

FROM THE PRESIDENT

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With the new school year underway, each school's Site Based Coordinators (SBC) have held Welcome Back events for families to learn about volunteer opportunities within their schools and town-wide events. It takes many volunteers to make these programs a success. As we all know, many hands make light work. Please consider volunteering one or two hours of your time.

The majority of Westford Elementary PTO (WEPTO) fund raising takes place in the first quarter of the new school year. This allows us to generate revenue to fund our budget for the year. The Invest in Your Child campaign is underway and we would like to thank all families who have generously donated to this campaign. 100% of your tax-deductible donation directly funds our Arts & Education programming. Even though this campaign is scheduled for September, we will graciously accept your donations throughout the school year.

Be on the lookout for our next popular fund raising campaign, the Innisbrook Gift Wrap program. Did you know 80% of items offered in this program are made in the USA? Please support our efforts by sharing the catalog with family, friends and co-workers.

We are offering the ever-popular Westford Apparel Program again this year. Show pride in your community while looking good at the same time! We have made a few changes to this program so be on the lookout for the flyer in a few weeks.

Enjoy the cooler weather and the beautiful fall colors. Please feel free to contact me directly if you have any questions or suggestions.



~Margaret

Newsletters

In line with the overall school directive to **“go green”** and reduce the amount of paper coming home in backpacks, the PTO posts its monthly newsletters on the Westford Elementary PTO website: www.westford.com/westelmpto.

An Evening with Lyle Cogen *Upstanders, Bystanders and Bullies*

This is a free, open to the public presentation co-sponsored by Westford Parent Connection and Lowell General Hospital. Parents and children in **grades 1 thru 5** are encouraged to attend. Format and content will be slightly different from the daytime assemblies.

- Stonybrook Middle School Auditorium
- October 21, 6:30 – 8:00 PM
- www.lylecogen.com



ARTS & EDUCATION PROGRAMMING

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Detailed information about the programs below can be found at: www.westford.com/westelmpto/westford_elem_pto_programs.html

Ask your child about these programs and send us your feedback!

Calendar of Upcoming Events

Performer/Event	School	Grade	Date
Rhythm Kids www.rhythmkids.com	Robinson Miller	K K	Oct 17 Oct 21
Lyle Cogen: “Sticks & Stones” Interactive anti-bullying program www.lylecogen.com	Abbot Crisafulli Day	3-5 3-5 3-5	Oct 18 Oct 20 Oct 21
Emilie Boon http://childrensbookartists.com/HEART/pages/emilieboon.html	Miller Robinson Nabnasset	K K K	Oct 19-20 Oct 27-28 Nov 17-18
Discovery Museum of Science “Physical Changes of Matter” www.discoverymuseums.org	Abbot	3	Nov 3, 4
David Coffin Early Wind Instruments www.davidcoffin.com	Day	3	Nov 4
Mark Peter Hughes, author of “Lemonade Mouth” www.markpeterhughes.com	Abbot Crisafulli Day	5 5 5	Nov 4 Nov 7 Nov 10

NEWS & HAPPENINGS

ABBOT SCHOOL

- Thank you to all who attended the Volunteer Coffee and to all who submitted volunteer forms.
- A big thank you to those who have already contributed to the Invest In Your Child program. Donations can be made at any point and are always appreciated.
- Watch for Innisbrook Gift Wrap coming home!
- There are still many opportunities to volunteer, including Site Based Coordinators! Feel free to contact me with any questions.

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CRISAFULLI SCHOOL

- Welcome back to school! From the many flyers arriving home with your child(ren), *MANY THANKS* go out to the families and super volunteers for supporting the Westford Elementary PTO in fundraising, School Store, PTO Coffee Cart, supermarket tape campaigns, and Box Top collections. Every contribution, in hours or dollars, blesses our school community in a big way!
- Innisbrook Gift Wrap, School Apparel, and School Directories are coming soon. Please check backpacks for information and order forms.
- **Interested in PTO Leadership?** Please contact Susie Okuhara for more information.

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DAY SCHOOL

- Welcome back! Hope everyone had a great summer. **School Store dates:** Wednesday, Oct 12, and Wednesday, Nov 9 (11am-1:30pm). If you can help out with School store, please let us know. It is fun!
- Watch for Innisbrook Gift Wrap info coming home soon.

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MILLER SCHOOL

- Thank you to all who attended the Volunteer Coffee on September 15th. We had a wonderful turnout and look forward to working with you on volunteer opportunities this year! There are many opportunities to get involved with the PTO. Feel free to contact your Miller Site Based Coordinators (listed below) for details.
- A big thank you to all who have already contributed to the **Invest In Your Child** program. This program is ongoing and therefore donations can be made at any point and are always appreciated.
- Our first Box Tops for Education collection will be on November 10th. Details coming soon.
- Miller's **Fall Movie Night** will be on **November 18th**. Please mark your calendars for a night of family fun! Details coming soon.

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NABNASSET SCHOOL

- Thank you to all of the parents who attended the PTO Welcome Coffee and to all who have submitted volunteer forms. Be on the lookout for an email inviting you to join **Big Tent**, an online collaboration tool that we will be using to help us coordinate with parent volunteers. If you are interested in co-chairing any of the fundraisers or school events, please contact one of the SBCs. We welcome your participation! Big Tent link: <https://www.bigtent.com/groups/nabnassetpto>
- The Innisbrook Gift Wrap fundraiser will begin on Oct 5th. Catalogs and order forms will be sent home with your child.
- Thank you to everyone who has participated in the Invest in Your Child fundraiser. This is an on-going fundraiser, so donations may be sent in at any time during the school year.
- Mark your calendars for the popular **Annual Halloween Parade**, which will be held on Thursday, **Oct 27th**, from 4-5PM.

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ROBINSON SCHOOL

- **Thank you** to all **PTO volunteers!** We couldn't do our valuable work without you. Remember to complete your **CORI** form.
- Robinson will be hosting a **coffee** for interested **PTO volunteers** on Friday, **Oct 7** at 9:30am in the cafeteria. Please join us!
- A hearty thanks to all of the parents who have already contributed to **Invest in Your Child**. This is an ongoing program; donations can be made any time. We always appreciate your generosity.
- Watch for school store dates in October. Thank you to **Suzanne Sheehy and Sarah Moore** for running the school store this year.
- Keep the box tops coming. Every bit helps!

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