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

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Hi Everyone,

Wow - Fall is flying by! It is hard to believe that conferences and Thanksgiving will soon be upon us. Thanks to all those who contributed to the PTO through the Invest in Your Child program. Thanks to you, we met our goal for this fundraiser! If you didn't contribute, but still want to, donations are accepted throughout the year.

We would also like to thank those who contributed by purchasing Innisbrook products or Entertainment Books. It is much appreciated. Thank you also to those who provided valuable feedback. Based on your feedback, we will look at making adjustments to next fall's fundraisers. Lastly, we would like to thank our town wide chairs, Laurie Giovino (Gift Wrap) and Jennifer Walter (Entertainment Books) for all their hard work.

Fall Conferences are coming up this month. Conference dinners for our teachers will be organized by the PTO.

Lowell Devils are having New England Patriots Day on Nov. 21st and Jarvis Green will be signing autographs. If you did not receive a flyer and are interested in attending, please contact Tracy Cook at tracylcook@gmail.com.

School Apparel is gearing up and makes for great holiday presents! Order forms are going out this week. Please take note of some new merchandise being offered this year.

Speaking of holiday shopping, why not get an early jump on it? On Nov. 12th, a portion of all sales at the Toy Shop of Westford will be donated to the PTO. In addition, on the same day, a portion of sales at Papa Gino's will also go to the PTO. So stop, shop, and have some lunch while contributing to our schools!

Finally, a Holiday Fair to benefit the Westford Elementary PTO will be held on Nov. 28th from 1-5pm at the Parish Center for the Arts. The organizers of this event will be donating 15% of their profits to the PTO! The fair will feature hand knit accessories, hand-woven scarves and fair-trade gifts from Bolivia, Mexico, Vietnam and India.

Happy Thanksgiving!

Robin & Vicky

Thanks to all those who are sending in **Box Tops for Education!** All the box tops must be trimmed before being sorted for submission, so please try to cut out just the logo itself (a good project for the kids). But don't worry, we will accept the Box Tops regardless of trimming or not.

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Calendar of Upcoming Events			
School	Grade	Performer	Date
Day	3 rd	Kings Court : Exploring Early Winds - David Coffin	Nov. 13
Nabnasset	1 st	Emilie Boon	Nov. 19, 20

In November, AEP presents:

- *David Coffin's engaging presentation, 'Music from the King's Court: Exploring the Early Winds', covers the history of the recorder. This program ties in with the 3rd grade Sound Unit and also introduces the students to recorders, which they play in 4th grade. Mr. Coffin brings an extensive collection of recorders and other early wind instruments that he plays and shares with the students as well.*
- *Children's author and illustrator, Emilie Boon, shares examples of her artwork in various stages of book production. Students will use Emilie's signature crayon-and-watercolor technique to create their very own accordion-style mini-books.*

"Blue Jupiter: It's an A Cappella Holiday" Friday, December 4, 2009 @ 7:00 PM

Save the Date! Celebrate the holidays with your family! NYC's Premier A Cappella Group, **Blue Jupiter**, will be performing their holiday show, 'Scattered Flurries', at Stony Brook MS.

This family-friendly performance will include classic Christmas carols and Chanukah songs and much more! Look for event flyer/ticket order form in backpacks the 1st week of Nov. Don't delay in reserving your tickets as this show may sell out! Open to the public. Everyone 3 yrs+ must have a ticket. *Purchase Advance Sale Tickets (\$12 pp) now through Nov 30th.*

For more info, visit www.bluejupiter.com or contact Heidi Tierney at Intothewoods3@comcast.net.

Raffle drawing tickets will be available at the event.
Volunteers are needed!

