



# Mayo News

**Principal – Judith Evans**  
**Assistant Principal – Patricia Hurley**

## Upcoming Events

- Oct. 18<sup>th</sup>** – Gr. 4 Watershed Field Trip
- Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>** – Homework Club begins  
3:30-4:30 – students must have written permission
- Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Annual Craft Fair 9:30-3:30
- Oct 24<sup>th</sup>** – School Picture Day
- Oct. 25<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>** – Hearing and Vision Screening
- Oct. 26<sup>th</sup>** – Homework Club
- Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>** – Literacy Parade at 2:30 (weather permitting)
- Oct. 31<sup>st</sup> - Nov 9<sup>th</sup>** – Book Fair
- Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>** - HW Club
- Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>** - Grades 3-5 First Term Report Cards Issued
- Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>** - HW Club; PTA Meeting at 7 pm
- Nov. 10<sup>th</sup>** - No School - Professional Development
- Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>** - No School - Veterans' Day
- Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>** - HW Club
- Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>** - Thanksgiving Break
- Nov. 30<sup>th</sup>** - HW Club

### **Thank you to the Class of 2011**

Our driveway sign is now illuminated for all to see. The solar lights at the top of the driveway and a new classroom SmartBoard were the generous class gifts from our 2011 graduates.

## **WELCOME BACK**

Welcome to the 2011-2012 school year and welcome to all of our new Mayo families. At the beginning of each month you can enjoy school updates as well as learn about upcoming events through the school newsletter. Also make a point to regularly visit the school website at [www.wrsd.net/mayo](http://www.wrsd.net/mayo) for the most up-to-date information and to receive our newsletter electronically.

### **PTA Updates**

The PTA donated \$1000 towards new books for our school library. PTA membership drive is still taking place. Consider joining this important organization to support our school. Details for joining and upcoming PTA events such as the Annual Craft Fair can be found at the PTA website link. Also, we extend a special thanks to Amber and Chris Becker (parents of Jazmyn and Lindsey) who recently decorated our lobby case for the season. Also, a thanks is necessary to PTA President Kirsten Newman, her husband Eric, and PTA parent Marianne Zimon for their gardening efforts throughout the school grounds.

### **New Faces at Mayo School**

Over the summer, Mayo School hired several new staff members; however many of them are not new faces, just very familiar faces in new roles.

Mrs. Peg Lindquist has been involved in Mayo School since 2000 when her oldest daughter began school here. Peg worked as an active parent volunteer from 2000 to 2007 at which time she returned to college to pursue her education degree. During that time Peg worked at Mayo School as an instructional aide. She was then recruited to fill a longterm substitute position for fourth grade. Peg loves reading and spending time with her husband Kurt and two daughters, Kelley – age 16 and Sarah – age 14.

We also welcome Mrs. Lindsay Petersen to the third grade team. Many of you may have known her as Miss Roach when she did her student teaching in 2T and later when she worked as a longterm substitute teacher in 2W last year. Her past experience also includes working at Kidoodles for 6 years. Lindsay enjoyed an especially exciting summer with her marriage to Jesse Petersen and is busy planning her upcoming move into her new home in Holden. When she is not at work, Lindsay enjoys reading in her free time.

Also new to the teaching staff is Miss Caitlin Gagne. Caitlin came to us from Dawson School where she worked as an instructional aide in a fifth grade class. A graduate of Worcester State University, Caitlin did her student teaching at May Street School. She is an avid dancer, having competed and performed in dance for 12 years. Caitlin also enjoys painting and reading.

It is with great joy that we welcome these teachers to our staff and our community. Our next issue will introduce the new instructional aides and nurse.

## Classroom and Building News

### THE HOMEWORK CLUB IS BACK!

Thanks to the Wachusett Regional High School's Mountaineer Volunteers, Mayo School will be able to resume Homework Club for fifth graders every Wednesday afternoon from 3:30 to 4:30 in the library. Our first Homework Club Meeting will be Wednesday, October 19th.

Remember that written permission slips will be required each week in order to stay for a Wednesday afternoon. Because the afternoon study schedules vary from week to week due to the amount of homework, it will be necessary for a parent to send a note **each time** his/her child attends. Please be sure to write a note rather than call the school.

If you have any questions about the Homework Club, feel free to contact the school.

#### Kindergarten News

The full day kindergarten classes enjoyed a day at Davis' Farmland on Friday, October 7<sup>th</sup>. While there, students rode a haywagon and picked a bagful of apples. They also met with staff members to learn about farm animals and spend some time in the petting zoo. The day ended with a picnic lunch and time spent at the playground.

#### Fifth Grade News

Teamwork and environmental studies were the theme for fifth graders at Nature's Classroom located at the Sargent Center in Hancock, NH. The Mayo students divided into groups and set off into the woods for the day with the Nature's Classroom instructors teaching them about the forest and challenging them with cooperative tasks. Examples included: wire walking, building shelters, and completing numerous obstacles. Despite the very muddy conditions, the students had a terrific day!

Fifth grade students in Miss Allberg's class have been busy with preparations for their Living Ancient Civilizations Museum, which will be taking place later this week. The students completed research on the Aztec, Maya, and Inca civilizations. They then wrote their own skits and designed costumes and scenery for the upcoming performance.

#### News from our Third Graders

In our social studies, we are continuing to study our own habitats and environments and are learning more about The New World. Columbus the explorer and The Pilgrims Settlers are our current topics. We will begin our Pilgrim Simulation soon! Children will create colony groups with leaders, laws, and lots of teamwork. Similar to the Pilgrims who settled on our Massachusetts shore, we will work together in teams to farm, build, and learn about America.

Third grade scientists have been studying animal classification and adaptations. We recently spent time with students from all four classes to find common characteristics in the major animal groups.

Our first pen pal gathering with Holden area senior citizens took place on October 13th. We happily shared songs, snacks, and some friendly conversation with new friends. We are looking forward to sharing letters with them throughout the school year!

### Welcome to SEPAC

SEPAC (the Wachusett Regional School District Special Education Parent Advisory Council) sponsors several educational workshops for parents and staff over the course of the year. Dr. Marie Harrington and her staff will present a workshop on Basic Rights, Procedural Safeguards, and district wide programs. This workshop will be held November 17th at 6:30 in the Curriculum Center at Central Office, 1745 Main St., Jefferson.