

The Melrose Veterans Memorial Middle School News

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PTO Executive Board

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HELP! 2009/2010 GOAL 800 FAMILIES @ \$25.00 Contributions/Family= \$20,000.00
Contributions to Date: \$6910.00

Budget will be posted on line by mid November

Save Capri Sun, Honest Kids, Bear Naked Wrappers, Bottle Buddy Bottles, Cliff, Frito Lay, Mars, Stoneyfield yogurt containers Bear Naked Brigade/Drink Pouch Brigade/Bottle Buddy Brigade. More news to come regarding collections at the school. People Collecting Trash: 6,453,652 / waste units collected: 1,207,171,630/ products from waste: 104 / money for charity: \$130,811.92 More info to come regarding collections; more info, go to: www.melroseschools.com \ <http://www.terracycle.net>



The Power of 900!

Almost 900 students attend the Middle School this year. If each student brings in just 10 Box Tops, that's \$900 for our school! So start clipping those Box Tops and set them aside for Collection Week. Look at boxes of cereal, baking goods, snacks, paper goods...the list is pretty exhaustive...they're everywhere! We'll collect your Box Tops twice this school year – October & February. For each grade, the team that brings in the most Box Tops for the week will win a prize! Congratulations to Teams 6C, 7B and 8B for bringing in the most box tops. **Contact Jill Brogan at jillbro123@gmail.com** for more information. Thank you!

Search the web with Yahoo-powered **GoodSearch.com** and they'll donate about a penny to your cause each time you search! Shop at more than 600 GoodShop.com merchants including Amazon, Best Buy, Toys R Us, and others, and a percentage of each purchase will go to MVMMS! Just go to Goodsearch.com and type in Melrose Veterans Memorial Middle School then start searching! Install the Toolbar for quick searches. Go to www.goodsearch.com

STOP & SHOP A+

BonusBucks, points accrue with each purchase where the Stop & Shop Card is used. It even works with purchases made online with Peapod by Stop & Shop. At the end of each month, these points determine your school's cash total which is automatically credited to its account and school totals updated each month. (Please note: Gift cards, pharmacy, alcohol and/or cigarette purchases are excluded from accruing points.) MVMMS ID #07865 http://www.stopandshop.com/our_stores/bonus_bucks/index.htm

Thank you to Dairy Delight for supporting the MVMMS Box Tops Program by providing ice cream and fixings for our Event Prize!. Thank you to Irina Murashko for her donation of 10,000 box tops. With this we raised \$1,297.10.

SIGN UP FOR MVMMS E-NEWS EMAIL ALERTS/REMINDERS

There will be no text in the body of the email – just a reminder of an upcoming event posted in the subject line (extensive information will also be posted on the website). Please ask your child to bring this slip into homeroom to be signed up immediately!

NAME

GRADE(S)

EMAIL ADDRESS(S)



Eco-Fundraiser: Through a program called Kaleidoscope, we were able to fundraise this year with products that are upcycled with recycled juice boxes, computer mother boards, newspapers, corks, and records. There were some pretty interested things to order from. We raised \$86.00 on the Green Eco-fundraiser this year. Our goal was \$100. Thank you to the parents who supported the school in this regard. Thank you to Lisa Gentile and Andi Reiter for stuffing envelopes and distributing them amongst the teachers home rooms.

The **Campbell's Labels** for Education program is up and running. We ask that students, families and staff deposit point labels in the CAMPBELL'S containers located in homerooms, lunchrooms and offices throughout the building. Remember to save the UPC codes on the following products Campbell's, Pepperidge Farm®, Franco-American gravies, Swanson®, All V8 100% Vegetable Juice caps. Enter a great contest to win a "Bus load of Free Stuff" at www.labelsforeducation.com. Stay tuned for updates on earned points and up coming challenges. Contact Patti Nunley at pattisplace@yahoo.com for more information or questions regarding the program.



Help support **Melrose Veterans Memorial Middle School** by shopping at Target. It is simple. Target will donate money to MVMMS each time you shop at their department store. **Enroll:** Sign up for the "Take Charge of Education program and designate "Melrose Veterans Memorial Middle School" as your eligible K-12 school (Target Red Card). Target Visa Credit Card and Target Credit Card holders: 1) Enroll online, 2) Call 1-800-316-6142, 3) Enroll at the in-store kiosk at Targets The ID code for MVMMS is **#59615**



Thank you to Mother Anna's Restaurant for supplying the cans for Campbell's Labels for Educations. All cans have been placed in the homerooms and office. Please continue to clip and place in containers in your respective classrooms -- more news to come regarding contest in spring....

