



Mayo News

Principal – Judith Evans
Assistant Principal – Patricia Hurley

Upcoming Events

- Dec. 2** – HW Club for gr. 4 & 5
- Dec. 9** – HW Club for gr. 4 & 5
- Dec. 15** – PTA Mtg. at 7 pm (gr. 5 performs)
- Dec. 16** – HW Club for gr. 4 & 5
- Dec. 17** – Holiday Concert for School @ 2:15
- Dec. 18** – Holiday Concert for Parents @ 10
- Dec. 21** – Gr. 1 Program (time TBA)
- Dec. 23** – Snow Date for Gr. 1 Program
- Dec 24 – Jan 1** – No School
- Jan 4** – Classes Resume
- Jan 6** – HW Club
- Jan 13** – ½ Day – Professional Dev.
- Jan 18** – No School MLK Holiday
- Jan 20** – NO HW CLUB (high school midterms)
- Jan. 22** – 2nd Term Grades Close
- Jan 27** – HW Club
- Jan 29** – 2nd Term Report Cards Issued

Classroom Updates

Wednesdays bring a sea of new faces to Blue Pod as part of the second grade Mystery Reader Program. In the morning second graders are given three clues about the Mystery Reader who will be visiting their class later in the day. The readers reveal themselves in the afternoon and then share a favorite story with the class. This successful program was the brain-child of second grade teacher Mrs. Carolyn Wood when the literacy initiative first began in the district three years ago. Visitors have included: parents, grandparents, Mayo staff, and even the assistant superintendent.

The Purple Pod is a beehive of activity on Monday and Wednesday afternoons as third graders delve into a program aptly called "Discovery". The students enjoy the hands-on activities in the areas of Science, Social Studies, or Math. In addition to exchanging teachers, the students are "shuffled," allowing them an opportunity to work with children from other classrooms. This month the third graders will be studying the Solar System. In Ms. Holbrook's and Mrs. Harrington's classes they will be learning about the layers of the Earth as they create their own models of the planet with clay. Across the hall students in Mrs. Farrell's and Mrs. Ross's classes will be researching the planets.

Active learning is certainly taking place in **Miss Allberg's** fifth grade class as the students participate in a simulation of the Early European Exploration of America. The afternoon activity has students working in teams to answer questions and progress across the Atlantic. Math is incorporated as students calculate quiz averages to earn themselves points. Reinforcing mapskills, with the reading of longitude and latitude lines, also comes into play.

On Saturday, October 31st Mayo families came out in droves to assist with the Fall School Beautification Project. This event was organized by second grade teachers **Mrs. Tibbetts** and **Mrs. Cotting**. Saturday morning was productive as second grade flower beds were completely turned over and weeded. Also taking place that morning was a bottle and can drive for the purpose of raising money to purchase mulch for use next spring. Thank you to the following Mayo families for their support in this effort: the **Derosiers**, the **Dickmans**, the **Torres-Gales**, the **Heberts**, the **Ishidates**, the **Newmans**, the **Picketts**, the **Scotts**, and the **Vandalls**. Thank you also **Mrs. Leith**, and **Christina Soderman** from the Holden Garden Club.

The third grade enjoyed a Thanksgiving feast last Tuesday as a culmination of their Pilgrim Unit. Breads were baked in school and juice and popcorn were also enjoyed by everyone. Thank you to the following parents who helped with food preparation and serving: **Mrs. Osgood**, **Mrs. Pinkes**, **Ms. Sandstrom**, and **Mrs. Delongchamp** (3R), **Mrs. Maffioli**, **Mrs. Ishidate**, and **Mrs Bickerstaff** (3LH), **Mrs Brewer** (3H), and **Mrs. Gallagher** and **Mrs. Cassella** (3F).

Thank you to **Beth Moughan** and **Mimi Tatasciore** for creating this year's Mayo School Directory. This directory cover was designed by **Olivia Kansanen** in Miss Allberg's fifth grade class.

The final numbers are in: Mayo's Craft Fair brought in a welcome \$4100. Thank you to the Craft Fair Committee of **Jodi Nenninger, Joanne Roy, Marylee Schwarzer, Jill Lamburn, Kathleen McCarrick,** and **Heather Bovat,** as well as all the parent and staff volunteers.

Thank you to **Christine Tivnan** for organizing the Scholastic Book Fair. The fair earned more than \$1300.00 for the school and \$280 worth of library books. Thank you also to **Kim Cassella, Amy Collette, Kim McFadden, Lisa Maffioli,** and all the parents who volunteered at the fair.

Fall cleaning often becomes a great time to clean bedroom bookshelves, and rather than discard outgrown books, please consider donating the books to Mayo School's library.

What does a School Psychologist Do?

Mrs. Lynn Wood is a familiar face throughout the building, yet parents may not realize all that this busy woman does. In addition to her clinical testing and screening of the students in the building, her days are also spent "wearing many different hats". Mrs. Wood's former profession, as a behavioral specialist teacher in Florida, gives her the added experience of dealing with a number of social and emotional issues, making her a valuable resource for the school. Mrs. Wood meets directly with children, individually and in small groups, to coach them through difficult issues and problem solving. She was also instrumental in bringing the Second Step Program to Mayo. The program, intended for classroom use, is a proactive approach to conflict resolution and developing good social skills. To learn more about the Second Program, parents can visit the website at: <http://www.cfchildren.org/programs/ssp/overview>.

More Classroom News

Once a month fourth graders in Mrs. Leith's class are treated to an environmental lesson by community volunteer Mrs. Nancy Wilson. Wilson, who is an active member of White Oaks Land Preservation Society, was instrumental in the creation and utilization of the Mayo School nature trails. In fact two years ago one of the trails was named for Mrs. Wilson, as a tribute for all her years of service to the school. On a recent visit, Mrs. Wilson instructed the students on the use of hand held compasses and then had the students put their knowledge to practice as they identified targets in the woods and set their compasses in order to reach their mark. Oftentimes a nature walk is followed by a writing assignment. Below is a poetry piece by **Caroline Dalton** after one of these hikes.

Nature Trail of 2009

Five little hemlock cones sitting on a branch,
 Acres of trees talking to each other,
 Wind whistling in the air,
 Birds flocking in the distance,
 One piece of wintergreen smelling of the strongest mint on your mind,
 Fungus that looks like super silly string on a tree,
 Sounds in the air changing your mind and actions,
 Canopies shredded on the top,
 Little baby animals hiding from the thunder of our feet,
 Compasses around kids' necks that have great adventures,
 Bridges covering a land of a pig's dream....MUD!
 A very clear forest waiting to be explored by me.



Dear Parents:

Welcome to the start of a new school year and another year of A+ Bonus Bucks. Starting October 9, 2009 through March 25, 2010, Leroy E. Mayo School will have the opportunity to earn cash through Stop&Shop A+ Bonus Bucks Program.

All you have to do is:

Log on to www.stopandshop.com/aplus to register online

OR

Dial 1-877-275-2758 to register your card over the phone

After you register your card, each shopping trip at Stop&Shop using your Stop&Shop Card earns CASH for our school! Each month, the amount of CASH awarded will be updated on the Stop&Shop website. You can track the amount of points you earn for our school by checking your grocery receipt and online when you create an account at stopandshop.com. Our school will receive a check at the end of the program. The money can be used for any of our school's educational needs.

Remember, even if you registered your card last year, you must re-register this year for our school to receive credit. Attending to this simple process makes a HUGE difference to our school. We need your support.

Please be sure to register your card to benefit Leroy E. Mayo School using ID # 07228

Also, don't forget to encourage your friends and relatives to do the same. It could mean the world to our children.