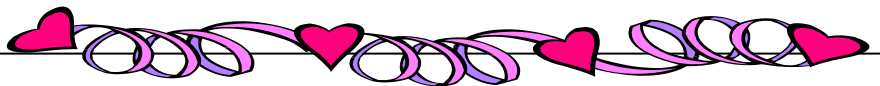


MLK Elementary School PTO February 2012 Newsletter



News and Updates from the PTO . . .

PTO Meeting: Feb 8 @ 6pm: MLK PTO will meet on Wed, Feb 8 at 6pm in the MLK Library. MLK parents and teachers and community partners are invited to attend to learn about the activities and initiatives planned and how to volunteer for the 2012-13 PTO Leadership Team.

Linked on Reading Event:

Feb 16 @ 1pm: The Greater Providence, RI Chapter of the Links, Inc. will hold "Linked on Reading" at MLK on Thurs, Feb 16 from 1-2:30pm as part of a national initiative to promote reading. 4th & 5th grade classes of Ms. Jones and Ms. Riojas will participate. The Links will also sponsor a book reading and signing with children's book author Lesa Cline Ransome. If you want to participate please contact Ann Clanton of the Links at AClanton6@gmail.com.



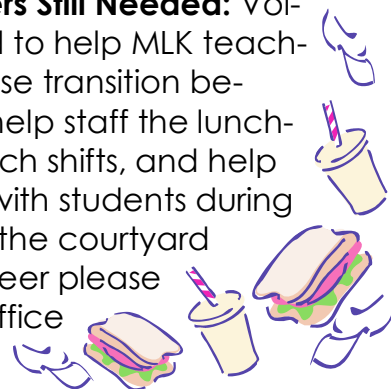
Chinabridge Chinese I: This six week class will take place Feb 1, 8, & 15 from 3:15-4:30pm. Students will gain knowledge of Pinyin and be able to use the Chinese Romanization System. Students will learn the radical system and practice character writing. Chinese culture will be introduced and workshops on cultural perspectives will be conducted. The registration fee is \$25. For information, contact Ms. Shen at ming.shen@ppsd.org.



Chinese II Program: A second session of Chinese II for returning students will be held on Wednesdays Feb 29 thru April 4. The registration fee is \$25.

For more information, please contact Ms. Shen at ming.shen@ppsd.org.

Lunchtime Volunteers Still Needed: Volunteers are needed to help MLK teachers and staff supervise transition between lunch shifts, help staff the lunchroom during the lunch shifts, and help teachers and staff with students during lunchtime recess in the courtyard and field. To volunteer please contact the main office at 456-9398.



Family Night Out

**Wed, Feb 29
5:00-9:00pm**

**Tortilla Flats
355 Hope Street**

Plan to join teachers and families from King to raise funds for the PTO at a Fundraising Dinner at Tortilla Flats on Wednesday, February 29. Tortilla Flats will donate a portion of the night's profits to the PTO for academic enrichment. If you haven't been there before, it's great, with a kids' menu and lots of fun food for adults, too. Plan to attend for a fun evening and a great way to support our school.



2010 MLK School Mosaic
"We Love to Read"

Spotlight: Mosaics at King Parent Volunteers Needed

Each year the fifth grade students create a mosaic with local artist, Jess Regelson. This work takes place during the springtime and requires many hours of work from students who are involved in each stage of the planning, design and installation of this permanent artwork. A quick walk through the building reveals over a dozen beautiful mosaics dating back 15 years!

We need a few parent volunteers to make this annual artwork possible. If you are a parent of a 5th grader who would like to learn more about helping to make this year's mosaic happen - or a parent in any grade who would like to learn more about the project and lend a hand - please contact Jill Davidson at jill.davidson@gmail.com by Feb 17. Not much of your time will be required, but we do need help. So please be in touch to continue this wonderful annual tradition at King.



70/80s Night Out, March 16

(Adult Event): The MLK Falcons are hosting an adult 70/80's Night Out at the Tantic Night Club, 1070 North Main Street. Ticket are \$20 and proceeds support computer enrichment. Come dressed in your favorite 70 or 80's attire or just come as you are to show your support. Tickets are available in the school office. You can come in or send in your ticket money with your child to purchase tickets.



Annual Potluck a Great Success: Thank you to all the families and friends of MLK who came out to support the annual MLK International Potluck Night and MLK Program. The event was a resounding success and all who attended enjoyed the wide variety of foods available. A special thanks to Ms. Riojas and the MLK students for their stirring tribute in honor of the life and legacy of Dr. King and to MLK PTO Vice-President **Helen Dukes** for her invaluable support and skill in organizing this annual event.

Box Tops for Education & East Side Marketplace

Receipts: Don't forget to clip Box Tops! Each Box Tops coupon is worth 10 cents. Last year, we collected about \$300 worth (that's a lot of box-tops)!! If you shop at East Side Marketplace, send receipts into school. We collect these receipts and receive a rebate. Every little bit really does count! Send receipt or boxtops to the school office.



Calendar

Feb. 8	PTO Meeting, 6pm
Feb 16	Linked on Reading Event
Feb. 21-25	No School - February Vacation
Feb 29	Family Night at Tortilla Flats
Mar. 7	No School - Teacher Prof. Dev.
Mar 16	70/80s Night (Adult Event)