



March 5, 2010

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK...

- I want to thank Eileen Barnett for her efforts in presenting, *The Art of the Line*, at the Sargent Library. I enjoyed the opening reception while hearing the wonderful performances by our vocal ensemble conducted by Margie Callaghan. The art show runs from March 1-31. The Boxborough Garden Club will display "Art in Bloom" on March 2-6.
- There is a correction with the testing date of the English/Language Arts MCAS. The testing runs until April 8 not April 4 as incorrectly reported in the Blanchard Bits.
- Buy your tickets today for the Blanchard PTF Auction on March 20! The PTF's biggest fundraiser of the year is just around the corner! Buy your tickets for this wonderful event at <http://www.blanchardptf.org/auctiontickets.html>. There are incredible prizes this year: lunch with members of Congress, tickets to family attractions and one-of-a-kind artwork from our classes. It's the PTF's biggest fundraiser of the year to support our wonderful arts and science enrichment activities and many other programs. See <http://www.blanchardptf.org/Auction.html> for detailed event information.
- Please join us for a Blood Drive in honor of Ashley Jee on Friday, March 12, from 12:00-5:00 p.m. at the Blanchard School. All successful donors receive a gift from Children's Hospital. To make an appointment, please call Kathy Daniel at 978-263-4569 x203 or

email her at kdaniel@boxboroughschool.org. Each donation can help up to four of our young patients! POSITIVE ID REQUIRED.

- This school year, Children's Hospital will conduct a New England-wide fundraiser called, "Coins for Cures." This program invites thousands of elementary, middle and high school students throughout the region to participate in a program that will raise money to support the groundbreaking research and patient care at Children's Hospital, one penny at a time! Starting Monday, March 1 through April, children can bring coins into their classrooms. Each classroom will be supplied with a canister for the coins. This week, we collected a total of \$216.25. Thank you for your generosity.
- Come and enjoy a day of family fun at the "Critters for Haiti" fundraiser at the Holiday Inn in Boxborough on Sunday, March 14, from noon until 5:00 p.m. See live animal shows presented by area wildlife education organizations! Meet the animals and have your photo taken with some of them! Bid on amazing silent auction items and raffle prizes! Suggested donations are \$8 for adults, \$5 for children and under two years is free. All proceeds will benefit the Clinton-Bush Foundation for Haiti Relief.
- Important dates to remember for the production of, The Trial of the Big Bad Wolf:

Key Dates:

- Rehearsals begin January 2010 on Fridays from 3:00-5:15 p.m. and Sundays from 5:30-7:15 p.m.
- Crew activity begins March 2010
- There are no rehearsals April 18 or 23
- Tech Week is April 2-April 30. (Note that April 25 is the Sunday at the end of spring vacation and the weekend before the show.)
- Performances are April 30, May 1 and May 2

Have a wonderful week!

Maryellen Driscoll, Principal

NEXT WEEK'S EVENTS: 3/8/10 - 3/12/10:

Monday, 3/8

- 3:00 PM Beginning Band Rehearsal**
- 3:00 PM Vocal Ensemble Rehearsal**
- 7:00 PM Adv. Band Clarinet Sectional Rehearsal**

Tuesday, 3/9

- 8:00 AM Chorus Rehearsal**
- 3:00 PM Gold Stage Band Rehearsal**
- 3:00 PM Ext. Day Program: 4th Grade Basketball**
- 3:00 PM Ext. Day Program: Fitness Yoga - Gr. K-2**

Wednesday, 3/10

- 7:45 AM Adv. Band Rehearsal**
- 3:00 PM Brass Ensemble Rehearsal**
- 3:00 PM Gymnastics - Boxborough Recreation Dept.**
- 5:15 PM School Council Meeting**
- 7:00 PM Parent/Guardian Input Session - Library**

Thursday, 3/11

- 8:00 AM Chorus Rehearsal**
- 3:00 PM 5th & 6th Gr. Basketball**
- 3:00 PM Ext. Day Prgm: Gr. 3-6 Fitness Yoga**
- 3:00 PM Ext. Day Prgm: Chess Club**
- 3:00 PM Ext. Day Prgm: Book Cooks**
- 7:00 PM Tuba, Trombone, Baritone, Bass Clarinet, Piano Adv. Band Rehearsal**
- 6:30 PM School Comittee Mtg. - 6:30 PM Exec. Session/7:15 PM Budget Public Hearing/Regular Session (to follow Public Budget Hearing)**

Friday, 3/12

- 7:45 AM Woodwind Ensemble Rehearsal**
- 12:00 PM Children's Hospital Blood Mobile**
- 2:00 PM Special Dance Performance**
- 3:00 PM Drama Rehearsal**

UPCOMING WEEK'S EVENTS: 3/15/10 - 3/19/10:

*****SCIENCE BOOK FAIR ALL WEEK*****

Monday, 3/15

- 3:00 PM** Beginning Band Rehearsal
- 3:00 PM** Vocal Ensemble Rehearsal
- 7:00 PM** Alto and Tenor Saxes, French Horn Adv. Band Sectional Rehearsal

Tuesday, 3/16

*****2nd Term Ends - Report Cards Go Home*****

- 8:00 AM** Chorus Rehearsal
- 3:00 PM** Gold Stage Band Rehearsal
- 3:00 PM** Ext. Day Program: 4th Grade Basketball
- 3:00 PM** Ext. Day Program: Fitness Yoga - Gr. K-2

Wednesday, 3/17

- 7:45 AM** Adv. Band Rehearsal
- 3:00 PM** Brass Ensemble Rehearsal
- 7:00 PM** Special Education PAC Meeting

Thursday, 3/18

- 8:00 AM** Chorus Rehearsal
- 12:00 PM** Early Release - Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 3:00 PM** Ext. Day Prgm: MADD Science Enrichment
- 7:00 PM** Percussion Adv. Band Rehearsal

Friday, 3/19

- 7:45 AM** Woodwind Ensemble Rehearsal
- 12:00 PM** Early Release - Parent/Teacher Conferences
- 3:00 PM** Ext. Day Prgm: Paper Crafting
- 3:00 PM** Drama Rehearsal

Saturday, 3/20

- 7:00 PM** PTF Auction - Wedgewood Pines - Stow