

March 2009



# Myron J. Francis Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization

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## *From the PTO President*

By Leslie Tente

True to the expression, March certainly came in like a lion! However, by the looks of things, spring is right around the corner, and MJF is most definitely "blooming with activity" this month!

Once again, MJF is participating in "**Pennies for Patients.**" MJF students have shown great support and compassion for children with leukemia by bringing in their spare change for this very worthy cause. A big **thank you** goes out to everyone for their kindness and generosity. This campaign will be ending on March 20th.

On Friday, March 13th, from 6:00 to 8:30, **Mad Science** will be the theme for this year's boys' event. After enjoying a delicious Italian buffet (courtesy of Uncle Tony's, Crugnale's Bakery, and Chelo's), and dessert, the boys will be entertained by Mad Science of Southeastern MA. Great food combined with mesmerizing entertainment and fun raffles will truly make for a winning "formula" for MJF boys and the special women in their lives! Thank you to Leslie Hey for co-chairing this event with me, and thank you in advance to all of the volunteers that have signed on for the evening!

We're all looking forward to our Hollywood-inspired **Spring Book Fair**, March 24-26. Book Fair at Night will take place from 6:00-7:30pm on Wednesday the 25th. Thank you to Betsy Boyer who chairs this great event.

March also means **spring pictures**, and Lifetouch will be coming to the school on March 27th. Details regarding pictures will be coming home soon.

Happy Spring to everyone, and thank you for your continued support of the PTO!

## *Treasurers' Corner*

Restaurant Night at Papa Gino's earned us a total of \$173, and our Roller Skating Party brought in \$125. Thank you to all the families who have participated in these activities and fundraisers, and to our committee chairs (Leslie Hey, Angela Kondon, Kim Ramsey, and Erin Tewksbury).

For expenses, we purchased miscellaneous art supplies (\$50), colored pencils (\$144) for Mrs. Rego and Mrs. Forget's kindergarten classrooms, and a case of Smencils (scented pencils) to be sold as a PTO fundraiser next month (\$250). Using Technology Improvement Funds, we also purchased overhead projector supplies (\$553).

## *A Note from Our Principal*

Dear Myron J. Francis Families,

On Wednesday, March 11th, Francis fifth grade students who met the predetermined criteria participated in the Rooster Games. The Rooster Games are a literacy-based enrichment activity for Myron Francis School fifth grade students.

All of our fifth grade students had the opportunity to qualify for The Rooster Games. To qualify, students must have read a minimum of seven books on The Rhode Island Children's Book Award nominee list.

Forty-one (out of seventy-three) fifth grade students visited The Gordon School and participated in non-competitive, collaborative, and fun literature-based games.

Students who participated in the Rooster Games will receive recognition at our end of the year Award Ceremony.

Promoting literacy at Francis School is a high priority. Having students read for enjoyment is beneficial and a component of the M. J. Francis School Improvement Plan.

The Rooster Games are made possible by the collaborative efforts between The Gordon School librarian and Mrs. Anita Barton, the Francis School librarian. In addition, the Francis fifth grade teachers promote and support this effort, as do Francis parents, particularly, Mrs. Betsy Boyer. As Principal of Francis School, it is extremely important to me to provide enrichment opportunities for all interested students and to keep learning fun and exciting!

I would like to express my appreciation to the MJF PTO for their continued support of The Rooster Games. The PTO provides our library with the books needed to participate in this exciting and rewarding annual tradition.

Sincerely,

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## *Box Tops Update*

Francis families are fabulous! With your amazing efforts, over 5200 box tops were submitted in February. That's over \$520 towards field trips and programs at Francis school!

Send in your "lucky" March collection sheets by March 31st. Every participant will receive a prize.

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