



Week of Mar. 9, 2015

Marion Cross School • Norwich, Vermont

PTO NOTES

Spring Grant proposals due March 23

The PTO is collecting spring grant proposals for projects, activities, books, equipment or anything else that enhances the academic lives of children at the Marion Cross School. While preference is given to proposals that offer school-wide access to students, teachers/parents are also encouraged to submit proposals that will benefit their individual classrooms or grade level. [Download a form](#) and return to the office. Principal Hammond will first review all proposals for content/appropriateness and to determine if alternate funding sources are available before forwarding to the PTO Finance Committee. The submission deadline is Monday, March 23. Over the last 10 years grants have been awarded for everything from field trips, to books, to specialized learning programs, to the farm-to-school garden program, to jump ropes and chalk for alternative recess activities to many more items that have benefited all of our children. We encourage you to participate!

Family Bingo Night on March 27

Come on down for this fun family game. The PTO is planning prizes, a bake sale, raffle and lots of hooting and hollering! More details coming soon. Mark your calendars now; Friday, March 27 from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Marion Cross Multi-purpose Room.

Big Hoot coming soon; submit performance ideas now

Seeking MCS student performers to audition for The Marion Cross School BIG HOOT! Do you have a special talent or skill that you would like to share with the Marion Cross School Community? If so, then sign up for the MCS Big Hoot! We invite students, or groups of students, to submit proposals for 1 to 2 minute performance pieces. There is no set standard for a performance piece. They can range from singing to dancing; from playing an instrument to reciting a poem; from stand-up comedy to monologues from a favorite show; and anything in between! Please see this [Google form](#) for more information about the performance and how to participate! **Return sign-up forms by March 18 to Joy in the office.** Performance to be held at Richmond Middle School on **Friday, April 24 from 6 to 8 p.m.**

Marion Cross night at Northern Stage, March 26

New show at Northern Stage: *Orwell in America*. MCS night is Thursday, March 26. Tickets are \$30 with 30 percent coming back to the MCS PTO. Please let [Ashley Clapp](mailto:clappashley@gmail.com) (clappashley@gmail.com) know if you have purchased tickets. *Orwell in America* is set in the first years after World War II when George Orwell, author of *Animal Farm*, is chaperoned on an American book tour by a fetching young woman, provided by the publisher. This young woman's job is to dissuade Orwell from telling America why he is a proud socialist. This beautiful drama, first presented in a staged reading in our New Works Now Festival, is a world premiere play and stars Jamie Horton in the title role.

MCS jumps into Break-to-Break Box Tops Collection Challenge

We are thrilled to announce the school has met the first goal of the Break-to-Break Collection Challenge, which was to collect at least 1,500 BTE (Box Tops for Education) coupons and dimes during the first week of the challenge. This means the PTO can purchase new jump ropes for the school. They will be arriving soon after the snow thaws and will add lots of fun to the recess hours. *Continued on back.*

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Now that we've warmed up our clipping skills, it's time to roll up our sleeves and really get down to business. Our next goal is to collect 4,500 additional BTE coupons and dimes so that we can purchase the supplies needed to build a stage as a part of the new Outdoor Discovery Center. This will be a space that will be enjoyed by, and used by, the entire school. Everyone will feel proud to have played a part in making its construction possible. So let's make it happen!

The classroom competition is once more off to a fast-paced and exciting start with Ms. Ferland's 2nd grade class very slightly ahead of a neck-in-neck tie between Mr. Wilson's 4th grade and Mrs. T's 3rd grade. Mrs. Newberry's Kindergarteners and Mrs. Moore's 1st graders aren't far behind! As a quick reminder, for the purposes of the classroom competition, the winning class will be determined by calculating the combined number of BTE coupons and dimes (dimes only!) brought in by each class.

If the whole school pulls together, we can truly make some theater magic happen by turning some tiny BTE coupons and dimes into the materials to build a stage! Also, here's a fun way to help keep track of the Box Tops Coupons you are collecting for the school. [Print out this fun St. Patrick's Day themed worksheet](#), and attach the BTE coupons that you find. Send the whole sheet (or multiple sheets) in with your child to school once it is completed. It's as easy as that! Thank you!

-Your Box Tops Divas: Katie Kitchel, Jo Ellen Gardner, & Laura DiPiazza

Please check lost and found; all items go to the Haven this month

Lost and found items will go to the Haven at the end of this month. Please check for things you might not even know you are missing by Friday, March 20. Please remember to label clothing and footwear!

Thank you business partners!



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