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A newsletter from the Lawrence School Parent-Teacher Organization

Calendar

- 21 January (Wednesday)
Lawrence Reads
- 22 January (Thursday)
BEF Science Breakfast
8:15 am Library
- 27 January (Tuesday)
Principal's Forum
7:45 am library
- 31 January (Saturday)
Lawrence Family Skate
6-8 pm, Larz Anderson
- 3 February (Tuesday)
 - School Council Meeting
8 am 2nd floor conf. room
 - Kindergarten registration
A-L, 7:30-9 am
- 4 February (Wednesday)
Kindergarten registration
M-Z, 12-1:30 pm
- 6 February (Friday)
Family Fun Night
6-8:30 pm
- 9 February (Tuesday)
PTO meeting
7:00 pm Library
- 12 February (Thursday)
Superintendent's Parent Forum
7:45 am Library
- 16 February (Monday)
SCHOOL CLOSED
Presidents' Day
- 17-20 February (Tue-Fri)
SCHOOL CLOSED
February Vacation
- 5 March (Thursday)
PTO Meeting
8 am
NOTE MORNING TIME
- 6 March (Friday)
Lawrence International Dinner
- 8 March (Sunday)
Daylight Saving Time begins
(set clocks AHEAD one hour)
- 10 March (Tuesday)
School Council Meeting
8 am 2nd floor conf. room



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 44TH PRESIDENT!

Principal's Corner

Lawrence Gears Up for Recycling

At long last, Lawrence has been outfitted with blue "Slim Jim" receptacles for recycling bottles and cans (commingled containers). A survey conducted last year by the Brookline Solid Waste Advisory Committee indicated the need for more bottle and can recycling receptacles in elementary schools, so these were purchased by the School Department to boost our recycling efforts.

In the cafeteria, we have a large blue barrel to collect bottles, cans, and cartons used during the lunch periods. Students use a "milk dump" to get rid of excess liquids before depositing their containers in the blue barrel.

Every classroom and office has a blue bin for paper and cardboard recycling. Students in grades three through eight empty their classroom bins, while teams of sixth, seventh and eighth graders are in charge of emptying the bins for the lower grades, library, and offices. Bins are emptied into 96-gallon totes that can be mechanically lifted to dump into the town trucks that pick up recycling every Tuesday. Senior custodian Pat Clark is in charge of our curbside pick-up.

Our ELL Teacher, Sarah Wolff, deserves special commendation for her exceptional work as our volunteer recycling coordinator. Sarah has spearheaded this initiative, making sure every classroom and work station has a blue bin for paper and cardboard, arranging the receptacle emptying schedule among students, coordinating with our senior custodian, communicating with the town's solid waste manager, helping to handle the surge in recyclables at the beginning and the end of every school year, and especially getting the recycling message out to the community.

Thanks also to the community for supporting Lawrence School's recycling efforts.

— Rick Rogers, Principal

Parts of this article were provided by the Brookline Solid Waste Advisory Committee.

email your stories to newsletter@lawrencepto.org. by Friday 4 p.m.
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Thanks to Library Parents!

The Lawrence School library lends out well more than 22,000 books each year, with circulation increasing steadily over the past several years. Teachers borrow 25% of our books, and students 75%. Parent volunteers make it possible for us to keep from being buried by books; they help us get them back on the shelves for borrowing and assist with book repairs. A special "Thank you!" goes to the following parents for their consistent help to the library this year: Mai Iga, Akemi Iwai, Jamie Lee, Carie Leung, Melanie Marcus, Minh Nakatomi, Yoko Nihei, Rieko Nozawa, Akiko Ohashi, Ryoko Okazaki, Satoko Shiomi, Vicki Skoler, Lisa Viola, and Kazuko Yasuda.

— *Rusty Browder, Librarian & Kathy Lynch, Assistant Librarian*

Save The Date

On March 3 at 7 p.m. in the Lawrence Library, the Brookline Community Mental Health Center will sponsor a parenting workshop for K-4th grade families entitled "Setting Limits With Love." This workshop will address how children benefit from limits during this developmental time. Specific themes to be addressed include: establishing clear routines for a consistent bedtime, chores and responsibilities, getting ready in the morning for school, homework, and respectful listening.

