

## Money Well Spent

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

**Did you know** the PTO approved Spring Appropriations for our schools. Here are the items we bought.

**Ann Brady-Lozier, RN-Otoscope..... \$168.00**

**6th Grade ,3 Metric Weight Sets..... \$346.48**

**Mrs. Bevelaqua-Trade books.....\$294.10**

**Mrs. Gariepy-World Classroom Carpet.... \$350**

**Carroll & Byrne-Printer/ink cartridges.... \$220.00**

**Melody Moody-Floor Hockey Set..... \$112.69**

**K Teachers-Leveled Books Sets .....\$1,085.49**

**Total amount being requested.....\$2575.76**

This is just one way in which your fundraising money helps out our schools.

## 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

**Teacher's Wish Wall:** Looking for a Teacher Appreciation idea or an end of the year gift, consider checking out the Teacher's Wish Wall, located in the lobby of both schools.

## Boxtops

The winners of the March Box Tops raffle were Cera Whitley (FNS) and Ron Teel (HRD). Congratulations! We are collecting towards our fall submission and are still choosing a raffle winner each month. To win, you need to send in as little or as many as you have with your name and room number.

^^^^There is a new collection sheet on the website (it's attached w/ this email).^^^^

**From the Box Tops Buzz -**

Help grow your school earnings during Shop For Education Week

30 schools will each win 1,500

*Bonus Box Tops in April from Frosted Cheerios®, Fruity Cheerios® and Apple Cinnamon Cheerios® cereals. Kids love them for their sweet and crunchy taste...you love them for their great nutrition. And schools love any opportunity to win Bonus Box Tops! Enter daily for your best chance to win for your school.*



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## Spring Soiree & Silent Auction

By participating in our 2nd Annual Spring Soiree & Silent Auction, each of you helped make the Sweetsir and Donaghue Schools a wonderful place for learning and growing. The over \$9,000 raised will be used to directly enrich the education of our children. We wish to thank everyone who contributed to this auction. We are fortunate to have people who gave generously their time, knowledge, services and items. We would also like to thank those who attended the auction and spent money. This was no small undertaking. I have been extremely overwhelmed by the generous support and encouragement, given by so many. The initial concept was to create a community event, that would bring our parents, staff and community members together, as one, to support the one cause we all have in common.....the education of our children. I think we met that goal!

**FYI \*\*\*\*All services expire within 1 year or as stated on item. \*\*\*Thank you, Tracy Duprey, Merrimac PTO President**

## Volunteers Wanted

In this section, we will present volunteer opportunities available. To volunteer for any of these, please go to [merrimacpto.org](http://merrimacpto.org) and click on the event to contact the chair.

**Take Home Tuesday:** Volunteers desperately needed to help stuff take home envelopes Tues mornings for 1-2 hours. Contact Sharon Pacenka @ 346-4279.

**Teacher Appreciation Breakfast:** Looking for set up and clean up help contact Dyan/HRD [dreinhold@merrimacpto.org](mailto:dreinhold@merrimacpto.org) or Jen/FNS [jmarden@merrimacpto.org](mailto:jmarden@merrimacpto.org) if you can help out.

**Yard Sale:** Looking for volunteers for all shifts Friday during drop off and Saturday during actual yard sale. Contact Susan at [skaralias@merrimacpto.org](mailto:skaralias@merrimacpto.org)



## Letter from the Deziel Family

April 15, 2009

Our family wants to thank everyone who has kept us in their thoughts and prayers. We appreciate your added strength to keep us holding on and trying our best to move forward. We now realize and are grateful to have a community who truly cares about us. Thanks to all of you, we can see that at some point we'll get through this and come out being stronger than before. We are so grateful for you donations and your gifts and truly appreciate your kindness! Please continue to keep us in your thoughts and prayers.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts!!

The Deziel Family—

Mike, Robin, Jacob, Molly,  
Dillon and Corey



## Elections May 13

Our annual Merrimac PTO Executive Committee Elections will be held at our next regularly scheduled monthly meeting on May 13, 2009, 7pm FNS Library. All positions are available and all members are welcome to run. Many of our members will reach their term limits in the next year or 2 and we look forward to fresh faces and new ideas. If you have questions or you are interested please contact me at [tduprey@merrimacpto.org](mailto:tduprey@merrimacpto.org) by May 3rd.

## Ice Cream Social

Due to the snow days during the school year we have moved the date of our Annual End of the Year Ice Cream Social to Friday, June 12th from 6-7:30pm at the Sweetsir School, Rain or Shine. This has been a long standing tradition in our Merrimac Community, the last Friday before school ends all are welcome to a free bowl of ice cream scooped by the staff from Sweetsir and Donaghue. Be on the look out for more information.



## Calendar of events:



Tues, Apr 28: 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Fair, 6-7pm  
Wed, Apr 29: Early Release\*/ AM Kind. Attends  
Wed, Apr 29: Kindergarten Parent Orientation, 6:30pm  
Fri, May 1: 6<sup>th</sup> Graders Visit Middle School 9-10:30am  
Fri, May 1: Progress Reports Grades 4-6  
Mon, May 4 & Wed, May 6: Kindergarten Screening  
Mon, May 4: School Council, 4pm, FNS Conf, Room  
Tues, May 5: School Committee, PHS Café, 7:30pm  
Wed, May 6: 6<sup>th</sup> Gr Scavenger Hunt at PRMS, 6pm  
Wed, May 6: Early Release\*/ PM Kind. Attends  
Wed, May 6: PTO Bookstore during lunch at each school  
Thurs, May 7, 14: 6<sup>th</sup> Gr Puberty Classes  
Mon-Fri, May 11-15: MCAS Testing  
Wed, May 13: PTO Meeting, 7pm, FNS Library  
Fri, May 15: PTO Yardsale drop-off FNS 8am-5pm  
Sat. May 16: PTO Yardsale, FNS 9am-1pm  
Mon-Thur, May 18-21: MCAS Testing  
Tues, May 19: School Committee, PHS Café, 7:30pm  
Wed, May 20: PTO School Store during lunch at each school  
Fri, May 22: Memorial Day Programs; HRD-9am, FNS-1:30pm  
Mon, May 25: No School, Memorial Day

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

## Yard Sale

It's PTO Yard Sale time and we are looking for volunteers! Come help out on Collection Day, Friday May 15th or Yard Sale Day, Saturday May 16th at the Sweetsir School. We need help for 2 hour shifts each day, but if you can only come for an hour, we need you too!



Please contact  
Susan Karalias  
(Yard Sale Chairperson)  
at 346-0427 or  
[susan@karalias.com](mailto:susan@karalias.com) to sign up  
for a shift!

Thank you very much and keep collecting all of your yard sale donations!

## Teacher Appreciation Breakfast

Teacher's Appreciation Breakfast is right around the corner, so be on the look out for a way you can help out and give THANKS to our staff for ALL that they do for our children.

Friday May 8<sup>th</sup> at both schools.

Donations of food and raffle items (flowers/plants) needed.

Volunteers needed for set up 7:30 to 8:30 and clean up 1:00 to 2:00

A sign up sheet will be sent home in the April 28<sup>th</sup> THT



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