

Mountain View School

June 2009



Mrs. Wallace, Principal

Important Dates:

- 6/1 9:45-10:45 5th Grade Concert for the School
- 6/2 9:00-11:00 Gr. 2 visits MV
- 6/2 9:30-11:30 Gr. 5 Rehearsal at ELHS
- 6/3 1:30-2:15 Gr. 4 Science Fair for Parents
- 6/3 7:00 Elementary Music Night
- 6/4 Gr. 5 Visits Birchland Park
- 6/5 Wear Red for Respect
- 6/5 9:15-9:45 GR. 3 Author's Tea w/parents
- 6/5 1:00-2:00 Enrichment Assembly
- 6/8 - 9:30 - ELHS Band instrument demonstration for Gr. 4
- 6/9 9:30 & 1:30 Gr. 3 & 4 Spring Concert
- 6/9 12:00-12:55 Whole School Family Picnic
- 6/11 Field Day
8:30-10:00 - Gr. 4
10:30-12:00 - Gr. 5
12:45-2:15 - Gr. 3
- 6/11 6:30-8:00 PTO Family Celebration
- 6/12 Rain Date for Field Day
- 6/17 Gr. 5 Invention Convention
8:30-9:45 Rm. 14,16,18
10:00-11:15 Rm. 15 & 17
- 6/18 5th Grade End-of-Year Celebration

From the Principal's Desk

June is here again and it is as bittersweet as ever! It is amazing to see how ready the 5th graders are to move on to Birchland Park Middle School and how anxious the 2nd graders are to move here to Mountain View. It is a time of endings and beginnings that keep us all spinning. Classrooms are finishing that last novel and writing those essays that talk about all that has been accomplished this year. The field trips outside of town are done but the field trips from school to school are beginning to happen. We are completing this year's SMART goals and planning our next steps for school improvement in 2009/2010. MCAS is finally over for this year! The list could go on and on.

There are many events in June to help us finish this year and get ready for next year. I hope you can take the time to join us for some of these events such as field day, the spring concert for grades 3 and 4, Elementary Music Night at the high school for grade 5, classroom plays and evening events, the family lunch picnic on June 9th and the PTO End-of-the-year picnic dinner on June 11th (incoming 3rd grade families are welcome!). There is so much to do here and at home that June usually flies by.

Before the year is over, however, I want to take the time to say thank you to everyone for helping to raise the money for Peaceful Playground, the recess equipment to go with the program and the storage shed to house the equipment so that it lasts! This is a major accomplishment that will help everyone at Mountain View for many years. It was wonderful to see

the students playing with some the new recess toys like jump ropes, Frisbees, a real kick ball and enough playground balls for anyone that wants one!

I also want to thank the PTO for another amazing year of support! Family Fun Nights have been very successful and families have enjoyed coming together at Mountain View to spend some time together. The after school programs continue to be successful with large numbers of children signing up for each event - especially the amazing Talent Show. And we should all be proud of the many community service projects we were able to complete together this year.

I would also like to thank the staff. This year teachers were asked to implement new math curriculum, begin work on new reading assessments and strategies and still make sure that the state curriculum frameworks were covered for each subject. Everyone worked hard this year, as always, and learned as much as their students along the way.

My final, thank you goes to the students and families for all of your hard work at school and at home. 2008/2009 was busy and exciting and a great segue into 2009/2010. I am looking forward to meeting the new 2nd graders and their families on June 2nd and sharing all that is to come next year with them like Peaceful Playground, Investigations and the new PTO logo! Have a safe and happy summer and get ready to do it all again next year!

Mrs. Wallace
Principal

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JUNE 9
SPRING CONCERT
FOR GRADE 3 AND 4

Performances at **9:30** and **1:30** - both grades will perform at both times.

12:00 - 12:55 - Annual Family Picnic on the playground - bring your lunch and your family and eat outside with the whole school.

A great way to add to the end or beginning of your concert experience!

(Hot lunch will still be served that day for any students wanting hot lunch.)

JUNE 11
6:30 - 8:00 - Join the PTO for their Summer Kick-Off Celebration dinner picnic! More information will be coming soon.

