

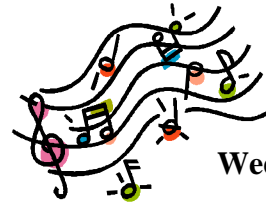
# MMS NEWSLETTER

Mystic Middle School  
November 2005

204 Mistuxet Avenue, Mystic, CT 06355

## PLEASE JOIN US FOR SOME GREAT JAZZ MUSIC!

Jazz Band Performance  
Mystic Aquarium Festival of Lights  
Friday, December 9, 2005 6:00 PM



## WINTER BAND CONCERT

Wednesday, December 7, 2005

## PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent-teacher conferences are scheduled for the afternoon of November 30th and the evening of December 1st. We will begin scheduling appointments for conferences on Monday, November 21st. If you would like to schedule a conference with your student's teacher or teachers, please contact Mrs. Lindeborg in our office between the hours of 9:30AM and 4PM, at 536-9613.

**Please note: Due to parent teacher conferences at MMS, there will be a half day of school on November 30th. Dismissal will be at 12:25 that day.**

## GRASSO TECH OPEN HOUSE

Grasso Technical High School Open House  
Thursday, December 1st from 5-7PM  
Snow Date: 12/8

Parents and students who are interested in Grasso Technical High School are strongly encouraged to attend!

Applications for 8th graders interested in attending either Grasso Tech High School or Ledyard High School Agri-Science are available through Mrs. Van Etten. Students should see Mrs. Van Etten immediately if they are interested.

## MUSIC HELP SCHEDULE CHANGE

Beginning Wednesday, November 9, 2005, Mr. Hilbie will offer extra help after school on Wednesday's instead of Thursday's from now on. Extra help is also offered every morning from 7:30 - 8:00 AM.

The week of November 14, 2005, each band

<b>Concert One</b> 5:30 PM Seventh Grade Band Fifth Grade Band Jazz Band
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<b>Concert Two</b> 7:30 PM Eighth Grade Band Sixth Grade Band Jazz Band
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member will bring home an envelope containing a concert information/permission slip letter as well as three tickets for each family. The **Student Responsibility Slip** for the concert will be due on Wednesday, November 30, 2005. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

## EASTERN REGIONAL MUSIC FESTIVAL

What is the Eastern Region Middle School Music Festival? The Eastern Region Music Festival's Concert Band, Chorus, Orchestra and Jazz Band are made up of the best middle school musicians from the eastern part of CT. The student musicians rehearse under guest conductors on Friday evening and Saturday morning, March 3 and 4, 2006 followed by an afternoon performance at Timothy Edwards Middle School in South Windsor, CT. Selection for this music festival is by audition, which was held on Saturday, November 5, 2005.

Congratulations to the following students selected to represent Mystic Middle School in this year's festival:

**Chorus:** Michelle A., Eric L., Justine N., Jeni S. and Ford W.

**Concert Band:** Stephanie G., Bryan L. and Geoffrey R.

**Jazz Band:** Ryan K., Eddie R., Molly R. and T.J. W..

## HOLIDAY EVERGREENS

Evergreens will be arriving the week after Thanksgiving. All families will be notified that week with a flyer that will come home with your child, giving the date and time for pick up. If anyone has questions or would like to volunteer with distribution, please call Pam Mola .



## LIBRARY NOTES & QUOTES

Thank you, thank you to all of you who donated books to the library from the Book Fair. I used them as a focus for my 5th & 6th grade book talks, and they have had great exposure. I believe they have circulated at least twice now. We truly do appreciate it.

The library is busy as usual with upper level classes doing research on a daily basis and the younger students having classes. The 5th graders have just finished a review on using the phone book. As it is the one reference book all homes have, it is a good start to reviewing guide words, location of places and people (last name, not first).

Sixth graders are wrapping up a short unit on a current author of YA (young adult) materials. They found out why that person became a writer and did a short oral report with a partner and then a paragraph on their own. The book reviews on one book from each author has many books flying off the shelves. Many goals were reached with this unit, using the internet, introducing an author, learning that the author's life was a great influence in their writing and hearing about a book they might enjoy.

After the holiday both 5th & 6th grades will review the Dewey Decimal System and how to locate both books and items on the net with it.

New Site for research: [www.clusty.com](http://www.clusty.com) - one student just told me how much better than Google it was. It is most useful because it clusters items/other keywords on the left hand side that they might not have thought of. Happy Holidays. -Karen Chapman

## MMS/SHS CITRUS SALE

The citrus sale was a big hit. Thank you all for participating in this fundraiser. It's been a couple of years since we've offered this fundraiser and it's nice to get this back up and running again.



The citrus is due to arrive on December 3rd. We need strong and able people to help unload the truck on the morning of December 3rd. Pick ups will be between 10:30am and 2pm that day in the auxiliary gym. It is very important that pick-ups be made that day. The fruit will not be good if it sits in the warm school over the weekend. **VERY IMPORTANT!!** We cannot be responsible for fruit that is not picked on that day. If you would like to help on that day either with unloading or distributing please call either Pam Mola or Paula Bovino . All 7th and 8th graders: this would be a great way of getting in some community service hours.

