

February 8th 2011 Citywide PTO

- Donna MacDonald and Robin LoConte presented the Guiding Good Choices program. This program is a research based workshop series proven to strengthen family bonds, improve communication skills, and decrease the chances of risky behavior by our children. The spring workshop series will begin March 4th. For more information, contact Donna MacDonald at dmacdonald52@comcast.net.
- The number of snow days will have a minimal impact on spring/summer events such as graduation, as this year school began before Labor Day. Current release date is June 20th. The district has been monitoring the structural safety of all school building roof tops, and periodically removing snow; parents should be aware that the buildings are monitored and safe.
- Kindergarten registration went smoothly; around 102 parents came for the first night of registration. There are two more registration dates for parents.
- Water damage sustained at the MVMMS due to a burst pipe will be covered under insurance.
- We discussed parent-teacher conference night at the High School...many teachers were no shows. Parents came expecting a conference, only to discover the teachers were not there. What is the expectation from administrators with

regard to teachers refusal to attend conference nights? Will there be any consequences for teachers who showed such disrespect toward parents who made appointments in good faith, only to discover their child's teacher never intended to come?

- MVMMS parent/teacher conferences....there are not enough appointments available for parents who wish to attend.
- We discussed the lack of information regarding College Fairs available to High School parents....there is no information at all on the High School web site about ANY local/regional College Fairs, and no information regarding any College Nights, Fairs, Info Sessions, etc., available to Melrose students and families. Also, why does Melrose High School not invite admissions reps to the school to visit with students? Surrounding districts all do this.
- In next year's school budget, the district has not raised fees for all day K, or athletics.
- Community Reading Day will be held on Wednesday, March 2nd, for the elementary schools. The elementary school PTO's should provide light refreshments for the readers.
- The Community Calendar will soon be linked to the District website.
- "Race to Nowhere" will be shown at the MVMMS auditorium on Friday, March 18th at 7:00 PM. Tickets can be purchased online at the through the MVMMS website.

