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Happenings from the Abbot, Crisafulli, Day, Miller, Nabnasset, and Robinson Schools

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Happy Valentine's Day!

- All of the schools are bustling with activity! Upcoming events include:
 - ✓ Math & Science Nights (check with your individual schools for dates and times)
 - ✓ Star Reader programs
 - ✓ Book Fairs starting in early March
- Also on tap for February is ODAIKO New England on Sunday, February 28 at 4:00 pm. Look for flyers/order forms and please check out their website at www.onetaiko.org. It promises to be a very interesting and exciting show!
- Finally, the PTO nominating committee will be sending forms home soon 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.

Enjoy the February break,

Robin & Vicky

Box Tops for Education: Keep those box tops rolling in! The General Mills Box Tops for Education Campaign is winding down for this school year. The deadline for box top submissions is fast approaching at the end of February. It would be greatly appreciated if you submit the box tops collected to date before February vacation! Any submissions not received before the deadline will go towards next year's collections. Thanks to all those who have sent in, and continue to send in, Box Tops for Education.

Save the Dates: Comedian & Mime Artist Extraordinaire, Robert Rivest presents **Healthy Choices, a Health and Wellness Family Show** on Friday, **March 19th** at 7:00 pm at the Blanchard Middle School. Open to the public and free. For more information about the artist or show, visit www.rivestmime.com or contact Heidi Tierney. Also, don't forget to mark **April 9th** on your calendar for the **Annual Ice Cream Social**. For more information, contact Robin Doherty.

ARTS & EDUCATION PROGRAMMING

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Calendar of Upcoming Events			
<u>School</u>	<u>Grade</u>	<u>Performer</u>	<u>Date</u>
Abbot	4 th	Native American Perspectives	Feb. 11
Abbot	5 th	Ben Franklin	March 11
Crisafulli	4 th	Wingmasters: 'World of Owls'	Feb. 10
Crisafulli	3 rd	Top Secret Science 'States of Matter'	March 3 & 5
Crisafulli	5 th	Ben Franklin	March 11
Day	4 th	Wingmasters: 'World of Owls'	Feb. 9
Miller	K	Mrs. Junkbox/Eco-Art	March 2
Nabnasset	K	Rhythm Kids	Feb. 12
Nabnasset	1 st	Wingmasters: 'Birds of Prey'	March 4
Robinson	K	Michelle's Menagerie	Feb. 5
Robinson	1 st	Wingmasters: 'Birds of Prey'	March 5

ODAIKO New England: Japanese Taiko Drumming
Sunday, February 28, 2010 @ 4:00 pm

Blanchard Middle School Auditorium 14 West St, Westford
 Open to the public and appropriate for families with children K-12. Look for order forms in backpacks or download at www.westford.com/westelmpto/PDFs/arts/Odaiko.pdf.

Deadline to purchase Advance Sale E-Tickets (\$8.00 pp/\$30.00 family max) is Feb. 23. Tickets may be available at the door (\$10 pp). Check www.westford.com/westelmpto for ticket availability & inclement weather notices. Contact Heidi Tierney @ 978.392.0470 / Intothewoods3@comcast.net for more info.

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- Thank you to Kristen McGrath, Susan Doherty, Darlene Townsend, Steve Hackley, Fatma Pickton, and Nipa Buch who assisted with our Adventure Movie Night on Jan. 22nd. Thanks also to all who attended – we had a great turnout!
- We look forward to the following upcoming events (please contact Karen or Linda if you are interested in volunteering):
 - Feb. 26th: Friendship Dance
 - March 3rd: 4th and 5th Grade Math & Science Night
 - March 5th: Movie Night (*Night at the Museum*)
 - April 7th: Grade 3 Math & Science Night
 - March 1st-March 12th: Scholastic Book Fair
 - April 9th: Town-wide annual Ice Cream Social

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- Math & Science Nights are scheduled as follows:
 - Grade 3: Mon. Feb. 8th (snow date Feb. 10th)
 - 6:30-7:15 pm (last name A-L)
 - 7:15-8:00 pm ((last name M-Z)
 - Grade 4: Wed. March 9th (snow date March 11th)
 - 6:00-8:00 pm

We need volunteers to make these nights a success. Please e-mail Maribeth or Laurie to volunteer today.

- Please encourage your shining stars when the Star Reader program begins in February. There are many great books available to earn! Watch for more info. in your child's backpack.

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- Grade 4 Movie Night was held in Jan. Over 40 students enjoyed *Aliens in the Attic*.
- Please send in your empty juice bags/pouches/Nabisco wrappers. A bin is located in the cafeteria for these items.
- Grade 3 Math & Science Night held in Jan. was a huge success. Thanks to Sue Corneliussen, Debbie Kinne, Alpha Patel, Patty Stocker, Jeanne Wallace, and the WA volunteers.
- The next school stores are scheduled for Feb. 10th, March 17th and April 7th (all Wednesdays).
- Day's annual pasta Dinner is Wed. March 3rd. Come see the teachers cooking and 5th grade students cleaning up. There will be a cake walk, the PTO book fair, and a basket raffle.
- Congratulations to Mrs. Anderson's class for collecting 949 Box Tops for January!
- We are currently looking for volunteers for the Book Fair. Flyers will be coming home soon with the schedule. Please contact any Day SBC with questions.
- Star Reader program ends Friday Feb. 12th.

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- Attention all Miller Star Readers! Our program started on Monday Feb. 1st and will run until March 12th. The information flyer and coupon sheet have been sent home. More are available in the main office. Happy reading!
- Math & Science Nights are from 6:30-8:00pm as follows:
 - Grade K: Tues. March 9th
 - Grade 1: Tues. March 16th
 - Grade 2: Mon. March 22nd
- We would welcome any volunteers. Please contact any of the above coordinators if you can help. Thanks!

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- We're excited to launch the Nabnasset Marathon Challenge (Feb. 1st-April 16th)—a voluntary walking program that covers a marathon distance during recess periods.
- The Star Reader Program runs Feb. 8th - March 12th. Thank you to Kara McNamara for chairing this program again.
- Mark your calendars, you won't want to miss these exciting upcoming events:
 - Feb. 26th: Kindergarten Movie Night
 - March 18th: Pre-1st & 1st Grade Movie Night
 - March 22nd: Kindergarten Math & Science Night
 - March 8th: Pre-1st & 1st Grade Math & Science Night
 - March 29th: Grade 2 Math & Science Night
 - May 7th: Grade 2 Bingo Night
- Thank you to all the parent volunteers who help make the Nab PTO a success.

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- Star Reader continues to encourage young readers to shine through reading! You can obtain more Star Reader coupons via the teachers. Read, read, read!
- 1st Grade Math & Science Night is Thurs. Feb. 23rd (snow date: Feb. 24th). Volunteers are needed. Please contact Susie Okuhara if you can help.
- Thank you to the 2nd grade Math & Science night volunteers for the setup and cleanup help, snacks, and beverages. We couldn't have done it without you!
- Looking ahead...March 10th is our Spring Teacher Conference Dinner. March 18th is Kindergarten and pre-1st Math & Science Night (we need two chairpersons!).

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