

SPRING SPORTS BEGIN

The spring sport season begins Monday, March 21. Athletic Director Lynn Jordan says Track, Golf, Tennis, Softball, and Baseball are all open to Middle School students. While most sports have had one organizational meeting already, interested students can contact individual coaches to find out about practice times, locations, and any paperwork required (updated health forms, etc) to participate in practices beginning March 21.

COACH ROSTER:

Girls Track: Brian Gill brjugill@hotmail.com

Boys Track: Larry Bell lbell@mgrhs.org

Golf: Justin Duval duvipgm@hotmail.com

Baseball: Steve Messina smessina@cbrsd.org

Softball: Phil Paul ppaul@mgrhs.org

JV Softball: Ray Miro motownray@hotmail.com

Girls Tennis: Cheri Johnson foxslide_13@hotmail.com

Boys Tennis: Blake Johnson movingram@hotmail.com

Athletic Director: Lynn Jordan ljordan@mgrhs.org

Attention Wrestlers

The Williamstown Youth Center is offering a new Wrestling Program starting April 4 with Williams College head wrestling coach, Rafael Veaga. The program will be at LaSalle Gym on Mondays and Wednesdays starting April 4. The cost is \$45. Wrestling shoes are required. It's open to 3rd - 12th graders. For more information and to sign up contact the Youth Center at 458-5925.

SMILE Sells Tsunami Bracelets

-Sue Strizzi

In a cooperative effort with Williamstown

Elementary School, SMILE will be selling Tsunami Aid bracelets at the middle school lunches starting Friday, Mary 18. The bracelets cost \$1.00.

Davemation Animation

With Minerva Stage

Students aged 10 to 18 are invited to create

animation projects during April vacation: April 18-22 from 9am –2 pm. The class is offered by the folks from Minerva Stage and will take place at the Williamstown Youth Center. Finished animation projects will be screened at Images Cinema. \$100 fee per student;

limited financial aid is available through the Youth Center. Call the Youth Center, 458-5925 to register and for more information.

River Writing Contest

The Hoosic River Watershed Association is collecting personal stories or poems about experiences along the Hoosic River, the Green River, and their tributary streams. We would like to hear from ALL ages!

Contributions received before April 1 (from 7th graders to retirees) will be entered in our River Writing Contest and be eligible for cash prizes up to \$100. We accept essays and poems from 50-500 words long, typed. Please put your name, address, phone, and age category (middle school, high school, adult) on a separate cover sheet. Send to:

Hoosic River Watershed Association

PO Box 667, Williamstown, MA or

hoorwa@berkshire.net

Thank you for sharing!

River Writing is co-sponsored by

Inkberry and The Advocate

SAO Raises Money
for School in Afghanistan

-Ginny Abuisi

The Middle School is raising money to donate to the Peter Goodrich Memorial Fund. Peter was killed in one of the planes of 911 and was a graduate of Mt. Greylock. The Memorial Fund is underwriting the building of a school for girls and boys in Afghanistan.

The Student Activities Organization (SAO) is participating in this effort by selling paper school houses for \$1.00 each and posting them on a Middle School wall. So far this “school for a school” effort has raised around \$300—our goal is \$500. If we reach that goal, Mrs Kaiser promises to dress like a baby for a day. SAO members have been selling schoolhouses at lunch. If you want more information, contact Ginny Abuisi: GAbuisi@mgrhs.org

TSUNAMI CHALLENGE

Couture -Mary Angelo-Roberts, Karen Rondeau-Brigham,

Noli Couture & Micah

We are challenging the Middle Schoolers to

donate any loose change they may have to the Tsunami collection point. Noli and Micah challenge you to

donate \$50. When this amount is reached, they will

donate \$50 of their popcorn earnings. So come on, drop your loose change in the container located at the popcorn sales table during break time. Help our middle school become Global citizens.

It's (still) Budget Time

The Mt. Greylock Regional School Committee will be meeting every Tuesday in March to discuss the school's budget for next year.

Budget Meeting Schedule:

- **Tues, March 22, 7pm in School Library is the Public Hearing on FY 2006 Budget Adoption**
- **Thu, March 24, 7pm MGRHS Budget presented to Williamstown Finance Committee at Town Hall**

MGRHS School Committee Meetings are rebroadcast on WilliNet channel 16 at 7:00pm Wed. nights, 1:00 pm on Saturday, 1:00pm on Sunday.

Check-out the financial projections for Mt. Greylock put together by Williams College and a summary of their Feb. 8th presentation at this website:

www.williams.edu/outreach/mgrhs/

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GOINGS ON

Wed. March 23: EARLY RELEASE

Sun, April 10, 3:00: An Afternoon in Scotland in the auditorium (rescheduled from Jan 23 due to snowstorm)

Mon, April 11, 7:00pm: PTO meeting in

school library. (The March 14th meeting was cancelled in the hope that people would attend/watch MGRHS School Committee Meetings on the budget.)

The April agenda includes a report from the subcommittee researching unified booster club; planning for next year: brainstorming fundraising ideas and seeking new officers. For more information or copies of the minutes from the February PTO meeting,

contact: Lisa Hiley at *lisahhiley@adelphia.net* or Anne Hogeland at *hogeland@adelphia.net*

Look for The Beacon on the Mt. Greylock website under MSNews: www.mgrhs.org

Please send items for the next issue of The Beacon by 3:00pm Tues, 3/22/05 to *debbydane@aol.com* (or call 458-0168) or to *Stomberg@adelphia.net*