

Deer Hill School News

November 21, 2014

Important Dates:

Nov. 23	METCO Program Pizza Bowl, 3:00 – 5:00
Nov. 26	Early release (12:40)
Nov. 27	Thanksgiving, No School
Nov. 28	No School
Dec. 1 – 5	Circus Week
Dec. 5	Circus Performance, 5 th grade, 7:00 pm

Advance Sales to the Deer Hill Circus

Tickets to the 5th grade Deer Hill Circus will be available to **families of fifth grade students only** in the school office during the week of December 1st through the 5th. Tickets are \$5 each and will be sold at the door on the night of the 5th if there is leftover capacity.

This is the third year that Circus Kid Productions has come to Deer Hill School. During the week, these professional acrobats and circus performers teach workshops to every class in place of Physical Education classes. Students learn the skills of juggling, spinning plates, tightrope walking, clowning, and many other acrobatics. The fifth grade students have extra workshops and, at the end of the week, focus on one skill in particular. The fifth grade students then put on a fabulous circus performance in our gymnasium on Friday night. The benefits to this program are many, and include students taking risks with the encouragement of one another, the ability of all students learning something brand new all together, the ability to highlight latent student talents that are



not often rewarded in community sports, report card grades, etc. Many students begin this program with trepidation, but the professionals who work with the students are highly skilled and experienced in helping students through their fears and at the end of the week each and every student is proud of their accomplishment and excited to be in the performance. Please don't miss it!

At the performance, we will be selling the same equipment that students will be learning to use. (spinning plates, juggling balls, etc.) We are able to purchase these items at a discount rate and sell them at retail. This system has put the Circus program on a path toward being self-sustained. Please consider purchasing these items as a gift to your children who will have been practicing so hard and, in the meantime, help us to ensure the circus becomes a Deer Hill tradition for years to come!

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The Deer Hill PSO would like to express our gratitude to An LeFevre, a 3rd Grade parent, for her help in re-designing our new Deer Hill spirit t-shirts that went on sale at the PSO Fall Book Fair and the Holiday Boutique. The new t-shirts look fantastic and are were a big hit with the students.

METCO The METCO program is in need of more host families for our Deer Hill students. If you would like to have more information regarding becoming a METCO host family please contact the METCO Coordinator, Aleisa Gittens-Carle at 781-383-2804.

Holiday Boutique The PSO Holiday Boutique was held in the Deer Hill Gymnasium last Saturday and thanks to the tireless hard work of Mary Fran Olson, Dianna McSheffrey and Jenni Milanowski, it was a huge success! We would like to thank everyone who came out to shop at our second annual PSO Holiday Boutique Fundraiser. A special thank you to the Boy and Girl Scouts who helped with the set up and tear down. And a huge THANK YOU to our parent volunteers who include: Diane Roach, Kathy Sebestyen, Marie Dunkelberger, Danielle Bushley, Joanne Molloy, Sharon Voyentzie, Rebecca Synnestvedt, Ralph Tulio, Franchesca Arnold, Sue Shepherd, Helane Childs, Laurie Wimberly, Diane Dutton, Laura Soderberg, Diana Hanke, Diane Benson, Megan Brinzey, Sheila Jackson, Sharon Smith, Stacey Heinlein, Sarah McSweeney, Diana Watkins, Elisa Carvalho. Maureen Griffin, Mary Corwin, Whitney Newman, Tricia Pattison, Josephine Lee, Jennifer Joyce, Lauren Walsh, Katie Norton, Dannielle Squatrito, Michelle Loughlin, Erin O'Duggan, Jackie Dionisio, Catherine Harvey, Tanya Coffey, Maggie Moy, Laurie Greenip, Susan Willette, Danielle Kulturides, Christine Woodward, Karyn Ellinger, Laurie Wimberly, Mary Burnieika, Margo Doherty and Kelly Basile.

Community Make a Difference Day Make a Difference Day was a grand success this year, and both Elder Affairs and all of the participants have reported that despite the "November Nor'easter" and some rescheduling 'rain dates,' a

great time and terrific community spirit was felt by all! Thank you to the following list of people/families that participated: Arnold Family, Schiffman Family (Libby and Rex), Webelos I Den (Nathaniel Palmer, Brian Connell, James Hassan, Brian Li, Noah Carmody, Jack Greenip, Danny Smith), Reilly Family (Brian, Nancy, Nora, and Ronan), Marcus Rowland, Joe Donohoe, Amby Tierney, Witkos Family (Scott, Camden, Cathy and Matt), Laird Family (Rich, Gabriela, Natalie and Keren), Emily Brown, Phillip Faulkner, Soderberg Family (Laura, Jim, Taylor, Austin and Jackson), Gainey Family (Charise, Ken, Bella and Sam), Greener Family (Mary Anne, Bill and Jack), Willmott Family (Jeff, Adam and Luke), Mitterando/Cassel Family, Froio Family (Paul, Kim Noah Reese and Mia), Cub Scouts Webelos I Den (Kathy Sebestyen and Mary Fran Olson, Leaders), Cub Scouts Bear Den (Sarah Douglas Inferrera, Leader), Froio Family, Laird Family, Kondrat Family, Lanza Family, Boye Family, Hoadley/Martinez Family, Li Family, Lindquist Family, Campbell Family, Siler/Jalbert Family, Deininger Family, Crews Family, Elfner Family, Ognibene Family, Iantosca/Nakashima Team, Calvin Family, Henderson Family, Cassel/Mitterando Family.

PSO Fall Book Fair

The new combined school book fair was held last week and it was a huge success. Thank you to Katie Norton and Whitney Newman who again this year coordinated all of the volunteers to make this wonderful event possible. We would also like to thank all of the Deer Hill families who visited the PSO Fall Book Fair in the Osgood cafeteria.

The next Deer Hill **PSO meeting will be held on Thursday December 4th at 9:30am** in the Deer Hill Cafeteria. All parents and interested parties are welcome to attend. Our meetings typically run for approximately 1 hour.

Reminder: Students should arrive at school between 8:20 and 8:30 am. We are not able to provide supervision prior to that time period.

If you've not already done so, please send in a picture of your child for the picture board in Dr. deChiara's office.