



# THE BEACON

MT. GREYLOCK MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER—NOVEMBER 17, 2005

*"We cannot all do great things, but we can do small things with great love."*

Unknown author

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- **Jiminy Peak Recreational Ski Program**

Forms for Jiminy Peak's **seven week ski program** are out. You can find them in **Mrs. Rinehart's room** (68), the **cafeteria**, or **Mrs. Livernois's office**. The program offers rentals, lessons, and transportation for a minimal fee beginning in January.

## The PTO Listserv Provides Easy Access to Important Information

In keeping with the PTO's efforts to enhance communication within the Mt. Greylock community, we have recently expanded the **PTO listserv**. Our list now includes the e-mail addresses of everyone who returned a form (in the summer packet) to MGRHS, giving the school permission to share their email address with the PTO. We now have **475 addresses** on this list, thanks to the efforts of webmaster Pat Dunlavey.

If you would like to be added to the listserv, go to: **[www.greyllockcommunity.org/pto](http://www.greyllockcommunity.org/pto)**. and follow the instructions for subscribing. You can "unsubscribe" at any time.

### Also from the PTO

The Mt. Greylock PTO is looking for willing and able **volunteers** to help plan the **second annual services auction**. The auction is one of the major fundraisers of the year! If you are interested in helping out please contact PTO co-president Nancy Nylén at

## Dance for the Fun of it!

The Williamstown Elementary School PTO is very excited to bring in a renowned caller and musician for a **family and community dance**. Peter Amidon will be leading an evening dance on **Saturday, Nov.19 , from 7pm to 9:30pm** in the **WES gymnasium**. He will be calling American and British social dances in circle and line formation: no experience is needed; all dances will be taught. "Traditional dance is alive and well," says Peter Amidon, "These are the kinds of dances that have brought people in New England communities together for over 200 years." Music will provided by The Flying Garbanzos. Just bring your sneakers-refreshments provided. **\$4/ adult, \$1/child, \$10max/family. Entrance on School St.**

## News from the Library

In case you forgot, the **library hours** are:  
**Monday – Thursday: 7:30 to 4:00 (the late bus)**  
**Friday: 7:30 to 2:30**

Students are encouraged to ask for a pass to visit during advisories or any chance that they get. The library is the place to find **new books, magazines, newspapers, Internet access** or simply a place to do homework or even relax. **Everyone is welcome!** Parents, please try to come in and see what we can do for you.

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## Goings On

Friday, Nov. 18 Report Cards go home  
No School Wed. Nov. 23-Sun. Nov. 27: Happy Thanksgiving!  
Mon. Nov. 28: Winter Sports practices begin

## Sports

Cross Country  
State Championships Sat. Nov. 19 Franklin Park,  
Boston: 11:30 Girls race; 12:00 Boys race

**GOOD LUCK  
MOUNTIES!**

## My November Guest

My Sorrow, when she's here with me,  
Thinks these dark days of autumn rain  
Are beautiful as days can be;  
She loves the bare, the withered tree;  
She walks the sodden pasture lane.

Her pleasure will not let me stay.  
She talks and I am fain to list;  
She's glad the birds are gone away,  
She's glad her simple worsted gray  
Is silver now with clinging mist.

The desolate, deserted trees,  
The faded earth, the heavy sky,  
The beauties she so truly sees,  
She thinks I have no eye for these,  
And vexes me for reason why.

Not yesterday I learned to know  
The love of bare November days  
Before the coming of the snow,  
But it were vain to tell her so,  
And they are better for her praise.

— Robert Frost

## Architectural Firm Chosen to Study MGRHS

The **Building Committee** and the **School Committee** have selected the architectural firm of **Dore & Whittier** to perform a **feasibility study** for MGRHS as part of the long range planning for the future of the school building. The Building Committee was formed earlier this year in response to the numerous conditions in the building which need to be addressed, and to develop plans to address these conditions and the future needs of the school. Dore & Whittier's task will be to analyze the school facilities, as well as the future educational needs of the school district, and to analyze different options for either renovation or new construction. There will be **several public meetings and presentations over the next few months to obtain community input for the planning process.** Past studies and other information may be found on the Building Committee's homepage on the school website. For further information, please contact **Andy Hogeland** at [hogeland@adelphia.net](mailto:hogeland@adelphia.net).

Look for **The Beacon** on the Mt. Greylock website under MS News: [www.mgrhs.org](http://www.mgrhs.org)

There is no Beacon next week due to the Thanksgiving holiday. Please send items for the December 1 issue of The Beacon by noon on **Tuesday, November 29** to:  
**Larsolaris@yahoo.com/458-8015** or  
**Lizcostley@adelphia.net/458-5894**

# Happy Thanksgiving

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