

Mayo News

Welcome Back

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Welcome to the 2009-2010 school year and the return of the Mayo School Newsletter. Parents can count on monthly reports of teacher and student accomplishments, classroom happenings, school information and upcoming events

Upcoming Events

Oct. 9 - No School
Oct. 12 - No School – Columbus Day
Oct. 13 - PTA Mtg. @ 7 p.m.
Oct. 14 - Kindergarten to Apple Orchard
Oct. 24 - Craft Fair
Oct. 28 - 1/2 Day of School
Oct. 30 – Literacy Parade
Nov. 2 – School Pictures
Nov. 4-10 – Book Fair
Nov. 5 – Parents' Shopping Night
Nov. 10 – PTA Mtg. @ 4 p.m.
Nov. 11 – No School – Veterans' Day
Nov. 25-27 – No School
Thanksgiving Break

Literacy Parade

Mark your calendars for the 10th annual Literacy Parade, which will be held Friday afternoon, October 30th. Mayo students will march around the school grounds, displaying themes of their favorite books. In the event of inclement weather, the parade will move indoors.

Thank You to the Class of '09

Traveling down the driveway, parents are now greeted by the recently acquired Mayo Flag. The design features the school mascot, the Mountain Lion, by our own Mrs. Feeley, in recognition of Mayo School's 10th Anniversary. The flag was a class gift from the 2009 graduates.

Mayo Goes Green

In an effort to reduce our paper consumption, Mayo School will now be sending home one notice to each family rather than to all of our individual students. In addition, parents can check the school webpage at www.wrsd.net/mayo using the calendar link for a list of upcoming events. The webpage calendar is updated regularly and events are already scheduled through June. Mayo parent Mr. Eric Newman has reorganized the PTA link.

PTA Updates

Thank you to the PTA for their recent gift of the new logo which was installed on the gym floor this summer. We also received recess equipment from the points earned through the Big Y. Parents can earn points for school supplies by shopping at Price Chopper as well. Stop and Shop is in the process of adding Mayo School to their A+ BonusBucks Program.

New Faces at Mayo

With the start of the school year brings some new faces to Mayo School. **Ms. Terri Walker** has taken over the role of cafeteria manager. Although she is new to Mayo, she certainly is not new to the district, having worked in the district cafeterias for fourteen years. Her last assignment had her at Naquag. Also new to the cafeteria is **Ms. Christine Plaud**. Ms. Plaud joins the Mayo team with food service experience from West Boylston. She works in the after school daycare program in West Boylston as well.



New Faces (cont.)

Mrs. Maryellen Kilcoyne hails from Sterling where she worked as an instructional aide. Before that she worked as a preschool teacher. At Mayo she can be found assisting in fourth and fifth grade classrooms. As the mother of three college age daughters, Mrs. Kilcoyne has vast experience with children of all ages. Also, coming from another school in the district is Mrs. **Jana Jarvi** who is working as an instructional aide in first and second grade classrooms. When not at work, Mrs. Jarvi spends her free time visiting with her grandchildren. New crossing guard **Kim Cassella** is a familiar face at Mayo. For years Kim has been an active parent volunteer, assisting in her son Nick's (gr. 3) and daughter Mia's (gr. 1) classrooms. Now we are fortunate enough to have her help, escorting our neighborhood Mayo students to and from school.

Mark Your Calendars

It may seem far off, but please plan accordingly with appointments and vacations.

The English/Language Arts MCAS for students in grades 3 to 5 is scheduled for March 22nd to March 29th.

The Math MCAS for students in grades 3 to 5 will be May 10th to May 14th. The Science/Technology MCAS, only for fifth graders, is May 17th to the 21st.

Plan Ahead

Parents should send a written note when children are to be dismissed early or sent to carpool. Please avoid last minute phone calls to the office for changes in arrangements. These often result in miscommunication as well as an avoidable classroom interruption. Know that students are not allowed to switch busses for playdates due to the maximum number of students on many of the busses.

Looking for Parent Volunteers

Mayo welcomes parent volunteers. Whether it's assisting in a classroom, copying, hanging bulletin boards, or presenting to a class, we love having parents visit Mayo School.

Mayo in the News

Fourth grade teacher Mrs. Jennifer Leith, who was honored last year as the 2009 Massachusetts Preserve History Teacher of the Year, enjoyed the limelight once again. This summer she joined the Red Sox mascot Wally on the field at Fenway Park. She could also be spotted on the jumbo tram

Classroom Updates

From the Kindergarten: We are headed to Clearview Orchard to pick apples and pumpkins and learn about the life cycle of both. We also found Monarch butterfly caterpillars and watched them grow into fat caterpillars and then change into beautiful chrysalises. Two weeks later weeks later we saw the butterflies hatch out of the chrysalises. We released them outside. It was very exciting. We wish we were headed to warmer weather too.