



THE BEACON

MT. GREYLOCK MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER—APRIL 6, 2006

“Old gardeners never die, they just spade away”.

- Unknown

Middle School Dance Friday Night

-Amy Moore-Powers

There will be a middle school dance on **Friday, April 7th from 7-10 pm** in the cafeteria. There will be a bus leaving from Lanesborough Elementary School at 6:45 pm and returning after the dance is over around 10:15 pm. The cost is \$4.00.

EDUCATIONAL EXCELLENCE

The Fund for Sustaining Educational Excellence at Mt. Greylock Regional School District (the “SEE” Fund) is looking for grant applications. The applications are due on **May 1, 2006**.

What is the SEE Fund? The SEE Fund is an endowment fund whose mission is to sustain educational excellence by providing financial support for superior educational initiatives at Mt. Greylock Regional School. All proposals must be received at the Superintendent’s office by May 1 to be considered for funding for the following academic year.

Who can request funds? The SEE Fund accepts applications from anyone in the Mt. Greylock community: students, teachers, administrators, parents as well as other’s interested in educational excellence. Examples of successful proposals might be ones that inject new perspectives into the educational community, add special equipment for teaching and learning, strengthen or extend educational resources to improve learning and assist faculty to expand their expertise.

For more information about the SEE Fund or about the grant making process, please call the office of the Superintendent of Mt. Greylock Regional School District at **413-458-9582 at ext. 149**. Your call will be returned by a SEE Fund representative. Applications are available at the school, Town Hall and town library.

Curl up with a good book!

Williamstown Reads! is a community-wide project to promote literacy, community and fun. Now in its second year, Williamstown Reads! chose “Seabiscuit” by Laura Hillenbrand as its book for April 2006. The whole town is reading the book (and younger folks are reading Ralph Moody’s “Come on Seabiscuit!”). Both books are about the amazing story of the come-from-behind racehorse named Seabiscuit.

There is a huge range of events going on throughout the community dealing with the book, horses, racing and more. For a complete listing of events, including movies, horse farm open houses, book discussions and horse and buggy rides, please check out the library website: **www.milnelibrary.org** or stop by the public library to pick up a schedule.

Somewhere over the rainbow...

-Superintendent’s Office

Berkshire Theatre Festival, in cooperation with Berkshire Taconic Community Foundation Education Enrichment Initiative, proudly presents a special production of **The Wizard of Oz**. Berkshire Theatre Festival is looking for actors, musicians, backstage crew, technical support, and usher staff. Auditions are open to all students from the Berkshire County public school system.

For audition times and further information call The Wizard of Oz hotline: 413-298-5536 ext (23) Don’t miss this opportunity to work with professional actors, directors, and designers! The production will raise funds for all the school educational foundations, including Greylock’s SEE Fund.

Pianist Ran Jia comes to Mt. Greylock

Pianist Ran Jia will be coming to Mount Greylock this **Friday, April 7 at 12:45 to 1:45 pm in the auditorium** to play an assembly program. This will be part of the fifteenth annual *Discovering New Artists* series presented at the school by Williamstown Chamber Concerts. Each year a young artist or young ensemble has come to Mount Greylock (also to Drury High School in North Adams) to play for the students and to talk about their life as a performer. In addition to the school programs, the artists play a free public concert at the Sterling & Francine Clark Art Institute. A number of these young musicians have gone on to perform with major symphony orchestras and are well on their way to careers as soloists. Don't miss it!

Grab those sneakers!

The Williamstown Elementary School 6th grade parents are sponsoring a Fun Run for children. Novice runners and walkers alike are encouraged to join the fun at the Williams College Track at **2 pm on Saturday, April 8th**.

There are three categories of racers and three different races. Youngsters under the age of six may participate in the Quarter Mile Race. Seven to ten year olds may participate in the Half Mile Race. And for those budding racers who are 11 and older, the Fun Run will be one mile! There will be a tasty pie for the first three contestants to cross the finish line in their division.

Registration is on the day of the race at the Williamstown Elementary School Pancake Breakfast from 8 am to Noon. If you cannot make the breakfast, there will be time to register for the race at the Williams College Track from Noon to 1:30. **Phone registrations can also be made by calling 458-1844.** Fees for the race are \$3.00 for children six and under or \$5.00 for those over six years of age. The family rate is \$15.00 (maximum).

Art Supplies Needed

Ms. Sumner's art class needs your magazines, especially National Geographic, Newsweek or Time. If you can donate these items, please send them to school with your child or you can bring them by the art room at E 45, near the District offices or to Mrs. Livernois in the main office. Thank you!

GOINGS ON

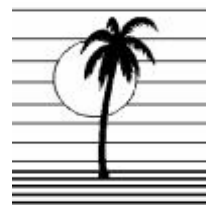
Mon. Apr. 10-PTO meeting at 7 pm in library
Fri. Apr. 14-SCHOOL CLOSES at 2:30 pm–
Spring Vacation

The Forum-submissions for the May issue are due **Friday, April 14th.** Send to:
pakmach@adelphia.net

Please send items for the next issue of THE BEACON by **noon, Tuesday, April 11 to:**
Larsolaris@yahoo.com / 458-8015 or
Lizcostley@adelphia.net / 458-5894

Attention Parents

The Beacon will be going paperless after Spring break in an effort to regroup and decide how best to get the Beacon to our community and discuss it's future. If you have any concerns or would like to express an opinion on the way you wish to receive the Beacon, do e-mail us. There will continue to be paper copies in the main office and Superintendent's office.



Only 6 days left until Spring break!