



MLK Elementary School PTO January 2012 Newsletter

**Make a New Year's Resolution to be an active member of the PTO!
Join us at the January PTO Meeting!**



**Wednesday, January 10
6:00 pm
MLK School Library**

**During the meeting we will begin plans for Spring school events.
New ideas and volunteers are welcome!**



News and Updates from the PTO . . .

Fall Raffle: Thank you to all of the students and families who participated in the fall fundraising raffle. All proceeds from the raffle will support enrichment and field trips for MLK students. Congratulations to the raffle winners: First Prize: Adrian Silva, Second Prize: Oranwa Chukwuebeuka; Third Prize: Howard Baskin; Student Winner: Harriet Kay.

Open Middle Schools Nights: As part of the PPSD School Choice Process families have the option to request the middle school they would like their student to attend. The Open Schools Nights on Jan 23 & 25 will give families an opportunity to tour schools; meet students, faculty and staff; and learn about academic programs and student activities. For info call Student Registration at 456-9297.

- January 23, 6-8pm: Nathan Bishop, Gilbert Stuart, and Roger Williams
- January 25, 6-8pm: Esek Hopkins, DeSesto and Nathanael Greene

Kindergarten Registration: Do you have a child who will be starting kindergarten in the fall? If so, don't miss Providence Public School Department's Kindergarten Registration. It is January 3 - February 10 (by last name). For details, call 456-9297.

MLK Tours: If you know someone who is considering MLK for their child for next year, please let them know about our upcoming tours and meetings with Principal Ciesla. Tours will be on January 6, 20, 27 and February 3, beginning at 11:00. To register (not required) please contact the main office at 456-9398 or email mlkpto@gmail.com.

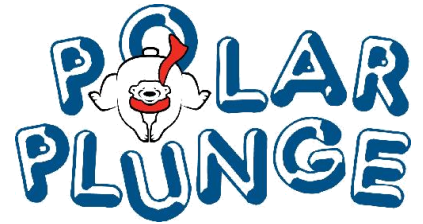
Calendar

Jan. 10	PTO Meeting, 6pm
Jan. 16	No School - MLK Holiday
Jan. 23, 25	Open Middle School Nights
Jan. 27	Second Quarter Ends
Feb. 20-24	February School Vacation



Spotlight: Taking the "Polar Plunge"

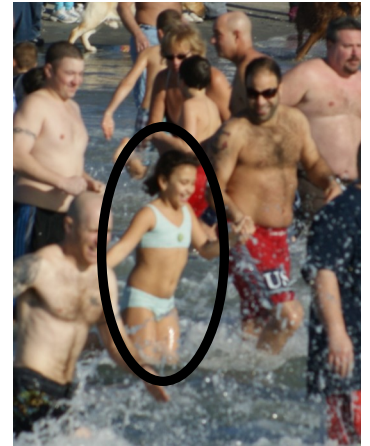
Who says you shouldn't start the new year with a dip in the ocean?!



Serena Lalli (grade 3) and John Lalli (grade 4) started the new year by heading to the beach and jumping in the Atlantic Ocean. This was part of one of the many "Polar Plunges" on New Year's Day to benefit charity. The Polar Plunge at Salty Brine beach in Galilee, RI raised money to fight Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (also called "ALS" or "Lou Gehrig's Disease"). This charity had special meaning for the MLK students because their great-grandfather died from ALS in 1992.



During the Polar Plunge, there is a count-down to noon, and then a mad dash into the water. While some people stay in the water to enjoy the waves, most people are in and out as fast as they can go. Luckily this year the weather wasn't too freezing . . . but even so, this was no normal day at the beach! They are looking forward to next year, and hoping to organize a MLK School Team!



70/80's Night Out Friday, March 16, 2012



Get out your dancing shoes!

The MLK Falcons are hosting an adult 70/80's Night Out at the Tantric Night Club, 1070 North Main Street. Ticket are \$20 and proceeds support computer enrichment at Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Elementary School. 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.

Thank you to all the families and community members who answered the call to bring holiday cheer to all MLK Families. The generous spirit at MLK is AMAZING!!



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