

MLK Elementary School PTO October 2011 Newsletter

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**Parent & Teacher Night Out
October 20, 5:30 - 7:30
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, email mlkpto@gmail.com or call 533-8456.



News and Updates from the PTO . . .



FAREWELL TO MLK READING COACH SUE MARTIN

Farewell to MLK Reading Coach Sue Martin who will become the Assistant Principal at Charlotte Woods and Cornell Young Elementary School in Providence on September 26, 2011.

Ms. Martin, who has been teaching in Providence since 1990, came to MLK as a first grade teacher in 2001 and in 2007 assumed the position of Reading Coach. She is a National Board Certified Teacher and recently completed the coursework for the Providence Aspiring Principal Program. The MLK community will certainly miss Ms. Martin and we wish her all the best on her new position.

PTO VOLUNTEERS

The PTO is always in need of volunteers! Right now, we especially need volunteers for the upcoming Fall Fundraising Raffle and the annual Scholastic Book Fair. Simply email mlkpto@gmail.com or send a note marked PTO to the school office with your interests. We are always looking for help from family and community members.



NEW MLK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL WEBSITE AND CONNECT ON FACEBOOK!

Visit the new Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Elementary School web site at www.mlkelementary.org. Learn about our wonderful school and faculty and about the curriculum and events! You can also follow Principal

Ciesla on Facebook! To connect with the PTO, visit www.mlkpto.org or find our group on Facebook (MLK Elementary School PTO)! Now, even more ways to stay connected with the MLK community!

CLOTHING NEEDED

School nurse, Ms. Rosemary Wittels, is requesting clothing donations of pants that their children have outgrown to keep in the nurse's office for times when children need a change of clothes. Items welcome even if they are a little worn as anything dry is better than wet clothes. All sizes are welcome (sometimes even the older children need clothes).



MHLC VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

The Mt. Hope Learning Center (MHLC), an MLK Elementary Community Partner, is looking for consistent volunteers to serve as Tutors/Homework Helpers at their after school program at Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Elementary School. Volunteers must be willing to participate in a one-hour training session and must volunteer for at least three (3) afternoons per week from 2:45pm-5:30pm at MLK. For more information, please contact Elizabeth Winangun, Executive Director of MHLC, at ewinangun@gmail.com or (401)455-8875.



Spotlight: Student Voice Megan Vargas, Third Grade

Dear MLK Falcons,



I would like to share some important information that I have learned from the "Dr. Oz Show" with you. Dr. Oz tested 5 kinds of apple juice to see how much arsenic is in them. This was compared to our drinking water. The FDA allows 10% arsenic in our drinking water. The FDA is the people that check to make sure things are safe for us especially when it comes from other countries. The juices tested were:

Minatemaids=9%
Mott's=11%
Sesame Street=16%
Juicy Juice=22%
Gerber=36%-----WOW!!

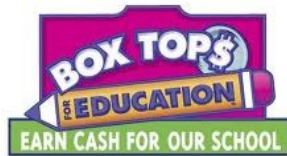
All of these concentrates are bought from China and other Countries. The important thing is, parents should read the labels carefully and buy organic, from local farms & Whole Foods.

If you drink a lot of Juice with arsenic in it, it will make you very sick and not very smart.

From someone who cares,
Megan Vargas

BOX TOPS & EAST SIDE MARKETPLACE RECEIPTS

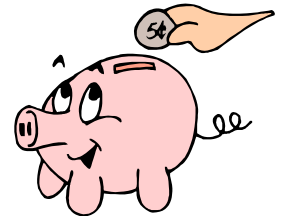
Earn cash for MLK by clipping Box Tops from hundreds of your favorite products. Each Box Tops coupon is worth 10 cents for MLK, and that adds up fast! Send Box Tops to the office in an envelope marked PTO. Our goal is to collect 5,000 Box Tops! This will translate into real money for enrichment for all kids at King! Also, if you shop at East Side Marketplace on Pitman Street, please save all receipts and send into school in an envelope marked PTO. We collect these receipts and receive a rebate. Every little bit really does count!



needed resources for all the students at King. Details coming soon!!!!

DONATE TO THE MLK PTO

The MLK PTO welcomes any tax-deductible financial contribution you can make to ensure the academic success of our students and our school. Your donation helps to ensure the continued achievement of each and every student. Donations can be mailed to the Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Elementary School Parent Teacher Organization 35 Camp Street Providence, RI 02906. Donations are tax-deductible!



SIGN UP FOR THE STOP & SHOP A+ REWARDS PROGRAM

Through March 2012, we can earn CASH each time MLK family and friends shop at Stop & Shop. Log on to www.stopandshop.com/aplus to register your Stop and Shop Card, select ID # 08664 for MLK School. Each time you shop, you will earn CASH for our school! Encourage your friends and neighbors to participate. It could mean the world to our school!



GET READY FOR THE PTO FALL RAFFLE

The PTO will soon launch its major fall fundraiser. This year's raffle will feature a range of monetary prizes and all the money raised will be used by the PTO to sponsor wonderful activities and provide much

Calendar

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| Oct 10 | No School - Columbus Day |
| Oct 12 | PTO Meeting, 5:30 pm |
| Oct 20 | Parent & Teacher Nite Out
Pizzico, 762 Hope Street, 5:30 pm |
| Nov 9-11 | No School - Parent Teachers
Conferences & Veterans Day |
| Nov 24-25 | No School - Thanksgiving |