



SANBORN YELLOW PAGES

The Newsletter of the Henry C Sanborn Elementary School PTO

May 2004

Please know that every month's Yellow Pages would be on time and accessible the first day of the month if Marie Brown did not have to wait for me to write this letter. Thank you Marie for a full year of coordinating the newsletter (only one more to go!) and making sure I sound coherent.

May 18th is our next PTO meeting. At this meeting we will have a report by the School Improvement Council and a forum regarding the upcoming year's goals for Sanborn. We also have some PTO housekeeping to manage. We will screen the budget, check the 2004-2005 calendar, and look over the volunteer opportunities. This should be a great forum for voices to be heard, ideas to be shared and whatever else needs to be reviewed. **Please join us!**

The budget. Enough said.

How about Sanborn's Odyssey of the Mind Team! You go! And, yes, they are going to Tennessee for the **World Competition!** Check out the trophy they presented to Sanborn the next time you are at school.

I can't believe that it's May. Don't get me wrong- spring is great, but May does not come with enough weekends to make it any less hectic. I know I forgot a lot of things I needed to highlight, but check out this edition, join us on the 18th, and have a nice May.

Regards,
Ruth Galvin and the PTO Board

The Yellow Pages is published as a service to keep you informed of the news at Sanborn School. Each issue will be posted online - SanbornPTO.org or sent home to families with no current e-mail address. **The deadline for the next Yellow Pages is Friday, May 28th.** Articles may be emailed to: abrown9890@aol.com.

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Let me begin by thanking all of the Sanborn parents who attended Town Meeting in support of the School Department Budget. As a result of the vote, we expect to begin the next school year with the same level of services that we have had this year. That means that we will have three teachers at each grade level, Kindergarten through Grade 5. Unfortunately, the budget does not allow us to restore any of the specialist services in Physical Education or Health that were eliminated last year.

The Sanborn School Improvement Council has begun the work of developing our 2005 School Improvement Plan. Congratulations to parent members Dale Fox, Mina Patel and Christine Rogers and teacher representatives June Blake, Jane Kish, and Maria Maffeo on their election to the council. One essential element of the plan is an annual needs assessment. Council members are interested in your thoughts on areas where Sanborn staff are meeting your expectations and areas where you would like to see improvement. Please feel free to contact Council members directly with your thoughts. We have scheduled a PTO meeting for the evening of Tuesday, May 18th in order to provide a structured format for your input. In addition, we again will conduct a brief survey in the fall in conjunction with our Back to School nights.

One of the projects recommended in the 2004 plan was a faculty workshop to review the content of science units at each grade level, develop a curriculum map of important scientific concepts, review the Sanborn library collection associated with each topic, research and recommend appropriate literature selections for purchase to reinforce or enrich the teaching of important science concepts, and review the current collection of non-print material (videos, etc.) and make recommendations for the purchase of appropriate non-print materials as well. This project will be completed prior to the end of the current school year and has been funded in the amount of \$10,000 through individual parent donations, as well as PTO funds. In tough budget times, we continue to move forward thanks to your generosity and support!

Placement forms for the 2004-05 school year should be submitted to your child's current classroom teacher **NO LATER THAN FRIDAY, MAY 7th**. As mentioned in last month's Yellow Pages, development of class lists is a time consuming and thoughtful process with the needs of the individual child at the center of our thinking. Your child's classroom assignment for next year will be included as part of his/her final progress report distributed on the last day of school.

Special thanks to fourth grade parent Jodi MacDonald who organized a spectacular "Star Party" as a culminating activity for our Solar System Unit. With the help of Ted Carlman from the Amateur Telescope Makers of Boston Club and Sanborn parent Merrill Clarke and the North Shore Amateur Astronomy Club, and the cooperation of "mother nature", students and parents had an opportunity to observe Earth's moon, Venus, Saturn, Jupiter and its' moons, and Mars. Jim Foy provided an instructional presentation that set the stage for the spectacular close-up views. This is just another of the many examples of Sanborn parents sharing their expertise to enhance our programs. The evening was so successful that it will no doubt become an annual event!

Sincerely,
Steve Jankauskas
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***THANK YOU
FROM
THE BOOK FAIR COMMITTEE!***

The Book Fair made \$3000 this year!

Thank you for your generosity! This money will be used to purchase books / audio visual materials - focusing on Social Studies for each grade.

