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SANBORN YELLOW PAGES

The Newsletter of the Henry C Sanborn Elementary School PTO

May 2005

Everyone has their own way of counting down to the end of the school year. For some it's the number of days or weeks, for me it's these newsletters... 8 down and 2 to go! I hope I haven't bored you to death this year. Here we go...

You'll soon see many pink Sanborn Bulldogs around school and town! April's apparel sale was very popular thanks to the new color offering. Thank you to Lisa Slattery for organizing this spirit event.

Thanks also to Beth Brownholtz and Christine Rogers for volunteering to serve on the School Improvement Council. The council is particularly important this year given the recent approval of the schools budget that includes rebuilding funds! My thanks to parents who emailed or wrote in to our town government, helping to make that happen.

The next PTO meeting is Tuesday May 10th @ 7PM. At this meeting we will review PTO finances and elect the new PTO board as is required in our by-laws. There are currently three open positions on the board, first vice president, recording secretary and corresponding secretary. Anyone interested in a board position should contact Tracy Callahan prior to the meeting. Please volunteer. This meeting is also a great opportunity to voice your support or concerns about the PTO's practices. Bring us your ideas for new activities or revamping old ones.

The big event for May is the **Casino Night Fundraiser on Friday May 6th @ 7pm in Old Town Hall.** Check out the list of auction items that will be offered. Parties with teachers from every grade level! Opening Day tickets to the Patriots! A private plane ride! Great wine! Ticket sales have been good but we are still below our target of 170 people needed to cover the cost of holding the event. If you haven't bought your ticket yet, tickets will be available at the door. Advance sales would be appreciated. If you can't make it that evening, please consider buying a ticket as a donation to the cause or as a sponsor for a teacher.

The specialists have given us a wish list of items they hope to purchase with the money raised. Many of these are very basic needs that the tight school budget has not been able to supply. Ms Webb would like plastic storage containers to hold the children's large art work while it's in process. Ms Waddell is looking for a dry-erase board with permanent lines for writing music. Please help us to provide some of these items with your participation. Thank you.

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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 this year. That means that we will again have three teachers at each grade level, Kindergarten through Grade 5. In addition, this budget included \$375,000 to begin the restoration of services that have been reduced or eliminated over the past three years.

The Sanborn School Improvement Council will soon begin the work of developing our 2006 School Improvement Plan. Congratulations to parent members Beth Brownholtz and Christine Rogers and teacher representatives Linda Meltzer and Maureen Wittbold 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 those where you would like to see improvement. Please feel free to contact Council members directly with your thoughts.

Placement forms for the 2005-06 school year should be submitted to your child's current classroom teacher **NO LATER THAN MONDAY, MAY 9th**. All staff will soon be actively engaged in developing balanced instructional groupings for each of our classrooms for the 2005-06 school year. In constructing classroom groupings, staff members give consideration to student achievement, independent work and study habits, special learning needs, and social skills. The regrouping of students each year is deliberate and purposeful. We balance the classes as best we can based on the numbers of boys and girls enrolled at each grade level. Careful attention is also given to the information provided on the placement forms that you complete and return to us. Once the initial lists are prepared, the specialist teachers review them to be sure that combinations of students who did not work well together in previous years are not reunited. 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.

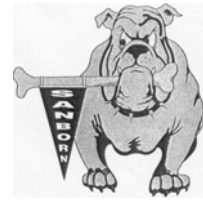
Congratulations to fifth grade students Jaymi Cohen, Marian Crockett, Andrew Johnian and Emmy Mai whose writing has been selected for publication in AppleSeed, the third, fourth and fifth grade literary magazine for the Merrimack Valley. These students will be honored for their contributions on Tuesday, May 3rd at the Tenney Grammar School in Methuen. More than 2,500 copies of the magazine will be printed and distributed to schools and libraries throughout Massachusetts. I would also like to congratulate Sanborn second graders, Jacob Doscocil and Lea Duncan on achieving honorable mention in the annual Eagle Tribune/Robert Frost Foundation Spring Poetry Contest.

