

Center Stage

Message from the PTO Board

The months of May and June are busy for everyone, and the PTO would like recognize those who have given their generous gift of time to support the Center School community.

Thank you to Lee Allentuck and his Golf Party committee for all their work organizing our largest fundraiser of the year. The golfers enjoyed a wonderful day out on the course, and everyone had a fun filled time at the dinner and party after.

Thanks to Christine Walbridge for organizing this year's Center School Basket Raffle at Long Meddowe Days. The baskets were beautiful and many raffle tickets were sold. Thanks to all the families who donated items to the baskets and sold raffle tickets. Thank you also, to all the parents who gave their time to work a shift at the Center School tent this weekend. You are all appreciated! Congratulations to the lucky winners!

The Yankee Candle fundraiser, organized by our own PTO co-president Amie Tracy, was a big success. The backordered items have arrived, so please stop by the office to pick them up if you have not already done so.

And thank you to our other PTO co-president, Liz Bone, and the Green Team for coordinating our annual Earth Day Celebration and grounds clean up. It was great seeing the children come out to help weed and rake out the front gardens — our school looks so beautiful!



June Dates to Remember

- June 9 Spring Band Concert ~ 7pm
Longmeadow High School
- June 10 Field Day ~ June 13th rain date
- June 15 PTO Volunteer Appreciation Meeting ~ 3-4pm
- June 22 Fifth grade graduation & Hero Celebration starting at 12:30
- June 24 Last day of school
½ day ~ 11:30 dismissal

Thank you to Diane Peluso, Margaret Messier, Tara Brais, and PTO co-secretary Cheri Mustain for coordinating the classroom coverage and luncheon for Teacher Appreciation Week.

And thank you to the parents who prepared delicious dishes and/or covered classrooms so our teachers could enjoy lunch with their colleagues. This was a great way to show the teachers we appreciate all that they do!

Special Occasion Books



Star Wars: The Clone Wars: Heroes

donated by Teddy Haney to the Center School library from the Scholastic Book Fair

Olivia Goes to Venice

by Ian Falconer donated by Laura Griffiths to the Center School Library along with a cute dog puppet

The Battle of the Labyrinth

by Rick Riordan donated by John and Cheryl Ervin in memory of Bernadette Pience

The Red Pyramid

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Donated by the Brenda Jane Allen Memorial Library Book Fund of the Jewish Endowment Foundation are the following books:

Can't Catch Me

by Michael Foreman

The Gingerbread Girl

by Lisa Campbell Ernst

The Matzo Ball Boy

by Lisa Shulman

The Gingerbread Pirates

by Kristin Kladstrup

The Gingerbread Cowboy

by Janet Squires

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Thank you to Beth Baron for all her work coordinating the published books, and all who volunteer their time to help get the books published. The children are so enthusiastic and proud of their accomplishment, and it's a beautiful keepsake for parents and students!

Everyone is looking forward to a fun filled Field Day on Friday, June 10. Thank you to our PE teachers Paula Perfito and Kristen Gauthier for coordinating the activities and all the parent volunteers for your help. Let's hope for sunny skies (and don't forget to wear sunblock)!

Our final PTO meeting of the year will be a PTO Volunteer Appreciation Meeting on Wednesday, June 15, from 3 to 4pm. We hope to see everyone there who volunteered throughout the year.

Looking forward to next year, the PTO needs Chairpeople for School Picture Day and the Scholastic Book Fair. The outgoing chairs have offered to help train with the new chairpeople. This is a great opportunity to get involved and make a difference!

As we wrap up the school year, the PTO board has one more thank you — to all the volunteers. From the Fall Carnival to Field Day, we can't do it without you! Enjoy your rest of the school year and have a fabulous summer! I

Amie, Liz, Carolyn, Elisabeth, Ruth, Cheri, and Ellen

Epson & Elmo Projectors... Very Useful

The grade 3 team at Center School is extremely appreciative to the PTO for purchasing Epson and Elmo projectors for each of our classrooms. The main purpose of an Elmo projector is to display documents and other objects that are not transparent up on a white board. The Elmo projection system uses a camera to capture documents and three-dimensional objects and then it displays them on a screen.

At the moment, the possibilities for this equipment seem endless. We have already had the opportunity to use this technology in several different ways. Our classes have played Math games, shown PowerPoints, pulled up movie clips from the internet, reviewed for tests by creating Jeopardy games, demonstrated the use of Math manipulatives, shown visuals for Science experiments, shared student work, and prepared for MCAS.

