



Mayo News

Principal – Judith Evans

Assistant Principal – Patricia Hurley

Upcoming Events

- Nov. 1** – Book Fair; Kindergarten Conferences
- Nov. 2** - No School for Prof. Dev.
- Nov. 3** - Book Fair
- Nov. 4** – Book Fair
- Nov. 5** – First Term Report Cards Issued to grades 3-5; First Grade Conferences; Book Fair
- Nov. 8** – Kindergarten Conferences
- Nov. 9** – PTA Meeting at 7 pm (with Nutritionist guest speaker)
- Nov. 11** – No School – Veterans' Day
- Nov. 12** – Second Grade Conferences
- Nov. 22** – Retakes for School Pictures
- Nov. 23** – Gr. 3 Thanksgiving Feast
- Nov. 24-26** – Thanksgiving Break – No School
- Nov. 29** – School Council at 4 pm

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SCHOOL NEWS

Mayo School is changing with the times. In addition to the expanded webpage that now has school announcements and teacher webpages, parents can also view videos. Visit Mrs. Puleo's website each week to watch a music class. Coming soon is Miss Allberg's fifth grade class's Living Museum, featuring talking tableaus of ancient Inca, Aztec and Maya communities.

First Term is Coming to a Close

With the end of the first term comes report cards in grades three through five. Report cards will be sent home Friday, November 5th. Parent teacher conferences are scheduled for kindergarten, first, and second graders in place of the first term report cards. Teachers in those grades will be contacting parents to schedule the conferences. Parents of upper grade students, with concerns, should contact their children's teacher to schedule a conference.

Thank You's

Situated around the school grounds Mayo families can see our 4 new owl houses, constructed by **Mr. Kurt Lindquist** (husband of former instructional aide Peg Lindquist). The owl homes were designed, after much research, to house owls native to this area. White roofs make them easy for owls to spot and the latched floor allows for specimen collections.

Thank you to all the parent volunteers and those who donated items to make the 30th annual Craft Fair an enormous success. Committee heads included: **Heather Bovat, Jill Lamburn, Lisa Post, Joanne Roy, and Marylee Schwarzer**. A special thanks goes to **Jodi Nenninger** who has become a legacy in organizing the fair for the last 5 years.

Thank you also to **Amber Becker** who decorated the main entrance bulletin board. Interested in volunteering your time or talent? Let us know. We love our parent volunteers.

Classroom and Building News

Last Thursday the **third graders** made their annual trek across the purple pod (a.k.a. the Pilgrims crossing the Atlantic) in their simulation of the historic event. The students answered questions from the unit of study, earning points and progressing toward the finish. In the upcoming weeks, they will bake bread and enjoy a Thanksgiving Feast.

Amy Michalowski (Jacob's mom) visited **Mrs. Greene's fourth grade** class where she completed a science experiment on chromatography and the separation of mixtures with the students. Students also learned about lab safety and the proper use of goggles. Mrs. Michalowski was a former Chemistry teacher.

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, November 3rd.

Remember that permission slips will be required 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.

ANTI-BULLYING PROGRAM

The PTA sponsored an Anti-Bullying Program for all grade levels on October 28th by Holden Martial Arts. The Grimms had a captive audience as they presented important messages such as using words to express one's feelings, identified bullying behaviors, and demonstrated positive assertiveness.

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. This month's meeting is entitled Basic Rights and District Wide Programs. The program will take place on November 16th at 6:30 at the Jefferson School Curriculum Center. All are welcome

Leroy E. Mayo Elementary School PTA
Presents

Feeding Fast Families

Tuesday November 9, 2010 7:00 p.m.

Learn about eating healthier!

This one-hour interactive workshop is designed to help feed your families while on the go and inspire you to consider why home-cooked meals make a difference.

This workshop will include:

- Information on the current status of children's health
- Ideas for quick, healthy home-cooked meals
- Tips for healthy eaters
- Wholesome lunch box ideas
- How to build self-esteem concerning body image
- New information on post-modern nutrition
- Book, website, and local food resources

Healthy snacks to sample too!



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