This year three of our Sanborn teachers, Dorothy McCormick, Carolyn Hamm and Daryl Arsenault have been nominated to receive the Mary French Yellow Rose Award. Mary French was a long-time Andover teacher and director of Pupil Personnel Services. This award was inspired during a site visit that Mary took to the Glastonbury School District in Connecticut. While there, she observed the tradition of placing a single yellow rose on a staff member's desk in thanks for a significant contribution to a student or to the district. In Andover, that sentiment has been raised to a higher level, with one staff member singled out for special recognition each year. Dorothy, Carolyn and Daryl's well-deserved nominations were considered along with those of staff members from across the district. Being nominated in and of itself is a significant honor. I am pleased to announce that the team of Dorothy McCormick and Carolyn Hamm will be this year's recipients of the award. A reception will be held at the High Plain Elementary School on Wednesday, May 11th at 7:00 PM.

I look forward to seeing each of you at our Casino Night Fundraiser on Friday, May 6th at 7:00 PM in Old Town Hall.

Sincerely,
Steve Jankauskas
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Student Council News



In April, the Student Council collected donations for the **Children's Hospital Kids at Heart Marathon Team**. A total of **\$352.62** was raised! This money will be used to help fund research and patient care at Children's Hospital. Thanks to everyone who contributed and helped to make this fundraiser a success!

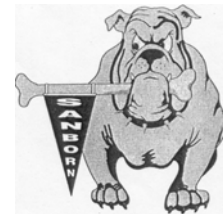
April Student Council

Jessica Lem
Shannon Murphy
Michael Manozzi
Derek Peterson
Paul Sockol
Juliana Tran

Michael Eicher
Peter Kloss
Alex Krame
Emily Field
Andrew Eckel

Spenser Ogden
Sammy Shepard
David Johnian
Bryan Riemer
David Stein

Student Council Upcoming Events



Sanborn Gardens

The May Student Council will be helping to beautify the gardens outside the 3rd wing in time for the Celebration of Learning. The students will be cleaning the gardens and planting some flowers during Student Council meetings the 2nd and 3rd weeks of May. If anyone would like to help or donate extra plants, please contact Sharon Crush at scrushbaskets@hotmail.com or 978-475-2242.

Thank you!

MCAS ARE HERE!

Please make note of the MCAS testing dates. The exact testing dates have not been scheduled but we wanted you to be aware of the administration dates. In early spring the exact testing schedule will be sent home with the students. All students in grades 3, 4, and 5 must take the tests assigned to their grade level. While there is room in the testing schedule to have students take makeup tests it is not the ideal testing situation for students. If you have any questions about the schedule please contact Barbara Bunn, Learning Specialist, at 978 623-8862.

Test	Administration Dates	Who Participates	# of Sessions
English Language Arts	May 16- May 27	Grade 4 Students	3
Mathematics	May 16- May 27	Grade 4 Students	2
Math Tryout	May 23 rd	Grade 3 & 5 Students	1 per grade
Science & Technology	May 19 & 20th	Grade 5	2
History & Social Science Tryout	May 25 th	Grade 5	1

BOTTLE DRIVE

*The Andover High School Marching Band will hold their annual
Deposit Bottle Drive fundraiser on Saturday May 7th.*

From 9 a.m. - 1 p.m. at the

West Middle School Parking Lot,

70 Shawsheen Road.

*Donate your redeemable cans and bottles to support the High
School Marching Band.*

*Any questions, please contact Kate Stewart, Chair AHS Marching
Band Bottle Drive at: 978-475-8856 or jk.stewart@comcast.net*

PTO Job Positions and Volunteer Sign-up Form

Below is the list of the Open PTO Job Positions for the 2005-2006 Sanborn School Year. If you would like to volunteer, please complete the indicated information. If you are volunteering for more than one position, please list your preference of positions in numerical order. Many of the jobs can be job shared, by several people. Please feel free to get in touch with the people who are listed in the positions (see attachment) or contact Tracy Callahan at 978 474-0575 or gtfamily@comcast.net. We welcome your ideas. Thank you for your time and effort.

2005-2006 PTO Executive and General PTO Sign-up Sheet

Please return to the school office ASAP.

