Simulation. For several days students will be completing math problems to earn different trading items, such as maize, cotton, and salt. As teams increase their wealth, their populations grow. Cooperation and team building are incorporated in the challenges as well.

December 22nd is **Mayo School Pajama Day**. To help restock our diminishing classroom supplies in Paws Pantry, Mayo students and staff are invited to don pajamas when they bring in a contribution to Paws Pantry. Suggestions include: tissues, Clorox wipes, paper towels, and anti bacterial soap. Help us prepare for the cold season.

Mark your calendars for the upcoming **Winter Concert** for families of third, fourth and fifth graders. The concert for parents is scheduled for Wednesday, December 21st at 10:30; however, if the time conflicts with work schedules, parents are welcome to attend the school concert on the 20th at 2:15. Please continue to check the website for details.

Plan Ahead

With the cold weather fast approaching, please be sure that your children are dressed appropriately. Our school's philosophy is that children perform better with fresh air and exercise so we make every effort to get them outside. Remember to label all clothes (hats, mittens, boots, jackets, etc.). Sleds are available; however, our supply is limited. We welcome any donation of plastic sleds.

If you ever need to contact McCarthy Bus Company, the number in which they can be reached is: 1-800-483-1669

SEPAC NEWS

SEPAC (the Wachusett Regional School District Special Education Parent Advisory Council) sponsors several educational workshops for parents and staff over the course of the year. The next workshop will be on the topic of Neuropsychological Testing, and it will take place at Davis Hill Elementary School on January 26th at 7 pm.