Many thanks to the generous parents that contributed to the Teacher's Wish List. Each grade received between \$100 and \$200 toward books for the teacher libraries.

There were many volunteers that made this years event possible: **Jodi MacDonald, Donn Ricciardelli, Wendy Nevin, Tracy Callahan, Katherine Zigmont, Gail Feinman, Mina Patel, Vinayta Ahiya, Ruth Galvin, Mary Sakellarios, Celia Oppedisano, Cathie Boulie, Debbie Begos, Kathi Sawka, Bettina Indaco, Karen Spinale, Michelle Clark, Christine Rogers, Amy Risman, Julie Gerrard, Pam DiTroia, Rushna Heneghan, Diana Berthiume, Kim Iannalfo, Amy Reimer, Arlene Latsky, and Gail Richmond.**

Several members of the staff also went out of their way to make the event a success. **Suzanne Crowley** was an incredible asset, she steered the children toward books that they would enjoy and was a whiz at the cash register. **Mr. J. and Mrs. Meltzer** also helped by making our Family Night a big success.

**The Book Fair Committee:
Hazel Scott, Anne Ogden and Leslie Burte**

MCAS ARE ALMOST HERE!!

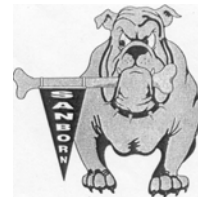


MCAS DATES FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES 4 & 5

While there is some room in the schedule for makeup testing, it is important for students to be in school during these testing times.

- ❖ **GRADE 4 Long Composition**
Makeup Date ~ May 13, 2004
- ❖ **GRADE 4 English Language Arts ~** May 17-28 2004
- ❖ **GRADE 4 Mathematics ~** May 17-28 2004
- ❖ **GRADE 5 Science and Technology ~** May 17-28 2004

Student Council News



Thanks to all who participated in Sanborn's Hawaiian Luau Day! We had a great turnout! In addition to having lots of fun, \$407.84 was collected to benefit The American Cancer Society and American Stroke Association!!

Special thanks to the April Student Council. They did an excellent job in organizing this event.

Emily Shields
Jillian Pengeroth
Courtney McDonald
Amanda Gusovsky
Panayioti Kostakis
Taylor Johnson

Kevin Neville
Rohan Malhotra
Daniel Ferris
Richard Leung
Taylor Perkins
Derek Peterson

Thomas Cooper
Elyse Pengeroth
Derek Wang
Taylor Carvalho
James Hoar
Michael Iannolfo

SANBORN SCHOOL

Explorations

Thanks to the wonderful support of our staff and parents, Explorations was able to offer a variety of courses over the school year enjoyed by our Sanborn students.

As we near the end of our spring session, we begin to look forward to the new school year. Do you have a talent or hobby you would like to share with our Sanborn students? Could your professional expertise be molded into an Explorations course selection? Are there any classes you would suggest we add to our roster? Do you have any feedback regarding courses your child took this year?

Your input and involvement are welcome. Stipends are available for instructors. Please consider joining Explorations. It will prove to be a rewarding experience for you and the children. Feel free to fill in the form below and return it to the main office.

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NAME _____ PHONE _____

TYPE OF COURSE YOU WOULD LIKE TO OFFER _____

SUGGESTIONS/FEEDBACK _____



MAY 2004

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
						1 TV TURNOFF
2 TV TURNOFF	3 School Council 3:30-5pm	4 School Committee 7:30pm	5	6 Grade 1 Mother's Day Breakfast Mother/Son Movie Night Chunky's Cinema 5:30- 8:30pm	7 Math Olympiad – 8:00am Techsplorations Workshops Grade 4 – Circuits Grade 5 - Gearing up For Speed	8
9	10 Faculty Meeting 3:30-5pm	11	12 <u>SPRING CONCERT</u> 9:30am & 7:00pm	13 MCAS Make-up Test Grade 4 - ELA Composition	14 Math Olympiad – 8:00am	15
16	17 MCAS TESTING GRADES 4 & 5	18 PTO Meeting 7-9pm	19	20	21	22
23	24 MCAS TESTING GRADES 4 & 5 Faculty Meeting 3:30-5pm	25	26	27 Kindergarten Rainforest Play 6:30pm	28	29
30	31 NO SCHOOL MEMORIAL DAY					