NAME: _____ PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

OPEN Executive Board Positions

- ___ 1st Vice President
- ___ Recording Secretary
- ___ Corresponding Secretary

OPEN General PTO Positions

- ___ Andover Fund for Education Liaison
- ___ Explorations Liason
- ___ Family Oriented Activities
- ___ Welcome Back Picnic
- ___ TV Turn-off Week
- ___ Father/Daughter Dance
- ___ Ice Cream Social
- ___ Gardens Coordinator
- ___ Harvest Festival
- ___ Hospitality
- ___ Indoor Recess Coordinator
- ___ June Hot Dog Picnic
- ___ Label Collection
- ___ Parent to Parent
- ___ Sign Board
- ___ Special Education Liaison
- ___ Spooky Fun Fair Decorations
- ___ Spooky Fun Fair Games
- ___ Spooky Fun Fair Haunted House
- ___ Student Council Representatives
- ___ Wrapping Paper Fundraiser Organizers

PLEASE LIST YOUR PREFERENCE IN NUMERICAL ORDER

SANBORN SCHOOL PTO 2005 – 2006 OPEN POSITIONS

Title '05-06 Volunteers	Description of Job
1st Vice President	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assists President in performance of duties. • Commitment: Full Year
Recording Secretary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Keeps a record of all meetings of the general membership and the Board. • Has custody of all the books and records pertaining to the business of the organization, except those of the Treasurer. • Commitment: Full Year
Corresponding Secretary	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Editor of the monthly PTO Yellow Pages. • Responsible for all social and business correspondence of the organization. • Commitment: Full Year
Andover Fund for Education Liaison	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liaison between Sanborn and AFE to educate the faculty at Sanborn on the grant program. • Encourage teachers to submit grants. • Update Sanborn community on AFE activities • Help put together a team from Sanborn for the Annual AFE Spelling Bee
Explorations Parent Liaison	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assist in recruiting parent leaders • Assemble class lists • Assist in maintaining financial records • Commitment: Full year
Family Oriented Activities Chairperson: •WELCOME BACK PICNIC. •TV TURN-OFF WEEK •FATHER/DAUGHTER DANCE •ICE CREAM SOCIAL	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with the Principal to generate ideas for family activities • Recruit assistance, if necessary, to organize and implement such family activities. • Commitment: Full year for working on ideas. One event only, for those providing assistance on a particular event. • Coordinate back to school family night in September • Send out flyer to families announcing TV Turn-off week, offer alternatives, collect forms and issue certificates. Commitment: one-time event in April • Coordinate dance held in February • Assist with school-wide outdoor ice cream party held for families in June
Gardens Coordinator	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organizes maintenance/improvement activities of the school gardens
Harvest Festival Committee members needed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with chairperson on the collection of items for the gift bags to be delivered to the seniors. • Works in conjunctions with parents for the delivery of gift bags to the seniors prior to Thanksgiving. • Commitment: Fall event.
Hospitality Chairperson: Assistants:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinates refreshments for major social events at Sanborn. • Responsible for setup of refreshments for school-wide functions (PTO Meetings, K registration, Back to School Night) • Works together with Room Parent Coordinator. • Commitment: Full year, may recruit assistance as needed.
Indoor Recess Coordinators 1. 2.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinate an indoor recess option for those children who would prefer a supervised indoor recess for quiet play, such as reading or board games as an alternative to outdoor recess

SANBORN SCHOOL PTO OPEN POSITIONS 2005-06 (CONTINUED)

