



Mayo News

Principal – Judith Evans
Assistant Principal – Patricia Hurley

Upcoming Events

- May 2** – School Council at 4pm
- May 3** – Staff Appreciation Luncheon; PTA Mtg. at 7pm
- May 4** – Half Day of School; Dismissal at 12:20
- May 6** – Kindergarten Orientation: A-K at 10:15
L-Z at 1:30
- May 10** – Gr. 5 Math MCAS
- May 11** – Gr. 4 Math MCAS; Frog Program for Gr. 3
- May 12** – Gr. 3 Math MCAS; Bird Program for Gr. 1
- May 13** – Gr. 5 Math MCAS
- May 16** – Gr. 5 Sci. MCAS; Habitats Program for Gr. 2
- May 17** – Gr. 4 Math MCAS
- May 18** – Gr. 5 Sci. MCAS
- May 19** – Gr. 3 Math MCAS
- May 24** – Gr. 3 to Holden Center in am
- May 26** – Gr. 3 to Holden Center in am; Geography Program for Gr. 4
- May 30** – No School – Memorial Day

Kindergarten Orientation

On Friday, May 6th, Mayo School will be welcoming our incoming kindergarten class with an orientation program. In order to keep the numbers manageable, we are holding the orientation in two sessions. Children whose last names begin with the letters A-K should come to the morning session from 10:15 to 11:15. Those with last names beginning with the letters L-Z should attend the afternoon session from 1:30 to 2:30. During the orientation children will meet the teachers and enjoy classroom activities with current Kindergarten students, while parents will have the opportunity to meet the school administration, school nurse, and a representative from the PTA. Kindergarten registration packets can be found on the Mayo website by logging onto the "Parent Information" link on www.wrsd.net. If parents do not have access to a computer, they can obtain a registration packet at the school.

Kindergarten Screening

As part of the state mandated kindergarten screening process, Mayo School will be administering the DIAL-3 Test (Developmental Indicators for the Assessment of Learning) to the incoming kindergarten class on Tuesday morning, May 24th Thursday morning, May 26th, and all day Friday, June 3rd. Notification of the individually scheduled appointments for the screening will be given at the May 6th Orientation. Results of the screening will be shared during the fall conferences.

Class Placement

At Mayo School the formation of classes is something we take very seriously. What many families do not realize is the fact that this process takes 6 to 8 weeks. Beginning with results from the Parent Questionnaire that many families completed in March, the staff pours over that information, along with feedback from the teachers to balance classes while considering the personalities of each child. It's a time-consuming process but one of which we are quite proud.

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Classroom and Building News

Mayo School third, fourth and fifth graders were Rocking and Rolling as they welcomed April Vacation on Thursday, the 14th. Under the direction of music teacher **Liz Puleo**, families were entertained at the annual spring concert. The performance included favorite hits from the 50's to present day as students sang, danced, and played the recorder. Best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Puleo on the impending birth of their first child. Mrs. Puleo will begin her maternity leave on Friday, May 6th.

From Fourth Grade

There was no prank being played on April 1st when **Mrs. Angela Greene** did not appear at her class's farewell party. Instead the students used the opportunity to welcome their new longterm substitute teacher **Mrs. Peg Lindquist**. The party guests were delighted to learn of the arrival **Logan Greene** that afternoon. He was welcomed home by proud brothers Mason (9), Parker (6), and Jack (4). Congratulations to the Greene family from the Mayo family.

Mrs. Denise Chasse (mother of Rachel in 4G) visited the class and did a presentation on Scratch, an application developed by MIT to introduce students to software programming. The application is free and can be downloaded at: <http://scratch.mit.edu/>

On Monday, April 11th the fourth grade headed to Mechanics Hall to see the musical Ellis Island – the Gateway to a Dream, presented by Amercian Theater Arts for Youth. The delightful play depicted the challenges of the immigration experience and celebrated our country's ethnic heritage.

From the Fifth Grade

Mr. Peri-Okonny (father of Mannietenode in 5V) returned to Mayo School on April 15th to give a presentation on Nutrition. Some of his key messages to the children included the importance of reading labels and recognizing hidden ingredients. Also visiting the fifth grade was **Mr. John Armstrong from GIS** (Geographic Information Systems) who shared his expertise on mapping and technology. The students were shown aerial views of Mayo School and the surrounding area in the past and today. He also demonstrated his application for measuring distances. Finally, thanks to the support of the PTA, the **Boston Museum of Science** conducted their annual **Windmill Workshop** for the fifth graders. After experimenting with different variables, the students designed and built their own windmills. These activities tie in with the Science and Technology State Frameworks.

From the Kindergarten

Mrs. Mephram (mother of Gina in KHP) visited the kindergarten classes twice last month to teach the students about her birthplace of Kenya, Africa. The students viewed photos of the country, learned some Swahili, and even joined Mrs. Mephram in a Kenyan song. Mrs. Mephram returned to tell the students about her family's visit to an Elephant Orphanage. The Kindergarten students are now raising money to support an elephant in order for it to be raised and returned to the wild.

March 23rd marked the annual **Kindergarten Math Night**. Parents and their kindergartners circulated through math stations, playing games and solving math problems. Congratulations to the winners of the candy estimate who were: **Elizabeth Foley KHA, Connor Herlihy KHP, Meredith Fontaine KPA, and Drew Johanson KPP**.

Thanks to the support of the PTA, the **Acton Discovery Museum** visited Mayo School. The museum teacher headed to the individual classrooms in second grade where she conducted a highly engaging physical science class on Matter. She later returned to third grade for an equally impressive presentation on Magnets.

School News

Health educator and certified yoga teacher **Wendy O'Leary, M.Ed.** spoke to Mayo parents on March 21st and returned to conduct a program for the teachers on April 6th about helping children to develop coping skills to manage stress. In addition to introducing mindful activities, breathing techniques, and yoga, she also provided a number of resources, many of which can be found at her website at: www.wellness-services.net.

Many thanks to everyone who participated in the **Jump Rope for Heart**. Mayo students earned nearly \$3000.00 for the Heart Association. In addition the school was awarded \$300.00 in gym equipment. Thank you to **Mr. Dan Wilde** for organizing this worthwhile fundraiser.

Mayo School made over \$6000.00 in sales at the **Spring Book Fair**. From these sales the PTA was able to purchase the projector to accompany the new SmartBoard which was purchased from the Fall Book Fair sales. Kudos to **Mrs. Christine Tivnan** for organizing the event.