



## PTO Meeting Highlights

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The PTO held its 1<sup>st</sup> meeting of the year on Wednesday Oct. 1st at 7pm in the Cafe. **Mark your calendar for the next meeting, on Wed. Nov. 5 at 7 pm.**

The President, Krissy George started the meeting by welcoming new and old members. Teacher representatives were Ms. Kelly (Grade 5) and Mrs. Doyle (Grade 5).

**Ms. Kelly**, on behalf of the Reeves staff, wanted to let the PTO that everyone just loves the new playground. 5<sup>th</sup> graders were the first class to break it in. 5<sup>th</sup> grade staff also asked if the Library Committee could look into purchasing videos to help 5<sup>th</sup> graders with MCAS science curriculum.

**Mr. White** welcomed everyone back. He was happy to announce that last year's MCAS

test results were just published. The Reeves ranked in the top 5% of elementary schools in the state and 1<sup>st</sup> in the City. Thank you to all the teachers and parents for all of your support.

### Upcoming school happenings:

October 3<sup>rd</sup>, Woburn High School Band Presentation. 5<sup>th</sup> graders will be given information on renting equipment and lessons during school hours.

1<sup>st</sup> term progress reports will be sent home on October 10<sup>th</sup>, school pictures will also be taken on October 10<sup>th</sup>. Monday 10/13 there is no school in observance of the Columbus Day Holiday. October 27th is the 1<sup>st</sup> School Council meeting from 3-5pm in the large conference room.

New this year, all Woburn public schools will be closed on Election Day – Tuesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>.

**Treasurers Report- Darlene Ahlstead.** The Treasurer reported balances for the General, Library, and Playground Fund. She stated that we did collect a small percentage of dues at the recent back to school night. That is great given we just started the school year. We need to continue collecting dues and encourage all parents and staff to participate. The monies collected will help continue to fund all of the great PTO programs held throughout the school year.

**Dues Membership Drive:** The PTO agreed with the permission of Mr. White, the class in each grade with the highest percentage of participation by November 1<sup>st</sup> will win an extra ½ hour of recess!!!

**The In School Halloween Parade** will take place on Friday, Oct. 31. at 2 pm. All students Grades K-3 may bring their favorite costume to school! Grades 4 & 5 watch and cheer on their fellow students. **Parents are welcome to attend and bring their cameras!**

Students go back to their rooms for dismissal.

## Halloween Happenings

Halloween is almost here and so is the **Woburn Lions Halloween Parade!** The PTO will again sponsor a Reeves School Float in the parade. There is much interest this year in our float for the parade on **Sun. Oct. 26.** The parade kicks off around 1 pm starting at the Woburn cinemas, travels down Main Street, passes St. Charles school and ends at Horn Pond.

Thank you to the Halloween Parade Committee for organizing the after school enrichment program for the

Halloween Parade Float. Special thanks to all the students that will work so hard preparing this year's props, costumes and float. We cannot wait to see it!

Come out to the parade and cheer for our Reeves School Float!

Please give an extra cheer and special thanks to the **Barretto family** for donating the truck to pull our float.



## PTO Highlights (continued)

### **Teacher Allocations:**

The PTO voted to provide \$12 per student to each teacher to purchase supplemental classroom supplies. This amount will then be revisited after subsequent fundraisers.

### **Committee Reports:**

Each PTO Subcommittee then gave a brief presentation on the events that will take place during this school year.

Subcommittee members either signed up to participate on a specific committee at the Reeves on back to school night, or are PTO officers, and Mr. White. If you would like to join a PTO Committee, please send your name and contact information to the school office addressed to the PTO. The more the merrier!

### **Fundraising Committee –**

**Margaret Valentine** spoke on behalf of the committee. She has kicked off her efforts for this year's March Madness Calendar. Any parents who would like to contribute prizes or that could help solicit prizes would be greatly appreciated. Calendars will be printed in January, sold in February and lucky winners drawn daily in March.

This year's Fall Fundraiser drive was extended an additional week due to slow sales.

The fundraising committee will be meeting to discuss this school year's 3 major fundraisers this year – gift flyer that was sent home in Sept, March Madness and one other TBD.

### **Library Committee – Marcia**

**Anastasi.** The librarian is only actually in our school six days per month. The rest of the time the PTO keeps the library open. There are several openings to fill! See Library Update on page 4 for details. If we cannot get help, the library will not be available to every grade every week. Reminder: before a parent can volunteer at the school, they must have a CORI check background check completed with the school office. Please see Lois.