Grade 3 News

It has been a great year!!! We want to thank you for sharing your children with us. Remember to read everyday and practice multiplication and division facts

over the summer. A special thanks to our room parents who helped throughout the year. Good Luck in fourth grade!

Grade 4 News

Another year of MCAS testing has come to an end. Our fourth grade students worked hard as we prepared for these tests, and put forth their best effort in taking them. We are very proud of them.

This year we scheduled our Science Fair in June. It is quite an exciting day where the children display the results of an actual experiment they conducted at home. They bring in actual materials used in their experiment, a report reflecting the scientific method, and a large graph or chart showing their results. Third and fifth grade students as well as parents are invited to the classrooms the day of the Science Fair to see for themselves scientific exploration and experimentation at its best.

In Social Studies students are wrapping up their study of the Rocky Mountain Region and will be looking at the Pacific West Region for the remainder of the year. In Mathematics, we will be working on an Investigations Unit that explores patterns, functions, and change. The focus will be on using graphs and tables to describe how things change over time.

Our hope is that all of our fourth grade students and their families have a healthy and happy summer. We appreciate all your support at home throughout the year.

Grade 5 News

During May the fifth graders proved they are ready for middle school as they focused their efforts and worked hard to complete important curriculum units in math, social studies and science while at the same time giving their very best effort to the math and science MCAS tests. As June approaches they continue to achieve and enjoy some creative and hands on projects as they study The American Revolution in Social Studies, enrich their understanding of decimals in math, and explore the process of inventing in Science. The ELA blocks are filled with a variety of activities this month from lively book discussions, to poetry presentations, to presenting persuasive arguments in both essay and speech form.

The fifth graders' final month of elementary school is filled with several exciting special events as well. We hope that many of you will be able to join us to enjoy the Band and Chorus Concert at

the High School on June 3rd, Field Day from 10:30 - 11:45 on June 11th, and The Invention Convention from 8:30 - 9:45 (for Mr. Guay's classes) and 10:00- 11:15 (for Mrs. Wagner's classes) on June 17th.

It is with mixed emotions that we fifth grade teachers and paraprofessionals say goodbye to this special group of students and parents, as we will miss all they add to our school community. We are, at the same time, as excited as the students are about their moving on to the opportunities and privileges of middle school.

Thank you, fifth grade students and families, for all you have given to Mountain View School!

From the Health Room



Be sure to sign up for Stop & Shop Bucks and Big Y points and designate Mountain View as your school of choice!

Stop & Shop A+ Program
Register in the store or online at: www.stopandshop.com/aplus
Our school ID# 05100

Big Y Points Program
Our school ID# 6038

Last year over \$450 was earned from the Stop & Shop Bonus Bucks Program.

Another school year is coming to a close. Thank you all for working with me to keep our students and our school environment healthy. Your assistance in following up with health screenings, informing me of illness, keeping me abreast of chronic health problems and consulting with me by phone when your child is not feeling well at school provides the cooperation and information it takes to keep our students, staff and our school as a whole healthy.

Have a restful summer and keep doing all the things that will keep you and your children feeling well and happy:

- ❖ Eat healthfully. Summer is a wonderful time to eat lots of fruits and vegetables because so many are readily available. Fruits and

vegetables contain the nutrients we all need to stay healthy.

- ❖ Stay active. Summer is a great time for family hikes, bike rides and games.
- ❖ Get rest. Children (and adults) play hard all year round. Make sure you are getting the sleep you all need at night.
- ❖ Relax. Slow your pace this summer. Enjoy your children. Take a few things off your, and your child's, to do list.

I wish you all a peaceful, restful, healthful summer!

Last Day to Borrow Lunch Money!

As the year comes to an end we have to end the borrowing of lunch money. Many students have outstanding lunch money slips. Those families have been notified in writing of what is owed. **All money owed** is due by Friday, May 29 or students will be staying in for recess until it is paid.

From Monday, June 1 - Friday, June 18 students will be required to return any money borrowed the following day or they will lose recess. We don't want any students to go without lunch, therefore, borrowing will be allowed right up until the last day we serve lunch. However, we must return all of the \$50 "bank" we use to fund the borrowing on June 19th. Thank you for your cooperation.

