

Moose Mutterings

Moose Hill School PTA Newsletter

June 2010

Dear Friends.

We made it! June is here and the warm weather has arrived. As the notion of summer approaches and our school year comes to an end, I am practically speechless... not totally though.

If you are reading this... then chances are your kindergartener will soon be a first grader...or your LEEP student will soon be called a kindergartener. It's a magical transition and it makes me stop and take a look back as to how our children have grown up so much this past year... and perhaps we have also grown up a bit. For those of you who stepped out of your comfort zone and took a chance with our PTA I applaud you. For the teachers, staff and administrative leaders that have inspired our children to become excited, curious learners who are not afraid to tackle new and difficult tasks, I embrace you. To Moose Hill parents who have put in countless hours each week volunteering for and at Moose Hill school, I commend you. For some of us, it hasn't been an easy year and yet not only have we exceeded our expectations on attendance, volunteerism, and profits, we have also introduced new programs and achieved goals that one year ago we thought would take years to achieve. BRAVO! You have worked in the classroom, library, gone on field trips, served on a committee (or many committees) in addition to all the other things you do to enrich their lives and to add depth to their experiences of our Moose Hill community.

In addition to our wonderful teachers, our PTA couldn't perform at its best if it weren't for the total and utterly patient support of our fearless leader, Bonnie Breithaupt and her administrative team. I believe that we care so much because they care so much for our children every day. Their ability to juggle parents, students and buses during the transition of school ending, and then beginning again still amazes me, two years later. And guess who is always there right at bus time trying to get one more signature, distributing fliers or counting money and still always greeted with a smile. Thank you Bonnie, Sue and Lynne, I am grateful for everything you have done to make our PTA everything that it is today and for the guidance and support you have provided along the way. I am also very appreciative of our custodial staff, Mike and Steve. The late nights that they put in to make sure that our events are taken care of are frequent and they have been there for us, with a smile, every step of the way.

Our PTA year is not over yet. June brings us the kindergarten carnival that is always a big hit with the children. We are still looking for volunteers, please contact Maura Longua if you are able to volunteer. The carnival is during your child's school hours on Friday June 4th. This event is just for the students, you can only attend if you volunteer for the event. It's a can't miss event also as the kindergarteners are big people for the day and they are given a sense of independence where they can pick and choose the order in which activities they participate in.

Moose Hill PTA also has a presence during Old Homes Day Kidz Night. This event is held on Thursday August 19th. Please show your Moose Hill support and stop by our booth and say hello. Ami Fish is busy preparing our activity for that evening and if you would like to give her a hand, that would be great.

The Blue Ribbon award is an honor given to schools by the New Hampshire Partners in Education collaborative. It is based on the number of volunteer hours that the school submits and we need your help. Please submit your tally of volunteer hours that you have given us over the past year to Kim Oullette. This does not include any time that you have signed into the school as a volunteer or attended a PTA meeting because Kim has already recorded those hours. If you haven't been tracking your hours, an honest estimate is fine. Please contact Kim Oullette if you have any questions. The deadline for the Blue Ribbon Award application is June 10th so submit your hours immediately.

Have a wonderful summer and I'll see you in September.

~Kerin Brown

Nurse Notes

It has been a joy watching your children as they grew strong and healthy over the past school year. The students have learned how to eat well, stay active and have fun doing it.

Enjoy a safe summer filled with good times and friends.

You're School Nurse,
Jean Queenan RN, BS

Lost and Found

Did your child lose a clothing item this year? Maybe a mitten or hat didn't make it home. Please look at the Lost and Found box in the lobby before for the end of the school year.



Please remember to continue recording your volunteer hours on the Volunteer Log Sheet. We will be collecting these logs next month.

LEEP Carnival



The LEEP Carnival was held on May 27th. Thank you to all of the volunteers who helped make this event a success.

Families started the event with a special performance by Music Therapist Laetitia from the Manchester Music School. Then children were then able to move from room to room where our volunteers had different crafts set up. Each child and their siblings came home with a goody bag of their creations.

Thank you to Carolyn Hoyt for coordinating a great event.



STEP RIGHT UP....

The Carnival is coming to Moose Hill Kindergarten!!!

We need a ton of help to pull off this fun filled day for the kids.

WHEN: June 4th DURING SCHOOL HOURS

WHERE: Throughout the school, in the classrooms, in the hallways and weather permitting...outside!

WHY: To have a little fun and to celebrate the end of the school year!

WHO: This event is open to Moose Hill Kindergarten Students, staff and volunteers only! (If you would like to attend please contact one of the coordinators to volunteer.)

WHAT: The students come to school and get to move amongst a variety of stations set up in different classrooms and stations outside. The stations range from face painting, bean bag toss, knockdown, bubbles, sporting events, bounce house and much more!

HOW: The only way this is possible is with your help!!! The more volunteers the better!

If you have any questions, please email Maura Longua at Maura.Longua@us.ibm.com or Kim Colotti at Colottifam@comcast.net.

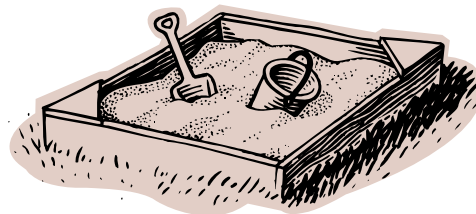


In partnership with Invent Now Kids, Londonderry is pleased to offer the nationally-acclaimed, week long Camp Invention program at North Londonderry School to children entering grades one through six. This exciting summer day experience immerses children in imaginative play that reinforces and supplements school-year learning through inquiry-based activities in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). Each day of the program week, children rotate through five integrated modules that require creative thinking to solve real-world challenges. Working together, children learn vital 21st century life skills such as problem solving and teamwork through hands-on learning... disguised as fun!