Our students are very enthusiastic about this new technology. They are motivated to participate and highly interested. As a third grade team we are excited about our equipment and eager to see all the ways we can incorporate it into our lesson planning. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to be progressive educators and allowing us to provide innovative and appealing learning experiences for the third grade children at Center School. I

Treasurer's Corner

Although the year is not yet done, our major fundraisers are so this is a good time to give everyone an update on the PTO's finances.

As of May 25th, our PTO brought in a net total \$32,559.00 and has spent \$23,136 so far. The fundraisers are done, (except for about \$900 outstanding from the golf tournament and approx. \$1000 from the Spring Book Fair) but there are still more expenses to come, so the Income after Expenses will be somewhat lower than it now appears to be. Right now we have about \$9,764 in total income after expenses. We also already had about \$20,000 in the bank so our cash balance is close to \$30,000.

In case you are interested in details here's the summary of Income and Expenses for the School Year as of 5/25/11

FUNDRAISERS: Net income : \$32,559.00

Bake Sale	\$ 168.
Book Fair*	\$ 401.
* Please note that we took most of the book fair money in credit, so the teacher's could choose twice as much in books or supplies from Scholastic. The actual income is a little misleading because we really had close to \$6000 in credit with scholastic - it just doesn't become cash in our bank.	
Carnival	\$ 2,598.
Corporate Education Programs (Boxtops, Target, Big Y, Terracycle)	\$ 925.
Dinner at Uno's	\$ 285.
Halloween Hustle	\$ 7,113.85
Golf Tournament (plus \$900 pending)	\$ 8,751.
Dean's Beans	\$ 1,033.
Membership Dues	\$ 3,480.
Misc.	\$ 199.
Picture Day	\$ 1,756.
Raffle Baskets	\$ 1,283.
Yankee Candle Spring Fundraiser	\$ 4,420.
Stock Items (Center School Umbrellas, blankets, etc.)	\$ 144.
Total Expenses were as follows	\$ 23,136.

CLASS ENRICHMENT

Kindergarten	\$ 129.
1st grade	\$ 73.
2nd grade	\$ 194.
3rd grade	\$ 415.
3rd Grade special approval	\$ 7,200.
4th grade	\$ 85.
5th grade	\$ 232.
Music	\$ 0
Art	\$ 53.
PE	\$ 0
Library and Tech	\$ 303.
Specialist Teachers (Cummings, Kmon, O'Gara)	\$ 685.
Total Class Enrichment	\$ 9,372.

(Teacher Spending \$2,172 + Elmo projection equip - \$7200)

SCHOOL ENRICHMENT

After School Enrich**	\$ 2,500.00
Agenda Notebook.	\$ 1,256.75
Assemblies.	\$ 2,600.00
Disability Awareness Program.	\$ 50.98
Fourth Grade Play	\$ 207.25
Fifth grade newspaper*	\$ 192.00
Fifth Grade Celebration	\$ 175.00
Field Trips (\$10 per child).	\$ 1,182.92
Memory Books (5th)	\$ 0.00
Mileage Club	\$ 0.00
Published Books***	\$ 864.72
Science Fair	\$ 100.01
School Directory	\$ 1,182.92
School Kits	\$ 0.00
Other	\$ 0.00
** voted in Feb meeting	
* voted in March meeting	
*** Board approved	
Total School Enrichment	
****Field Day	
Expenses/Income	\$ 9,660.88
not yet include	

OTHER EXPENSES

Cleaning Supplies	\$ 340.08
Community Outreach	\$ 0.00
Green Team	\$ 236.00
School Grounds/Beautification	\$ 751.91
Hospitality	\$ 89.40
Principal's Discretionary.	\$ 0.00
Misc	\$ 0.00
Safety Patrol	\$ 0.00
Staff Appreciation Lunch	\$ 93.12
Volunteer Social.	\$ 0.00
Total Other Expenses	\$ 1,610.51

PTO SPECIFIC EXPENSES

Copier Service	\$ 600.00
Copier Toner	\$ 303.98
Office Supplies	\$ 112.19
Welcome Back packets	\$ 646.95
Mass Email Acct	\$ 162.60
Insurance/PTO today member	\$ 544.00
Banking Costs	\$ 122.98
Other	\$ 0.00
Total PTO Specific Exp.	\$ 2,492.70