Title '05-06 Volunteers	Description of Job
<p>June Hotdog Picnic Chairperson: Lisa Slattery 470-4549 Assistants Needed – 1. 2.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chairperson and two assistants to work with Room Parents to organize and implement this end-of-year lunch-hour event. • Commitment: One-time event
<p>Label Collection</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote the need for saving labels/box tops as part of the Labels for Education program. Designated labels/box tops can be used to purchase various school related items, including printers and computers. • Promote the program, collect labels and notify the PTO of the results via the yellow Pages or notices sent home. • Commitment: Full year
<p>Parent to Parent</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • One person to attend Parent to Parent (a PTO sponsored organization that offers workshops and speakers on various parenting issues) programming meetings. • Report to the PTO upcoming workshops and speakers via the Yellow Pages. • Commitment: Full year.
<p>Sign Board</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responsible for updating the signboard located in front of the school on a weekly or biweekly updated basis. • Commitment: Full year.
<p>Special Education Liaison</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend monthly Special Education Parent Action Committee (SEPAC) meetings • Resource for Sanborn parents with special education issues • Commitment: Full year.
<p>Spooky Fun Fair Organizers DECORATIONS: GAMES: HAUNTED HOUSE:</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assist the Chairperson in organizing and implementing this annual traditional Fall Halloween event since 1985! • Past format can be used or organizers can contribute new ideas! • 2-4 lead 5th Grade families to take charge of the Haunted House • Commitment: One-time event in the fall—about two months.
<p>Student Council Representatives 1. 2. 3. 4.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with the Principal and students in implementing Student Government and Community Outreach programs. • Commitment: Full year
<p>Wrapping Paper Fundraiser 1. Kimberly Taylor 475-8240 2.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Organizers work with wrapping paper company and oversee the order processing. Proceeds from this fundraiser provide the most significant contribution to our PTO fundraising efforts. • Commitment: One-time event held in the Fall (approx. 3 weeks).

Curriculum Enrichment Events 2005

May 3, 2005

The **4th Grade** will be visited by the Chinese Song-Zhu Culture Association. Each classroom will participate in two workshops, Chinese Characters/Calligraphy and Chinese Music/Songs. The students will learn to read and write some simple words. They will also be introduced to various musical instruments and participate in a sing-a-long. These workshops will supplement the study Ancient China in 4th Grade Social Studies.

May 9, 2005

Techsplorations is returning for **4th and 5th grade** workshops. "Circuits and Electricity" will be the theme for the 4th graders. They will learn basic electrical facts and be able to design and build electronic circuits. The 5th graders will participate in "Gearing Up For Speed." The students will use gears, belts and pulleys to build a transmission system for their motor-driven cars, and then they will test their creations.

May 19, 2005

Michelle Lunceford of "Michelle's Menagerie" will visit Sanborn's **1st graders**. Michelle is a wildlife educator and will present her "American Animals" program, which focuses on food chains, habitats, and hibernation and animal classifications. Some of the animals she will bring that day include: chinchilla, Columbian boa, flame knee tarantula, green iguana, mini macaw, prairie dog and turtle.

June 2, 2005

The **Kindergarten** classes will enjoy a "Tide pool Experience." The New England Aquarium will bring aquatic creatures for the children to study. The program combines a guided discovery story and a student-sized animal costume with the chance to observe and handle live coastal animals. This event will coincide with the Kindergarten Tide pool curriculum

Look for specifics regarding the Curriculum Enrichment events coming up at Sanborn in the next issue of the Yellow Pages.



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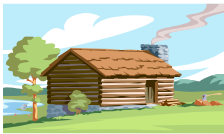
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MAY 2005

<i>Sunday</i>	<i>Monday</i>	<i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Thursday</i>	<i>Friday</i>	<i>Saturday</i>
1	2	3	4 <i>Grades 1 & 5 – Study Buddies Poems at 9am in Cafe</i>	5	6 <i>Math Olympiad – 8am Casino Night Fundraiser – Old Town Hall 7pm</i>	7
8 <i><u>Mother's Day</u></i>	9 <i>Techsplorations – Grades 4 and 5 Faculty Meeting 3:15-5:00pm</i>	10 <i>PTO Meeting 7-9pm</i>	11 <i>Mary French Yellow Rose Award Reception – 7pm High Plain Media Center</i>	12	13 <i>School Store – 11:30am-1pm</i>	14
15	16	17	18	19 <i>Michelle's Menagerie visiting 1st graders</i>	20	21
MCAS Testing Grades 4 & 5						
22	23 <i>Faculty Meeting 3:15-5:00pm</i>	24	25	26 <i>Kindergarten Rainforest Play</i>	27 <i>School Store – 11:30am-1pm</i>	28
MCAS Testing Grades 4 & 5						
29	30 <i>Memorial Day NO SCHOOL</i>	31				