## SKATE THE NIGHT AWAY!

Come to the Norwich Ice Rink on Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup> from 7:30-9:30pm for a skate night with Santa! This fun filled event is hosted by Southeastern CT Youth hockey and includes two hours of open skate, raffle prizes, snacks and pictures with Santa. It's a great family night out. Tickets are \$5 at the door. All proceeds benefit the Cactus Jack Foundation: helping local families when they need it the most.

## STAFF APPRECIATION DAY A SUCCESS

A big "Thank You" to all of the parents that made Staff Appreciation Day such a success. Everyone enjoyed your baked goods, entrees, soups, casseroles and appetizers. It is my last year to do this event. It has been a lot of fun and a privilege to honor the staff at Mystic Middle School over the years. Again, thank you to all of

you who were so good to take time out of your busy schedule to honor our staff with your culinary talents. Your help was very much appreciated.

-Cindy Thibdeau

## COUNTDOWN

Reminder!!! There are only 10 days left to buy the best yearbook ever! Also, the homeroom with the most yearbooks sold will get a snack after the collection ends!! So if you want to win: buy, buy, buy!

## BOX TOPS

Please note: our box top collectors are resigning. All box tops sent in with your student will be given to DMS to benefit the elementary school's PTO. Keep them coming!

## CITIZENS OF THE MONTH

*"Going above and beyond, and making a difference!"*



(From left to right) Eric L., gr.7, Kenneth B., gr. 5, Lucy B., gr. 5, Mollie K., gr. 5, Randi P., gr. 7

## ATTENTION 8th GRADE PARENTS:

Please keep selling the *Pampered Chef* Products! You can now send gift certificates to family and friends for the holidays. All info has been sent home with your student. All monies we raise from fundraising goes directly towards the *8th grade Graduation Party*. We want to make this year's party fantastic! We're already underway with a great theme and ideas for lots of fun on June 9th, 2006!

**If all 8th graders sell just \$25.00 of Pampered Chef merchandise, we will raise over \$400.00!!!**

## Graduation Party future fundraising events:

Pampered Chef Sales

Dec. 7 (Band Concert) bake sale

Jan.? (Choral Concert) Bake sale

Galaxy Roller Rink MMS Skate Night

Snack and beverage sales at boys/girls b-ball games

Spring Fling Dance for 7th and 8th grades

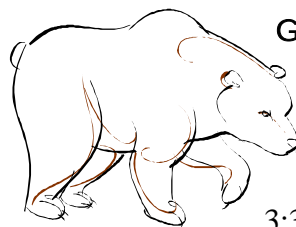


## BAKERS NEEDED:

The first (of many) bake sales is being held on the evening of the *MMS Winter Music*

*Concert* on December 7th. Please send in individually wrapped cookies, brownies, loaf breads, etc. for easy sale! All monies raised goes directly to the 8th grade graduation party! Please drop off goodies in the office before 5:00pm. or bring them that evening if you have a band member!

Any questions contact:  
Carole Nossek or Laurie Giordano



## GO MMS!

MMS basketball has begun! Come on down to cheer for your favorite team. All games start at

3:30pm unless noted

otherwise. Here's the schedule for December and January:

Dec. 2- scrimmage **PMS** Girls: 3pm; Boys: 4:45p

December 5- **Griswold** Girls-away; Boys-home

December 13- **Ledyard** Girls-home; Boys-away

December 15- **Fitch** Girls-home; Boys-away

December 20- **Wheeler** Girls-away; Boys-home

January 3- **Westside** Girls-home; Boys- away

January 5- **Fitch** Girls-away; Boys- home

January 9- **Griswold** Girls-home; Boys- away

January 12- **Westside** Girls-away; Boys- home

January 18- **Cutler** Girls-home; Boys- away

January 24- **Montville** Girls-away; Boys-home

January 31- **Ledyard** Girls-away; Boys-home

## SCHOOL STORE OPEN ON TUESDAYS

The MMS store is now open every other Tuesday during lunch. Many fun (and handy) school supplies are available for sale including clarinet and saxophone reeds, unique pencils, fun pencil grips, exciting pens, locker mirrors, notebooks and much, much more. Please remember to send your child in with some extra money on these following dates:

**December 6 & 20, January 3, 17, & 31.** All proceeds benefit the MMS PTO.

Stonington High **WOVEN THROW BLANKETS** are available to anyone at a cost of \$50 each. They make great graduation gifts! Please call Terri Rathbun.

'Shoot for the moon. Even if you miss it you will land amongst the stars.'

Les Brown

## COMING EVENTS

Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>- Winter Band Concerts 5:30 & 7:30pm

Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> Jazz Band at Mystic Aquarium 6pm

Dec. 9<sup>th</sup> Santa Skate Norwich Rink 7:30-9:30pm

Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> Choral Concert Pawcatuck Middle School 7pm

June 9<sup>th</sup>- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation Party

## THIS IS YOUR NEWSLETTER...

Please use it!! **Deadline for material is the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month!** Please email any material for the newsletter to [mkyffdodd@hotmail.com](mailto:mkyffdodd@hotmail.com). Please just copy your file onto the email or type it as an email. Do not send your file as an attachment if it is not in Microsoft Word. I may not be able to open it. Material may also be put in the MMS Newsletter mail slot at MMS. Thanks! No newsletter for December (it's just too busy!)

-Marion Dodd, Editor

**Look for your next MMS newsletter at the end of January. Submissions must be received by January 15<sup>th</sup>!!**

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