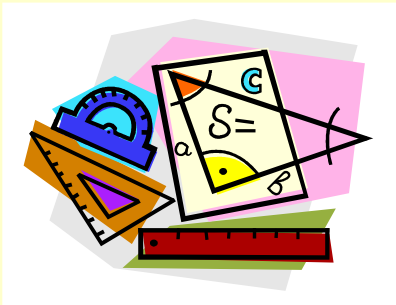
Lost & found

Lost and found is overflowing again this year. There are many (20-30) sweatshirts, jackets and sweaters hanging on the lost and found rack. There are lunch boxes and sneakers there, too! We will be pulling the rack out during lunch times to have students

claim lost articles of clothing. Please remind your child to check out the lost and found rack! Any clothing left on the rack on June 19th will be taken to Goodwill on June 22nd!

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Gifted & Talented News



We recycle ink cartridges and cell phones so be sure to send them in to school when you are done with them.

Thank you to all who patronized the School Store! By making the School Store experience part of my Grade 5 Gifted and Talented Curriculum, student employees have gained valuable skills in product and market analysis, accounting, as well as teamwork, responsibility, leadership and customer service.

As students wrote the school store mission statement, they agreed to donate a portion of this year's profits. We elected to make our donation to the entire Mountain View School population. We will be using a portion of the profit to purchase a set of *Speed Stacks* for each classroom! *Speed Stacks* are world-class stacking cups endorsed by the World Sport Stacking Association and can be used during instructional time, indoor recess or any time.

Today schools, teachers and parents are focused more than ever on academic achievement. Sport stacking not only promotes physical fitness, but also academic learning. Students that sport stack on a regular basis have shown increases in test scores and levels of concentration. This is achieved by students using both their right and left sides of their brain. When students sport stack they are crossing the "midline" of their bodies and developing new connections in their brains. These

new connections help to spur brain growth which in turn promotes greater academic achievement. These *Speed Stacks* have been ordered so our current 5th graders will have time to "stack" before summer vacation. A special thank you goes out to the dedicated parents who have volunteered at the school store.

Over summer vacation please take advantage of RenzulliLearning. Summertime provides a great opportunity to work on a project through the Wizard Project Maker.

Mrs. Whitman's favorite Renzulli "Site of the Month"

Geometry (Grades 3 - 5)

Utah State University presents "virtual manipulatives," mathematical online activities concerning geometry, grades 3 - 5. Work through 28 geometrical activities, from turtle geometry, triominoes, and reflection transformations, to fractals, congruent triangles, and much more. Math has never been so much fun! [National Library of Virtual Manipulatives for Interactive Mathematics](#)
Java is required for some activities at this website.

CORI Checks for the Fall

Please get your CORI check done now! If you are thinking about volunteering at Mountain View next year as a field trip chaperone (especially the 5th grade Plymouth Plantation trip in Oct.), to help with Peaceful Playground or lunch duty, to teach Junior Achievement in a classroom, etc. please come to the office and fill out the paperwork now or over the summer.

As you may know, it is required by law that any adult working with children in a public school has a CORI check done every three years. CORI checks usually take a couple of days. Last September and October it took over a month to get them back because so many schools across the state were sending them in all at once. So....get yours done now and avoid the rush! See Mrs. McCarthy in the office now!



Early Arrival at School

We have had an increase this year in students who are arriving before 8:00 am each morning. Students have also started to arrive as early as 7:40. I understand that child care before school can be difficult, especially if it is only for a few minutes. However, one of the most important functions of a school is to keep students safe. Monitoring children is an important part of safety. There is no supervision for students before 8:00 am each morning.

Currently, students are allowed to come into the building using the Somers Road door and sit on the floor

until the bell rings at 8:10. This will continue for the rest of this year, however, please **DO NOT** drop off students before 8:00 am.! Starting with the first day of school next year, the doors of the school will not be unlocked before 8:00 am. and students **CANNOT** be left outside of the building.

