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Hi and Happy Spring!

While everyone is looking forward to April vacation, please don't forget about some fun upcoming activities:

- The Ice Cream Social (*see details below*)
- 4th Grade Math & Science Nights have been rescheduled for late April/early May. Check your school's news for the dates.

Thanks to all those who put together teacher conference dinners last month. We received some very nice thank you notes from the teachers. It was hard work for our volunteers, but it is much appreciated by both the teachers and the PTO.

Thanks also to everyone who sent Box Tops in before the end of February. Our total submission was \$3,128—those Box Tops really add up! Please keep saving. While the deadline has passed for this year, any submissions will be put toward next year.

Finally, the PTO nominating committee will be sending forms home this month for the 2010-2011 school year. Please review the opportunities available and consider volunteering. The PTO is made up of parent volunteers and is a great way to make a difference in our schools!

Robin and Vicky

**10K Run to Build Awareness for Ovarian Cancer
Sunday, June 7, 2010**

Attention Westford parents who would be interested in running a 10K to build awareness for ovarian cancer. The run is in honor of one of our Crisafulli moms who has been battling ovarian cancer.

For more information, please contact Christine Lauzon Pelosky at Christine.lauzon@gmail.com. Also, you can register for the race directly at: <http://www.judithroseshea.org/loaddata.php?page=events>.

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Calendar of Upcoming Events			
School	Grade	Performer	Date
Day	4 th 5 th	Techsplorations: Electricity & Magnetism Simple Machines	April 29
Robinson Nabnasset	K Pre 1 st	Mrs. Junkbox/Eco-Art	April 6, 13 May 4, 5
Miller	1 st K 2 nd	Weather Wonders The Art of Keeping Bees Wingmasters: Birds of Prey	April 5 April 6, 7 April 8
Nabnasset Miller Robinson	2 nd	Day in Ghana	May 4, 11 May 13, 18, 19 May 7, 14
Abbot	4 th 5 th	Techsplorations: Electricity & Magnetism Simple Machines	May 6
Abbot	3 rd	David Coffin, Early Wind Instruments	May 13
Crisafulli	4 th 5 th	Techsplorations: Electricity & Magnetism Simple Machines	May 26

I Scream, You Scream, We All Scream For Ice Cream!

It's time for the PTO Ice Cream Social, Friday April 9th at the Blanchard Middle School from 5:30-8:30 p.m. Please join us for a fun night of sundaes, games, candy, face painting and more!! Tickets may be purchased at the door for \$3.50. For more info, contact Kate Stone @kate.stone@verizon.net or Robin Doherty at robinldoherty@gmail.com.

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- The Scholastic Book Fair was held the first two weeks in March and was a huge success. Thank you to the many parents who volunteered.
- The Teacher Conference Dinner held on March 10th was very successful. Thanks to Jean LaRoche-Owens for coordinating the delicious dinner and to the many families who donated food items. The teachers were very appreciative!
- We look forward to the following upcoming events (please contact Linda or Karen if you are interested in volunteering):
 - 3rd Grade Math & Science Night on Wed. April 7th at 6:30 p.m.
 - 4th and 5th Grade Math & Science Night on Wed. April 28th. This is going to be an exciting event and we need many volunteers. Please consider signing up to help.

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- 4th Grade Math & Science Night will be held on Tues. April 27th, 6:00-8:00 p.m.; we need volunteers to make this night possible, please e-mail Maribeth or Laurie.
- The Star Reader program ran successfully thanks to chairs Anna Ward and Sheri Hooper. An impressive 848,500 minutes were logged from 1,285 entries! Thanks to parents for encouraging your star reader.
- The Book Fair held in March was a great success. Thanks to Sheila Zacharchuk for organizing this fundraiser and the volunteers who made it a success!
- The Teacher Conference Dinner held on March 10th went very smoothly, thanks to coordinator Karen Moradi. Special thanks to all of the parents who prepared tasty treats for our teachers and to those who volunteered their time or donated raffle items. The teachers were truly appreciative!

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- Thank you to everyone who donated/volunteered for the Teacher Conference Dinner and Book Fair.
- The Pasta Dinner was a big success. Thank you to the staff that volunteered. Congratulations to the raffle basket winners!
- Our 4th Grade Math & Science Night will be held on Monday, May 3rd.
- The next School Store will be Tuesday May 4th.
- Field Day is on Wednesday May 5th (rain date May 6th). Volunteer forms sent home this week are due April 13th.
- Mrs. Cajolet's class is our Box Top winner for March with 153 Box Tops. Mrs. Whittlesey's class was 2nd with 120!

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- Thank you to all of the parent volunteers for the Teacher Conference Dinner – especially co-chairs Stephanie Granger and Laura Valzania. Everything was delicious and enjoyed by all!
- Math & Science Nights were all a huge success. The children and parents had so much fun with all of the experiments and games! Thank you to parent volunteers for your help.
- The Miller "Dance for Haiti" will be held on Friday, April 30th from 6:30-7:30 p.m. Stay tuned for more details.

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- Thank you to Susanne Bombardieri for coordinating the Teacher Conference Dinner once again! To all who donated their culinary skills, time, and supplies, it couldn't be done without you! The teachers truly enjoyed it!
- Thanks to Lori Pestana, Mary O'Regan, and Laura Schmidt for coordinating Math & Science Nights.
- Despite the challenging weather, Nab students have walked 1,078 miles so far. Classes are edging each other out for the lead. It's very exciting!
- Upcoming events:
 - April 29th – Spruce-Up Day @ 3:30 p.m.
 - May 9th – 2nd Grade Book Bingo.
- We're looking for Nab Site-Based Coordinators for the upcoming school year. If interested, please contact us.

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- Was that a delicious Teacher Conference Dinner or what!?!? Thank you to Jannelle Cioffi, Missy Mackenzie, and all the caring parents who donated their money, time, and dishes so the teachers could eat in style.
- Pre-1st and Kindergarten Math & Science Night – who knew Eric Carle could make Math & Science so much fun? Thanks to Missy Mackenzie, Barbie Goodhue, and our Westford Academy volunteers for the terrific family night!
- Spring Clean-Up – got a green thumb, or simply want one? Join us for Spring Clean-Up in April. Watch for the flyer in your child's backpack.
- Robinson's Publishing Center will soon be in full swing creating beautiful books for the 2nd graders. If you have fabric to donate, or time to type written work or decorate books, please contact Tricia Eggert at tricia@eggsys.com.