**Note: CORI checks are valid for 3 years.**

### **Enrichment Committee - Kristine Newcomb**

How does the PTO get funding for most of the enrichment programs? The answer is ... from all of the PTO fundraisers that are held throughout the year. Please support this year's fundraisers.

On occasion the committee will ask local groups such as the Woburn High School Gymnastics Team to perform and work hard to seek out grants from outside sources, such as Leahy Clinic. The committee also works with other elementary schools in town to coordinate their efforts for discounts on enrichment programs.

There was a lengthy discussion about past and present enrichment programs.

The enrichment committee will soon be meeting to discuss these school events.

### **Newsletter – Tricia Trotta.**

Announced that this year's Reeves Review monthly newsletter team will be headed up by Nancy Angelo, Kendra Carpenter, Alley Tschuor and herself. They will also have several 5<sup>th</sup> grade volunteers to help report school events and assist with production. Feel free to send information you would like to share with the Reeves Community.

### **Election Day Bake Sale – Maureen Thomas**

#### **Get ready to bake!**

The sale will be Tues. Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>. Tables will be set up outside, weather permitting. Flyers will be going home with details on the event.

Given this is a Presidential election; the PTO has the opportunity to raise a substantial amount of money. Voters love stopping at the tables to pick up baked goods and other treats!

### **Officer Elections:**

2008-2009 Reeves PTO Officers:

President – Jill Raithe  
Vice-President – Linda Grace  
Treasurer – Steve Anastasi  
Secretary – Tricia Trotta  
School Council Parent Reps – Laurel Francour, Joe Brown and Tricia Trotta.

Congratulations to all!

Please join us for our **next PTO meeting is Wednesday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm.**

## Introducing.....

The Newsletter Crew thought you may be interested in learning a little bit about this year's new teaching staff members.

Here is what they had to say:

### **Mrs. Burns – Kindergarten**

I grew up in Burlington, Mass and attend Burlington Public Schools.

I attended Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts for my Early Childhood Ed. Bachelor of Science and Cambridge College for my Masters in Education.

Teaching at the Reeves is not my first teaching job. I taught Kindergarten at Boston Children's School, a private school. At the Reeves Elementary School, I was a paraprofessional aid and taught grades 1 and 2. At the

White Elementary School, I taught Kindergarten and Second grade.

My favorite subject to teach is phonics/reading. It is a joy to see the kids put letters and sounds together to begin reading.

On a personal note, I enjoy playing outdoors with my three year old son Alexander and going on vacation with my family.

### **Ms. O'Keefe – Grade 4**

I went to Woburn Public Schools but my entire family is from Woburn.

I went to UNH for undergrad and Simmons College for my masters.

Teaching at the Reeves is not my first teaching job. I taught 3<sup>rd</sup> grade for 2 years

at the Clapp School.

My favorite subjects to teach are writing and math.

On a personal note, I enjoy skiing, golfing, running, knitting, reading and yoga class.

### **Mrs. Delaney – Grade 2**

Mrs. Denise Delaney has been a long time resident of Woburn. She still resides here, along with her husband Tim and their three children, Meghin, Shawn and Kevin. She started her education at St. Charles School, grades 1-8, then attended the Kennedy Middle School for grade 9 and was then a graduate from Woburn Memorial High School.

Mrs. Delaney attended Framingham State College

and proceeded to get her Master's Degree in teaching from Gordon's College. While attending college, Mrs. Delaney has been a substitute teacher for all of the elementary schools in Woburn for the past 7 years in which she has paved her way and is now a proud member of our family here at the Clyde Reeves Elementary School.

## Reeves Reading Corps Marches On!

Students in grades 2 – 5 are invited to join the Reeves Reading Corps! This program encourages and promotes the love of reading by asking your student to spend a few minutes of their own time reading.

Reading Corps sheets and instructions were sent home last week. If you did not receive one, please contact your student's teacher.

Each participant is given a record chart. The student

will be asked to read for 15 minutes to earn each block on the record. A parent must date and initial a block on the record to receive credit. Students may read up to two blocks a night (seven nights a week). Participants may read more of course but credit will be given only to two blocks a day.

Each sheet that is completed and given to the teacher, allows the student to move up the ranks. The student

starts out as an Enlistee and can be promoted all the way to a 5 Star General. The students are given a certificate at the end of the school year recognizing the level they achieved.

