



MVMMS' PTO Knoll News Spring 2010

MVMMS PTO meetings are held in the 2nd floor project room from 7pm - 8:30pm

All welcome! **Next meeting is April 12, 2010**

May 10, 2010

June 14, 2010 (prepare for 2010- 2011 school year)

Access to archived PTO meeting minutes: <http://www.melroseschools.com/mms/PTOMeetings0910.cfm>

PTO Membership Contribution

Each year the PTO runs a membership drive to encourage all of the MVMMS families to support the PTO and student activities. The monies collected are used to enrich educational endeavors, fund special assemblies, subsidize class trips and support ad hoc student activities. If you have not already, kindly support our children by making your \$25/family PTO contribution. **Contributions to date: \$8,793.00**

Your Contributions and PTO Efforts Have Accomplished a Lot -- Take a Look!

PTO ENRICHMENT FUNDS GRANTED, Thanks to Ginia Pacuito and committee!

Holocaust survivor presentation, grade 8	\$500.00
Museum of Science: "Wind, Water and Temp", 6A, 6B, 6C	\$712.00
Raven, Inc. Antarctica presentation, 6A, 6B, 6C	\$600.00
"Acts of Kindness Summit", grades 6, 7, 8	<u>\$1000.00</u>
Total	\$2,812.00

Leslie Means, 8B	
<u>The Mousetrap and other plays</u> by Agatha Christie (books) 30 copies	\$239.70
<u>The Mousetrap; A Study Guide</u>	\$5.95
"Death on the Nile", DVD	\$25.49
Printer ink <u>2@89.99</u> ea	<u>\$179.98</u>
Total project cost	\$451.12

Jacob Whitmore, 7B	
SMART Notebook Math Tools, academic software	\$129.00
Foam color cubes	\$120.00
Calculators, 10 @ 16.84 ea	\$168.40
shipping and handling	<u>\$41.70</u>
Total project cost	\$459.10

Nina McGrath, 6A	
Special interest magazine project supplies	\$150.00

Jacob Whitmore 7B

Math trail project materials	
Case of multipurpose paper	\$49.99
HP 96/97 ink cartridge	\$66.99
Tape measures, 10 @ \$6.95	\$69.50
shipping and handling	<u>\$18.65</u>
Total project materials cost	\$205.13

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POPCORN FUNDS GRANTED, Thanks to Ginia Pascuito and committee!

Poison Water DVD Health/Wellness, 6, 7, 8 (Mirasolo)	\$29.94
Acts of Kindness – Choices Program (Blaus)	\$125.00
Electronic lie detector parts—Tech Ed. (Greer)	\$134.48
DVD's Comprehensive Health Ed 6, 7, 8 (Keefe)	\$380.22
Amazing Changes Inside and Out, Healthy Habits - Teen Hygiene, OTC Drugs and Inhalants	
Tobacco—The Truth Behind the Smoke Screen	
"Hoot" by Carl Hiaasen – 90 hardcover copies, 6A, 6B, 6C	
(Mrs. Colgan, Mr. Muldoon, Mr. Whittier)	<u>\$984.66</u>
	\$1,654.30

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MINI GRANTS: Thanks to Christine Zarzour and committee!

Various health and self esteem DVD's (Keefe) HE 6, 7, 8	\$163.35
Choral binders (Piper) chorus 6, 7, 8	\$150.00
Foamboard and replacement blades (Bracey) 8C Science	\$263.87
25 copies of <u>William Shakespeare: Poetry for Children</u> (McGrath) 6A English	\$195.00
12 copies <u>Beowulf</u> /24 copies Gareth	
Hind's <u>Beowulf Speaking Engagment</u> (McGrath) 6A English	\$435.00
<u>Owl Pellet Dissection</u> (McGrath) 6A English	\$116.00
Logitech USB microphone and headset (Arnold) Library 6, 7, 8	\$112.21
Bullfrog tadpoles/food/coloring books (Gustafson) 7B Science	\$68.50
Tatersacks (Mirasolo) PE 6, 7, 8	\$162.28
Multi-purpose cones/racquetballs (Kent) PE 6, 7, 8	\$94.80
DVD's relating to art concepts and various artists (Phillips) Art 6, 7, 8	\$114.34
<u>Roll of Thunder, Hear My Cry</u> CD/audiobook (Walsh) 8C World History	\$26.43
Intex QX5 Microscope (D'Antonio) 7A Science	\$251.90
Teacher's Discovery Earth science game and DVD (Parker) 6A Science	\$175.72
Various science books and games (Ahern) 6B Science	\$177.88
Scholastic Math Magazine (Orcutt) 6C Math	\$192.50
Scholastic Math Magazine (Osgood) 6A Math	\$192.50
MINI GRANTS AND ENRICHMENT FUNDING	

