

## **FIRST MIDDLE SCHOOL DANCE:**

### **HALLOWEEN THEME**

-Amy Moore-Powers

The Student Activities Organization (SAO) announces the first middle school dance **THIS FRIDAY, October 22, 7-10 pm in the cafeteria.** It is a Halloween Theme Dance with prizes for the best costumes. There will be a bus from Lanesborough leaving at 6:45 pm and taking them back to Lanesborough at 10pm. The dance is open to Mt. Greylock middle school students only. **Cost at the door: \$4.00.**

### **PENNA'S PRIDE**

-Lynn Penna

Penna's Pride is a new middle school program this year. It was started as a way to recognize kids for all the good things they do for each other and Mt. Greylock. Every week teachers nominate students whom they have seen doing something nice for another or in any way making a positive change at Mt. Greylock.

So far we have honored eleven students. The students' names are announced during the middle school Monday morning meeting. Each winner is given a lion certificate and candy, and the opportunity to be first in the lunch line. The program has quickly become a highlight of Monday morning meeting. The middle school staff and I look forward to recognizing many more students and increasing "Penna's Pride"!

Currently the Pride includes: Michaela Lane, Layla Stomberg, Katie Montini, Matty Roach, Tessa Vander Voort, Ricky Magiardi, Jessica Miller, Cary White, Tyler Lefebvre, Chelsea Neveu, Andrew Budz.

### **HIKING OUR NAMESAKE**

-Liza Barrett & Amy Moore-Powers

On a cold, sunny Tuesday, October 5th, the entire 7th grade and their teachers, along with parent chaperones hiked to the top of Mt. Greylock. They enjoyed the effort, the view, and each other. Two days later, under a more generous sun and an outrageously blue sky, the 8th graders did the same and spent a heavenly afternoon on the highest peak in Massachusetts. Both days were hugely successful in creating trust and a deeper feeling of community. It is our hope that this

autumn trek will become a new middle school tradition. We wanted to share these comments from our students about their day on the mountain:

“I loved the trip. The best part was looking off the edge while eating.”

“The best part was the freedom I had and the choice of doing anything I wanted.”

“ I think my favorite part was jumping on top of a huge, cement block once I reached the top and screaming at the top of my lungs.”

“...my favorite part was sitting at the top of the mountain with the awesome view all around us.”

“I liked getting away from my daily life and being on top of the mountain and looking down at where I would have been. I felt a feeling of freedom up on the mountain.”

“My favorite part was the feeling when we made it to the top, especially when trying to keep up with Kent Lemme.”

“Sitting on the rock with my friends, chilling, having a good time, and enjoying the view, knowing that I’ll enjoy the same when I’m a senior.”

“My favorite part was playing football at the top of the mountain because it gave me a godly feeling like I was one of the few chosen ones who get to play football in the clouds.”

“The best part of the hike was the moment when we were all settling down for Mr. Blackman’s songs and Alvand said to me, “This is our class!””

“The best part was getting to spend time with people I don’t usually get to spend time with.”

“What I liked most was being about to walk around with my friends without an adult always being there. I liked being able to be trusted.”

“I think the best part of whole field trip was the minute of silence.”

“My favorite part about the trip was when we all sat together at the top of the mountain and sang songs with Mr. Blackman. It made all of the separate group in our grade become united.”

“It was awesome! I really enjoyed being free...it was a lot of fun just lying on the mountain while Mr. Blackman sang. It was so beautiful.”

We thank the 35 chaperones (including 2 husband & wife teams) -your enthusiastic support made the difference! THANK YOU ALL!

