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

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Hi, we hope everyone enjoyed their April vacation! It seems as if the spring is flying by! May is a busy month for parents, students, and teachers with MCAS and end-of-year activities.

Even though the end of school is around the corner, there are still plenty of PTO activities:

- Many schools have started their Spruce-Up Days around the buildings.
- Teacher and Staff Appreciation Luncheons are coming up as well as Field Day activities for the students. Check your school news for more info.
- Information will be coming home soon for a Lowell Spinners game over the summer. It's a great way for friends to keep in touch!

The Ice Cream Social was held on April 9th and was enjoyed by all! Our chairs, Kate Stone and Sara Collamore, did a fantastic job. Our thanks to the many volunteers – you made it a great success!

Finally, we have said it before and we will say it again: our thanks to all of you for your support of the PTO. It takes a lot of people to bring together all of the activities and programs that come to our schools. A big thank you to everyone who has helped us this year! Please consider donating your time next year.

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 several years.

If you are interested in running with other Westford parents, please contact Christine Lauzon Pelosky at Christine.lauzon@gmail.com. Also, you can register for the race directly and learn more about ovarian cancer at: <http://www.judithroseshea.org/loaddata.php?page=events>.

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Calendar of Upcoming Events			
School	Grade	Performer	Date
Nabnasset	K, Pre-1st K	'Mrs. Junkbox' / EcoArt Art of Keeping Honeybees	May 4, 5 May 21, 28
Robinson Nabnasset Miller	2	'Day in Ghana'	May 4, 11 May 7, 14 May 13, 18 & 19
Abbot	3	David Coffin, Early Wind Instruments	May 13
Crisafulli	4 5	'Techsplorations' : Electricity and Magnetism Simple Machines	May 26
Robinson Miller Nabnasset	K-2	'Chinese Acrobats'	May 28 June 1 June 3
Abbot	3-5	Quartet of Happiness	June 4
Crisafulli, Day	3-5	Ball in the House A Capella	June 4

The **Westford K-5 Scientists & Inventors Fair** at Westford Academy on May 14th will feature the inventor Joe Silva and his 12-foot tall robot! **'The Aexeous Robot'** was originally created and produced as highly intelligent robotic equipment for use by law enforcement and the military.

This special presentation is co-sponsored by the *Westford Elementary PTO and Lowell General Hospital*.

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- The 3rd Grade Math & Science Night was held on April 7th. Many students attended and a great time was had by all.
- Now that the spring vacation is over, it's time to step into full gear with the upcoming events. They are sure to be a huge success. As always we are looking for volunteers and are very thankful for all of the continued support:
- On Wednesday, May 26th, the Abbot PTO will host the Annual Teacher and Staff Appreciation Luncheon. We are looking forward to showing the entire staff at the Abbot School how much we appreciate all of their hard work. Please consider donating to this wonderful event.
- The Abbot PTO is looking for additional SBCs for next year. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact us.

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- The 4th Grade Math & Science Night on April 27th was a big hit! Thanks to all volunteers and to Maribeth Cherry, Tara Scanlon, and Angela Waszak for pulling it all together!
- May 17th will be the last School Store of the year. The raffle to support the Smile Train will be drawn at the close of school store. One lucky person will win a mini cooler bag filled with supplies- raffle tickets will be 50 cents.
- The Teacher Appreciation Lunch will be held on May 12th. We are in need of main dishes, desserts, beverages, raffle prizes and a chair/co-chair. Please contact Karen Moradi if you are willing to volunteer in any way.
- Watch your child's backpack for news on how to get involved next year- a volunteer coffee will be held in June.

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- The next school store will be on June 2nd.
- The Day School has received over \$1,000 from Box Tops, that's over 10,000 labels! Thank you to Nicole Charlton for chairing this program and agreeing to stay on next year!
- Monetary and food donations as well as volunteers are needed for the Staff Appreciation Luncheon on May 26th. Flyers will be sent home soon with more information.
- Please keep sending in your Nabisco/Frito Lay packages and juice pouches- the school gets paid for these items. Thanks again to Nicole Charlton for running this project.
- Congratulations to all the Day School students for recycling over 40,000 milk bottles and keeping them out of landfills. A special thanks to Judi Morrison for initiating this effort!
- We will be sending home a flyer listing volunteer opportunities for next fall. Please consider helping out. If you have any questions please contact any of the people listed above.

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- The Annual Teacher and Staff Appreciation luncheon will be held on Wednesday, May 26th. We are looking for volunteers to set-up, clean-up and contribute donations. If you can help, please contact any of the Miller SBCs.
- We are looking for a few more SBCs for Miller as well as PTO volunteers for specific events and/or activities. If you have interest, please feel free to contact any of your Miller SBC's for more information.
- We have appreciated all the volunteer help to date (we couldn't do it without you!) and look forward to having more folks aboard for the upcoming year.

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- A heartfelt thank you to all the Nabnasset families who donated their time and/or supplies to the Annual Nab Spruce Up Day held on April 29th. Thanks to your time and efforts the Nab School grounds look wonderful.
- The Nabnasset Marathon Challenge ended with the students walking an amazing 1,335 miles. We had 14 walkers who walked over a half marathon, with nearly 100% participation. Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped to make this a successful program.
- We are currently looking for SBCs and Event Coordinators for the 2010-2011 school year. Please consider volunteering even if you only have a few hours to give. Feel free to contact any of the SBCs above with questions.

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- Teacher and Staff Appreciation Luncheon on Tues., May 11th. Looking for volunteers, food and cash donations, and raffle prizes. Please contact Missy Mackenzie if you can help.
- The Publishing Center is underway, creating beautiful books for our 2nd graders. Thank you Jen Bruskiewitz, Tricia Eggert and the volunteers for your dedication!
- PTO needs YOU! If you're interested in leading or volunteering next year, please contact one of the SBCs.

**Indicates school's Arts & Education Programming (AEP) coordinator*