35 copies of the <u>Oxford Desk Dictionary and Thesaurus</u>	\$327.60
Mini grants \$150 (more info on PTO web page)	
Popcorn funds \$176.70	

GRAND TOTAL ENRICHMENT GRANTS	\$4,077.35
GRAND TOTAL POPCORN FUND GRANTS TO DATE	\$1,831.00
GRAND TOTAL MINI GRANTS	\$2,892.28

Box Tops Earnings Update! Thanks to Jill Brogan and committee!

Our school's second Box Tops collection drive was held prior to winter break; we earned over \$196. When combined with our October collection drive, we earned \$493 from the Box Tops program this year. Thanks to all who have participated! The PTO is pleased to supply ice cream to the following top earning teams:

- 6th grade.....Team 6B - 438 box tops
- 7th grade.....Team 7C - 196 box tops

8th grade.....Team 8B - 151 box tops

A special **THANK YOU** to the Murashko Family for entering MVMMS in the General Mills/Market Basket Box Tops for Education Sweepstakes. MVMMS will receive an additional 10,000 Bonus Box Tops (valued at \$1,000.) With this special gift donation, our total earnings were approximately \$1,500 for this year!

Next October will be our largest collection of Box Tops Ever!

This was MVMMS' first foray back into the Box Tops program following a hiatus of several years. We set a target of 10 Box Tops per student, or \$900 for our first year. While effort fell short of aspirations, we expect each new year to be better than the last one.

So...please start clipping and saving Box Tops beginning now and over the summer months...our next collection will be in October! This really is an easy, effortless fundraiser. When everyone pulls on the oars, our school earns big bucks! Thank you for your support for Box Tops for Education.

PTO POSITIONS NEEDED TO BE FILLED FOR 2010/2011 SCHOOL YEAR!

<http://www.melroseschools.com/mms/PTOVolunteer0910.cfm>

The MVMMS PTO is beginning the nomination process for PTO chairpersons and committee members in April. If you are interested, or know anyone who is interested, in participating as the Popcorn Chairperson or the Enrichment Chairperson for the 2010/2011 school year, these positions are in need to be filled in order to continue to provide great enrichment programs to the children at the Middle School.

Popcorn Chairperson Responsibilities:

Scheduling and maintaining parent volunteer database for popcorn sales which take place during school lunch hours on Thursdays 11:07am - 12:23pm; organizing committee to assess, respond and reply to grant requests by the teachers and staff.

Enrichment Chairperson Responsibilities:

Meeting with committee members, teachers and staff to coordinate and select MVMMS sponsored enrichment programs for the Middle School (grade specific programs).

MVMMS Spring Sportswear Sale Thanks to Deb Walz!

Success! Thanks to the families that supported the sale Deb Walz has reported approximately \$1,700 has been raised!

Melrose High School Proudly Presents Rodgers and Hammerstein's "The Sound of Music"

Performing in the show are students of all ages from all Melrose schools!

When: April 8, 9 & 10, 7:30pm - April 11 at 2pm

Where: Melrose Middle School Auditorium

Tickets adults \$15, students and senior citizens \$12

Tickets may be purchased in advance of the show at Gerry's Pizza, 517 Main St. or from a parent of a cast member. Questions? MelroseSOMinfo@gmail.com

MVMMS PTO SPONSORS "TAKE MOM OUT FOR PIZZA AND A FREE DISNEY MOVIE"

Thank you Mary-Beth Santarelli and Arlene Frasca!

Take mom out for pizza and a free classic Disney movie on Saturday, May 8, sponsored by the MVMMS PTO. This 1965 mystery stars Haley Mills, Dean Jones, and a very sneaky cat. This G-rated film so angered J. Edgar Hoover that he ordered an FBI investigation of Walt Disney! It was remade in 1997. Can you guess the title?

