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

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Hello everyone,

We hope everyone enjoyed the winter break. It is hard to believe that it is 2010!

2009 finished on a fabulous note:

- The Blue Jupiter show held in early December was a bang-up success. We received many compliments about the show and a good time was had by all.
- Apparel was sold at the Westford Academy Bazaar this year. We had a successful sale and our thanks to Karla Ferrini for organizing this and to all the volunteers who gave their time to man the table.

The PTO has some exciting events in the next several months. Please keep a lookout for flyers and more information on:

- Math and Science Nights
- Star Reader Program
- Ice Cream Social
- Spring Book Fairs

On another note: as we have before, we wanted to thank everyone who has volunteered to help with the PTO thus far. However, it has come to our attention that there are some generous volunteers who have not been contacted and this has raised some concerns and ill feelings. We ask for your understanding and patience. There are situations in which there are too many volunteers for an event and not everyone will be needed. Yet there are other events where it is challenging to get volunteers. Please be open to volunteering for something other than what you initially signed up for as there are events that have been cancelled in the past due to the lack of volunteers. This is something we hope to avoid.

Cheers,
Robin & Vicky

Thanks to all those who are sending in Box Tops for Education! The deadline for this year's submissions (end of Feb.) is fast approaching! It would be greatly appreciated if you submit all collected Box Tops before the February vacation.

Westford Apparel orders were delivered before winter break. If there are any issues, please let your school's apparel contact know. Westford Hats and Scarves are still available- contact Karla Ferrini (dinoferrini@mail.com) to purchase.

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Calendar of Upcoming Events

School	Grade	Performer	Date
Abbot	4 th	Native American Perspectives	Feb 11
Crisafulli	4 th	Wingmasters: 'World of Owls'	Feb 10
Day	3 rd	Top Secret Science: 'States of Matter'	Jan 13, 14
Day	4 th	Wingmasters: 'World of Owls'	Feb 9
Robinson	K	Michelle's Menagerie: Live Animal Show	Feb 5
Robinson	1 st	'Weather Wonders'	Jan 22

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

Save the Date! ODAIKO New England: Taiko Japanese Drumming. Sunday, February 28, 2010 @ 4:00 pm
Blanchard Middle School Auditorium, 14 West St., Westford

The powerful sound of taiko drumming, combined with dynamic movement, makes for an exuberant and energetic performance by 'Odaiko New England' (www.onetaiko.org).

Open to the public. Appropriate for families with children K - 12. Tickets will be available mid-January (\$8 pp advance sale / \$10 pp at the door); look for flyer in backpacks. This cultural arts event & fundraiser is not to be missed!

Check www.westford.com/westelmpto for ticket availability & inclement weather notices. Contact Heidi Tierney @ 978.392.0470 / Intothewoods3@comcast.net for more info. Organized by the Westford Elementary PTO. This program is supported in part by a grant from the Westford Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

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- Thank you to Janet Cathcart and Kristen McGrath for chairing the Westford Apparel Fundraiser. All apparel deliveries were made just before the winter vacation.
- The Star Reader Program is underway. Please encourage your children to read and don't forget to stop and look at the bulletin board in the Bell Lobby to see how well all the students are doing.
- We look forward to the following upcoming events; please contact Karen or Linda if you are interested in volunteering:
 - Jan. 22nd Movie Night. The movie is an adventure and all grades are welcome to attend.
 - The Friendship Dance on Feb. 26th
 - 4th and 5th Grade Math and Science Night on March 3rd
 - March 5th Movie Night. The movie is a comedy and all grades are welcome to attend.
 - 3rd Grade Math and Science Night on April 7th
- The PTO is also sponsoring a Book Fair at the Abbot School from March 1st - 12th. Please contact Linda Bedard if you are interested in helping at any time.
- The PTO is also sponsoring the Annual Ice Cream Social on April 9th. This is a town-wide event and it is always a lot of fun. There are many opportunities for volunteering at this event. Please contact us if you are interested.

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- If you are interested in chairing or volunteering for Math & Science night, please contact Judi Morrison:
 - Grade 3: Jan. 26th (snow date Jan. 27th)
 - Grade 4: Feb. 3rd (snow date Feb. 4th)
- The next School Stores are scheduled for Wed., Jan. 13th, Wed., Feb. 10th and Wed., March 17th.
- 5th grade Family Movie Night is on Friday Jan. 22nd.
- The Inventors' and Scientists' Fair will be held on Tues., Jan. 19th (snow date Jan. 20th).
- The annual Pasta Dinner is scheduled for Wed., March 3rd (snow date March 4th). There will also be a cakewalk and the PTO-sponsored Book Fair (March 3rd - 10th). Plan on the whole family having fun!
- Thank you to everyone who helped at the Holiday Shop. The students loved it!
- The deadline to order a 5th Grade Graduation T-shirt (\$7) has been extended until Jan. 28th. Please send in cash or a check (to Norman E. Day School) in an envelope with your child's name, teacher, and size (Adult only - S, M, L, XL).
- If you are cleaning out books, DVDs, or VHS, please drop them in the "GOT BOOKS" container near the front door.
- Please send in your empty juice bags/pouches for recycling through the Terra Cycle Program. For more information contact Nicole Charlton at ncharlton75@msn.com.
- Congratulations to Mrs. Cargiuolo's class for collecting 188 box tops for the month of December!

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- The Star Reader Program will be gearing up shortly. Special thanks to our chairs Anna Ward and Sherri Hooper for taking the lead for the 2nd consecutive year! We have many terrific books for your children- watch for more info!
- Math and Science Night for the 3rd and 4th graders will be scheduled for Feb. We'll need some help, so please let us know if you're willing to lend a couple of hours.
- We are still collecting Box Tops. Please send them in, as they make a difference in our school budget.

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- Math and Science Nights are fast approaching (hours are 6:30 - 8:00 pm for all):
 - Grade K: Tues, March 9th
 - Grade 1: Tues, March 16th
 - Grade 2: Mon, March 22nd

If you would like to help, please contact any of the above coordinators. Volunteers are always welcome!

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- We hope all the Nabnasset families had a happy and safe holiday season. We wish you the best in 2010. Here are a few things to look forward to in the New Year:
 - Nabnasset Apparel will be on sale in the coming weeks
 - The kick-off to our new voluntary walking program during outside recess for students
 - The Annual Friendship Dance on Friday, Feb. 5th.
 - Star Reader to begin in February.

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- Math and Science Nights are back- please watch for more info. If you would like to volunteer, please contact one of the SBCs. Your help would be greatly appreciated!
 - Grade 2: Jan. 21st (snow date Jan. 26th)
 - Grade Pre-1/1: Feb. 23rd (snow date Feb. 24th)
 - Grade K: March 18th (snow date Mar. 23rd)
- Star Reader: Check out the cafeteria wall to see how many books your children are reading. Let's fill that wall with a zillion stars! Thank you, Star Reader volunteers, for tracking readership, awarding books, and your creativity.