

PAW PRINTS

June 8, 2009

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

June 8th - Move up Date - Grade 5 (8:30 - 10:30)
June 10th – **LAST PTO MEETING @ 7:00PM**
June 12th - Transfer Day (K-4)
June 12th – FUN RUN
June 17th - Grade 5 (Cedardale)
June 18th – Field Trip - Grade 4 (Boot Mills)
5TH GRADE NIGHT

LOST AND FOUND: Our lost and found is HUGE this year. We have lots of coats, sweatshirts, hats, gloves and lunch boxes!!! There are North Face jackets, L.L. Bean jackets, Lands End jackets, L.L. Bean lunch boxes and team sweatshirts. Please take inventory of your child's clothes or come by and check out our lost and found to see what you are missing. At the end of the year anything left over is donated. Thank you.

There is a Thomson Family looking to acquire a used computer. If you have a computer that is in working condition and would like to donate it to a needy family please contact Diane Camire at dianecamire@hotmail.com or 978-689-3742. Please be sure to clean the hard drive of all your personal information.

FROM MR. GILLIGAN...

Reminder(June 12th) All redistricted students will be visiting the Atkinson and Franklin

Students who have been redistricted to the Atkinson School and Franklin School for the 2009-2010 school year will be visiting their new school on June 12th. Student will have a chance to tour their new school and meet with their new principal. Students will also have a chance to meet staff and students. Buses will leave the Thomson at 9am and return around 11am. Permission slips were sent home on Tuesday, June 2nd. Please return the permission slip asap.

June 2009 Calendar Update

The last day of school for students in grades 1- 12 is Wednesday, June 24th. The last day of school will be a 1/2 day for students. The last day of school for kindergarten students is Thursday, June 18th. Kindergarten screening will take place on June 19th and June 22nd. A Kindergarten Orientation will also be held on June 8th at 6:30 pm at the Thomson School.

IMPORTANT DATES

June

8th: Move up Date - Grade 5 (8:30 - 10:30)

Kindergarten Orientation 6:30 pm

June 8th – New parent orientation at 6:30pm for parents of redistricted students will be held at the Atkinson and Franklin School.

12th: Transfer Day (K-4)

15th: Grade 5 (Cedardale)

16th Cinderella – Enrichment Council

17th Grade 5 Cedardale
18th: Last Day of School for Thomson Kindergarten
Grade 4 (Boot Mills)
Grade 5 Night
Last Day for Full Day K
19th Kindergarten Screening
22nd Kindergarten Screening
24th Half Day – Last day of school Grades 1-5

With Redistricting Several teachers will be moving to other schools. They will be missed and we wish the following teachers well in their new assignments:

Ms. Lynne – Kindergarten –Franklin
Ms. Edwards- 1st grade – Sargent
Ms. Quaden- 3rd grade – Atkinson
Ms. Wolfenden- 4th grade – Franklin
Ms. Nunan – 4th grade – Atkinson

The Thomson also has some internal changes and we are thrilled to continue moving forward. The following teachers will be moving to new grades next year:

Ms. Sciamanna to Kindergarten
Ms. Mcneil to 2nd grade
Ms. Malcos to 3rd grade
Ms. Waldron to 4th grade

PTO UPDATES:

A huge thank you to John Costa for donating the popsicles for grades (1 - 5) for field day! They were a big hit and greatly appreciated! Thanks again!

Come to our last PTO mtg on Wednesday, June 10th at 7:00 pm in the café.

Yearbooks are in and will be distributed to the 5th grade on June 18th...Kindergarten will also receive them on this day as this is their last day of school...Grades 1 - 4 will receive their yearbooks on Friday, June 19th....a very limited amount of yearbooks will be for sale after June 19th on a 1st come, 1st serve basis....cash only will be accepted....please watch the newsletter for more information on how to purchase a book if you have not already done so.

