



November 2009 NEWSLETTER

Key Dates

Nov 10: Picture re-take day
Nov 11: No School / Veterans Day
Nov 13: Janelle Madden, 8:45 am
Nov 14: DSEF Gala
Nov 18: Early Release
Nov 18: Curriculum Coffee, 8:45-9:45 am
Nov 20: Dad's & Donuts, 8:00-8:30 am
Nov 20: Box Tops Due
Nov 25: Early Release
Nov 26 & 27: No School/Thanksgiving
Nov 30: No School /Professional Day
Dec 1-3: Book Fair
Dec 3 : Teacher Conferences

A Message from the PTO

Last month, we suffered a tremendous loss which affected everyone in our school and community. When confronted with such a tragedy, we were not able to comprehend the reasons "why", but we are able to examine our response to it. We saw a school come together and support a staff that was devastated. We saw

parents comforting children, who could not understand the consequences. It was a time to gain perspective; we realized that little things are what they truly are. It demonstrated that one person can make an extraordinary difference in the lives of many and there is great strength and caring in our community.

In this month of giving thanks, we are reminded of our many blessings.

To honor the spirit of Michelle Worthy and all that she stood for, the Dover PTO is hosting a Community Book Fair on December 1st -3rd. The fair will be run by Book Ends of Winchester, MA. They are an independent bookseller, who represent a variety of publishers and are dedicated to providing quality children's literature. There will be a morning and afternoon sale, plus an evening event that coincides with Parent-Teacher Conferences on December 3rd. As we will not be holding "Books From the Heart" this year, it is our "book" event. Teachers will furnish wish lists for their classroom libraries and parents will have a chance to purchase from this list. It is a great opportunity to stock up for the coming holiday season. We will also be selling items to benefit the Worthy Children Education Fund. We hope to see everyone there!

What's for Lunch?

Join Food Services Director, Janelle Madden, for coffee and an informal discussion of our school lunch program.

In the past year, she has been incorporating more healthy choices in our children's meals. What do your children say about school lunch? Come share and learn more on Friday, November 13th at 8:45 am in the cafeteria.

Earn \$ for our school when you shop! Do you buy your groceries at Shaw's? Bulk food and paper products at BJ's? Can you clip the "Box Top" logos off of your Kleenex and cereal boxes? These are all easy ways to help raise money for our school. A form for BJ's was sent home in your child's backpack this week (a \$10 rebate on membership, plus three month extension for new and existing members). Last year, the Box Tops program raised over \$1,100. Visit the PTO website to learn about the many ways your shopping dollars can earn money for our school. These simple tasks do make a difference!

Metco Host Family Program
The Metco (which stands for Metropolitan Council for Educational Opportunity) program was founded in 1966 and began in Dover schools in 1968. This year, the Metco Host Family Program is underway and we thank all the families who are hosting a Metco child for the year. Our goal is to make our Metco students and families feel a stronger connection to our school. We are off to a great start with our first breakfast that was well attended. As we ate together, we did crafts and all got to know each other better. Please feel free to arrange a play date with any of our

Metco kids. The short Wednesdays are great for this because the Metco bus will return to Chickering at 3:00 to pick up any of the children. We are looking forward to building friendships this year and the PTO will continue to sponsor events throughout the year - the Holiday party is just around the corner!

Innisbrook Sale Update

A big thank you goes out to those who made Innisbrook such a success! Orders will be in by the end of November. Please watch for details in the coming weeks on where to pick up your order. Your continued support is greatly appreciated.

Curriculum Coffees

Please join us for the next Curriculum information session on November 18th, from 8:45-9:45 am in the Music Room. This session will focus on Mathematics in grades 3 to 5. RSVP's are requested, but not required to: Dr. Deb Reinemann at x2031 or reinemannd@doversherborn.org.

Calling All Dads!

Come to the cafeteria on November 20th from 8:00 to 8:30 am for "Dads & Donuts"! This is a casual event. Meet other Dads, chat with Principal Downing, grab a coffee and a donut, and learn more about Chickering School.

Join the Auction Team!

Are you artsy and creative? We are in need someone to help coordinate the classroom auction creations! Please contact Nancy Kostakos, if interested at nancy.kostakos@wilmerhale.com.

"Children are apt to live up to what you believe of them." - Lady Bird Johnson