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

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Hi Everyone,

Well, we are off to a rocking start of the school year! We hope everyone has eased successfully back to school and is enjoying the fall. Thanks to everyone—we know the fall is chaotic with getting back to a school/activity schedule. Your support is really appreciated. A few things:

- Our fall fundraisers are in full swing! We thank you for your participation and support as we enrich the lives of our children by providing funding for Math & Science Night, Living Lab, the elementary school libraries, Arts & Education Programming, and more! We are proud to have a community willing to give back and invest in the children.
- A reminder to all volunteers to fill out a CORI form at your school if you have not already done so.
- We have had great success once again with Invest in Your Child. And although our initial date request has passed, we will always welcome your donations. Thanks to all who have contributed.
- The sale of Entertainment Books has also been very successful! Thanks to those who purchased one.
- The PTO Student Directory is in production now. It is scheduled to be distributed in late October. Our thanks to all who purchased them. We would also like to thank those who worked on this directory. It is no easy task to get the data entered and proofed.
- We had a fabulous response to our request for a treasurer and secretary! It is terrific to see everyone step up when a need has been identified. Please welcome Ify Orakwue, our new treasurer and Elisabet Baltayan, our new secretary.

Robin & Vicky

Future PTO Activities to Watch For...

- ✓ **Innisbrook Gift Wrap** sales began at the end of September and run through October 9. Items purchased will be back in time for Thanksgiving. Sales will be online for easy ordering!
- ✓ **The Lowell Devils** will host **New England Patriots Day** on November 21st with Jarvis Green signing autographs!
- ✓ **School Apparel** sales will be gearing up soon. Westford apparel makes great holiday gifts!
- ✓ **Box Tops for Education** will officially kick off in October. Please send in your box tops with your child anytime throughout the school year.

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Calendar of Upcoming Events			
School	Grade	Performer	Date
Robinson	K	Rhythm Kids	Oct. 2
Robinson	Pre 1 st , 1 st	Ralph Masiello	Oct. 16
Miller	K	Rhythm Kids	Oct. 23

This year, the Arts & Education Programming (AEP) team is excited to support ongoing programs and present new workshops that we hope will enrich the lives of students, support the work of teachers, and build a caring community. We encourage you to attend any or all of these programs this coming year.

Thank you for supporting the PTO by contributing your time, energy, and resources to the fundraisers throughout the year which make these programs possible!

In October, AEP welcomes:

- **Tom & Dan Foote of Rhythm Kids** will take the kindergartners at Robinson and Miller on an imaginary trip to the rainforest of Ghana while sharing their love of African drums.
- **Ralph Masiello**, better known as the 'Ickybug man,' will share his life experience as an illustrator with 1st graders at Robinson. Mr. Masiello shows examples of his original artwork and also discusses the printing process.

For a complete description of these programs, please look for the **Arts & Education Programming Letter** to be sent home in backpacks later in October.

For more information about AEP, to volunteer on the AEP team, or to help out at an upcoming program, please contact Marcia Caster (Grades 3-5) or Heidi Tierney (Grades K-2).

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!



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- The Volunteer Coffee was held on Sept. 18th. There was a great turnout! Thank you to everyone in attendance and to all of this year's volunteers!
- We are still looking for school coordinators for the following events:
 - ✓ School Apparel
 - ✓ 5th Grade Movie Night
 - ✓ 4th Grade Math and Science Night
 - ✓ Ice Cream Social
- Thank you to Margo Pawlak for chairing the Innisbrook Gift Wrap fundraiser.

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- The PTO has an opening for a parent volunteer to be a site-based coordinator and help coordinate PTO events throughout the year. Please contact one of the above coordinators to get involved in your school.
- We want to thank all of those who have sent in the Crisafulli School Volunteer form! We appreciate your time and commitment to our school. If you did not get your form in, but would like to volunteer, please contact one of the coordinators listed above.
- The annual Robinson/Crisafulli Bingo Night, previously held in the spring, will take place in November this year. It is a fun night and a great way to come together as a school. More information will be sent home with your child.

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- Welcome to Daniele Lorette and Patty Ragusa who joined the PTO this year as site-based coordinators.
- The Staff Welcome Back Coffee was held on Sept. 22nd and the 4th Grade Meet & Greet Bunco Night was held on Sept. 17th. A big thanks to everyone who helped make these events a great success.
- Thank you to Terri Andry for chairing the Student Directory, Nancy Graziani for chairing the Innisbrook Gift Wrap fundraiser, and Nicole Charlton for chairing Box Tops for Education.
- We are looking for someone to chair the Westford Apparel fundraiser for the Day School.
- Please remember to send in your box tops! The class that submits the most box tops for the month receives a fifty cent coupon/child to the school store.
- We are collecting clean, empty juice pouches in support of the TerraCycle Program. Please send in your clean juice pouches! More information on the program will be coming home soon.

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- Our curriculum nights were a great success along with the apparel sale. We look forward to seeing lots of Miller families dressed in Westford apparel!
- Please keep clipping your Box Tops for Education and send them into school with your child. Watch for the new hot pink box top collection boxes!
- Thank you to all of you who have already contributed to the Invest in Your Child program. This program is ongoing therefore donations can be made at any point and are always appreciated.
- As always, we welcome any volunteers to help out with the PTO. A list of events/items for which we would gladly accept volunteers will be coming home with your child. Please feel free to select items for which you would like to participate. Thanks!

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- Thank you to all who attended our Welcome Coffee. We hope you found it to be an informative and enjoyable morning.
- We really appreciate all of the volunteer forms you have sent in. Your help will make all the difference this year! As each event approaches, we will contact you with additional information.
- We hope to see you for our Annual Halloween Parade on Thursday, Oct. 29th at 4:00 pm!

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- Thank you to all new and returning PTO volunteers—we couldn't do it without your help! Remember to make sure you have a CORI form filled out for this year.
- We will be collecting Box Tops throughout the school year. Thank you to Susie Okuhara for chairing this ongoing fundraiser!
- A hearty thanks to all of the parents who have already contributed to Invest in Your Child. We appreciate your generosity! Thank you to Julie Erickson for chairing this event.
- We are grateful to Missy MacKenzie and Laura Dickey for leading the Entertainment Book sale.
- Robinson will be hosting a coffee for all interested PTO volunteers on Friday, Oct. 2nd at 9:30. Join us for some munchies and java!

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