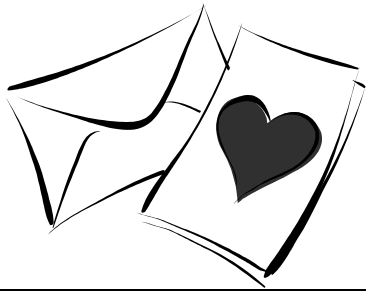


DMS PTO NEWSLETTER

FEBRUARY 2006



Attention DMS Families!!

The Fourth graders will be selling bundles of *Hershey Kisses* on February 13th and 14th to raise money for the 4th-grade graduation party. Each bundle will cost \$1. Please help support the 4th graders and get a sweet treat in return!



PTO Parent Coffee

Join us for a coffee social and informal PTO meeting on February 10 from 9:00-10:00 AM in the DMS Cafeteria. This is a great chance to meet other parents, get caught up on what is happening with DMS-PTO, share ideas, and, of course, enjoy a cup of coffee. Feel free to bring younger children or afternoon kindergartners to the coffee.

Math & Science Rule at DMS!!!

The PTO is sponsoring our 9th Annual Math & Science Expo on February 3, 2006 from 6:30-8:00 PM. Come prepared to learn and have fun as our cafeteria and gym are transformed into exhibit halls with amazing math and science displays.

PTO Meeting Minutes and More!

DMS-PTO meeting minutes are now posted on the PTO website. Go to Deans Mill School website and click on PTO. You can also find a copy of the PTO newsletter and a list of upcoming school events on the website. Add us to your favorite websites!

<http://www.stonington.org/schools/dms/PTO>

Looking Ahead: Upcoming important dates:

DMS PTO Math & Science Expo 6:30-8:00 PM, DMS	February 3
PTO Parent coffee 9:00-10:00AM, DMS Cafeteria	February 10
Hershey Kiss Sale	February 13-14
Presidents Day - No School	February 20
February Vacation- No School	February 20 - 24
4 th Grade Party Meeting 6:30 PM, DMS Media Center	March 1



PTO Nominating Committee

The PTO is looking for people interested in serving on the Nominating Committee. Three of our PTO Officers are moving on to the Middle School next year (Alexa Garvey will remain president until 2007).

Officer positions open for next year are:

- Treasurer- 2-year term
- Secretary- 2-year term
- Co-President or Vice President (1 year as vice president/1 year as president or 2 years as co-president)

A Nominating Committee is needed to solicit and/or receive nominations for officers and to present the slate to the PTO at the final meeting. If you are interested in serving on the Nominating Committee, or running for PTO Office, please contact either Michele Nolan (599-3272) or Alexa Garvey (599-1771).

Box Tops for Education

Keep sending in those BOX TOPS for Education!
Remember the three easy steps:

1. Buy a product with Box Top for education on it.
2. Clip on the dotted line.
3. Send in to school in a baggie or envelope labeled with your child's class and number of box tops enclosed.

February 28th is the deadline to mail in Box Tops that will count towards our April check from Box Tops!

Thank you to all of the 4th graders who have pitched in to help collect, count, clip and bundle!

Spring Portrait Day


Lifetouch will be taking spring pictures at DMS on March 29, 2006. Unlike the fall event, the Spring Portrait Day is a fund raiser for the PTO. To start, the PTO receives \$1.00 for every picture that *Lifetouch* takes on March 29th. It costs nothing to get the picture taken, and there is no obligation to buy anything. Sometime in April or May packages of pictures will come home and you can purchase them or send them back. The PTO will also get a portion of the proceeds from all packages purchased.

Basket Raffle Volunteers Needed

The annual Basket Raffle fund raiser is scheduled for Friday, April 7, 2006 at Mystic Middle School. DMS PTO is looking for volunteers to help wrap baskets, deliver them to the middle school, and help with event set-up. Volunteers are also needed to seek donations from local businesses and to shop for individual classroom baskets. If you would like to help, please contact Katy Vernet at 572-2013.

Memory Book

CANDID PHOTOS ARE NEEDED FOR THE MEMORY BOOK. If you have any photos from field trips or school events, please send the photos into school with your child in an envelope marked PTO – Attention: Memory Book, or email the photos to: DMSmemorybook@yahoo.com.

Happy Valentines Day! 

4th-Grade Graduation Party Update

We are off to a roaring start with our party preparations; more help is still needed. We need volunteers to help put bundles together and help out during lunch time on the days of the *Hershey Kiss Sale* (February 13-14). If you are able to help with this, please call the fund raising coordinator, Maureen Brandon, at 535-1972. The next meeting of the 4th-Grade Party Committee will be on March 1st at 6:30 in the DMS Library/Media Center. Please join us!

Help Wanted

Field Day Chairperson/Chairpeople are needed. This fun and exciting event occurs during the school day near the end of the school year. Please contact Michele Nolan (599-3272) or Alexa Garvey (599-1771) if interested.

Beautification Committee News

The Beautification Committee would like to thank Community Relations Chair Cindy Garvey of the Groton Walmart for her gift card donation. The gift card will be used to purchase items for decorating the front entrance of DMS. This month we are beginning a letter-writing campaign to solicit financial support for the 2006-2007 DMS Beautification Project. This project will focus on the front entrance of DMS, opposite of the Leslie Buck Memorial Garden. When completed, the front entrance area will have a unified, fresh appearance. The Beautification Committee is also looking for two or more people to expand our group. If interested, please contact Missy at 599-4845.

Ink Cartridges for Cash

Don't forget to bring in your empty ink cartridges. We earn a little extra money for the PTO while we help the environment by recycling.

To contribute to the March 2006 Newsletter please contact Debbie Downie at tdownie01@snet.net by February 28, 2006