Teamwork = Success

The Lawrence Math League Team was stellar in the first meet of the year on Wednesday, January 14. Sasha Partan (5P), Julia Shea, Takito Nakamura, Yuma Hirata (all 5S), India Blake, Jonathan Zou (both 5W), Yuta Kobayashi (6L), Ben Gerber, JK Suh, Kako Yamada, and Katherine Brumberg (all 6PC) placed second overall in a very tight competition. The first three places went to Baker with 141 points, Lawrence with 140, and Park with 139! Lawrence won two out of five rounds: Problem-Solving and Bases. In addition, Ben Gerber and Katherine Brumberg received individual trophies for perfect scores. Congratulations to everyone on the Lawrence Math League Team!

— *Dmitry Brumberg, Coach & Anu Advani, Faculty Advisor*

Counting Down to Family Fun Night!

Come join the Lawrence community at Family Fun Night on Friday, February 6 from 6:00 – 8:30 p.m. Volunteers are still in high demand for this fantastic event. And don't fret, even after volunteering you will be left with plenty of time to get a tattoo, boogie on the dance floor or visit the funky hair salon for some gel, color or hair wrapping. Be sure to scoop up plenty of raffle tickets in the front lobby in hopes of winning a dinner for two or other fun items from local restaurants and retailers. It will be a fun-packed night and all for just \$5 admission at the door (\$20 maximum per family). Please note that dinner, desserts and a few selected activities are not included in the admission price.

Also, please consider donating an extra \$5 to the PTO when you pay admission. In return for this donation, you will receive a free loaf of delicious bread from When Pigs Fly Bakery in Brookline.

Even if you can't commit to volunteering your time during the night, you can help tremendously by donating delicious BAKED GOODS to be SOLD ALL NIGHT LONG! Baked goods can be dropped off before or after school on Friday, February 6 or at any time during FFN in the cafeteria. Please contact *Karlyn Grimes* (pkgrimes@rcn.com) to get involved.



AROUND BROOKLINE

Brookline Library Winter Gala & Auction Coming Soon! The Brookline Library's 12th Annual Winter Gala is on Sunday, Feb. 8th from 7-10 p.m. at the Main Library, 361 Washington Street. Dine, dance, bid on fabulous items and meet local authors while supporting the library. To buy tickets, preview auction items or bid online, visit www.brooklinelibrary.org. Tickets, also available at the Main Library, are \$85 in advance and \$100 at the door.

PTO News Briefs

PTO Directory Changes

The PTO Directories were distributed in December to all households. We hope you all like the new format. This year, we are planning on printing a revision sheet that will be distributed to all households with corrections. If you have any changes to your contact information that you would like updated in the directory, please come into the office and make the changes directly on the "mock directory" located on Peggy's desk. Corrections can be entered until Jan 30th.

Economizing on the Newsletter

The PTO hopes to economize in these tighter budget times by limiting newsletter distribution to one paper copy per family. The goal is to distribute one copy of the newsletter to each family at Lawrence. The start date for this initiative will be announced soon. The PTO Paper is available online at <http://lawrencepto.weebly.com>. Questions? Contact PTO co-presidents *Amy Luster* (atluster@rcn.com) or *Kate Shea* (kdshea@gmail.com).

Volunteer Opportunities After Jan. 19: The PTO Needs You

We hope you found a rewarding way to join the country in volunteer activity to celebrate the birthday of Martin Luther King, Jr. and to answer the call to service issued by our new President Barack Hussein Obama. To find out how you can continue to contribute in the Lawrence community, the PTO will be doing a volunteer opportunity breakfast again in the Spring. In the meantime, here are some opportunities that need volunteers now:

- Parent Party co-coordinator: Joanne Liautaud and Kim Swartz need another person to join the team to plan this great adults-only event coming in May. Please contact *Joanne Liautaud* (joanneliautaud@hotmail.com) or *Kim Swartz* (kim.doug4@verizon.net)
- International Night, March 6th, is looking for a co-coordinator to help Teresa and Mariana plan the new format.

Thank You to Akane Wakai and Hannah Williams for babysitting at the last PTO Meeting!!

