

Calendar

- 28 **January (Thursday)**
Principal's Forum
8 am library
Gr. 4-6 strings concert
7:00 pm auditorium
- 2 **February (Tuesday)**
School Council Meeting
8 am, 2nd floor conf room
- 5 **February (Friday)**
Family Fun Night
6:00-8:30 pm
- 9 **February (Tuesday)**
•Lawrence Kindergarten
Registration
7:30-9:00 am Library
• PTO Meeting 7 pm
Library
- 10 **February (Wednesday)**
Lawrence Kindergarten
Registration
12:30-1:30 pm Library
- 15 **February-19 February
(Monday -Friday)**
SCHOOL CLOSED
February vacation
- 2 **March (Tuesday)**
School Council Meeting
8 am, 2nd floor conf room
- 9 **March (Tuesday)**
PTO Meeting
8 am library
- 11 **March (Wednesday)**
EARLY RELEASE
Gr K-12, 12:30 pm
• Early Release Movie

Don't Miss the Fun!

Don't miss Family Fun Night next Friday, February 5, from 6:00-8:30 p.m.! There is serious fun in store for all ages—from old favorites like hair-wrapping, tattoos, and karaoke to new activities like ArtStamps, where kids can create drawings that can be turned into postage stamps, cards, or notepads.



There is so much to win, too! Get a jump on buying raffle tickets, on sale after school in the lobby two days before the event and throughout Family Fun Night. At our second annual FFN Silent Auction, in the library hallway, parents will be able to browse the many amazing opportunities to be had: three-on-three basketball and pizza with Mr. Rogers; Red Sox Tickets; a trip to JP Licks with Mrs. Kiernan and Ms. Malandrakis; a family membership to the Park School Swim and Tennis Club; two weeks at multiple summer camp programs; a week at Northeastern's Summer Soccer Clinic; tennis camp at NETResults; a family membership at the Museum of Science, and MORE!

Delicious dinner fare will be available for purchase from b.good, Anna's Taqueria, Golden Temple, and a panoply of pizza purveyors (and please don't forget to bring along one of your favorite desserts to donate to the Family Fun Night Bake Sale in the cafeteria!). Just outside the cafeteria, families will also be able to stock up on winter-warming chocolates, coffees, teas, and gift packages and support LEDP's scholarship fund by buying items from their Fairly Traded Equal Exchange initiative. So come join in the fun with friends, all for just \$5 admission at the door (\$20 maximum per family).

Thanks to all who have volunteered! We can still use more able bodies to help out. If you're willing and able, please contact Karlyn Grimes at pkgrimes@rcn.com, Tina Manuel at tinaymanuel@gmail.com, or Barb Hausman at bhausman2002@earthlink.net. Be there or be square!

You'll Look Mahvelous

What better way to show off your school spirit than in a new Lawrence School T-Shirt or sweatshirt? T-shirts (\$14) are white with a maroon graphic on the front and "Lawrence School" printed on the back, while the ultra-versatile zip-front hoodie sweatshirts (\$38) sport the same on a classic heather gray. Sizes range from Youth S (6-8) to Adult XL. Best of all: proceeds go to fund the PTO. So check your child's backpack soon for order forms and return them (with checks made payable to Lawrence PTO) by February 1 to the "T-shirt" box in the school office. While you're at it, quickly cross another item off the to-do list by ordering name labels for kids' camp clothing (and hoodies!) at the Mabel's Labels website at www.lawrence.mabel.ca from 2/1-5/31 and Lawrence will receive a portion of the proceeds.

From Lawrence to Haiti

The Lawrence community along with LEDP has started a coin-drive fundraiser to help with relief efforts in Haiti. There will be a large jug in the lobby and a second one in LEDP for coins and bills through Friday, February 12, 2010. Thanks to the students and staff of LEDP who decorated the jugs for us. There will also be bake sales over the next couple of weeks and the money raised from those efforts will be combined with the coin-drive.

We continue to keep the people of Haiti in our thoughts and prayers, as well as Dominique and other members of our community who have family and friends affected by this terrible disaster.

—Rick Rogers and Monica Crowley





Martin Luther King Day Observed

On Friday, January 15, we took time as a school to observe the Martin Luther King Day holiday. In Grades K–5, we used our Lawrence Community Meeting time to share learning about Dr. King and to celebrate his legacy. Fifth grade hosts Haley Hunt, Frances Lewis, and Sarah Salzman led Community Meeting. They opened by reminding us about Dr. King's dream. Students in 2L recited a poem as a class about Martin Luther King. Talia Vos in 4W read a paper she wrote entitled, "In Honor of Martin Luther King." Two buddy classes, 1C and 3K, teamed up to sing a song from the civil rights movement entitled, "Back of the Bus." In a wonderful tribute, 5RW presented the entire "I Have A Dream" address with each student reciting a few lines from the speech. I was deeply moved to hear this well-known address spoken by so many different voices. Finally, two more buddy classes, KF and 3H, teamed up to present "Peace Words to Live By." Third graders explained the meaning of several powerful words while their Kindergarten buddies paraded around the gym holding up the words on flags. We concluded with a call-and-response song led by the two classes. These wonderful presentations were made more meaningful by the strong sense of community that we experience when we gather together and share our learning.

Grades 6–8 assembled in the afternoon during the weekly advisory period. Monica Crowley greeted us and spoke about a line from Dr. King's speech that

resonates with her, "I have a dream that my four little children will one day live in a nation where they will not be judged by the color of their skin but by the content of their character." The major portion of the program was prepared by Social Studies teacher Jon Greiner who created an excellent multi-media presentation of Dr. King's life that incorporated photographs, video clips, and narration by 24 eighth grade students. As we watched the presentation, I recalled gathering in the auditorium a year earlier with these same students to watch the inauguration of President Barack Obama. I spoke to the students about the meaning of the holiday for me, including a more recent emphasis as a community service day. I quoted Robert F. Kennedy, "Each time a person stands up for an ideal, or acts to improve the lot of others, or strikes out against injustice, (she) sends forth a tiny ripple of hope." I challenged our older students to find a small way in their lives to "send forth a tiny ripple of hope." That is the message of this holiday.

—Rick Rogers



Behind-the-Scenes Help Wanted



Want to be involved in the PTO play without having to embarrass yourself on stage? The PTO players need help behind the scenes with sets, props, and costumes.

Interested? Contact kelly@hardebeck.us.

Arts and Sports

Now is the time to register for Brookline Youth Lacrosse's spring 2010 season. There are no tryouts, and no prior experience is required. Open to grades 1–8. Contact Scott Hillman 617-734-8795 or scottrunnr@yahoo.com.



Divide and Conquer!

The Brookline Math League's first meet on Thursday, January 21, was co-won by the Baker and Lincoln Schools. Despite being the smallest of all the teams, the Lawrence team—Carolina Albuquerque, Takuma Kobayashi, William Jurayj (all 5P), Zach Leonard (6H), Sasha Partan (6PC), Francesca Caramazza, Julia Shea, Marina Wynne, Peter Fletcher, Sakura Seto (all 6S)—won the Patterns round and co-won the Problem-Solving round; Julia Shea and Peter Fletcher received individual trophies for perfect scores. Congratulations again!

—Dmitry Brumberg,
Math League Coach

