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Happy Thursday!

Writing is an integral part of every day, in every classroom. From writing pieces that share meaningful memories to lab reports that outline information gathered and analyzed, teaching writing is a carefully crafted balance of direct instruction and sacred blocks of time to write. For some of our children, writing flows seamlessly from their hearts to the paper, while others struggle to commit their thoughts to paper. Next week, we will outline what topic each grade level is covering in the writing portion of their day.

Next week we will have the Lions Club at our school completing vision screens on all of our first through sixth graders – as Kindergarten students were screened at the K Screening last spring. We are very thankful to the Lions Club for donating their time and equipment to screen our children for vision issues. Alice Mecca, our school nurse, will be in touch if there were any concerns noted from the screening.

Our MEA Pasta dinner has currently sold 160 tickets. The funds earned at this fun event go towards MEA scholarships, the caring closet, and other community events. The dinner is cooked and served by Chef Bobby and our MES staff. In prior years, over 400 tickets were sold and much pasta eaten!

Thwacked update: Our 6th graders are now 6 practices away from their two performances of their musical *Thwacked* on October 17th. They have been singing, dancing, and practicing their lines in preparation for the two shows they will be performing that day. Since *Thwacked* takes place in a swamp, we were wondering if anyone has some fake trees we could borrow to create our swamp. Also, if anyone has any old ping-pong balls and leftover glitter, we would put it to good use for frog eyes and magic wand creation. We look forward to sharing this fun musical on October 17th (two shows: 1:40 pm and 6:30 pm) – admission donation is \$3 for children and \$5 for adults. All funds raised go into an account for the 6th graders spring activities.

On the back of today’s letter, please find our first monthly PTO update. At the end of each month, PTO will send home information on the back of the Thursday Letter.

We hope everyone has a good weekend!

Dan & Kim

Upcoming Events:

9/27 – SAC Meeting @ 3:30
9/27 – BOE Meeting @ 7:00
10/2 – Grade 6 Esteem Day

New Fliers:

Park & Rec:
[Dog Obedience](#)
[Safe Babysitting Course](#)
[MEA Sponsored Pasta Dinner](#)
[UCFS Healthcare – Mindful Parenting](#)
Marlborough Health & Rehab Center:
[Halloween Monster Mash](#)

PTO: [Volunteer Search](#)
AHM:
[Parents Talk -Dates](#)
[Family Fest](#)
[Corn Hole Tournament](#)

PTO Wants You to Know...



The PTO is always in need of additional volunteers. Even an hour or two of your time this year is appreciated! The funds we raise pay for many special events and programs for your children over the course of the year, including Trunk or Treat, Cultural Arts presentations, Science demonstrations, Book Fairs, and more.

Please consider lending an hour or two of your time at one of the events listed below. Contact:

Melissa Jordan at salvia601@aol.com or
Kristen O'Brien at kcobrien1976@gmail.com

Happening Now....

The PTO is currently holding a Bakeless Bake Sale to raise money for a trestle tree for the gym. Donations of any amount welcomed! Checks can be made out to the PTO with a note to earmark for the gym equipment.



Upcoming Events....

Trunk or Treat: October 27, Volunteer to set up ahead of the event, oversee a game or crafting activity that evening. Decorate your car with a fun theme for kids to explore.

Election Day Bake Sale: November 6, Volunteer to sell items that morning or bake an item.

Book Fair: November 26 - 30, Volunteer to help set up or clean up. Many volunteers are needed to man the fair throughout the week.

Box Tops: Cut out and send to school at any time.