



B. H. Wood News



Thursday, April 25, 2013

Dear Parents/Guardians,

On Monday, Neal Nichols, AKA Mr. Geography, came to inspire our students. His artistic ability and photographic memory impressed the audiences. He artfully drew maps of the 13 original colonies, the United States of America as well as a map of the world! Mr. Geography accompanied his illustrations with magnificent stories about his world travels incorporating his knowledge of geography and history. His hand-drawn maps will be hung soon in the school for all to admire. Along with the PTO, this program is supported in part by a grant from the Plainville Cultural Council, a local agency which is supported by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.



Our resident storyteller, Tom McCabe returned on Tuesday holding classroom workshops for the sixth graders. He will work with the fifth graders on Friday and the fourth graders on Monday to continue his discussions about adding detail to writing. In addition, he will offer a parent night on **Monday, April 29 from 6:30-7:30 pm** in the Wood School Cafeteria. Please mark your calendar to hear this entertaining storyteller dazzle you with tips and tricks to help your child improve the written word. Another date you will want to mark on your calendar is **Wednesday, May 29** which will be our upcoming Internet Safety presentation for parents. It will be held at 7 pm in the Jackson School Cafeteria.

The Wood School garden project is underway! Over the April vacation, Mr. Chris Desprez, Mrs. Bethany Lotfi, and Mrs. Julie Kinney worked alongside our custodial staff to begin the process of creating a vegetable/herb garden. The grounds were prepared, raised beds were created and loam and gravel were trucked in to start the process. Yesterday, Mrs. Levesque's class began planting sugar snap pea seeds with several parent volunteers. Radishes, spinach, and spring onions are some other vegetable seeds classes will be planting next week. The goal is to plant vegetables and herbs that can be harvested by June. Over the summer, several parents will be caring for the garden as pumpkins, squash, garlic, kale and pepper seeds are planted. These plants will be harvested in the fall by students. If you are interested in volunteering to assist students plant, care and/or harvest the garden or you would like to know more about caring for the garden this summer, please contact Julie Kinney at Julie.kinney@me.com or Bethany Lotfi at selowab@yahoo.com. This project would not have been possible if it wasn't for the help of Bob Stone and his custodial staff. Their support and assistance over the vacation was remarkable. In addition, Osborne Nursery, Briggs Nursery, Lowe's, Foxboro Federal Savings, Cumberland Farms, Lewicki and Sons, White Barn Farm as well as Faille Electric all donated time, supplies and/or funds to make this a successful garden project.

During the month of May, we will be holding a lockdown drill. The purpose of a school lockdown drill is to protect and keep as safe as possible the children and adults in the building from a potential emergency. Ideally, these drills should be conducted several times a year at different times of the day to give students and staff the opportunity to practice what to do in different scenarios.

~Mrs. Roberts-Pratt

Calendar of Events

Apr. 26....Tom Mc Cabe -grade 5 workshops

Apr. 26.... Grade 6 visits KPMS

Apr. 29....Tom Mc Cabe -grade 4 workshops

Apr. 29....Tom Mc Cabe Parent Night- Wood Cafeteria 6:30-7:30

May 1....Walk to School



May 3....Sweetheart Dance 6:30-8:00- Wood School

Technology

Don't forget to complete the Technology Use Survey for Parents and Community. Taking a minute or two to fill it out and return it to school would help our Technology Committee. It can be filled out electronically on the school website. The survey can be found under Parents/Survey, Parent Survey and Technology Use Survey. The survey will be sent to the parents via email as well. We value and thank you for your input.

Summer Learning Academy

The Plainville Summer Learning Academy will be offering high interest, student-choice learning activities for children this summer Monday-Friday. Lego-Robotics, BEE Bots, Readers' Theatre, PE activities and more will be offered to all students entering grades K-6 this September. Look for our brochure coming out soon to sign up for our early bird special! For more information on the Summer Learning Academy, please email Mr. Raiche at draiche@plainville.k12.ma.us or call his office at 508-699-1300.

Monday Day 2	Tuesday Day 3	Wednesday Day 4	Thursday Day 5	Friday Day 6
Breakfast Buffet	Grilled Cheese	Mozzarella Sticks	Nacho Plate	School Made Pizza