



The Roosevelt Reporter

December/January '08-'09



Successes

The PTO events continue to be a complete success! It takes the hands of many to make school events successful. It takes the "behind the scene" work (thank you to all of our volunteers!), but it also takes the time and dedication of parents and students to participate in these events.

The Roosevelt School has made AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress) on last spring's MCAS scores in each of the subject areas at all grade levels (gr. 3-5). AYP is determined by the state based on the school's scores from the previous year. This measurement lets schools know how much progress should be made from year to year in order to progress toward the requirements made by the NCLB Act of 2001 (that all students are proficient by the year 2014). Congratulations to the Roosevelt teachers, students and parents for this success.

School Activities

November's Family Literacy Month was heavily emphasized at the Roosevelt School. We had several activities promoting literacy. One exciting piece of enrichment was that on November 18th, a children's author came to our school and presented to each grade level individually. Anne Broyles is the author of "Priscilla and the Hollyhocks" and "Shy Mama's Halloween", to mention a few. She focused on "the art of writing" with the students. You can learn more about Anne Broyles by going to her website, www.annebroyles.com. We were very excited to have had her come and present to our students.

Junior Achievement is in motion at grades 1-5! This world-wide program partners between the business community, educators and volunteers. It gives students the exposure to work readiness, entrepreneurship, and financial literacy by using age-appropriate hands-on activities. This program helps students gain knowledge of the "business world" around them.

T.E.A.M. Roosevelt

Every other week, Principal Clery has T.E.A.M. Roosevelt Meetings with all students at the Roosevelt School. Students meet her in the cafeteria, two grade levels at a time (K&1, 2&3, 4&5) for thirty minutes. During this time, she works with students on a particular topic/strategy pertaining to reading. For example, she may teach/practice making connections, inferencing, determining fact versus fiction, use of figurative language, genre, determining main idea, understanding theme, etc.. These are taught through read-alouds, modeling and discussion. T.E.A.M. Roosevelt Meetings began in October and will continue throughout the year. We hope that students are able to apply the concepts that are taught and/or reviewed in their own reading.

Upcoming Events

Winter Wonderland:	December 10
PTO Meeting	December 10
Report Cards (gr. 1-5)	December 17
PTO Meeting	January 12
Grade K-1 Parent Info Night	January 14 (snow date 1/29) @ MMS at 7p.m.
Grade K-1 Open House @ Roosevelt	January 28 from 5:00-7:00 @ Roosevelt

Reminders

Our school website continues to be updated. Please check it out for a variety of information about your child's school. We are happy to hear new ideas for the site. Feel free to e-mail Mrs. Clery at kclery@melrose.mec.edu with any suggestions. Our monthly calendar is now posted on the school website. Please refer to it for additional dates, events and information.

Free and Reduced Lunch enrollment is ongoing. Although we sent applications home at the beginning of the year, please note that you can request an application and apply at any time throughout the school year.

Important Dates ~ Mark your calendar!

Early Release Days:

October 29th
 November 13th
 December 11th
 February 4th
 March 24th
 April 30th
 June 3rd

Report Cards:

Gr. 1-5:
 12/17/08
 4/1/09
 Last Day of School
Kindergarten:
 2/11/09
 Last Day of School

MCAS Dates:

Gr. 3 reading – April 6, 7, 8
 Gr. 3 math – May 12, 13, 14
 Gr. 4 long comp. – March 31
 Gr. 4 reading – April 1, 2, 3
 Gr. 4 math – May 14, 15
 Gr. 5 reading – April 6, 7, 8
 Gr. 5 math – May 12, 13
 Gr. 5 science/ tech. – May 18, 19
 Gr. 5 history – May 20, 21

Quote of the Month

The essence of intelligence is skill in extracting meaning from everyday experience.

~ Unknown

Please refer to our Parent/Student Handbook for additional district information.