



MLK Elementary School PTO May 2011 Newsletter



Talent Show! Two Nights of Unbelievable Talent May 25 & 26 at 6:00 pm Nathan Bishop Middle School



Our students have too much talent to be contained in just one night!

Over 180 budding stars auditioned for the 2011 talent show. So, we have decided to spilt our performances into two nights:

PreK-2nd Grade: Wednesday, May 25

3rd-5th Grade: Thursday, May 26

Both Shows will be at Nathan Bishop Middle School at 6pm. All students participating must arrive by 5:30. Please look for Talent Show notices containing important information for participants that are going home in kids' backpacks. Contact Helen Dukes at lizdukes@cox.net or 935-9735 with any questions.



News and Updates from the PTO . . .



McTeacher's Night Fundraiser 5/10: On Tuesday, May 10 from 5-7pm Principal Derrick Ciesla and MLK teachers will be at McDonald's at the University Heights, 647 North Main Street, to serve dinner to raise money for MLK

Elementary. Stop by for dinner and to join in the fun, all while supporting and raising funds for MLK Elementary!

Nominations for PTO Leadership Positions: The PTO is now accepting nominations for leadership positions for the 2011-12 academic year. If you would like to nominate yourself or someone else, please send an email to mlkpto@gmail.com or call PTO Secretary Lorraine Lalli at 383-0019. Previous experience welcome, but not required. All that is needed is a willingness to support the learning and enrichment activities at MLK Elementary.

Teacher Appreciation Luncheon 5/20 - HELP NEEDED: The annual MLK Teacher Appreciation Luncheon will be Friday, May 20, from 11am until 1pm. The MLK Community is invited to prepare their favorite dishes for the world's best teachers in this annual "Thank You" feast. To volunteer, contact Corey Walker at cdbwalker@brown.edu or cal 383-0019.

Spring Raffle: The Spring Fundraising Raffle is underway. If you need more tickets or have any questions, contact Helen at 935-9735. Help us reach our goal of selling 10,000 tickets!



Tortilla Flats Night - a BIG Success!!

Thank you to all who came out last month to support our first ever Parents Night Out at Tortilla Flats. Parents, students, teachers and community members shared in a fun night out and raised \$380 for the PTO. A BIG thank you to parent organizer **Margarita Arentsen** and the owners of Tortilla Flats!

¡MUCHAS GRACIAS!



Spotlight: 2011 Mosaic - Volcanoes (Volunteers Needed)

MLK Elementary has started making its annual mosaic designed and created by 5th grade students. This year's theme is volcanoes, based on the 5th grade science curriculum. The students have been drawing volcanoes in art class that will serve as the mosaic design. **This will be MLK Elementary's 15th annual mosaic**, the latest in a proud and beautiful school tradition.

Throughout May and June, the students will be working with mosaic artist Jess Regelson and her assistants to put the mosaic in place. In order to keep costs down and make the mosaic creation a fun family experience, parents and family members from all grade levels are invited to join in when time permits. This is a great way to spend time with your kids for a couple of hours during the school day and to learn how to make mosaics. A short training is required, and then you can work with the kids and Ms. Regelson as often as you would like. We usually work on the mosaic in the mornings, though afternoon sessions are possible.



If you are interested in participating in this wonderful school tradition, please contact mosaic coordinator Jill Davidson for more info. Jill can be reached at 401-345-2464 or jill.davidson@gmail.com and she will contact you to find out when you can participate and to arrange for training. If you cannot make it to the school during the day but want to make a contribution toward materials or want to help in some other way, please let Jill know!



Field Day! June 10

If you've been wanting to volunteer all year, this is your chance! Field Day is set for Friday June 10. Once again, City Year RI will be helping out. Mark your calendars and plan to help with this fun-filled day of

outdoor activities that would be GREAT!!! Call 383-0019 or email mlktpto@gmail.com if you would like to help on Field Day (it's super fun!).

Community Event at Meeting Street School - 5/21

MLK parent Sara Masri invites King families to Meeting Street's annual Walk and Family Fair. The Family Fair is free and will take place at the Meeting Street campus, 1000 Eddy Street in Providence on May 21 from 11:00am-2:00pm. Families can enjoy free food, Zoomobile, games, balloon art, arts and crafts and more. Visit <http://my.meetingstreet.org/> to learn more about the Walk and Family Fair.

Guitar Enrichment: For the past several months, Brian Cameron has been teaching students in grades 2-5 each Friday afternoon how to play the acoustic guitar. Sponsored in part through funding received from the Rhode Island State Council on the Arts, this program is organized and supported by the MLK Parent Teacher Organization. The guitar program is now in its third year. The students will perform for the school community in June. Stay Tuned!!!



Calendar

May 10	McTeacher's Night Fundraiser at McDonalds, 5-7pm
May 20	Teacher Appreciation Luncheon
May 25-26	MLK Talent Showcase, 6pm
May 30	Memorial Day (No School)
June 10	Field Day
June 17	MHLC Afterschool Program Ends
June 24	Last Day of School