



# THE BEACON

MT. GREYLOCK MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER-APRIL 13, 2006

HAVE A GREAT SPRING VACATION!



## Building Committee News

Catch-up on the progress of the MGRHS Building Committee. Over the next five weeks WilliNet (Channel 17 in Williamstown) will rebroadcast the four public forums held this winter as part of the Building Committee's comprehensive Feasibility Study to determine what facility changes are required and what options the District has. Dore and Whittier Architects, Inc. was hired to perform this study.

-Building and Site Assessment/Forum #1 took place on January 10.

**Rebroadcast on:**

**Monday, May 1, 1 – 2 pm**

**Wednesday, May 3, 9 – 10 am**

**Saturday, May 6, 10:30 – 11:30 am ; 4 – 5 pm ; 8:15 – 9:15 pm**

-Projected Enrollments & Educational Space Needs/Forum #2 took place on January 24.

**Rebroadcast on:**

**Monday, April 24, 1 – 2:15 pm**

**Wednesday, April 26, 9 – 10:15 am**

**Saturday, April 29, 10:30 – 11:45 am; 4 – 5:15 pm; 8:15 – 9:30 pm**

-Building Options: Renovate, Addition/Renovate or New / Forum #3 took place on February 15.

**Rebroadcast on:**

**Monday, April 17, 1-2:00 pm**

**Wednesday, April 19, 9-10 pm**

**Saturday, April 22, 10:30-11:30 am ; 4-5 pm ; 8:15-9:15 pm**

-Cost Implications :Building Options/Forum #4 took place on April 5.

**Rebroadcast on:**

**Saturdays, April 8 & April 15, 10:30 am- 12 pm**

**8:15 – 9:45 pm**

**Monday, April 10, 1-2:30 pm**

**Wednesday, April 12, 9-10:30 pm**

-Forum Marathon:

**#1 & 2 on Wednesday, May 10, 7 – 8:30 pm**

**#3 & 4, rebroadcast on Thursday, May 11, 7-8:30 pm**

## Short Story Contest Planned

In conjunction with the Williamstown Reads "Seabiscuit" program for April, the Milne Public Library and Mount Greylock Regional High School Library are sponsoring a short story contest for teens. The topic is a choice of two themes: "Beating the Odds" or "The Animal - Human Connection." Contestants must be in seventh through 12th grade and stories should be no longer than six pages double-spaced. First and second place prizes will be awarded. Entries may be submitted at MGRHS Library or at the Milne Public Library Children's Room no later than **April 24. For more information contact Kathy Share at the MGRHS Library.**

## Run for the Cure!

Come celebrate the 10th annual Run for a Cure on **Sunday, April 23rd at 1 pm**. This 2.8 mile run/walk is a community event that raises thousands of dollars each year for the American Cancer society. Participants may enter either the timed or non-timed race. In the timed race, prizes will be awarded for the fastest male and female in a number of different categories, including fastest community member, middle-schooler and high-schooler.

A raffle will also be held on the day of the race, with great prizes up to \$500 in value. **Registration begins at 12 pm on the Science Quad of Williams College and the race starts at 1 pm**. There is a \$5 registration fee for the run, and participants who raise additional donations amounting to \$15 or more will receive an official Run T-shirt. Official Run water bottles can be purchased for \$5. The race takes place come rain or shine! **For more information email: Gillian Sowden at 06gls@williams.edu or call 413-597-3763.**

## Mark your calendars!

On **Saturday, April 29th at 7 pm**, Mt. Greylock High School and Williams College once again team-up to present a night of music and rhythm featuring a capella and dance at the MGRHS auditorium. Please join us for an energetic evening for the whole family. Ticket prices at the door \$3.00 ( with a \$10.00 cap per family). **Questions or to help, contact: Kaatje White 458-2258 or Liza Barrett 458-4089**  
All proceeds benefit the Mt Greylock PTO.

**See you there!**

## Calling All Actors & Actresses

Auditions for the middle-school production of "Aladdin" will take place **Wednesday, May 3 and Thursday, May 4, from 2:30 to 5 p.m.** in the Chorus Room. All 7th- and 8th-graders are invited to try out. Students will learn a song at the tryout, so preparing an individual audition piece is not necessary (but acceptable).

Announcement of the cast and the first full-cast rehearsal will take place Friday afternoon, **May 5**. A parent meeting will occur during the first week of rehearsals (time and date to be announced). Performances are scheduled for June.

The show has big and small parts for both girls and boys, singers, non-singers, comedians, and dancers. Kathy O' Mara will direct (for her third year), and Deb Burns will music-direct (her fifth year). **Questions? Contact Deb at deb.burns@storey.com or 458-0925.**

## School Council Needs Members

Mt. Greylock Regional High School seeks new members for its School Council. Students, parents, teachers and community members from Lanesboro, Hancock and Williamstown are needed. Terms will begin in September 2006 and run for three years. The School Council is mandated by the state to create a School Improvement Plan each year and is encouraged to review and revise the Parent-Student Handbook for the district. The Council meets monthly in the School Library. **For more information or to inquire about nominations, please contact Liz Costley at 458-5894 or Cheryl Yarter at MGRHS (cyarter@mgrh.org)**

## Come and Celebrate Shakespeare!

On **April 28**, the 4th grade at Williamstown Elementary School will be performing Hamlet at **7 pm** in the WES auditorium. Prior to the show from (from **5-7 pm** in the WES cafeteria), the PTO will be sponsoring a Shakespeare mini-festival with crafts, games and food, as well as a Bake Sale. Admission is free, and tickets for the food and games will be sold at the door.

In conjunction with the event, the PTO is holding a raffle to support this program in future years. Prizes include a dinner for 2 at Mezze Bistro + Bar, a 1 year membership to the Williamstown Youth Center and many gift vouchers from area businesses and eateries. **Tickets are \$1 per chance (or 6 for \$5), and can be purchased by contacting Julie Morse (458-4803 or trjasmorse@adelphia.net).** You do not need to be present to win.

## WilliNet Programming

Catch "Emprim TV": a half-hour program produced in Pittsfield by Berkshire County teenagers. This Teen Driven Media Project covers issues of interest to teenagers. Issues such as getting a job, internet safety, and bullying are covered on the program. **WilliNet airs "Emprim TV" Fridays at 2:30, 6pm, 9:30 pm and Saturdays at noon on Channel 17 in Williamstown. The next two weeks the show discusses "The Truth About Bullying."**

## GOINGS ON

**Sun. Apr. 16– HAPPY EASTER!**

**Tues. May 2–**School Committee meeting at **7 pm** in library

**Mon. May 8–** PTO meeting at **7 pm** in library

Please send items for the next issue of THE BEACON by **noon, Tuesday, April 25 to:**

**Larsolaris@yahoo.com / 458-8015 or**

**Lizcostley@adelphia.net / 458-5894**

## Reminder

After the Spring break, paper copies of the Beacon can be found in the main office and Superintendent's office, they will not be distributed to students. Also, you can still log onto **www.mgrhs.org** and click on "The Beacon" for the same information.

**See you back on April 24th!**