



Mayo News

Principal – Judith Evans
Assistant Principal – Patricia Hurley

A Message from the Principal

Upcoming Events

- Mar. 7-11** – Heart Association Fundraiser
- Mar. 7** – Rescheduled DA's Office Program on Bullying in Gr. 1 & pm K
- Mar. 9** – Gr. 5 to Mountview for orientation and to see the musical; HW Club 3:30-4:30
- Mar. 14** – No School/ Prof. Dev.;
- Mar. 15** – \$ due for Heart Association; Harlem Wizards vs. the teachers at WRHS at 6:30 pm – come cheer on Mr. Wilde!
- Mar. 16** – HW Club 3:30-4:30; Mountview Orientation for Gr. 5 Parents at 7 p.m.
- Mar. 18** – Spring Picture and Gr. 5 Picture Retakes
- Mar. 21** – Anti-Stress Program for Mayo parents at 9:15 in the library.
- Mar. 22** – Gr. 4 MCAS Long Comp (all day)
- Mar. 23** – Gr. 5 MCAS in am; *NO HW CLUB*; Kindergarten Math Night
- Mar. 24** – Gr. 3 MCAS in am
- Mar. 25** – Gr. 4 MCAS in am; Gr. 3 Magnet Program
- Mar. 28** – Gr. 3 MCAS in am; School Council at 4 pm; School Committee Mtg. at WRHS
- Mar. 29** – Gr. 4 MCAS in am
- Mar. 30** – Gr. 5 MCAS in am; Gr. 2 Matter Program in Blue Pod; *NO HW CLUB*

We are committed to your children's overall well-being. Our teachers work hard to improve the reading, writing and math skills that our students need in order to progress academically. We remind our students and parents that MCAS is approaching. We encourage all students to do their best as we use these results to guide our instruction. This includes getting a good night's sleep, eating a healthful breakfast and getting to school on time.

What we also know, is that the well-being of our students is not just about acquiring reading and math skills. In order for them to progress, we need to be sure that children are physically and emotionally strong as well. To this end, we have focused on wellness beyond the classroom. PTA recently had as its guest Dawn Sulmasy on March 1. Dawn is a local nutritionist with many years of experience. She offered parents information on the current status of children's health as well as a wealth of resources, both on-line and books and magazines. Parents appreciated tips on packing wholesome lunches and empowering children by giving them food choices and responsibilities for preparing meals.

Another critical aspect of children's well-being is helping them develop coping skills and manage stress. There is a lot on every "child's plate" these days. Helping our children become more resilient is a life-long gift. Some have already suffered great loss through divorce and death in their families as well as the more simple stressors of worrying about grades and tests at school, performance on sports teams and peer relationships. We have invited Wendy O'Leary, experienced health educator and yoga teacher, to Mayo on March 21 at 9:15 a.m. She will be offering techniques for you to use to help your child through the challenging task of growing up.

The 2010 NCLB Report Card for Mayo School is posted on the school's website, as required by the federal No Child Left Behind Act, or NCLB. This report card contains information for our school and district including teacher qualifications, student achievement on MCAS testing, and school and district accountability. The link to this report can be found by going to www.wrsd.net/mayo/documents/nclb_report_card/mayo or by going to our website and clicking on NCLB report in the left hand column. If you do not receive email or have access to a computer, please call the school and we can send a copy home with your child.

Upcoming Events (cont.)

April 1 – PTA sponsored Clay Time Activity at Mayo School

April 5 – PTA Mtg. at 7 pm

April 6 – Half Day; Dismissal at 12:20 & NO HW Club

April 8 – Windmill Program for fifth graders

April 11 – Boys' Night and Girls' Night at 7 pm

April 13 – Gr 3-5 Spring Concert for the school at 2:15

April 14 – Gr. 3-5 Spring Concert for the Parents at 10:30

April 15 – Third Term Report Cards issued

April 18-22 – Spring Vacation Begins

Congratulations to the fifth grade families for another terrific Spaghetti Supper. The March 4th event earned a profit of well over \$3000.00 which will be used toward the end of the year fifth grade activities. A special thanks to Tara Slavin and Liz Haddad as well as all the parents and students who helped make this evening a huge success.

Classroom and Building News

March 2nd marked "Read Across America Day", and once again Mayo first and second graders were treated to a visit from Mountview's Eighth Grade National Junior Honor Society. The eighth graders met with small groups of Mayo students, reading to them and doing accompanying activities.

Mr. Peri-Okonny (father of Mannietenode in 5V) gave an inspiring PowerPoint presentation to the fifth graders as part of Black History Month. In it, he highlighted famous African Americans, (such as Harriet Tubman and Wilma Rudolph – to name a few) who persevered despite numerous obstacles to succeed and make a difference in the world.

To kick off Winter Vacation, **second graders** entertained the Mayo School Community with a Presidents' Day Assembly on February 18th. In addition to songs and poems, the students tried to stump the staff with President Trivia Questions.

