

# Mayo News

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

## Upcoming Events

- Oct. 31 – Mayo  
Community Clean Up Day  
(in am)
- Nov. 2 – School Pictures
- Nov. 4-9 – Scholastic Book  
Fair
- Nov. 4 – HW Club
- Nov. 6 – First Term Report  
Cards Issued in grades 3-5
- Nov. 10 – Veterans' Day  
Assembly
- PTA Mtg. at 4 pm
- Nov. 11 – No School
- Nov. 12-13 – Kindergarten  
Parent Teacher  
Conferences
- Nov. 13 – Gr. 2 Parent  
Teacher Conferences
- Nov. 18 – HW Club
- Nov. 19 – Gr. 1 Parent  
Teacher Conferences
- Nov. 24 – A. M.,  
Kindergarten Play at  
10:05; P.M. Kindergarten  
Play at 1:30
- Nov. 25-27 – No School  
Thanksgiving Break

## **LOOKING AHEAD**

- Dec. 17 – School  
Holiday Concert at 2:30
- Dec. 18 – Parent Holiday  
Concert at 10:30

## **Thank you to our Mayo Parents**

Mayo School is counting its blessings this Thanksgiving for all the parental support we receive. Whether it's assisting in the classroom, photocopying or any number of activities, our volunteers are unmatched. Thank you for all your help.

## **Recent Visitors**

WPI Professor **Bill Martin** (father of Halle Martin) visited Miss Allberg's classroom to do some hands-on activities involving the Inca number system. This math lesson, which tied in with the fifth grade study of ancient civilizations, had students creating khipus, knotted twine to record numbers up through the thousands place value. Professor Martin then created a harvesting simulation where the students had to calculate the statistical landmarks of their grain storage, reading the already created khipus mounted on the "silos". Donning a paper Inca hat, 5A student Courtney Bly said, "It was really fun and I learned new things about the Inca civilization."

Also visiting the Green Pod was Landmark reporter **Melissa McKeon** (mother of Annie Colby-McKeon). Ms. McKeon spoke to the fourth and fifth graders about her profession, giving a background history of her career. She then shared the steps in creating a story. She gave pointers in note taking, discussed the importance of drafts, and quizzed students on editing rules. A question and answer session followed which addressed such issues as a favorite story. We were all delighted to learn that Ms. McKeon's favorite piece was the article featuring our own Mrs. Leith.

Thank you to parent volunteer, **Mr. Timothy Brewer** (father of Brianna Brewer in 4L), who painted a scale map of the United States on the basketball court. The map can now be used as a teaching tool with the fourth grade Social Studies Curriculum. Students study the regions of the U.S. and are required to learn their states and capitals. With Mr. Brewer's creation, it will be a lot more fun practicing these skills.

Last year **Mrs. Kris Adams** came to Mayo School as our new recess monitor. In addition to discovering a warm and reliable colleague, we also learned that Mrs. Adams is a world traveler, who is eager to share her adventures with Mayo students. This past month she did a presentation in Mrs. Greene's class on her visits to China, Malaysia, and the Philippines. Students could see the clothes, currency, and beautiful books from these respective countries and learn about their cultures. Thank you once again, Mrs. Adams.

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The SEPAC (Wachusett Special Education Parent Advisory) along with the Special Education Office, will be hosting two presentations in the month of November. On Wed. Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>, at 6:30 p.m., at WRHS, Bob Shyllberg will give an overview of the high school special education services. In addition, there will be a tour of the building and time for questions and answers.

On Wed. Nov. 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m., at the high school, the Federation for Children with Special Needs will run a workshop on the transition process for children from ages 14 to 22.

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Thank you once again to Mr. Eric Newman (father of Elise Newman in 1K). In addition to getting the PTA website up and running, Mr. Newman has recently created a Mayo School letterhead for the office.

Our 800,000 Big Y points earned us 125 kickballs, as well as basketballs, jump ropes, bowling pins, and bases.

## Mountaineer Volunteers

The Wachusett High School Mentors are back to assist on Wednesday afternoons with Homework Club, which takes place each week in the library for fourth and fifth graders. This weekly group is supervised by school psychologist Lynn Wood and Assistant Principal Patty Hurley. Students must have written permission each week in order to attend. A snack is also recommended.

## Volunteer Extraordinaire

**Mrs. Alice Carr** has been a familiar face at Mayo School since its inception. She began volunteering when her great-granddaughter Erynn Sheehan was a Mayo first grader. (Erynn is now at Mountview.) Mrs. Carr can be found each week doing math enrichment activities in Mrs. Farrell's third grade classroom. Mrs. Carr comes to Mayo with a vast and rich experience in math. She worked for 27 years at Bancroft School and was the Chairman of the Math Department there. After her retirement, she taught math at Quinsigamond Community College and as far away as Madrid, Spain. Mayo is not Mrs. Carr's only stop on her volunteer circuit. She can also be found at the election polls and she is a longtime member of the Friends of the Gale Free Library. This Thanksgiving, Mayo School is feeling blessed to be benefiting from Mrs. Carr's dedication and fine tutelage.

## Classroom News

On Tuesday, October 27<sup>th</sup>, the fifth graders from Zeh School in Northboro joined Mayo School fifth graders for a morning of orienteering throughout the grounds of Mayo School. Orienteering is a form of cross country race in which participants use a map to navigate between checkpoints along a course. The course, map, and checkpoints, as well as the partnership with the Zeh School, were organized by physical education teacher Elmer Ream, with the support of fifth grade teachers Kristin Allberg, Carolyn Iacovone, Merle Olson, and Darryl Vigliatura.

This past week, it wasn't the Mayflower crossing the Atlantic, but rather the Mayo third graders crossing the Purple Pod as part of their Pilgrim simulation. Students, working in teams, answered Social Studies trivia questions, posed by Pilgrim attired teachers, to earn points and progress across the pod. Along the way, they encountered "Fates" such as a storm or other hardships that the actual Pilgrims had to endure. Fortunately all of our Pilgrims had a successful voyage.

Students have been tagging recently released monarch butterflies, thanks to the tag donation from **Mrs. Robin Ganesan** (mother of Nathan in 4L)

### Thank you to Mayo Families for your support in the Pan-Mass Challenge!

Fifth grade teacher Mrs. Merle Olson, her husband Craig and their 11 member team "Emma's Army Fueled by Faith" raised \$14,608.00 in last summer's Pan-Mass Challenge. We appreciate the support from Mayo School.