Be sure to thank Mother Anna's Restaurant at 211 Hanover St., Boston, MA 02113, Telephone 617 523-8496

SHAW'S is proud to offer the Community Rewards program, giving back to non-profit organization one shopping cart at a time. Earning money for you. Earning money for your non-profit organizations is now easier than ever. Just by shopping with your Shaw's Rewards Card on **T u e s d a y**, **W e d n e s d a y** or **Thursday**, you can earn money for up to four of your favorite **n o n - p r o f i t** organizations! **Enter MVMMS's Rewards ID # 49001022526** <http://www.albertsons.com/cp/shaws/>

Magazine Drive: Thank you to the parents who worked hard to process magazine orders, and stuff homeroom envelopes with prizes during Annual Magazine Drive Week. Although this fundraiser is run out of the Principal's office, the PTO receives proceeds to cover the costs to the Author-in-Residence Program each year. **Thank you** to Peggy Sorrentino and Susan Cochran for organizing the schedules and dealing with the day to day announcements between the children; Tom McCall, Gail Trulli, Karen Canzanello, Sharon DelGenio, Anthony Sorrentino, Andi Reiter, Tracy Steinberg, Dee Roscigno and Lisa Gentile! **(s e e p a g e 3 f o r u p c o m i n g e v e n t s)**

Working together....PTO Contributions to Date: (We are at 33% family participation)

The PTO depends on your support via contributions to provide many exciting programs and to purchase equipment that enhances each and every one of our middle school students. PTO contributions are \$25.00 per year, per family. **Anything additional is considered a donation for which we are most appreciative.**

Name: _____ Grade/Team _____

___ \$5 ___ \$10 ___ \$20 ___ \$25 ___ \$50 ___ \$100 ___ Other \$ _____

Make checks payable to MVMMS PTO - Budget will be posted on line by mid November

Please mail check and this slip to Melrose Veterans Memorial Middle School, 350 Lynn Fells Parkway, Melrose, MA 02176 **or** ask your child to bring it in to homeroom. **Thank you very much! Anything helps!**

IT'S A DATE...

The MVMMS **Veterans Day Assembly** will be held on **Monday, November 10, 2009** at **9:00 a.m.** in the auditorium; the band and orchestra will be performing. Parents are welcome - limited space available. Details: <http://www.melroseschools.com/mms/VeteransAssemblyNov08.cfm>, or contact Mr. Brow.

Upcoming Magazine Drive Events

(Please note that these events are based on Magazines sold by children on certain dates throughout the drive)

Mon, Nov 16 - Limo Lunch

Thu, Nov 19 - Sticky Hand Pick-up

Mon, Dec 7, In the café - Amazing Money Machine (TBA)

Mon, Dec 7, 1:15pm in the café - Ice Cream Bash
December (TBD) Prize Day -Students may trade in their tickets for prizes

If you would like to volunteer for the Ice Cream Bash and/or for the Prize Day, please contact Peggy Sorrentino @ psorrentino@melrose.mec.edu.
Thank you!

November Happenings at MVMMS

Fri, Nov 20 -- Picture retake day. **Original package must be returned.** Did you know you could purchase your child's picture any time during the school year. Please contact Bailey's School Pictures at 781.284.6394 or at www.mybsp.biz for more information.

Fri, Nov 20 - Drama presents "Annie", 7pm in the Auditorium

Sat, Nov 21 - Drama presents "Annie", 7pm in the Auditorium

Tue, Nov 24 - Field Trip – 7th grade all teams – Wheelock Theatre, "Tale of Two Cities"

Wed, Nov 25 – Noon dismissal

Thu, Nov 26 - NO SCHOOL "THANKSGIVING"

Fri, Nov 27 – NO SCHOOL

December Happenings at MVMMS

Tue, Dec 1 – Friday, December 4 Library Book Fair 3rd Floor Project Room

Thu, Dec 3 -- Parent/Teacher Conferences 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Wed, Dec 9 – Holiday Choral Concert 7:00 p.m. – MVMMS and MHS Choral students

Wed, Dec 16 - Holiday Band and Orchestra Concert - MVMMS & MHS, The Center for the Performing Arts 7:00 p.m.

Thu, Dec 24 – Jan 4, 2010 – Winter vacation

Where do the contributions go:

Enrichment at MVMMS

Museum of Science Weather, Wind, Water Program

Wingmasters

Squid Dissection Program

Remote Control Program (Deane's Fund)

Holocaust Survivor program

Improbable Players Program

Enrichment (Popcorn Funds) provide (each year parents come in to volunteer to run the popcorn machine located in the cafeteria during lunch). These funds have provided supplies for classes at MVMMS.