Dinner starts at 5:30 p.m. in the Middle School cafeteria with \$2 cheese pizza slices and water and dessert for \$1 each. The free movie starts at 6:30 p.m. in the Middle School auditorium. Pre-ordering guarantees pizza and beverage, to pre-order, email: MVMMS movienight@yahoo.com for an Evite order form. Bring the whole family! CONTACT: Mary-Beth Santarelli 781-662-5395 for more information.

MVMMS Presents "Little Women" Performances will be Thursday, April 29th at 3pm, 5pm and 7pm & Friday, April 30th at 5pm and 7pm in the MVMMS auditorium. Admission for middle/high school students, \$3; adults \$5 and free admission for Melrose Elementary School children.

8th Grade BBQ Volunteers Needed! 8th grade parents who would like to help with the 8th grade BBQ, please contact Deb Walz at debwalz@comcast.net. An early May meeting is to be scheduled to prepare!

HAVE A TIP ON Substance Abuse? -- call 781.665.TIPS

Contact: Kara Showers, MPH, CHES, Substance Abuse Prevention Coordinator

City of Melrose Health Department, 562 Main Street, Melrose

Tel: (781) 979-4128, Fax: (781) 979-7696

Email: kshowers@cityofmelrose.org Web: www.cityofmelrose.org/departments/health/SubstanceAbuse.htm

AOK Club Invites You to Roller World Event

"Roll Out Cancer" AOK Club Fundraising Event

Thursday, April 8, 2010 from 5:30 - 7:30

All funds go to The Dana Farber Marathon Challenge 2010 in memory of Danny Williams a former MVMMS and MHS student who lost a battle with cancer.

Teen Dating Abuse Storyline on *General Hospital*

As part of National Teen Dating Violence Awareness Month in February, writers of the popular soap opera *General Hospital* consulted with the [National Teen Dating Abuse Helpline](#) to create a realistic and accurate portrayal of violence in a teenage dating relationship. A PSA addressing teen dating abuse aired immediately after the first episode. We encourage parents to learn the [early warning signs](#) of abuse and to [contact us](#) if your family needs help.

Healthy Relationships Program

MAAV works with the MVMMS to teach students about abuse in relationships, offering the Healthy Relationships Program to 8th graders through Health class. The 6-session program was offered in December and will be repeated in May. We have recently added new information on "sexting" and "textual harassment" to the curriculum.

MAAV Launches Bullying Prevention Trainings

Bullying is in the forefront of the news in our state, with the tragic bullying-related suicide of a 14-year old student in South Hadley and the pending anti-bullying legislation. MAAV has worked to address the issue of bullying for the past 10 years. They are currently launching 3 new trainings designed for schools, PTO's, community groups and other youth-serving organizations (listed below). More information will follow.

For Staff: Recognizing & Responding to Bullying at School

For Parents: Preventing Bullying: What Parents Need to Know

For Students: Peer Power: From Bystanders to Allies

The Bridge: A School/Community Partnership Ninth Annual Trivia Bee

Special thanks to the parents **Mr. Daniel Thing**, **Mrs. Kelly Hourigan** and **Mr. Tim Ackerman** and an amazing team of volunteers who supported our efforts!

The Trivia Bee, benefiting The Bridge: A School/Community Partnership took place at Memorial Hall on March 27. The annual Bee has representatives from schools, city government, a variety of businesses, professional offices, civic groups, non-profit organizations and private citizens whom pit their wits to discover which group knows the greatest amount of useless and semi-useless information! Well done all!

A Note from PTO President, Lisa Gentile

Thank you to all of the PTO volunteers, members of the PTO and parents that made this years funding for the teachers and the school possible.

If you would like to sign up for any PTO positions, please contact Lisa Gentile at gentile54@msn.com. Even if you only have an hour, we can always use your assistance!

