



Week of Feb. 9, 2015

Marion Cross School • Norwich, Vermont

PTO NOTES

New box tops challenge starting soon

It's time for the annual Break-to-Break Box Tops for Education Collection Challenge. This class-to-class competition will last an exhilarating two months, commencing in earnest the day we return from February Break (February 23) and concluding the Friday following our return from April vacation (April 24.) Students on the School Culture Team voted on official rules for this competition. They have decided the winning class will be determined by adding together both the number of Box Tops Coupons AND the number of dimes that each class brings in. However, only BTE coupons and DIMES will be counted towards the overall total for a class. (Any bills, or other denominations of money, that are sent in, will happily be allocated towards the overall fundraising goal, but will NOT determine the winning class.)

Our goal this time around is to raise \$500 through a combination of BTE coupons and dimes to fund the construction of an outdoor stage that will be a central part of the outdoor discovery center planned near the Kindergarten wing of the school. For those who like exact numbers, this means we need to collect a combination of 5,000 BTE coupons and dimes.

As an extra incentive to "jumpstart" this competition, we are adding an additional goal to the mix. If we raise \$150 (1,500 units) within the first week of the collection challenge, then the PTO will purchase a new set of jump ropes for the school. The class bringing in the most Box Tops coupons (and dimes) during the first week will be the first class to use these highly prized jump ropes! So pull back the muddy floor mats in the car and find those missing dimes; dust off those scissors and start clipping those BTE coupons. Let the competition begin!

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

Save the date: Mud Stomp on Friday, February 27

As a reminder, our annual Mud Stomp Dance takes place on Friday; February 27. Professional caller David Millstone will guide us through contra-style dances in the MCS Gymnasium. All are welcome for this family friendly event. Please do not drop off your children. They need to be with an adult. The PTO plans to serve light refreshments.

MCS Big Hoot Talent Showcase coming soon

The Big Hoot Talent Showcase will take place on Friday, April 24, with preview rehearsals starting Monday, March 23. More information on this new and exciting MCS event will go home after the Winter Break so keep a look out.

Winter is a great time to head to the theater; get out but stay warm

Don't miss Northern Stage's production of *Blithe Spirit* running from February 11 to March 3. Please visit www.northernstage.org for a full description of this "ghostly comic delight" and join us for Marion Cross night on Thursday, February 26 at 7:30. Tickets are \$30 each with a full 30 percent returning to the PTO.

Thank you business partners!



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