



MLK Elementary School PTO November 2010 Newsletter

November 2010 Calendar of Events



- 2 Election Day (No School)
- 6 MLK Community Garden Clean-up @ 9am
- 10 PTO Meeting & Raffle Drawing
- 11 Veteran's Day (No School)
- 12 1st Quarter Ends
- 15-19 Scholastic Book Fair
- 18 Parent-Teacher Conferences
- 25-26 Thanksgiving Vacation

Parent and Teacher Night Out

November 3, 5-7pm

Pizzico Ristorante, 762 Hope Street

Meet old friends and make new ones while having fun and raising funds for field trips and other academic enrichment for all students at MLK. The appetizers will be fabulous and the ticket price includes a glass of wine or a soft drink. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased at the door. For tickets, please email mlkpto@gmail.com or call Helen Dukes at 935-9735.



News and Updates from the PTO . . .

Scholastic Book Fair: Nov. 15-19

Mark your calendar for the annual fall MLK School Book Fair! On Thursday, Nov. 18th we will be open in the evening during Parent/Teacher Conferences. Parent Volunteers are needed to work at the book fair during all hours of operation in order to make it a success! Contact Christine at thewilfords@verizon.net or 453-6845 to volunteer! **Book Donations Needed:** Donations of gently used books for all ages are requested, to ensure that every MLK student who visits the book fair receives a book. Please send book donations to the school office.



MLK Community Garden Clean Up: Saturday Nov. 6

On Saturday, November 6 the MLK community will take part in a garden clean-up from 9:00am until 1:00pm. We will build some raised planting beds and prepare other areas of the garden for winter. Please bring any garden tools, power tools for making raised beds, and energy so that we can prepare the garden for the upcoming winter months and for spring planting by the students.

Last Call for the Fall Raffle – Drawing on Nov. 10

The Fall Raffle is ending soon. Please return all tickets by Friday, Nov. 5 (please return any unsold tickets too). The drawing will be on Nov. 10 at the PTO meeting. Come to find out if you are a winner! Top prize is \$500. All proceeds support the academic programs at MLK!



Key to King Directory

All students should have received a Key to King School Directory. The Key to King makes it easier for students (and families) to stay in touch. Please take time to support the organizations and businesses that advertised in the directory. Please thank them for their support.

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Kindergarten Spotlight: Visit to Four-Town Farm

In October, the three Kindergarten classes took a field trip to Four-Town Farm, which is located in BOTH Rhode Island and Massachusetts! The children had a great time seeing how some of their food is grown and harvested. They learned about irrigation and using scarecrows and other methods to protect crops from damage by birds. All the children enjoyed bagging their own carrots and picking pumpkins to take home. They also had fun in the corn maze; after several wrong turns and dead ends, everyone made it out! Thanks to all of the teachers and parents who made this a successful outing, and many thanks to Four-Town Farm!



PTO Meeting: Wednesday, Nov. 10 at 6 pm

PTO Meetings are a great way to get involved in your child's education. Come to learn about the many ways the PTO supports enrichment activities at MLK. Ideas, suggestions and volunteers are always welcome. The PTO meets on the second Wednesday of the month at 6pm in the school cafeteria. Childcare is available for \$1 per child (snacks provided).

Box Tops for Education & East Side Marketplace Receipts

Don't forget to clip Box Tops! Each Box Tops coupon is worth 10 cents. 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!



Stop & Shop A+ School Rewards Program

Logon to www.stopandshop.com/aplus to register your Stop & Shop Card to earn cash for MLK every time you shop! Ask friends and family to do the same.



Stay Connected

Don't miss out on the most current school news. Sign up for the weekly PTO email by emailing MLKPTO@gmail.com. Or, join our Facebook group - MLK Elementary School PTO Providence.

Parent Teacher Conferences Thursday, November 18

Mark your calendar for Parent Teacher Conferences. This is a great time to learn about your student's academic progress and find out more about their classroom experience.

Unsure of what to ask? These five questions from the Rhode Island Parent Information Resource Center are great conversation starters:

1. What are my child's strengths?
2. What concerns do you have about my child?
3. How does my child get along with others?
4. What information can I share with you about my child?
5. I want to be involved with my child's education. How can we work together?

Don't forget to visit the Book Fair in the school gym during Parent Teacher Conferences!