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NMS PREVIEW

Have a great weekend.

Your NMS PTA

Calendar and Upcoming Events, Week of Feb 8 - 12

Monday 2/8	7:30 a.m.	Orchestra
Tuesday 2/9	8:15 a.m.	Spelling Superstars test session 1st grade - Mrs. Kistler's room 2nd grade - Mrs. Crandall room 3rd grade - Media Center
Wednesday 2/10		
Thursday 2/11	7:30 a.m.	Band - 5th grade
Friday 2/12	7:45 a.m.	Chorus
Upcoming Events		
February 15 - 19 Winter Break		

Principal's Notes

Dear Parents,

- It seems our Winter Break is fast approaching! Luckily we have managed to avoid missed school days with snow that has waited for weekends.

- I felt very privileged and proud to accompany our two student liaisons, Kaitlyn Iobbi and Kate Loughran (along with Clare Loughran) to the First Bank of Greenwich for the Haiti Relief fundraising reception. North Mianus worked very hard to complete chores and earn money to donate to this wonderful cause. Each elementary school sent representatives and our overall efforts were supported by community donations. The total as of early this week approximately \$42,000. This fundraiser will continue through next Friday at which time the remainder of the donations will be given to the Red Cross for disbursement.

- Our staff has been busy reviewing their grade level goals that support our school Strategic Improvement Plan. Each grade level has charted progress towards their goals on Data Walls that are placed in our Faculty Lounge. We will soon be putting our progress up on a bulletin board outside the first grade hallway. In the meantime, feel free to look at our wonderful Data Walls which are in the faculty room.

- Recently, I have received several emails from parents related to dog excrement which students are stepping in while on the playground. I would remind all parents of the town leash law which required dogs to be on leashes and also ask that you clean up after your dog should the need arise while on campus. As our playground is open to the North Mianus community, I realize this may be related to residents who do not attend our school but I ask that we do our part to at least help ensure the cleanliness of our school grounds. Thank you for your understanding and support.

- I hope to see many of you at our Game Night tonight the high school, weather permitting.

Have a great week!

Angela Schmidt
Principal
North Mianus School

SCHOOL NOTES

In case of Monday morning snow delay, Orchestra will be canceled! Group classes will happen as normal during the day.

Nominate a Distinguished Teacher! The 2010 Distinguished Teachers Awards Nomination Instruction Packet and Forms are now available on line at:

<http://www.greenwickschools.org/page.cfm?p=1260>

Please consider nominating a teacher and/or encourage parents at your school to nominate! The Distinguished Teachers Awards Committee, Inc. is a nonprofit organization established in 1984 to recognize and celebrate excellence among the dedicated teaching staff of the Greenwich Public Schools. The selection process is based solely on the written information provided in each candidate's Nomination Packet. Visit the web site for more information on who may nominate, nominee eligibility requirements, timelines, etc.

Mianus Melodies: Here are the dates for the Friday, Mianus Melodies program during your child's lunch period: Feb. 12, March 12, April 23, and May 7. Parent volunteers are always appreciated. Please contact Robinetta Rowe at mommvrowe@msn.com if you would like to help.

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North Mianus School Handbook: Please see the NMS website and access the North Mianus School handbook on the Home Page or click on this link. Please review the handbook and return the "Receipt of Handbook" form that was sent home with your child.

Autographs Wanted!!! Attention Parents, When you enter into the North Mianus Building, you must sign in and take a visitors sticker. There is a sign in book in the main office. This is essential to our school's safety. The administration needs to know at all times if there are visitors in the school. Please remember to leave your autograph. Thank you.

Interested in using the school for a meeting? Great idea, but first go to www.greenwichschools.org, and click on the Facilities Use Rental Form. This form needs to be completed and returned to Debra Perry before you can hold any type of meeting, (girl scouts or special events). Thank you in advance for following the Greenwich schools protocol.

PTA NOTES

POW WOW PRIZES NEEDED - The Prize Drawing Committee is seeking prize donations for our annual POW WOW Raffle. If you or someone you know would like to donate a prize, please email Mary Rose Malchow at malchow@livingstonbuildersllc.com. All donations must be received by Friday, February 26th. Donations are tax deductible! Thank you for your support. Leonor Loparco & Jill Lombardi, Prize Drawing Committee Co-Chairs.

SAVE THE DATE.....Friday, March 26, 2010, 7-11 pm! - NMS Celebrates "The Magic of Spring." Line up your babysitters now - you will not want to miss the social event of the school year! Plans are underway for a "magical" evening at the Hyatt Regency Greenwich, featuring "Sophisticated Close-up Magic" by Allan Sherer - Allan has performed for the likes of Robin Williams, NY Governor George Pataki, Donald Trump and the United Nations, just to name a few! Also, back by popular demand, it's DJ Serg! Follow the [link](#) below for more details. We look forward to another amazing turnout by our NMS parents, teachers and staff! Leonor Loparco & Jill Lombardi.