**Set a goal today to read and be a 5 Star General by June!**

Every student can achieve this, if they work at it.



**To volunteer contact:**  
**Lianne Fafaras** at  
781-935-7191

**Marcia Anastasi** at  
781-935-8837

## Library Committee Update

**Thank you, thank you, and thank you** to all the parents who answered the call to sign up for library assistant. Without your help we would not be able to keep the library open throughout the school year. There are still many openings to fill. We are also looking for volunteers to help clean up the library and catalog new books on Thursdays and Fridays.

Current openings available are:

Ms. Watros	2nd Grade	Monday 8:40-9:15
Ms. Fumicello	K	Monday 10:00-10:35
Mrs. McMurray	3rd grade	Monday 10:40-11:15
Ms. Hogan	1st grade	Tuesday 9:20-9:55
Ms. Fisichella	1st grade	Tuesday 11:20-11:55
Ms. Burns	K	Wednesday 9:20-9:55
Ms. Morrison	1st grade	Wednesday 11:55-12:30

## From the Cafe

Parents if you do not wish your child to purchase snacks from money on their account, just give us a call and we can put a note on their account.

Snacks cost between .40 to .75 and will be offered every day during lunch for students in Grade 1 through 5. Students can pay cash or use

money on their account.

If you would like to stop your child from using money on account for snacks, just give us a call at 781-937-8210 x133.

## Multicultural Committee

We are trying to start a Multicultural Committee here at the Reeves, and we were hoping that a parent or grandparent, or an aunt or uncle would like to join.

Reeves has such diversity that we want to celebrate it. We will pick a one continent each year. The committee would try to make a connection between the continent's culture and our curriculum here at the

school (art, music, dance, food, literature, geography, history, customs, etc.).

If you are interested, we could have a meeting one day after school. Please contact me, Michaela Kerns, ESL Teacher, at [mkerns@woburnpublicschools.com](mailto:mkerns@woburnpublicschools.com) or at 781-937-8240. We would love your input and contributions.



# The Playground

Its open, its open, yes it is finally open!!

The long awaited play ground is up and running and the kids love it. When Mary-Gayle Sweeney was asked her thoughts on the play ground she said "Yeah, it's finally done! Hope everyone is enjoying it. I think we would all have to

agree that it was worth the wait. The children are having a great time. We are awaiting for one more piece of equipment, the funnel ball hoops."

We all would like to give a very special thank you to Mary Gayle Sweeney and Maureen Fumicello for all their hard work and planning that went into the

beautiful play ground and a special thanks to N. Sacca and Sons for their incredible speed and quality of workmanship.

All classes have been able to use the new play ground. The grades are trading off on who use the new equipment each day with the other using the older

structure and the swings.

Many questions have been asked about the choice of wood chips for the ground covering. The recycled tire covering that was originally wished for work was far outside our budget.

A super Thanks to the PTO and the students who raised the \$35,000 so that we could have such an amazing play ground and to the city of Woburn for working with us and supporting us.

# Box Tops and Sox Tops

Please bring in any Box tops and Hood Sox tops lids you've collected during the summer into school in the next week.

box in the lobby.

Thanks and keep collecting!!

We'll be sending in our fall shipments at the end of October. Remember, each box top is worth 10 cents and each Sox top worth 5 cents. There is a drop-off

# Election Day Bake Sale

## Election Day Bake Sale Tues. Nov. 4th

Please join us at drop off or at your voting time for a cup of coffee and treats, **Tues. Nov. 4th** starting at **8 am.**

Many seniors and community neighbors stop by to support our efforts.

All types of items are sold: coffee, tea, breads, cakes, cupcakes, cookies, brownies

trail mix or fruit!

**Are you a baker or would like to donate another item?** Simply leave items in the office the day before or drop them off in the morning of the bake sale. Don't forget to mark the item nuts or no nuts to help us sort items.

If you would like to donate but do not have time to bake, you may send in monies marked

"bake sale".

Many volunteers are needed to work the bake sale throughout the day. Please contact **Maureen Thomas** if you would like to volunteer the day of the sale.

**Happy Baking!**



*Tuesday, Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>!*

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## Evening of Giving

An Evening of Giving this year is **Sunday, Nov. 23, 7 – 9:30 pm at the Burlington Mall.**

Enjoy a fun night out, do some holiday shopping and support the Reeves PTO.