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- The Entertainment Book Fundraiser is complete. Thank you to all who helped with this effort.
- Thank you to Margo Pawlak for chairing the Innisbrook Gift Wrap Fundraiser. Look for your orders to arrive in mid-November.
- Thank you to Kim Trainor for chairing the Student Directory.
- The Teacher Conference dinner will be held on Nov.23rd. We will be contacting all who volunteered to help make this a special event.
- We are still looking for coordinators for the following events:
 - School Apparel
 - 5th Grade Movie Night
 - 4th Grade Math and Science Night
 - Ice Cream Social (town wide event, but it would be helpful to have a volunteer coordinator from each school)

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- Crisafulli held its PTO-sponsored Welcome Back Coffee for the teachers and staff at the end of September. Ms. Vincentsen recommended we visit each classroom individually to offer the coffee, tea, muffins, scones, and cinnamon rolls, and it was a big hit! Special thanks to Starbucks for donating their fabulous coffee!
- Thanks to all of the families who have participated in the Invest In Your Child, Entertainment Book and Innisbrook PTO fundraisers and a special thank you to all of the volunteers who helped make them run smoothly. We are off to a good start and are working hard on bringing your children exciting educational programs throughout the school year.
- Thank you to Laura Dickey for chairing the Student Directory.
- The Robinson/Crisafulli Bingo Night will be held on Nov. 10th. Families from both schools can get together and enjoy a fun night out - games, music, prizes and much more! Volunteers to help with set up/clean up will be needed. Details will be sent home soon.

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- All 3rd grade level Bunco Meet & Greet Nights were huge successes. Thanks for donations to the Westford Food Pantry Lowell Humane Society.
- If you have any questions regarding our Volunteer Form that went home recently, please contact Karla, Daniele, Judi or Patty.
- 3rd Grade Movie Night is on Fri., Nov. 6th. 4th Grade Movie Night is Fri., Jan. 8th. 5th Grade: Fri., Jan. 22nd. Watch for notices.
- Next School Store is on Wednesday, Nov. 18th.
- Parent/Teacher conference dinner is on Monday, Nov. 23rd. More information will be coming home soon.
- Volunteers needed to sell Apparel at the Westford Academy Holiday Bazaar on Saturday, Dec. 5th. Please email westfordapparel@yahoo.com.
- Volunteers are needed for the Day School Holiday Store (Dec. 7-12th) during school hours.
- There is still time to order your 5th Grade Graduation T-shirt for \$7.00. If you need a form or have questions, contact Karla.

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- Miller Family Movie Night will be Friday, Nov. 20th. Save the date for a fun night. Details to follow in a separate note.
- Box Tops will be starting soon. We will place Hot Pink Box Top Boxes in your child's classroom; be on the lookout for a Hot Pink one in the lobby so you can drop off anytime during school hours.
- Teacher Conference Dinner will be coming up on Monday, Nov. 23rd. If you volunteered to help out for this you will be contacted soon. If you would still like to volunteer to help, feel free to e-mail or call any one of the Miller SBCs.
- The Yearbook Committee has started taking pictures for the Miller Yearbook. Please hand in your permission slips if you would like your child to be photographed for the yearbook. Thanks!
- Stay tuned for details on the 2nd Grade Yearbook Cover Contest. Notices will be out in early November.

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- Thank you to the following parents for volunteering their time to support the PTO at Nabnasset:
 - Jan Walsh - Entertainment Books
 - Kim Henderson - Gift Wrap Fundraiser
 - Janet Redmond - 6th Annual Halloween Parade
 - Stacey Mantenuto - Student Directory
- We look forward to the Conference Dinners coming up later in November. The generosity of the Nabnasset families is always greatly appreciated.
- Don't forget to stop by the book fair during conference week.
- Coming soon: Nabnasset apparel - just in time for the holidays!

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- Thank you to all Robinson families for their generous support of Invest in Your Child, Innisbrook, and Entertainment Book sales- we so very much appreciate your support of the PTO through these campaigns and we are finishing with another successful season!
- Great to see new and familiar faces at the volunteer coffee and looking forward to working with new faces and experienced volunteers for this school year! Thanks to all volunteers for their time and skills- we really appreciate your generosity!
- Volunteers are needed for the School Store each month. If you are interested in helping, please contact one of the SBCs.
- Looking forward to our upcoming Scholastic Book Fairs! Thanks to Missy Mackenzie and Sofia Pita who will be chairing Robinson's Scholastic Book Fair- we look forward to a successful fair!
- A big thank you to Karen Lefebvre and Donna Wakefield for spearheading and proofreading the Robinson Student Directory- a job well done!
- Looking for school chairpersons for the upcoming Bingo Night on Nov. 10th. Please contact Robinson SBCs for more information.

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