Hot Air Balloon Burner, Torso and Brain models, Topography project materials (science), Novels, Pedometers (Health), Domino Physics presentation. Please contact Ginia Pasciuto with any questions regarding programs

M is for March and Melrose! Keep a look out for the sportswear sale coming this March! Check backpacks and the website for order forms! Contact debwalz@comcast.net for more info!

REMEMBER!

Click on [Principal's](#) website for day to day happenings at [MVMMS](#). Click on [PTO](#) link for scheduled meetings (held in community room on 1st floor)

**Come to a PTO meeting,
all are welcome!**

(7PM- 8:30PM)

Tue, Nov 17, 2009

Wed, Jan 20, 2010

Wed, Feb 10, 2010

Wed, Mar 17, 2010

Wed, Apr 14, 2010

Wed, May 19, 2010

Wed, Jun 16, 2010 (plan of work for 2010/2011)

Upcoming Events: Roller World Night 6th Grade, Roller World Night 7th Grade, Roller World Night 8th Grade

Upcoming Events: Community Movie Night at the Melrose Veterans Memorial Middle School

HELP WANTED

PTO Volunteer Opportunities 2009-2010: There are many opportunities to volunteer at MVMMS this year and next. If you would like to help on a committee, please contact the committee chair or a PTO Co-President. Whether you can commit an hour, be put on a call list or email list, we are flexible. We can use your support.

***Co-President:** Share responsibilities with existing co-president to preside at meetings of the organization and of the executive committees; Coordinate the work of the officers, committees of the organization, and the organization as a whole in order that the objectives may be accomplished; be a co-signer on the account; be the liaison between staff, families and PTO.

***Recording Secretary:** working directly with the committees on compiling, organizing and sharing meeting minutes and agendas.

Enrichment Committee chairperson and **members - Responsible for bringing enrichment programs and assemblies to MVMMS to enhance the academic and social environment.

***Popcorn Sales Committee chairperson and **members** - Works closely with the Enrichment Committee Chair; assist with the making and selling of popcorn on Thursdays throughout the school year. Contact Ginia Pascuito, Popcorn vpasciuto@comcast.net

***Mini-Grants Committee chairperson and **members** - Members are responsible for awarding grants to the MVMMS faculty throughout the year after reading mini-grant proposals. Grant writers are always welcome. Christine Zarzour zarzour@verizon.net

****Authors-in-Residence Committee member(s) (formerly Writer's Week)** - Looking for 1 committee member per grade level to act as a liaison between teachers, principal and authors. This program is funded through the Magazine Drive and will focus on the writing aspect of people's jobs (past guests have included authors, journalists, poets, and city employees).

***Ways and Means Committee chairperson and **members** - Members are responsible for communicating with school Principal to organize and executing fund raising and social events.

Newsletter Communications chairperson - Member is responsible for communicating with each committee chair or co-chair to produce updated and upcoming events information for Knoll News. Contact: Kristin Bolton, krisbolton@comcast.net

Newsletter **members - Members are responsible for compilation and distribution of the MVMMS PTO "Knoll News" Newsletter that is published three or four times a year. Commitment can only be as much as an hour of your time. Chairperson contact: Kristin Bolton, krisbolton@comcast.net or Lisa Gentile, gentile54@msn.com

Box Tops for Education chairperson and **members - Responsible for collecting, cutting and mailing to Company and maintaining website resources (can be done from home). Jill Brogan, JillBro123@gmail.com.

Campbell's Labels for Education and ** members - Responsible for collecting, cutting and mailing to Company and maintaining website resources (can be done from home). Patti Nunley, pattisplace@yahoo.com

****TerraCycle Committee **members-** Responsible for organizing and collecting recyclables, mailing to Company and maintaining website resources (can be done from home)

KEY

* Committee Chair Positions to be filled for the 2010/2011 school year.

**Need committee members to help chairperson out with responsibilities throughout the year. (Time commitment can be flexible)

If you have any questions and/or you would like to volunteer for a committee, please contact Chairperson listed or Lisa A. Gentile at gentile54@msn.com

Introducing Take 1! If you can give 1 hour of your time to the PTO and/or the school as a volunteer, you receive a star. In turn, your collection of stars will be put in to a drawing to receive a gift certificate at the end of the month. The more stars you receive, the better chances you have. Stars can accumulate, so you can receive more than one gift certificate throughout the year. **NOTE: The gift certificates will not be purchased with PTO contributions.**