

May 2009



Myron J. Francis Elementary School  
**Parent Teacher Organization**  
Rumford · Rhode Island

## *From the PTO President*

By Leslie Tente

On May 6th, the school community came together to recognize and celebrate MJF's talented students at the annual **Arts Night**, and to also remember Mrs. Boucher, our former art teacher who passed away last month. This year's event was very well attended, and MJF families and their friends were treated to an interesting variety of artwork that was beautifully executed by students in grades K through 5.

Further, Mrs. Boucher's family shared a sampling of Mrs. Boucher's artwork as well as photo albums containing photos from past Arts Night celebrations. This tribute was displayed in the school's foyer, and it provided all of us with the opportunity to remember what a lovely and talented woman Mrs. Boucher was, and what an important role she played in the MJF school community.

After enjoying the art exhibits, families were then treated to a wonderful and lively music program under the direction of Mrs. Bowden, our music teacher. The performance included the school chorus and the Fourth Grade Recorder Karate Program. Thank you to Miss Barsamian and Mrs. Bowden for all of their hard work and effort in putting together such a joyous and memorable evening!

I would like to thank all of the volunteers that served on the Teacher Appreciation Committee, and our very dedicated Room Parents for making **Teacher Appreciation Week** so special for the MJF faculty and staff! Your efforts were greatly appreciated by everyone!

In accordance with the PTO By-Laws, the **PTO Board** put out an announcement in April to the school community posting board vacancies for the upcoming school year. This year, we needed to fill our vice-president and co-treasurer positions. I would like to thank Mrs. Juliette Petion for coming aboard as our new VP, and Mrs. Sonda Pimental who will be co-treasurer along with current treasurer, Mrs. Stephanie deAbreu. Mrs. Michaela Hermann will continue as secretary, and I will continue as president.

On behalf of the PTO and the MJF school community, I would like to thank outgoing officers, Mrs. Michelle Rogers (co-treasurer) and Mrs. Kathy Britton (past co-treasurer and VP) for all of their hard work and dedication to the PTO Board for the past three years! They have worked tirelessly to ensure success in all PTO endeavors! **Thank you Kathy and Michelle!**

While the school year may be winding down, activity certainly has not! There are many events scheduled for the month of May.

**Spring Planting** will take place on Friday May 22 (rain date May 29). Once again, Sheila and Chris Vandal as well as Paul and Marie Lawrence, the Environmental Committee Chairs, are organizing a day that is not only fun, but provides the students an opportunity to learn about gardening, and being environmentally responsible. **Families are encouraged to send in plants** such as pansies, petunias, marigolds, and zinnias which will provide a nice variety of color around the school.

Everyone is so generous with flower donations and helping out on Spring Planting Day, but we really need help keeping the plants looking beautiful and staying healthy throughout the summer. If there are any families interested in **helping out with watering** during the remainder of the school year and into the summer months, please contact Sheila Vandal at 435-3543. **Your assistance would be greatly appreciated!**

Once again, Erin Tewksbury and Angela Kondon will be chairing **Family Fun Night**, our last school-wide family event of the year. Family Fun Night will be held on Friday, May 29th from 5:30 to 8:30, and it promises to live up to its name. It's an evening of fun for all! Lots of food, games and activities are slated for the evening, including tile painting with Weird Girl Pottery of Barrington. More information will be coming home in the weeks to come.

The East Providence Education Foundation is sponsoring the **2nd Annual Rubber Duck Race** on June 6, 2009 at Hunt's Mill, Pleasant Street, Rumford. More than a thousand brightly colored yellow ducks float down our local waterway as people cheer on their "adopted" ducks! Four "lucky ducks" will have the opportunity to win \$50, \$100, \$200 or \$500! It is a great event for a worthy cause. The proceeds from the event support the EPEF and their competitive grants to teachers and schools.

All East Providence Schools' parent organizations have been invited to have tables at the Duck Races to sell anything from food to t-shirts. Myron J. Francis will be selling Smencils!

This is a rain or shine event...let's hope for "shine!" Many of us who were in attendance last year agreed, it really is a fun and entertaining family event. Students received envelopes with duck purchase information. All envelopes need to be returned to the school office by May 29th.

I would like to thank all of you for your continued support of the PTO!

## *A Note from Our Principal*

Dear Myron J. Francis Families,

Spring is finally here and we all look forward to Spring Planting Day! Thank you in advance for taking pride in the school by beautifying the school grounds.

A group of very thoughtful parents have created a Hope Garden dedicated to Breast Cancer Research.

Thank you all for your kindness and commitment to Francis School.

Sincerely,

Lloydanne Leddy, Principal  
laleddy@epschoolsri.com



## *Fundraising Update*

Thank you to all who contributed to our many fund raisers. We would not be able to provide your children with so many activities without your help!

Family Fun Night is coming May 29. Come join us for family oriented games and dinner. Don't forget to bring in a canned good to help benefit The Six Churches Food Bank. Hope to see you all there!

## *Treasurers' Corner*

We received \$555 from Box Tops this past month. Thank you to all who continue to support this great program! Please remember that there are various bonus earnings opportunities on the Box Tops website at <http://www.boxtops4education.com>, including various sweepstakes, the Marketplace, and the Reading Room. Check it out!

Expenses for the past month totaled \$5150. We purchased art posters, a folding easel for Mrs. MacDonald's room, a white board for Mrs. McKenney's room, and a new laminator. We also paid for bus transportation for recent and upcoming field trips.

## *Promotion Commotion*

To all Fifth Grade families:

Please submit pictures of your fifth grader as a baby, in Kindergarten, and from their fifth grade year, if you haven't already.

Anyone attending any fifth grade field trips (Avi Tour 5/21 & 5/22; Aurora Boat trip 6/9 & 6/11), or MMS Field Day (6/18), please take group pictures and send copies to [mjfs@mdoz.com](mailto:mjfs@mdoz.com).

### **Upcoming events for fifth graders:**

The week of June 16th, the fifth grade hallways will be decorated with student memories and other great surprises.

June 19th:  
Promotion Exercises at 1:10pm

June 22nd:  
Fifth Grade Talent Show  
Fifth Grade Slideshow  
Fifth Grade Cookout

We're looking for parent volunteers to help organize the class cookout. If you'd like to get involved, please contact Diana Medeiros at [mjfs@mdoz.com](mailto:mjfs@mdoz.com) for details.

June 23rd:  
Last Day of School  
Fifth Grade Clap-Out

