

Javajive is back

JavaJive returns Friday, Nov 5, 7-10:00pm at the First Congregational Church in Williamstown. *JavaJive* is a student-run coffee house offering great music and performances by teenage artists. The stage is open to Mt. Greylock middle and high school students. Comedians, poets, jazz, folk, pop and classical musicians are urged to perform. All you have to do is **sign- up by Thu, Nov 4 by e-mailing Mollie at javajive@yahoo.com.** *JavaJive* is intended primarily for teenagers, although adults are welcome. Children younger than 7th grade must be accompanied by a responsible older sibling or an adult. **Admission prices are \$1 performers; \$3 students; \$5 adults; and \$10 families.** *JavaJive* benefits theatre arts at Mt. Greylock.

Bakers are needed, please contact Mary Lou DeWitt at weaversloft@aol.com *JavaJive* is looking for new members to serve on its steering committee. To get in on the fun, **contact Deb Burns at 458-0925.**

Halloween Hop & Out of the Ordinary Auction

-Lisa Hiley, PTO co-chair

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. Lots of parents have donated wonderful items from professional services (massages, custom painting of a room or furniture) to social events (ice skating party, scrapbooking evening, weekend at a lake cottage) to talents that you might not have (sewing services, writing and editing offers, fabulous baked goods delivered to your door). 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.**

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

SMARTMUSIC SYSTEM

Looking for Subscribers

-Lyndon Moors

Thanks to a SEE Fund Grant, we can offer the SmartMusic system to our students. SmartMusic is an interactive, computer-based practice program for woodwind, brass, string and vocal musicians. The grant covers the cost of the required software, a one-year subscription to the database of over 20,000 accompaniments and 50,000 individual exercises on CD-ROM and from the SmartMusic web site, a foot pedal, and an instrument-to-computer microphone.

This product allows musicians at any level to practice along with software-generated piano or ensemble accompaniment, a duet partner, or simply a click track. The program “hears” the musician through the microphone and adjusts its accompaniment accordingly. Playback is through external desktop speakers using realistic instruments sounds. Students can alternatively preset a practice tempo and/or specify a troublesome excerpt for repeated (looped) practice.

The accompaniments are for all kinds of standard literature (sonata, concertos, etudes, etc.) at all levels. The CD-ROM includes the entire contents of all the levels of all the major instrument method books, so students can work through a book while accompanied by a rock band, string quartet, etc. We are currently using this system in our band classes.

Our school subscription allows us to purchase piggy-back student subscriptions at just \$20 for the entire year, BUT we need a minimum of 10 for that, we currently have 6 students signed up. Interested students please contact me at

LMoors@mgrhs.org.

For more information about this system, interested families should to go:
www.smartmusic.com/asp/SMS_home.pl

Scary Story Contest

-Kathy Share & Sarah Henry

It's time to dust off your talents and terrify your friends! The Milne Public Library in Williamstown and the Mt. Greylock Regional School Library invite students in grades 7-12 to submit an original scary short story—horror, mystery, fantasy—so long as it's BLOODCURDLING. The judges will award prizes for the most spine-tingling story

written by a middle school student (7th & 8th graders) and high school student (9th–12th graders). The authors will be invited to a public reading at the Mount Greylock library.

For more information contact Helen

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Librarians: Mrs. Share at kshare@mgrhs.org or Ms. Henry at shenry@mgrhs.org.

We look forward to the fright of our lives!

JCL=Junior Classical League=FUN!

-Marge Keeley

What exactly is the **J.C.L.**? J.C.L. stands for the **Junior Classical League**, which is a national organization second in size only to the Boy Scouts of America. The Mount Greylock J.C.L. is the largest club in the school. Students in J.C.L. compete in various contests at the state and national level. There is something for everyone in the J.C.L. Club activities will be going on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons in Mrs. Keeley's and/or Mrs. Laidlaw's room. Pop in and see what J.C.L. is all about! This year students who want to be in J.C.L. must **pay a \$30.00 activity fee by Friday, October 8th**, bring in this fee to Mrs. Keeley or Mrs. Laidlaw.

Mt. Greylock's Junior Classical League has invited fellow JCLer's from around the state to a day of competitions and celebration at **Mt. Greylock on Saturday, Oct. 16, 10:00am-3:30pm**. Storyteller Odds Bodkin will present stories from *The Odyssey* at 10:30 am in the school's auditorium. Come witness our JCL compete in the Certamen Scrimmage. Be awed by the power of JCL-built catapults as they compete for distance records. Support our classics team!

For more information contact Marge Keeley at **makeeley@mgrhs.org**

The JCL is grateful to the Friends of the Milne Public Library for their support in bringing Odds Bodkin.

Workday A Success!

Some 175 volunteers: students, parents, teachers, and community members worked hard Sat, Oct 2 to give Mt. Greylock a fresh coat of paint and clear brush and debris and put gardens to bed. Check-out the results throughout the school: Middle School hallway, auditorium stage floor, seats repaired, boys & girls locker rooms noticeably improved (look up!), painted trim and doorways throughout school, brush cleared, dead trees removed, bulbs planted, gardens edged, mulched and composted.

Deep gratitude to all who gave their sweat to clean up the school and the local businesses who generously contributed to this project! Well done!

SPORTS

Cross Country:

Tues, Oct 12, 4:30 Middle School Meet-HOME

Wed, Oct 13, 4:30 vs THS+Drury at Drury

Girls Volleyball:

Fri, Oct 8, 5:30 vs Mt Everett, away

Wed, Oct 13, 5:30 vs Monument Mt-HOME

U-14 Girls Soccer:

Oct 9-11, Dalton Tournament

U-14 Boys Soccer: WSC White/Cyclones

Oct 9-11, Dalton Tournament

U-14 Boys Soccer: WSC Purple

Oct 9-11, Dalton Tournament

Lanesboro Tigers– Sr Div Football Team

Sun, Oct 10, 2:30 vs Cheshire, away

Engarde: Foil Fencing Lessons

The basics of foil fencing: blade work, tactics and bouting, footwork techniques will be taught by former college fencing coach and foil champion Bernie Desautels. Weds 5-6:00pm, Oct 13-Dec15 at the W'town Youth Center. Class size limited to 10, ages 8th-4th grades, \$150. To register call: 458-5925

GOINGS ON

Mon, Oct 11: NO SCHOOL! Columbus Day

Fri, Oct 15: Deadline for November issue of The Forum

Articles may be e-mailed to pakmach@adelphia.net

Please send items for the next issue of *The Beacon* by **noon, Tues, 10/12/04** to debbydane@aol.com (or call 458-0168) or to BStomberg@adelphia.net