



THE BEACON

MT. GREYLOCK MIDDLE SCHOOL NEWSLETTER-SEPTEMBER 14, 2006

WELCOME BACK!

Teachers Excited About New Year!

-Liza Barrett & Amy Moore-Powers

Hello! We are looking forward to a great year in the middle school. Teachers are excited to once again be working in teams. We have two teams this year: seventh grade and eighth grade. Each team of teachers shares common planning time, and a scheduled team meeting every other day. Team meetings are used to discuss curriculum and individual student needs. Team meeting time is also an ideal time to schedule parent conferences. The team structure encourages collaborative teaching, a feeling of community, and allows teachers to get to know their students better. We have already begun planning fun activities for the coming year. We welcome any input from parents of students. Let's all work together to make it a wonderful year.

WHO'S WHO IN THE MIDDLE SCHOOL

Ellen Kaiser, Co-Principal

PJ Pannesco, Guidance Counselor

7th Grade Team:

Virgina Abuisi, Special Education

Patrick Blackman, Social Studies

Karl Belouin, Math

Marion Cariddi, Social Studies & English

Sharyn Dupee, English

Lynn Wesley, Math & Science

Amy Moore-Powers, Science & Team Leader

8th Grade Team:

Jacqueline Fisher, Special Education

Courtenay Gibson, Math

Patience Jenkins, Social Studies

Susan Strizzi, Science

Liza Barrett, English & Team Leader

Middle School to Hike Mt. Greylock Chaperones Needed!!

In an effort to build community and have some fun, the 7th grade will hike Mt. Greylock on **Thursday, September 21st** and 8th grade will hike on **Friday, September 22nd**. Students and chaperones will ride buses to connect with the Hopper Trail and then hike the final two miles to the summit. At the top we will eat our lunches and enjoy a short planned activity before boarding the busses back to MG in time for the 2:30 dismissal. A student permission slip will be sent home soon.

We would like to have at least two chaperones for each group of 10 students. **If you are interested, please contact Liza Barrett (lbarrett@mgrhs.org) 458-9582 ext. 169 or Amy Moore-Powers (amoore-powers@mgrhs.org) 458-9582 ext. 140.** New laws require us to have completed a CORI check for each chaperone, so we need parent volunteer names as soon as possible. Consider joining us to climb our namesake!

New Format for Middle School Open House

The middle school open house is scheduled for **September 19th starting at 7 pm**. All parents will start the evening by meeting the Administration in the auditorium for a basic overview of middle school programs. During the second half of the evening 8th Grade parents will hear a group presentation from the 8th Grade Team of Teachers in the library. The 7th grade parents will stay in the auditorium and will listen to a group presentation from the 7th Grade Team of teachers. After these presentations, parents will be invited to visit individual teacher's classrooms.

Overview of 7th grade curriculum

Subject:

Current Topic of Study: "Boy" by Roald Dahl

1) English

- Responding to summer reading
- Using language imaginatively
- Establishing expectations and routines

2) Math

- Problem Solving, Order of operation, Numerical Expression and Translation, Variables and Variable Expressions

3) Science

- Scientific Method of Inquiry: How do Scientists Investigate Questions?

4) Social Studies

- The Foundations:
Geography, Archaeology, Paleoanthropology

Dates to Remember

- September 19– Middle School Open House
7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium
- September 25- Parent-Teacher Organization Meeting
7:00p.m. in the Library
- September 27-Teacher In-service
Students are dismissed at 11:45
- October 24– Get Acquainted Concert
7:30 p.m. in the auditorium

Wellness Policy

Mt Greylock adopted a Wellness Policy over the summer. As part of the No Child Left Behind Act, Mt Greylock is committed to providing a school environment that enhances the learning and development of lifelong wellness practices.

Coming soon.....

Where Did You Learn That?

Look for **THE BEACON** on the Mt. Greylock website under **The Beacon: www.mgrhs.org**

SPORTS

Cross-Country

Wed. Sept. 20 at 4:30 pm vs. Lenox and Monument-Pittsfield HS

Volleyball

Mon. Sept. 18 at 4: 30 pm vs. Taconic-AWAY

Wed. Sept. 20 at 4: 30 pm vs. Sabis-HOME

Thurs. Sept. 21 at 4:30 pm vs. Monument Mt.-AWAY

Varsity Football

Sat. Sept. 16 at 1:30 pm vs. Pittsfield-AWAY

J.V. Football

Mon. Sept. 18 at 4 pm vs. Pittsfield-HOME

Golf

Tues. Sept. 19 at 4 pm vs. Taconic and Lenox-AWAY

Thurs. Sept. 21 at 4 pm vs. Pittsfield-HOME

Boys Soccer

Sat. Sept. 16 at 2 pm vs. Amherst (*Varsity only)-HOME

Mon. Sept 18 vs. Drury *JV 4 pm-*Varsity 7 pm-HOME

Thurs. Sept 21 at 5/7 pm vs. St. Joe-HOME

Girls Soccer

Sat. Sept. 16 at 2 pm vs. Amherst (*Varsity only)-HOME

Tues. Sept. 19 at 4:15 pm vs. Monument Mt.-HOME

Wed. Sept. 20 at 4 pm vs. Belchertown-HOME



Mrs. Dupee's English Class:

Respect looks like:

The first snowfall of winter.—Erin

Respect sounds like:

Cymbals, clanging together with pride.—

Thalia

Respect smells like:

The fresh grass on a football field. — Kurt

Respect feels like:

A cold shower on a hot day.—Andrew

Respect tastes like:

My grandmother's warm, crisp apple pie with cool vanilla ice cream on top.—Kelsey

Respect....."is a lifelong endeavor." - Mary

Please send items for the next issue of The Beacon by **noon, Tuesday, September 19 to:**

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