The Mall will be open ONLY to those who have purchased tickets for a night of private shopping with store discounts, entertainment and prizes. Tickets are \$10. One ticket admits one person. For every ticket sold, the Reeves earn \$7! The remaining \$3 benefits the Simon Youth Foundation.

Tickets may be purchased

with cash or check. Make checks payable to the Reeves School PTO. Just fill out the form that was sent home this week or write a note with your student name, teacher, number of tickets, and amount. (\$10 per ticket).

You may also contact **Alison Moore** at 781-935-3790.

**All ticket requests must be received by Wed., Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>.**

**See You There!!**

## News Crew

Each year the PTO recruits 5<sup>th</sup> grade students to assist with the writing and producing the monthly Reeves Review. The students are a huge help in getting the job done.

This year's news crew members are:

Lea Angelo  
Lal Birali  
Kendra Carpenter  
Katie Denker  
Nick Farfaras  
Renee Leavitt  
Nicole Speros  
Matt Trotta  
Josh Tschuor

part of our team!

Happy writing!!!

We are happy to have you as

## Community Service (YES) Awards

Students in grades 5 and 8 and graduating seniors are eligible to receive community service awards at the end of the school year. For more information, visit [www.woburnpublicschools.com](http://www.woburnpublicschools.com) and go to □Links for Parents under Resources

where you'll find a link to the web site. You can also go directly to [www.woburnpss.com/yes](http://www.woburnpss.com/yes).

You can also find information at your schools main office.

If you don't have the information in a paper format, you can download what you need from the above web site.



## Community News

### **WREN**

WREN (Woburn Residents' Environmental Network) meets at the Thompson Library on Elm St. in North Woburn. Meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of each month (except in August) from 7:00pm to 8:00pm. Meetings are public and all are encouraged to attend. Interested in becoming a WREN member? Want to present or submit any agenda items for the next WREN meeting? Send an email to Fel Medeiros at [fsmedeiros@aol.com](mailto:fsmedeiros@aol.com)

### **S.R.O. Drop In Center**

The Woburn Police School Resource Officers with the School Committee, Parents and Woburn High Senior Mentors will be sponsoring a Drop In Center for students in grades 5-8 at the Joyce Middle School gym Friday, Oct. 5th from 6 – 9:45 pm. The cost is \$4/week per student. Activities are planned and the gym is open. Come and hang out with the S.R.O. Officers and the Woburn High Senior Mentors.

Drop off and pick up is at the entrance between the school and the O'Brien Ice Rink. Parents please be prompt when picking up your child.

If anyone has questions please call Officers Fumicello and Imperioso at 781-932-4510 x841.

### **Woburn Youth Hockey**

Learn to skate clinic starts on Saturday October 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am. Clinic runs thru March 21, 2009. Price is \$175 for all non WYH players. Ages 5 and up.

For more information visit [www.woburnyouthhockey.org](http://www.woburnyouthhockey.org)

### **News for the Newsletter**

Articles for the Reeves Review should be submitted to the Newsletter box in the office by the first Friday of each month.

Please contact Tricia Trotta 781-937-3014, Nancy Angelo 781-937-0648, Alley Tschuor 781-935-6440 or Kendra Carpenter 781-938-3765 with questions, comments, or suggestions.

## Building Character

October is  
**Fairness Month**

- ❖ ***Treat others the way you want to be treated***
- ❖ ***Treat people equally and impartially***
- ❖ ***Consider the feelings of all people who will be affected by your actions***
- ❖ ***Be open minded and reasonable***
- ❖ ***Play by the rules***
- ❖ ***Don't take advantage of others***

### **Reeves After School Enrichment Programs for October 2008**

#### **Session 1: Mr. Moore**

##### **Computer Fun/Gym**

Grades 3-5 only

Wednesdays. 2:45-4:45 pm

10/1, 10/18, 10/15, 10/22 & 10/29. Cost \$50.

#### **Session 2: Mr. Moore**

##### **Computer Fun/Hand Ball**

Grades 3-5 only

Fridays 2:45 – 4:45 pm

10/3, 10/10, 10/17, 10/24 & 10/31. Cost \$50

Registration and permission forms outside main office or contact Mr. Moore. Students should bring a snack and bottled water for each program. Sneakers must be worn at all times in the Gym. Enrichments programs will meet at regular times on early release days.



## October Calendar

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