As a culminating activity for their MidWest Unit, students in **Ms. Atkinson's Fourth Grade Class** hosted a MidWest Fest for their families. Students presented Powerpoints and performed a skit (entirely written by the students) highlighting life in the pioneer days, using the characters from the Little House on the Prairie series. The morning festivities ended with Square Dancing and a feast of foods from the Pioneer period.

Thanks to a grant from the Holden Municipal Light Department, the kindergartners, third graders and fifth graders enjoyed an informative program about Electricity Safety. A grant from the Holden Fire Department will provide third graders with Fire Safety training in the near future.

Ben Franklin made his annual visit on Feb. 9th to Mayo School where he performed for third graders, as part of the PTA enrichment programming. The actor, from Historical Perspectives, taught the students about Franklin's many accomplishments and contributions to our country. Also, arranged by the PTA, was a visit on Feb. 2nd from the Acton Discovery Museum that did a Sound Program for second graders.

March is National Youth Art Month

The following students had their artwork selected to be put on display at the Bowes Gallery at Wachusett Regional High School as part of National Youth Art Month.

Gr. 1 – Nicolas Alves and Conrad Homan

Gr. 2 – Ashley Hutchings and Phoebe Kennedy

Gr. 3 – Kalley Hou

Gr. 4 – Emma Peterson

Gr. 5 – Rachel Lindfors

Congratulations to these students for representing our school at the district wide art exhibit.

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www.wrsd.net/mayo

and click on "Newsletter" in the left hand column to register for this service in the future.

Dear Parents:

With current national attention being focused on children's health and wellness issues, School District's Food Service Department is excited to provide parents a convenient, easy and secure online prepayment service to deposit money into your child's school meal account at any time. This service also provides parents the ability to view your child's account balance through a web site called MyNutrikids.com. By having money in each child's account prior to entering the cafeteria, we find the lunch lines move along much faster so your child has more time to eat and be with friends.

Also, parents will have the ability to print out a copy of their child's eating history report. This history report will show you all dates and times that your child has purchased a breakfast and/or lunch within the past thirty days.

To access these services:

1. Simply go to the district web site at www.wrsd.net
2. Click on the **Food Services Tab**.
3. Click on the **MyNutrikids.com link**. From this site you will create your account and add money to your child's school meal account. All you need is your child's name, student ID number (9 digits) and school ZIP code. The instructions listed on the back of this page will guide you through the easy online account set up process.

Things to know:

- If you have more than one child in the District you can handle all online prepayments from the same online account. **ONLY IF THEY ARE AT A SCHOOL WITH NUTRIKIDS SYSTEM.** (Glenwood, Central Tree, Naquag, Dawson, WRHS, Mt. View Middle, and Paxton, Th. Prince)
- Payments may be made through an existing PayPal account or with a major credit or debit card.
- Payments are generally processed by PayPal within 24 hours. However, if the payment option selected is an eCheck, processing can take anywhere from 4 to 7 business days. If you opt to pay via eCheck, please allow a minimum lead time of one week before the funds are made available in your child's account.
- In order to use the online prepayment service, a small convenience fee for each transaction will be assessed to cover the bank fees. The convenience fee is \$1.75 **per deposit transaction**. **Parents placing money into multiple meal accounts will only be assessed the \$1.75 fee once per deposit transaction.** Wachusett Regional School District will not profit from the use of this site.

We are very excited to offer these new services. However, if you choose not to take advantage of the online prepayment service you may continue to make advance payments via check, which should be made payable to the **WRSD-Mayo School Cafeteria**. Please write your **child's full name** on the check. Checks can also be split between siblings in the same school.

If you have any questions about these new services, please feel free to contact my office at 508-829-1670 x278

Best Regards,

Nancy Hasselmann
Manager of Food Services WRSD

Registering for MyNutrikids.com

- You will first need your child's student ID number (9 digits); you may get this number by contacting your child's school or contacting my office.
- Go to the district website at www.wrsd.net, then click on Food Services, click on the link to MyNutrikids.com OR go to www.MyNutrikids.com.
- Click **Sign Up** and enter the required information.
- Click **Finish** to complete the initial registration process.

Add Students to Your Family Account

- When you log in you will be taken to the homepage.
- Click **MyKids** from the main menu OR from the blue navigation bar above.
- This is a listing of the students in your account. It will be empty on your first visit to the site.
- Click **Add Child** and enter the required information.
- Click **Add** (next to your child's name) to continue.
- Click **Add Child** to repeat the process for additional children.
- NOTE: Your child's transaction history report will not display information during the initial account set up process.

How to Make a Deposit

- Click **Deposit Money** located next to **Add Student**.
- Enter an amount in the **Deposit** column next to your child's name.
 - o If you have more than one child, enter the amount you wish to deposit into the column next to each child's name. DO NOT deposit money for your entire family into ONE child's account.
- Click **Calculate**.
- Click **Make Deposit**.
- You will be directed to the PayPal web site to enter your payment information.
 - o You have the option to use your existing PayPal account or a major credit card to make your payment.
 - o If you are using your PayPal account, enter your email address and PayPal password to continue.
 - o If you are using a credit card, enter the required information. For your protection, MyNutrikids.com will not store your financial information.
- Click **Pay Now** when finished.
- Click **Pay** once again to finish the process.