This exciting week of activities begins on June 28, 2010, when Jan Cunningham will direct the Camp Invention INNOVATE program. Children will be challenged to rebuild a virtual world and act as entrepreneurs as they establish a new marketplace in the **Hatched™** module, explore alternative energy to power their robotic creatures in the **Power'd™** module, and discover surprising mathematical connections between soap bubbles and lightening bolts in the **SMart: Science, Math & Art™** module. As with every Camp Invention program, the INNOVATE program will feature the **I Can Invent III™** module, where younger children will take apart discarded household appliances and create fantasy inventions, while older children will use the pieces and parts to build Rube Goldberg machines. Also featured will be the **Global Games™** module, where children will explore ancient cultures and sports like lacrosse and soccer from civilizations around the world. Local educators will facilitate the program modules, and enthusiastic high school and college students will serve as program counselors. This renowned program features a low staff-to-child ratio, with one staff member for every eight children.

The registration fee includes a Camp Invention T-shirt. Register with a friend to receive **\$25 off** the base price of \$210. Availability is limited, so visit www.campinvention.org or call 800.968.4332 to reserve your child's spot today!

2009-2010 Legacy Gift



The Moose Hill kindergarten teachers are excited to have the opportunity to choose the Legacy Gift from the current kindergarten students. They have selected a sandbox to put out on the playground. I'm sure the students will enjoy the new addition to the playground. It will be installed over the summer months.

Staff Appreciation Week

Staff Appreciation was a great success thanks to the over 100 volunteers and business donors in our great town. The staff was treated to daily treats for a full week. On Monday, the staff entered a jungle decorated school with all of the animals the kids decorated and all the kind words of why they are "Wild About Moose Hill School." There was also a jungle animal necklace and breakfast awaiting them to kick off their week. Tuesday brought a fabulous soup and salad luncheon and each staff member received an animal print pen and pencil set tied with a tag that read "Wild About You." On Wednesday they were treated to a Chocolate Extravaganza complete with a chocolate fountain and oodles of delicious chocolate-y treats including a chocolate monkey pop from Blackberry Bakery. In addition, each staff member was awarded some gift certificate and/or item from local businesses such as Dunkin Donuts, Shady Hill Greenhouse, Jay House restaurant, etc. There were so many generous businesses (and parents) in our town that each and every staff member won something! On Thursday, the staff enjoyed another luncheon, this time with Subway sandwiches and salad and was awarded a \$5 Rig A Tony's gift certificate. To end our week long celebration everyone enjoyed cake (donated by Blackberry Bakery) and ice cream on Friday and received a free movie rental from Movie Scene.

Each main LEEP and Kindergarten teacher received an animal themed book for their classroom together with all of the thank you notes sent in by their students. They were truly touched to see the notes sent in by the children. Mrs. Lampkin was gifted with a jungle animal book for the library as well.

Truly, without the amazing volunteers from Moose Hill who baked, cooked, volunteered at the various meals and decorating, and donated a range of items from the helium tank to gift certificates to scotch tape this event could not have happened. Thank you Moose Hill parents and guardians for doing such a fabulous job in making our terrific staff feel so appreciated. And thank you again staff for all of your hard work and dedication in giving our children a wonderfully nurturing and safe environment in which to start their education.

Thank you also to Katherine Allen and Janet Stone for coordinating this event.

Scrapbook Fundraiser

Anyone who missed the baby scrapbook can still obtain a kit to go complete with detailed instructions and color pictures. Kit to go cost: \$20. Proceeds go to MH PTA. Contact Katherine Allen, katherineallen@stampsalot.com.

EARN MONEY FOR OUR SCHOOL



Did you know that each Tyson label that you submit to Moose Hill School is worth 24 cents?? Turn Tyson products, such as their chicken nuggets, Any'tizers or other frozen chicken items into big bucks for our school. For a complete list of participating products and how you can help earn more money for Moose Hill, visit www.tyson.com/projectaplus.



This year we collected an impressive 2,140 points for the Campbell's program! Thank you for sending in your UPC's. Please continue to cut these labels for next year.

For a complete list of participating products, and what items we can earn for Moose Hill, check out their website www.labelsforeducation.com.



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Thank you for sending in your Box Tops. We continue to have great success with the collection pages. Please feel free to have your child color the collection page.

What a great year we are having here at Moose Hill School. We are very impressed with all the participation we have had this year with the Box Tops program. Great work everyone! We are still going to collect the box tops as usual until the end of the year. Please keep clipping the Box Tops during the summer months and send them in with your child in September.

Please remember to check the website www.btfe.com for promotions.

Box Tops Submission Guidelines:

1. Expired Box Tops **may not** be submitted
2. Clip on or near the dotted lines
3. Ripped and torn Box Tops are ok as long as we can see the expiration date and the brand code (i.e. SPB, RBG, PUP) located in the top left or bottom left corner of the box top is visible.

Thank you for all your continued support,
Your Box tops Coordinators Chrissy and Karen



JUNE 2010

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Last day for LEEP inclusion	3	4 Kindergarten Carnival	5
6	7	8	9	10 K Celebration East Wing 9:30/1:15	11 K Celebration North Wing 9:30/1:15	12
13	14	15 Last day for LEEP	16 Last day for Kindergarten PM	17 Last day for Kindergarten AM	18	19
20 FATHER'S DAY	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

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