

# PAW PRINTS

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## UPCOMING EVENTS:

June 12<sup>th</sup> - Transfer Day (K-4)  
June 12<sup>th</sup> – FUN RUN  
June 17<sup>th</sup> - Grade 5 (Cedardale)  
June 18<sup>th</sup> – Field Trip - Grade 4 (Boot Mills)  
5<sup>TH</sup> GRADE NIGHT  
LAST DAY OF KINDERGARTEN  
June 19<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> – Kindergarten Screening  
June 24<sup>th</sup> – LAST DAY FOR 1-12  
Half Day – Dismissal @ 11:50am.

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**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.

## FROM MR. GILLIGAN...

I am looking forward to 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Night on Thursday, June 18, 2009 at 7 pm. The 5<sup>th</sup> Grade committee is sending out invitations to parents. It is a nice night to celebrate our 5<sup>th</sup> graders completion of elementary school.

On June 11, seven 6<sup>th</sup> graders and Thomson graduates came back for our first ever Q&A session with our entire 5<sup>th</sup> grade class on the North Andover Middle School experience. 5<sup>th</sup> graders had outstanding questions and the 6<sup>th</sup> graders gave practical advice and provided keen insight on what to expect in the fall. I would like to thank our counselors Ms. Chute and Ms. Foster for hosting and facilitating such an informative events. Also, a big thanks to the following sixth grade students for participating:

Gia Azur  
Emaad Ali  
Mike St. Cyr  
CJ Good  
Michael Conrad  
Bryanna Motto  
Courtney Meskell

Field Day was a big success thanks to our staff, parent volunteers and the Honor Society volunteers from NAHS. It was a great day and exciting to see our kids having so much fun. Thanks to Mr. Costa for the popsicles and to all the parents that donated water.

Redistricting Visits to the Atkinson and the Franklin went very smoothly and I am happy that our students had a chance to meet their new principals, staff and students.

## 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

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

### **PTO UPDATES:**

Thanks to all the volunteers for your help with the Fun Run - we could not have done it without you and thanks to all the students that participated. It was a great night

A huge thank you to John Costa for donating the popsicles for the fun run! The kids really enjoyed them! Thanks again!

At the last PTO mtg, a new board for School Year 2009/2010 was elected.

Co-Presidents

Holly Breen & Kelley Plodzick

Co-VP

Molly Fowler

Sharyn Twomey

Treasurer

Jen Kookan

Secretary

Kelly Ferguson

On behalf of the PTO board, I would like to thank everyone for all their help and support during the past two years...it was a lot of work, but a lot of fun as well...and we could not have been as successful as we were without the support of the Thomson community...Congratulations to the new board! We hope that everyone has a happy, healthy and safe summer...Thanks again!! Sherrie



### **BOX TOPS!!! BOX TOPS!!!** SUMMER BOX TOPS CONTEST!

Summer is right around the corner but you can still help the Thomson School while you are enjoying your vacation. Watch for a Box Tops sheet in your child's backpack. Fill it up over the summer and turn it in when school starts for a chance to win!!

The student who collects the most Box Tops will win a \$10 gift certificate to the Scholastic Book Fair in September. The class with the most Box Tops will win a pizza party with Mr. Gilligan!

Sheets will be collected through the first week of school. You can also submit Box Tops in a baggie. Please label all bags or sheets with your name and class to be eligible to win.

You can visit their website at [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com) for a complete list of participating products. Any questions, please email me [finnimore@verizon.net](mailto:finnimore@verizon.net).

### **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](mailto:doreenla@verizon.net).

**Thomson VOLUNTEER opportunity: Thomson School needs volunteers from the Thomson community to help run the shows at Thomson next year.** Help with these exciting "in-school fieldtrips" as part of the North Andover Schools Enrichment Council programs of arts, science and high quality professional entertainment. 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 neighborhood 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!

### **AROUND TOWN:**

The North Andover Historical Society's Beyond the Garden Gate 2009 - Saturday, June 20 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tickets will go on sale Friday, May 1st at 153 Academy Road (at the rotary). Amazing Gardens! Tickets are \$20 in advance, \$25 on the day of the tour. Make a single purchase of 4 tickets~in advance for only \$60. Plan an outing with friends while~supporting the Historical Society.

Clear out the attic and join in the fun! North Andover Sustainability Committee (formerly NASWAC) announces our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Town-Wide Yard Sales Event. Plan your own yard sale for June 27 (and /or June 28) and let us do your advertising for only \$10.00. More than 60 homes have had successful yard sales with our help. Download a registration form through the town website: [http://www.townofnorthandover.com/Pages/NAndoverMA\\_Recycling/CallforSELLERS\\_Registration\\_2009-4-09.pdf](http://www.townofnorthandover.com/Pages/NAndoverMA_Recycling/CallforSELLERS_Registration_2009-4-09.pdf) or pick up a registration form at Town Hall, DPW, Stevens Library or the N.A. Youth Center . Registration deadline is June 23. Questions? Call Joanne at 978-685-0950.

SAVE THE DATE AND JOIN US - Coming Back for a Cause. "Bid for a Cure" Dinner Auction to benefit the ALS Association is being run by a new non-profit group made up of past NAHS graduates and present college students who are hoping to make a difference. The event will be held July 31st from 7-11 PM at Salvatore's Restaurant in Lawrence. Ticket Information is available by contacting Andrew Sullivan at (978) 273-7475 or by email at [comingbackforacause@gmail.com](mailto:comingbackforacause@gmail.com). We hope to see you there!!

**"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](mailto: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](http://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](mailto:jeremydalmer@comcast.net), or call 617-417-1901.