-Liza Barrett & Amy Moore-Powers

**Future Problem Solvers Begins**

Mt. Greylock FPS (Future Problem Solvers) has just started meeting. FPS is a year-long program open to all grades in which teams made up of 4 students learn a six-step problem solving process. With these problem solving techniques, they can then untangle various scenarios set in the future. This year the groups will begin with practice problems on Entertainment and Security/Terrorism. To find out more about FPS, see Mr. Blackman in Rm N-32 or [pblackman@mgrhs.org](mailto:pblackman@mgrhs.org) . **FPS meetings are every Thursday at 2:35 in Rm N-32.**

### **join *Javajive***

*JavaJive's* steering committee will meet on Tuesday, Oct, 26 at 6:30 pm in the basement of the First Congregational Church in Williamstown. New members (both teen and adult) are invited to participate on the committee as the new series of coffeehouses gets underway. **The first *JavaJive* of the year is Friday, Nov 5, 7-10 pm at the First Congregational Church. Admission prices are \$1 performers; \$3 students; \$5 adults; and \$10 families.**

**Interested performers should contact Mollie Berman at [javajivech@yahoo.com](mailto:javajivech@yahoo.com) by the end of the day on Thu, Nov 4.**

Want to help? Please bring baked goods to the church by 6:30 on Nov 5. Helping with stage and tech support, contact Tom Plunkett at [tom@eziba.com](mailto:tom@eziba.com)

*Java Jive* is a monthly teen-run substance-free coffeehouse featuring teen performers from Berkshire County and beyond. The goals of the coffeehouse are to showcase local teen talent, to raise money for Mt. Greylock, and to offer teenagers a place to go.

### ***Halloween Hop & Out of the Ordinary Auction***

The PTO's first big fundraiser is going to be a blast—there will be dancing to a DJ, wonderful food, a moderately priced cash bar, and an auction of unusual services and items. We will be auctioning several original works of art, a one-year membership to Curves, a twilight pass to Jiminy Peak and more!

**The party starts at 8pm, Sat, Oct 30 and the dress is Anything But Ordinary!** Come in costume, pjs, sweats, ski clothes, bathing suit, formal attire-but not your regular clothes! Join the fun at the Botsford House, formerly the Williamstown library, now restored to its original grandeur as a private home **at 762 Main St. Tickets are \$10 per**

**person in advance (available at Country Tack, Tupelo Honey Market, Wild Oats, Where'd You Get That?) or \$12 at the door.**

**For more details contact: Lisa Hiley, 458-3077 or lisahhiley@adelphia.net**

## **SPORTS**

### **Cross Country:**

Wed, Oct 27, 3:30 vs Lenox + St. Joe, away

### **U-14 Girls Soccer:**

Sat, Oct 23, 1:00, vs Piranhas/blue, away

Sun, Oct 24, 2:30, vs Piranhas/white- HOME

### **U-14 Boys Soccer: WSC White/Cyclones**

Sun, Oct 30, 11:30 vs B'shire Hills, away

### **U-14 Boys Soccer: WSC Purple**

Sat, Oct 23, 1:00 vs Pittsfield, Egremont, away

### **Lanesboro Tigers– Sr Div Football Team**

Sun, Oct 17, 2:30 vs North Adams, away

## **GOINGS ON**

**Candidate Forum:** League of Women Voters invites the candidates (Dave Archibald, Sally White, Mark Payton, Chris Kapiloff, David Langston) **running for Mt. Greylock's School Committee to share their goals,**

**TONIGHT, Thu, Oct 21, 7:30 pm at Town Hall.**

**Proposed Water Line Hearing:** MGRHS School Committee discusses the proposed water line at the **Williamstown Selectmen meeting on Mon, Oct 25, 7:00pm at Town Hall.**

**Mon, Nov. 8, 7:00pm: PTO Meeting** in Mt Greylock Library. Send any agenda items to Lisa Hiley at [lisahhiley@adelphia.net](mailto:lisahhiley@adelphia.net)

Please send items for the next issue of *The Beacon* by **noon, Tues, 10/26/04** to [debbydane@aol.com](mailto:debbydane@aol.com) (or call 458-0168) or to [Stomberg@adelphia.net](mailto:Stomberg@adelphia.net)