

## **GAP Update**

-Susan Hogan, PTO Treasurer

The Greylock Assistance Project (GAP) is a fund that provides support to all athletics and activities at MGRHS. It also provides a vehicle for tax-exempt donations to an academic support fund which provides resources for textbooks and other educational materials. To date the GAP fund has raised approximately \$30,000 for 2004-05. \$11,000 is designated for academic support, \$6,000 is designated for specific athletic teams, theatre productions or other activities and \$13,000 has been raised which will be allocated to each extra-curricular activity.

The GAP's funding goal for this year is \$80,000. The greatest need is for money in the general Activities and Athletic GAP fund. That money benefits all athletics, theatre productions, and clubs not funded through the school. General GAP donations significantly reduce the individual fundraising obligations of each activity. While the GAP fund accepts designated donations, we encourage donors to make a general donation so that fund can be shared by all activities and athletics.

**Please send donations to: The GAP Fund**

**P.O. Box 615**

**Williamstown, MA 01267**

Questions:

**Dean Crawford 458-5116 or Crawford@vassar.edu**

**Beth Goodman, 548-2700; ecg@waregoodmanlaw.com**

## **ORCHESTRA RESTORED**

The MGRHS School Committee voted last week (Tues, Sept 7) to reinstate orchestra in both the middle and high school after parents raised \$21,000. The committee agreed to appropriate up to \$4,000 to continue the 38 year old orchestra program, and to sign the contract with orchestra teacher Ouisa Fohrhaltz.

Parents have said they aim to continue fundraising to cover the program's cost. An estimated \$25,753 would pay for two periods of orchestra, one each for the high school and middle school.

# The SAO Needs YOU!

-Amy Moore Powers

The Middle School Student Activities Organization (SAO) provides extra-curricular and curricular activities for all students in the middle school. It is the main organization that plans dances for middle school students. We also plan middle school-wide events such as the “Holiday Door Decorating Contest” and the “Pumpkin Carving Contest.”

In addition we have also had fund-raisers that benefited organizations such as Make-A-Wish and the Salvation Army’s Christmas Angel Program. Two years ago, we planned an assembly to honor veterans.

Any student with a desire to improve our middle school can be involved.

**Meetings will begin September 30<sup>th</sup> after school (2:30-4:00 pm) in room W-20.**

**[AMoore-Powers@mgrhs.org](mailto:AMoore-Powers@mgrhs.org)**

## **JAVAJIVE: Venue for**

### **Teen Talent**

**JavaJive** is a student-run coffee house offering great music and performances by teenage artists. The stage is open to MGRHS middle school and high school students and takes place at the First Congregational Church. Comedians, poets, jazz and classical musicians are urged to perform. Proceeds benefit MGRHS performing arts.

**The Sept 17 JavaJive has been cancelled** due to Mt. Greylock’s first home football game (game begins at 7pm). Coffeehouse will resume in October.

**Interested performers can contact:**

**Mollie at [javajivech@yahoo.com](mailto:javajivech@yahoo.com)**

The coffeehouse was a great success last year. Thanks to all who performed and attended!

**-[javajive@greylockcommunity.org](mailto:javajive@greylockcommunity.org)**

## **Mt. Greylock PTO**

The **next PTO is Mon, Oct 4, 7pm in the School Library** when officers/directors will be elected.

Please note that the **Service Auction** originally scheduled for Sept. 13 **has been postponed to Sat. Oct. 30**. It will now be combined with a Harvest Dance. **Help is needed ASAP**, please contact:

**cpayne@adelphia.net,**

**Beth Goodman: ecg@waregoodmanlaw.com or**

**Denise Spencer: dspencer@eziba.com**

Volunteers are needed for the **Annual Fall Workday, Sat, Oct. 2, 7:30am-5:30**. Come work a 2.5 hour shift inside or outside the school. We have an ambitious projects list (lots of painting) that will improve the school's appearance immensely. Last year some 300 people did their part!

**-Lisa Hiley 458-3077 lisahiley@adelphia.net &**

**Anne Hogeland 458-5966 hogeland@adelphia.net**

***Don't forget schoolpop.com***

The next time you plan to shop on-line, go to **schoolpop.com** first, register your name and the organization you would like to benefit (Mt. Greylock Regional High School), then pick the merchant you want to shop with and begin shopping.

**By using *schoolpop.com* you'll be earning money for Mt. Greylock.**

Questions? Contact Melissa Brink **onthebrink89@yahoo.com**

## Forms Returned?

Have you read, signed, and returned all forms included in your summer mailing packet? If you didn't bring them in the first day of school, please return to the office the following:

**Network Use Agreement**

**Emergency Contact form**

**Application for a school locker**

**Affirmation of Receipt**

**Free/Reduced Lunch form**

## SPORTS

### **Cross Country:**

Wed, Sept 22, Taconic High School, away

### **Girls Volleyball:**

Mon, Sept 20, vs Taconic High School, away

Tues, Sept 21, vs Pittsfield High School, HOME

### **U-14 Girls Soccer:**

Sun, Sept 19, 4:00 –HOME

### **U-14 Boys Soccer: WSC White/Cyclones**

Sun, Sept 19, 2:30 vs Lenox—HOME

### **U-14 Boys Soccer: WSC Purple**

Sun, Sept 19, 1:00 vs Pittsfield—HOME

### **Lanesboro Tigers– Sr Div Football Team**

Sun, Sept 19, 2:30 vs So Berkshire at MGRHS

**Varsity Football FIRST HOME GAME:**

Fri, Sept 17, 7:00 pm at MRGHS

**GOINGS ON**

**Auditions for Shakespeare:** Shakespeare & Co's Fall Festival **auditions will take place Mon, Sept 20**, at MGRHS with rehearsals starting Sept. 27. Middle school and high school students are welcome to audition. Questions: **contact Shakespeare & Co. 637-3160**

**Middle School Parent Night- 7pm, Tue, Sept 21.** Meet teachers, walk through your student's schedule, hear about the PTO and this year's events.

***The Forum*** - submissions for October issue are due **Fri, Sept. 17** send to **pakmach@adelphia.net**

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

Please send items for the next issue of *The Beacon* by **noon, Tues, 9/21/04** to **debbydane@aol.com** (or call 458-0168) or to **BStomberg@adelphia.net**