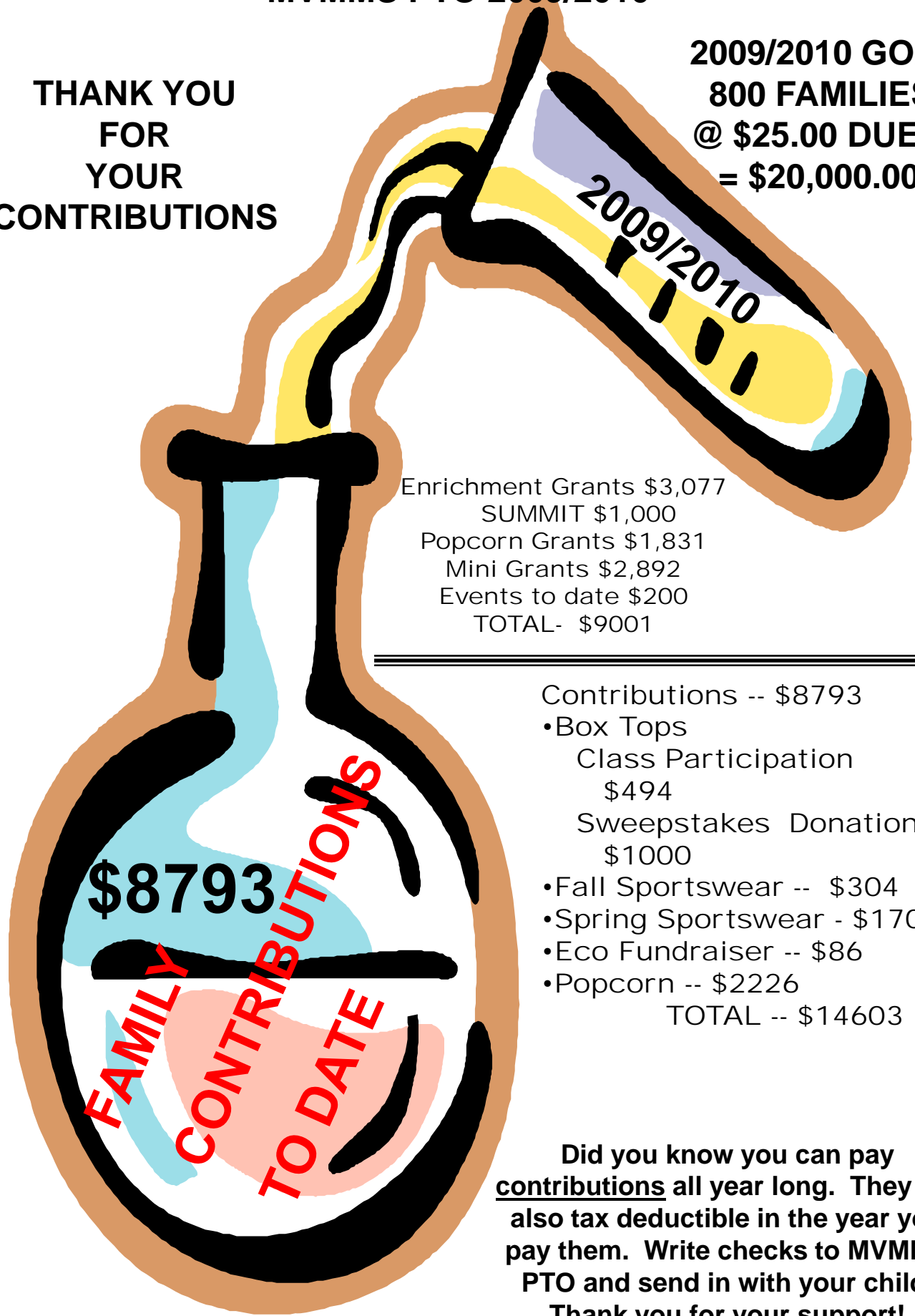
Our next addition of Knoll News will be in August 2010

If you wish to be contacted in late July to receive a reminder request for submissions to the newsletter, please email Kristin Bolton at krisbolton@comcast.net

MVMMS PTO 2009/2010

THANK YOU
FOR
YOUR
CONTRIBUTIONS

2009/2010 GOAL
800 FAMILIES
@ \$25.00 DUES
= \$20,000.00



Enrichment Grants \$3,077
SUMMIT \$1,000
Popcorn Grants \$1,831
Mini Grants \$2,892
Events to date \$200
TOTAL- \$9001

Contributions -- \$8793

- Box Tops
 - Class Participation \$494
 - Sweepstakes Donation \$1000
 - Fall Sportswear -- \$304
 - Spring Sportswear - \$1700
 - Eco Fundraiser -- \$86
 - Popcorn -- \$2226
- TOTAL -- \$14603

\$8793

FAMILY CONTRIBUTIONS TO DATE

Did you know you can pay contributions all year long. They are also tax deductible in the year you pay them. Write checks to MVMMS PTO and send in with your child. Thank you for your support!