

Sponsor~A~Classroom

A HUGE ***Thank You*** goes out to all of the families and companies who donated to
Sponsor-A-Classroom!

Thanks to your generous donations we have met our goal! All of the Merrimac Classrooms received sponsorship this year. Our PTO supplied additional funds to sponsor other Special Education and Specialist Classrooms.

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*Please join us in thanking these giving people,
Sincerely, Sharon Pacenka, Chair of Sponsor-A-Classroom*

Butter braid/Cookie dough

Orders are due on March 17th. Delivery will be April 1st, from 2-5pm at the Sweetsir School.

Bingo Night

Coming soon to the Sweetsir Café on April 9 from 7-9pm, every families favorite....BINGO NIGHT! Cheap night out. Just \$1 per card, FREE popcorn and drink, and



PRIZES for the winners. Be on the lookout for a THT with more information.

ASE/Make ups

3/16 & 3/23 All Monday classes

3/17 Spanish class (Sweetsir)
Knitting (Donaghue)
Ceramics (Donaghue)

3/18 All Wednesday classes

3/19 French class (Donaghue)
3/20 Disney Dance (Sweetsir)
Hip Hop (Donaghue)

3/25 Knitting class only (Donaghue)

3/30 Mosaics class only (Donaghue)

Volunteer Opportunities

Auction: Volunteers are needed to set-up, take down, work check in or out, or DONATE!

Yard Sale: MAY 16TH is the date. Be looking for a THT to volunteer for this awesome fundraiser. Don't forget to set aside some goodies while doing your spring cleaning.

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Money Well Spent

Every month we will highlight items or events paid for by the PTO for our Merrimac schools.

6th Graders

As a gift to our graduating students, the Merrimac PTO is proud to contribute to their lasting memories.

- **Square 1 Art**— each 6th grader draws a self portrait. The PTO paid \$697.50 to have a tile made for each child. These one of a kind pieces of art are permanently displayed on the walls with in the Donaghue School.
- **Camp Kieve**— This year's leadership camp will be taking place in Nobleboro, Maine on Damariscotta Lake. The PTO generously paid \$2,000.00 towards the coast of coach busses for the 2 1/2 hour trip. ALSO, the PTO supplies scholarship money for those in need.
- **Graduation T-shirts**- The PTO pays for each child and 6th Grade staff member to have a signature t-shirt to remember there days at Donaghue. Cost this year will be \$806.20

Bits 'n' Pieces

SICK CALLS: If you know your child is going to be out of school for any reason, please call the office at your child's school to report their absence. It is winter and sickness, family vacations or doctors appointments arise. The secretaries have to account for every child not in attendance. The answering machines are on 24/7. Call anytime.

Take Home Tuesday Envelopes: Please make sure your child goes back to school on Wednesdays with their Take Home Tuesday Envelopes. It takes our volunteers a considerable amount longer when they are not returned.

Box Tops



Our last submission for the 2008 - 2009 school year has been submitted. We raised an estimate of \$1500 for this year. PLEASE continue to collect and submit your Box Tops, this is a year-round fundraiser. If you have not familiarized yourself with this fundraiser, log onto www.btfe.com. This is one fundraiser where you are not being asked for money. BoxTops are found on food and household products that you probably currently buy. Simply cut off the top (with the expiration date). If you shop online, click the Marketplace link on the website for a percentage of your total to be donated to our schools, at no additional cost to you. Online stores such as Old Navy (2%), Lands End (3.5%), Shutterfly (3.5%) & Oriental Trading (4%) participate in the BoxTops program.

The February raffle winners are Emily O'Bara (HRD) and Gage Normandie (FNS). Congratulations! Would you like to win a School/Book Store gift certificate along with a few other little prizes? Send in your BoxTops with your name and room number on the back. It doesn't matter if you have one or one hundred, send them in each month for your chance to win.

Calendar of Events



Tues, Mar 17: Butterbraid/Cookie Orders due
Tues, Mar 17: School Comm Mtg @ 7:30, PHS.
Wed, Mar 18: Early Release*/ PM Kind. Attends
Wed, Mar 18: PTO School Store during lunch at each school
Thurs, Mar 19: Elementary Band Jamorboree, 7pm PHS gym
Wed, Mar 25: Early Release*/ AM Kind. Attends
Mon, Mar 30-Tues Apr 7: MCAS at HRD
Wed, Apr 1: PTO Bookstore during lunch at each school
Wed, Apr 1: Butterbraid Fundraiser delivery
Fri, Apr 3: 2nd Annual PTO Spring Soiree & Silent Auction
Tues, Apr 7: School Comm Mtg @ 7:30, PHS.
Wed, Apr 8: PTO Meeting, 7pm, FNS Library
Thurs, Apr 9: PTO Bingo Night, 7pm, FNS Cafeteria
Fri, Apr 10: No School, Good Friday
Wed, Apr 15-Fri Apr 17: 6th Grade trip to Camp Kieve
Wed, Apr 15: PTO School Store during lunch at each school
Wed, Apr 15: Early Release*/ PM Kind. Attends
Thurs, Apr 16: 2nd Grade International Fair
Thurs, Apr 17: School closes at end of day for spring break
Mon, Apr 20-Fri Apr 24: Spring Break

*Early Release Days: HRD-1:20pm, FNS-1:30pm

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY



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Spring Soiree/Silent Auction

**Tickets are on sale now for the
2nd Annual Spring Soiree & Silent Auction**

Friday, April 3rd, 2009

7-11pm @ Zorvino Vineyards

Sandown, New Hampshire

Tickets are \$25

Appetizers and Entertainment will be provided,
featuring the Pentucket Jazz

Cash bar will be available

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A list of current auction items can be seen online  
at [www.merrimacpto.org](http://www.merrimacpto.org)

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Donation items can be turned into the office at
either school. It's not too late to DONATE!

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