



THE BEACON

MT. GREYLOCK MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER—JANUARY 19, 2006

“The quality, not the longevity, of one's life is what is important”.

-Dr. Martin Luther King Jr

Donations Needed!

Just a reminder that the MGRHS PTO is seeking donations of services for its upcoming silent auction to be called “At Your Service” **on January 29th from 3-5 pm in Goodrich Hall on Rt. 2 in Williams-town**. Examples of items from last year: full body Swedish Massage (1 hour) by licensed masseuse; manuscript read and comments by an experienced editor; genealogy service – 4 hours; 4 tennis lessons; gourmet cheesecake; drawing of your home or child (from photograph) by local artist; rare books evaluation; yoga class for 4 people; raft trip for 6 people down Hoosic River; dessert or soup/bread delivered to your house; gift certificate for family or senior portrait (8x10); ice skating party for up to 20 guests; original artwork by local artist; night at a B&B; clothing alterations; summer weekend at lake cottage and pie of the month for 6 months. Wow! Some really great ideas. **Please contact: Anne Karabinos (akarabinos@msn.com or 458-5304)** if you can donate an auction service or would like to help sponsor this event.

Building Committee Public Meetings

-Projected Enrollments and Educational Space Needs:
Jan. 24 at 7 pm MGRHS Library.

-Development of Building Options (Renovations - Only, Additions & Renovations, or New Facility):
Feb. 15 at 7 pm in the MGRHS Library.

-Cost Implications of Building Options: **Feb. 28 at 7 pm** in the MGRHS Library.

-Public Meeting at Lanesboro School Cafeteria-
Building Assessment and Educational Space Needs:
Jan. 31 at 7 pm in the Lanesboro School Cafeteria.

Helpful Hints for the New Year

-Principals Office

A reminder, now that the holidays have passed, many students are sporting sought after items of clothing and jewelry, as well as electronic devices. I can not stress enough the importance of labeling *everything* to avoid loosing a treasured item.

Many times items that are thought to be stolen are actually misplaced. Articles of clothing, etc that are left behind in various places throughout the building are brought to **Lost & Found** in the Co-Principal's Office. If the items are labeled, Mrs. Livernois is able to return the articles to their owners. If not, they remain in **Lost & Found** until the end of the year when they are donated to local charity organizations.

January 27th is the last day of first semester, and a good day to return library books that are now taking up valuable space in bedrooms and lockers. Each year parents are unpleasantly surprised when their son or daughter's report card is held up due to an overdue library charge.

Mid-year is also a good time to check the name plate in text books to be sure students are in possession of the text book assigned to them. It is easier for students to locate a book they loaned to a friend while classes are in session than it is during the hectic closing days of school. . Students must return the **book assigned to them in September** when books are collected in June, to avoid a lost book charge.

Replacing tattered book covers to ensure that books are not damaged by inclement winter weather, and resisting the urge to store papers between the pages of text books also offer protection against a *damaged book fine* in June.

Students that can't find a book, jacket, lunchbox etcetera are encouraged to check the covers over the heating vents in the cafeteria and the lost and found in Mrs. Livernois' office. The physical education department also has a lost and found.

STUDENT POETRY

Seventh grade students in Liza Barrett's English class have written autobiographical poems this winter. Several of the poems asked them to draw on their childhood memories about school, a favorite game or a favorite object. We will present chosen poems in The Beacon for the next several weeks. Thank you Mrs. Barrett and seventh grade poets!

The First Snow

*Snow fell swiftly,
Covering the world in beauty,
My second grade friends and I thought only
of joyfully romping in that
cold fresh snow,
Immediately we set to work building things,
Snowmen,
Snow forts,
And snow slides.*

*Snowballs were thrown every which way.
But only when the teacher turned her back.
When she looked at us
We were sweet little cherubs,
Making snow angels on the snowy floor of the
playground.*

*The whistle blew and we scrambled back in to
school,
Rosy cheeks
And frozen fingered,
Fun from the first snow.*

Molly Hynes

SPORTS

Varsity/JV Boys Basketball

Thurs. Jan. 19 at 5:30 vs. Monument Mountain-away

Tues. Jan. 24 at 5:30 vs. Waconah-HOME

Thurs. Jan. 26 at 5:30 vs. Lee-HOME

Varsity/JV Girls Basketball

Fri. Jan. 20 at 5:30 vs. McCann-HOME

Mon. Jan. 23 at 5:30 vs. Monument Mt.-HOME

Thurs. Jan. 26 at 5:30 vs. Mt. Everett-away

Hockey

Sat. Jan. 21 at 6 pm vs. Turners Falls-away

Mon. Jan. 23 at 7 pm vs. Drury-away

Wed. Jan. 25 at 6:30 pm vs. Waconah-away

Wrestling

Jan. 20/21 at 2 pm Essex Classic-away

Nordic Skiing

Sat. Jan. 21 at 9:30 am at Waconah

Alpine Skiing

Mon. Jan. 23 at 5 pm at Bousquet

Girls 7th/8th Basketball

Sat. Jan. 21 at 4 pm vs. Boys and Girls Club-away

GOINGS ON

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Please send items for the next issue of The Beacon by **noon, Tuesday, January 24 to:**
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