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

**FROM THE PRESIDENTS**

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Hello everyone!

We hope you enjoyed February break! All of the schools are busy with activity:

- Our PTO volunteers are hard at work putting together Teacher Conference Dinners
- The Upper Elementary Book Fairs are in full swing
- Star Reader programs are ongoing at the various schools

Previously, Grade 4 Math & Science Nights at Abbot, Crisafulli and Day were initially scheduled to occur in February and early March. The PTO is making some adjustments to the programming of this event and, as a result, these nights will be rescheduled to later in the spring. Please stay tuned for those dates.

The PTO-sponsored ODAIKO New England was held on Sunday, February 28<sup>th</sup>. It was a fantastic event-entertaining and educational. Our thanks to Heidi Tierney and Marcia Caster for putting this event together and to the many volunteers who helped. We would also like to acknowledge the contribution of the Westford Middle School PTO. They co-sponsored the event with us and provided tremendous help at the event.

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

**Box Tops:** Our thanks to everyone who sent box tops in before the end of February. Keep saving those box tops. While the deadline has passed for this year, any submissions will be put towards next year's collections.

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Calendar of Upcoming Events			
School	Grade	Performer	Date
Abbot & Crisafulli	5 <sup>th</sup>	Historical Perspectives : 'Ben Franklin'	March 11
Abbot Crisafulli Day	3 <sup>rd</sup>	Robert Rivest : 'Healthy Choices'	March 8 March 8 March 18
Miller	1st	'Weather Wonders'	March 11
Miller Robinson Nabnasset	2 <sup>nd</sup>	Historical Perspectives : 'Helen Keller'	March 19 March 19 March 22

**Healthy Choices**  
Friday, March 19, 2010 @ 7:00 pm  
Blanchard Middle School

Comedian & Mime Artist Extraordinaire, Robert Rivest, presents 'Healthy Choices', a family-friendly (K-5) health & wellness show. Open to the public and FREE! For more info, contact Heidi Tierney at (978) 392-0470.

Sponsored by Lowell General Hospital, The Pediatric Practice of Drs. Gilchrist & Sevigny, and BOOST Fitness.

**Save the Date:** Don't forget to mark **April 9<sup>th</sup>** on your calendar for the **Annual Ice Cream Social**. For more information, contact Robin Doherty.



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- The Annual Friendship Dance was held on February 26<sup>th</sup> and was a huge success. Thanks to the 99 Restaurant for the popcorn and to Mary O'Regan for its delivery. Thanks to everyone who helped during the evening. We had a great turnout- thanks for your support!
- The Scholastic Book Fair will be held from March 1<sup>st</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup>. Please contact Linda or Karen if you are interested in helping with the event, especially during the Tuesday morning conference times. This is a big event and many hands make light work!
- Movie Night will be March 5<sup>th</sup> featuring "Night at the Museum." Doors open at 6:30 and all grades are welcome.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Math & Science Night will be April 7<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.

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- The Star Reader Program was a great success! We distributed over 200 books. Thanks to Carolyn Jerzylo for administering this program.
- The next school store days will be March 17<sup>th</sup> and April 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Congratulations to Mrs. Cope's class, February's winner with 153 Box Tops! Mrs Cajolet's class was 2<sup>nd</sup> (147) and Miss Call's was 3<sup>rd</sup> (140). Keep sending them in!
- Volunteers are needed to help out during the PTO book fair on March 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Monetary and food donations are needed for the Teacher's Conference Dinner on March 10<sup>th</sup>.
- Please recycle your juice pouches and Nabisco/Frito Lay packages. Day has saved 1500+ juice pouches from landfills and earned over \$30 in free money for the school!

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- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Math & Science Night has been moved to Tues, April 27<sup>th</sup>, 6-8 pm; we need volunteers to make this night possible, please e-mail Maribeth or Laurie.
- Last month's 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Math & Science Night was a huge success. Thanks to Susan Kreithen and Laura Dickey as well as all who set up, cleaned up, and donated food/drink.
- Star Reader is in full swing and runs through March 27<sup>th</sup>. Thank you Sheri Hooper and Anna Ward for chairing.
- March school store will be held on Wed., March 17<sup>th</sup>.
- The Book Fair will run March 2<sup>nd</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup>. Please check flyers for hours. Thanks to Sheila Zacharchuk for organizing this fundraiser and the volunteers who make it a success!
- Teacher conferences will be held March 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>. Thanks to Karen Moradi for coordinating the Teacher Appreciation Dinner. We appreciate all the tasty treats for our hard-working teachers!

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- Teacher Conference Dinner will be on Wednesday, March 10<sup>th</sup>. Those who volunteered will be contacted to let you know where we could use your assistance.
- Miller Star Readers...our program is underway and will run until March 12<sup>th</sup>. More coupons are available through your classroom at school. Lots of great books have been given out with many more to go! Keep up the great reading!
- Math & Science Nights will be held from 6:30-8:00 pm:
  - Grade K: Tues., March 9<sup>th</sup>
  - Grade 1: Tues., March 16<sup>th</sup>
  - Grade 2: Mon., March 22<sup>nd</sup>Volunteers are still welcome! Contact any of the above coordinators.

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- The Nabnasset Marathon Challenge is in full swing! Thank you to all the volunteers who are making this possible.
- Upcoming events:
  - March 8<sup>th</sup>: Pre 1<sup>st</sup>/1<sup>st</sup> Grade Math & Science Night
  - March 19<sup>th</sup> : Pre 1<sup>st</sup>/1<sup>st</sup> Grade Movie Night- "Horton Hears a Who"
  - March 22<sup>nd</sup>: Kindergarten Math & Science Night
  - March 29<sup>th</sup> : 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Math & Science Night
  - Late April: Spruce Up Day
  - May 7<sup>th</sup>: Grade 2 Bingo Night
- Thank you to all the volunteers who make PTO a success!

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- Star Reader stars have been posted along the cafeteria wall, representing over 300 eager readers!
- Pre-1<sup>st</sup> and Kindergarten Math & Science Night will be on Thurs, March 18<sup>th</sup>. Watch for the flyers. Volunteers are needed. Please contact Susie or Missy for more info.
- The Publishing Center needs volunteers for typing poems and creating beautiful covers for our 2<sup>nd</sup> graders' masterpieces. Please contact Susie if you are able to help.
- Schoolyard Clean-Up in April - It's a wonderful time to spend outdoors with family members, flowers, mulch, and garden tools. Share your gardening know-how and tool tips. Date and details to be announced in a few weeks.

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