REPLENISH YOUR GIFT WRAPPING SUPPLIES - shop www.sallyfoster.com all school year long and earn money for your school. NMS receives 50% of every dollar you spend! Be sure to enter the NMS Account Number - 229909 when placing your order. Please remind family and friends to do the same. Thank you for your support! Leonor Loparco & Jill Lombardi.

Boxtops Update!

Our next big submission date is coming up so please send in your boxtops by February 22nd. 3rd grade remains in the lead with 1,924 boxtops!!! Here are the updated results:

K- 769

1st- 747

2nd- 1,738

3rd- 1,924

4th- 579

5th- 629

Please contact Marty Dayton at mdayton@optonline.net if you have any questions.

Morning Greeters Needed!! Be a morning greeter, it's easy and only one 30-minute commitment per month. Meet new people and greet old friends, while helping to keep our school safe. Morning greeter is an indoor job and it's a great way to help our school all year long. There are slots available Monday through Friday, you can pick your favorite day! Questions? email me: bethallenmoore@yahoo.com

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Need to post something in the Preview? It is easy- simply send your message as you would like it to appear to nmspreview@yahoo.com. If approved by Mrs. Schmidt, it will be placed in the upcoming week's Preview. The deadline for submissions has been changed to THURSDAY NOON. Anything submitted after the deadline will be considered for publishing in the following week's edition.

Community Notes

Cell Tower Information - As many of you may recall, a proposal has been made to erect a cell tower on a parcel of land directly adjacent to the kindergarten playground. A neighborhood committee has been formed to fight the proposal. If you would like to be included on the distribution list so that you can be informed as to the latest status of the project, please e-mail Christine Ragusa at chragusa@optonline.net.

Clean Closets for a Cause! In honor of World Thinking Day for Girl Scouts on February 22nd, 3rd Grade Brownie Troop 50147 invites you to join them in starting your spring cleaning early this year and help Greenwich's neediest families. We will be collecting children's clothing for Neighbor-to-Neighbor of Greenwich. Collection bins will be located by the gym doors at the back entrance of the school from Monday, February 8 to Friday, February 26. We're accepting all gently used children's items. "Together we can end extreme poverty and hunger!" For more info, contact Cara Stevens at carajstevens@gmail.com.

THE DIRTMEISTER

Family

Science Nights ~ Open to the community

In Spring, 2010, the Advanced Learning Program (ALP) will again sponsor evening science assemblies, led by a figure familiar to the GPS community, The Dirtmeister (Steve Tomecek). Family science nights are interactive sessions that are designed to enhance understanding of the active role parents can take in promoting science at home.

Family nights will be offered on the following evenings:

April 24, 2010, 7:00-8:30 p.m. Hamilton Avenue Elementary School Cafeteria

May 4, 2010, 7:00-8:30 p.m. Cos Cob Elementary School Cafeteria

Bouncing & Bending Light: This hands-on workshop, conducted by science educator and award winning author Steve "The Dirtmeister" Tomecek, focuses on the fundamentals of light. Using "dirt cheap" materials commonly found around the house, we'll examine several different types of reflection and discover how it not only allows us to see our own image, but all of the objects around us. We then take a look at refraction and explore how the bending of light can be put to work by helping to magnify an image. We conclude with a look at how colors can be separated and blended and why the color you see is often the result of the light you use.

Reservations will be handled through the Advanced Learning Program Office. RSVP guidelines and the registration form will be published on this website in early April and in spring issues of the GPS elementary and middle school weekly communications.

Parents Together Newsletter: Click on this [link](#) to access the Parents Together Newsletter, a great resource for CT families.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE GREENWICH AUDUBON CENTER:

Audubon Greenwich
613 Riversville Road
Greenwich, CT 06831
203-869-5272

<http://greenwich.audubon.org> - Please visit the website to see for a complete listing of future events

Great Backyard Bird Count
February 12-15

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Join a nationwide effort to count birds in your own yard or neighborhood and report them to the Laboratory of Ornithology at Cornell University. Visit www.birdsource.org/gbbc or call Ted at 203-869-5272 x230 to learn more about participating.

Winter Vacation Nature Day Camp**February 16-19**

A wonderful wintertime nature camp for young people in Grades K-5. Sign-up early because spaces fill up fast. Registration forms and all details are online at greenwich.audubon.org. Call Lindsey at 203-869-5272 x235 for more information.

Fliers

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[Childhood Illness Guidelines](#)

[Flu Fact Sheet](#)

[Pesticides Notification Letter](#)

[NMS Handbook](#)

[February Lunch Menu](#)

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["The Magic of Spring" Social](#)

Anyone wishing to contribute to the Preview should forward pre-approved submittals to: nmspreview@yahoo.com. Flyers (for the North Mianus community only) will be accepted, in PDF format, at this email address. Thank you! The deadline for publication in Friday's ePreview is Wednesday at noon. Thanks!
