



Week of Mar. 30, 2015

Marion Cross School • Norwich, Vermont

PTO NOTES

Bingo fun fundraiser a big success

We had a terrific turnout last Friday evening for MCS's first ever Bingo fundraiser. The Hanchett family did a fabulous job keeping the level of fun high during the whole event and almost all of the donated prizes found new loving homes. How great is that? Thank you to all who donated bingo prizes, raffle prizes, goodies, time and effort to make this event the success that it was. It was a low overhead fundraiser and thanks to all of you, \$978 was raised for the MCS PTO. Please, please, please email Lydia Starosta at lydvet@aol.com with any and all comments/suggestions for next year! If you were unable to attend Bingo night and would like to purchase an MCS euro sticker (great for binders, laptops, book covers and cars too!) or just want more, they are available in the front office for \$3 each.

Keep sending in those Box Tops (and dimes)!

The Break-to-Break Box Tops for Education (BTE) challenge is still in full swing. Our goal is to raise enough money through the collection of dimes and BTE coupons to purchase new jump ropes for the school and build a small outdoor stage to be included in a planned Outdoor Discovery Center. We have been successful in our challenge goals in the past, and are well on our way to achieving our goal this time around. But we're not there yet! So please continue to clip your BTE coupons and send them in. Every dime and coupon counts, and it's amazing how they all add up.

Art room in need of supplies

Help out the Art room by donating the following items which can be left in the front office or brought to the art room.

- Clean, large yogurt containers
- Egg cartons — any type
- Plastic tubs of any size with or without lids
- Empty cereal boxes

Celebration Books program welcomes donations

A huge thanks to the many MCS parents who have already participated in this year's Celebration Books Program. The Celebration Books Program provides approximately a third of the book-purchasing budget for our School Library. With these generous donations, the school can continue to provide a rich, up-to-date collection that appeals to the interests and needs of all students and that supports the teachers' efforts in their classrooms.

If you haven't already participated, it's not too late! Was your child's birthday in the fall or winter? Not a problem, we can still honor that occasion. Want to celebrate something else? We have had families honor parents, grandparents, teachers, friends (adults and children), favorite authors, coaches and pets and celebrate the start of school, the end of school, fall, winter, spring and summer, and a number of other occasions.

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We can accept donations for this year until May 29, which will give us time to have the children select their books and check them out before the end of the school year. To participate, please download a form from http://www.marioncross.org/celebration_book_order.pdf and return it, with your check, to your child's teacher or the school office. If you have any questions about the Celebration Books please don't hesitate to contact us. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Anne Day (annewday@yahoo.com), Stephanie McCaull (smccaull@gmail.com), and Lisa Christie (j.lisa.christie@gmail.com)

PS - As you start to think about thank you gifts for your children's teachers, remember that celebration books are fun for teachers and principals and office staff to receive as well!

Thank you business partners!



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