FUN RUN: The Fun Run will be on Friday, June 12th - anyone interested in volunteering to help with the race please contact Holly Breen at Hkbreen@verizon.net or (978)258-8538

5th Grade Parents: The NAMS PTAC looks forward to welcoming you in the fall. You will be amazed how quickly the three years at the middle school will go by. PTAC has many opportunities for volunteering and sign-up sheets will be out during the information night on June 8th. Several committees are also in need of a co-chair and we welcome talking to anyone those interested in taking on that role. Training and support provided! Please contact Brenda Reeve at 978-685-6068 or bcreeve@comcast.net if you would like more information.



BOX TOPS!!! BOX TOPS!!!

The box top trophy is moving!!! The winning classroom for the month of May is MS. SMITH!!!!!!
Enjoy your extra recess and display that trophy proudly - you all did a great job!!!!!!!!!!

I have enjoyed being your boxtops coordinator for the past year. Every time I went to that Tiger to collect the boxtops that you all submitted I was so excited to see how much was there. Your new coordinator is now Sally Finnimore. Keep on clipping everyone!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

ACADEMIC OPPORTUNITIES PROGRAM:

If anyone is interested in overseeing the Chess Club next year, please contact Doreen Albrecht (978) 689-0931 or doreenla@verizon.net.

AROUND TOWN:

SAVE THE DATE! Need a reason to spring clean? Have a great craft to sell?

The Kittredge School is hosting an outdoor yard and craft sale at their great location on the corner of Main Street and Route 125 on June 13th from 9:00 to noon. Open to yard salers, crafters and vendors. 12' x 12' space is available for \$20. A limited number of 8' tables are available for an additional \$5. Light Concessions will also be sold. For information or to reserve space email: kittredgepto@gmail.com

A year ago, high school senior **Alex Farese** died after collapsing on the track at North Andover High School. A track meet/festival is being held at the high school to honor his memory and raise money for his scholarship fund on **Sunday, June 14th from 8 am - 2 pm**. Admission is free, but food will be sold and there will be raffles, music, a bake sale and games for all ages.

Alex, 17 was the co-captain of the NA High track team. He was known as a runner, a leader and a good student - he had a perfect score on his Advanced Placement Chemistry Exam.

Alex had just finished the 400-meter race during a meet on April 14, 2008 when he collapsed. He was unconscious for a week at the Floating Hospital for Children at Tufts Medical Center in Boston, where he died.

"The Treble Chorus of New England" is a local 30 years old non-profit organization with an amazing mission: to teach children ages 6 through 18, how to sing magnificently!

This choral group focuses on classic and fine music. The children meet for rehearsals and prepare for choral shows and Operas, that they will present throughout the year, most of them at the Rogers Center for the Arts, here at Merrimack College.

The Treble Chorus of New England is currently auditioning children to join their amazing choral group during the month of June (next auditions dates are: June 1st and June 24th; call the office for details) for the next calendar year 2009-2010. If your child is passionate about music, TCNE is the place for them to grow their musical/choral skills. Please, contact Program Manager, Melanie Muggia at (978) 837-5462 or e-mail her at: mmuggia@treblechorus.com, for detailed audition place, dates and times, requirements, membership fees, etc; go to the website to learn more about our mission. www.treblechorus.com. TCNE also offers an amazing summer program, so call for details. Hope to hear from all of you who love to sing!"

North Andover Soccer – There are spots available on fall 2009 U10 and U11 girls MAPLE teams with local training and a National "D" License / National Youth License coach, volunteer-driven. Open to any committed player who will be U10 or U11 (fourth- or fifth-grade) in 2009/2010. Please email Jeremy Dalmer, jeremydalmer@comcast.net, or call 617-417-1901.

ADULT VOLUNTEERS enjoy North Andover Schools Enrichment Council programs of arts, science and high quality professional entertainment, as they help the school community. Join a team of volunteers from Thomson to attend shows, share enthusiasm, and gather feedback from teachers. Join a team from around town to plan for the future. Or just come to learn a little more about what we're doing to provide something extra special in North Andover Schools. CORI required for school-based volunteering.

Info Session: Tues., June 16, 12:30 - meet in the lobby at Thomson

Tanglewood Marionette's Production of Cinderella: Tues., June 16, 1:30

Note: AM kindergarteners are welcome to attend the show with a parent or guardian!