

Citywide PTO May 10th, 2011

- Teacher Appreciation at the High School...the High School PTO tried something different this year; instead of a luncheon, which many staff members cannot attend, they gave a gift of gourmet chocolate to each staff member. The gesture was well received by teachers and support personnel.
- The new High School principal, Dan Richards, will officially begin working July 1st.
- Summer reading order forms have gone out to students.
- We discussed the problems working parents have with childcare coverage on early release and snow days. The supplemental enrichment "gap" programs are not always appropriate for all students, especially for students with disabilities. Can the district explore alternative gap programs that would allow students who don't want to (or can't) participate in an enrichment activity to remain at school?
- Education Station does not cover snow days. Initially, the program offered snow day coverage, but attendance was so poor, it was discontinued.
- The NEASC report for the High School is available on-line at <http://www.melroseschools.com/mhs/NEASC%20FINAL%20for%20website.pdf>

- Some sports teams are leaving litter on the Roosevelt School fields. The issue should be addressed through the administrators.
- We discussed the difficulties faced by parents who are being displaced from their child's school during first grade assignments. One suggestion we had was that families coming from private/charter kindergarten should be treated the same as any other transfer, and be placed in whatever school has available space.
- The next Citywide meeting will be held on June 14th.