In the interest of protecting your child, we request that you make appropriate arrangements for your child so that he/she does not arrive at school before 8:00 am.

Library News

Thank you to all students who joined our **Celebration Book Club** this year. Forty-eight new books were purchased, each dedicated to a student or their teacher. Thank you to the PTO members and supporters who organized several fundraisers to support our school including the library. The **One for Books Scholastic Book Fair** was a great success!

Our **picnic book discussion** was a big hit this year! [Lily's Crossing](#) and [Eleven](#) by Patricia Reilly Giff were chosen by 67 students to read. If you are looking for something to read this summer with your children, she is an excellent author.

As summer vacation begins students are eager to spend much needed time in the bright sunshine. Visiting our town library

and participating in their summer reading program will provide wonderful times of relaxation and fun too. The theme is **Starship Adventure** which should be a lot of fun because July 20th is the 50th anniversary of Neil Armstrong's walk on the moon!

Included in this newsletter is a coupon to use at Barnes & Noble Holyoke/Enfield between **June 11-14**. Any purchase made during this time will benefit all our E.L. school libraries. This would be a great time to purchase summer reading books or Father's Day gifts.

A reminder to students, all books were due back to the library by June 1st!

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One for Books 2009



Once again, Mt. View Families helped to make the One For Books fundraiser for the library a wonderful success. Because of your help, we raised \$166.00 that Mrs. Galaska will use to purchase books for the library. Because this is our Buy One, Get One book fair, the value of your donation is doubled and we have raised \$332.00 for the library! In addition, Scholastic Books will match that with donations to schools in districts that are hurting because of budget cuts. We would like to thank the following students and their families for their contributions:

Connor Ashe, Grace Bond, Maria and Matthew Boucher, Nick and Sara Cafaro, Justin Carrington, Colin Casey, Margo Chapdelaine, Kaylen Cianfaran, Alyce

Devenitch, Matthew Donahue, Tyler Dumas, John Fiallo, Nolan Forbes, Abby Garvey, Matthew Gay, Matt Guerin, Madelyn Hayes, Regan Held, Conrad Kibbe, Zachary LeClair, Collin Lindsay, Noah Luke, Jocelyn Mailloux, Bryce Mayberry, Caroline McKinnon, Mitchell McKittrick, Madysen Meunier, Nick Michalski, Maeve Moriarty, Kate Moynihan, Jillian Murphy, Zain Najeebi, Peter Newell, Jacqueline Novak, Riley Parkinson, Sajen Plevyak, Carrie-Lyn Poole, Madelyn Shields, Andreia Singh, Kathryn Sweeney, Nicole Trombly, Ariel Vernadakis, Hannah Wald, Abbie White, and Diana Whitman.



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PTO News

Dear Mountain View Families,

On behalf of the Mountain View PTO, I would like to THANK YOU for all of the support that you gave us this year. Whether your support was in the form of fundraising or volunteering, we could not have done this without you! As a first year president, I was completely overwhelmed at that enthusiasm and dedication of our families. Although it was a very busy year for me, I truly enjoyed it all!

I hope that you will all join us at our Family Picnic on Thursday, June 11th at 6:30pm. This is a free event sponsored by the PTO and all of our families are welcome to attend. Please watch for information coming home soon!

Have a fun and safe summer vacation and we look forward to seeing you in September!

Beckie McKittrick
M.V. PTO President

New Logo

The Mountain View PTO would like to thank Laura Pixley for designing a new logo for our school! The design comes from the student made character trait banners that hang in the cafeteria. These banners show Bobo and Iggy (the

lizard) performing acts which fit the various character traits. The new logo portrays Iggy as an elementary age Spartan and will be appearing on items in the fall! Thank you Mrs. Pixley!

Mountain View Website

Remember to go to the Mountain View website because we have an active web page that is updated often. You can find the monthly calendar, PTO information, teacher pagers, etc.

Go to the town website:
www.eastlongmeadowma.gov

Under the Quick Links, click on Schools then click on Mountain View Schools.

Or you can go directly there with the following link:
www.eastlongmeadow.org/mtview/Default.htm

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