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The Downey Update

Jason Moy Honored at the State House

First grader Jason Moy joined other regional winners of the My Ideal School contest for a ceremony at the Massachusetts State House. Jason will also be honored at the May 24th School Committee meeting. Congratulations, Jason!

Raffle Winners Announced!

Our 5th graders all gathered together Wednesday afternoon to pick winners for the 5th grade Raffle. The class opened the envelopes, cut all the entries to size and placed them in a bag. The winners were chosen by 5th graders.

WINNERS:

1st Prize - Audra Cabey - Downey alumni won 4 tickets to Revolution game,
Chateau gift card and signed Taylor Twellman soccer ball and T-shirt.

2nd prize -Susan Lane (Mom to Mark & Brian Lane) - won 4 tickets to a Revolution game

3rd prize - Owen Hart - won a gift card to the Chateau Restaurant

4th prize - Nicole Erickson - won a Taylor Twellman autographed T-shirt

The raffle was an effort to raise money for the class of 2007 gift to be presented to Ms. Brown at the moving up ceremony. We were able to meet our goal thanks to everyone who participated.

Summer Camp Opportunities

There is a way to afford summer camp. Westwood Community Chest (WCC) is now accepting applications for its 2007 camp scholarship, "Campership," program. All school-aged children in the town of Westwood are eligible and awards are based on financial need. Last year 20 kids used their scholarships to go to camps run by the Westwood Recreation Department, Hale Reservation and others. The Campership Award limit is $500 per child and there is no limit to the number of children who can apply within a household. Applications are available at several sites around town including the police and fire stations, both public libraries, the Recreation Department, the Senior Center, and Town Hall. Applications need to be mailed directly to WCC (The address is on the application.) and will be processed within two weeks. All applications are completely confidential.

Team Jack Raises Money for Epilepsy!

On Sunday, May 5th, Downey teachers Eric Stark, Tracy Paradise and principal Mary Brown joined first grader Jack Hunter and his family for the Annual Epilepsy Foundation Walk-a-thon! Team Jack raised over $8000.00 for Epilepsy research.

Pictured above: Eric Stark and Jack Hunter

Speedy Sam!

Downey School second grader Sam Murphy placed second in his age group, 10 and under, in the Thurston Middle School Two Mile Fun Run. Sam finished the race with a time of 15 minutes and five seconds. Congratulations Sam!

Grade 5 Parents

Summer Reading Book Sale As a convenience to our parents, the Thurston Parent Network will once again sponsor a Summer Reading Book Sale. The books, which are required summer reading for 6th, 7th and 8th grades, will be for sale at the 5th grade parent night (June 6th), the band concert (June 7th) and the choral concert (June 12th). Look for a letter from school which describes the summer reading requirements.

Each student is expected to read at least two books over the summer. One book is required for all students. For the second book, students have a choice, as described below. We encourage you to discuss the optional books with your child prior to the Book Sale

Grade 6

Among the Hidden by Margaret Peterson Haddix **(required)**

AND choose one of the following two:

So B. It by Sarah Weeks or

Sammy Keyes and the Hotel Thief by Wendelin Van Draanen

Coming Events…

May 18
Mrs. Barber's class to Fisher School

May 21, 22
Grade 4 MCAS

May 22
Grade 1 Field Trip to the Zoo (rescheduled from May 18th)

May 23, 24
Grade 5 MCAS

May 23
Miss Sousa's Class to Fisher School

May 24
School Committee Meeting @ 7:30 PM At Westwood High School Little Theater (rescheduled from 5/17)

May 28
NO SCHOOL- MEMORIAL DAY

May 29, 30
MCAS Grade 5

Jason Moy at the State House

Grade 4 Students at Symphony Hall

Last Day of School

The last day of school is June 20th with dismissal at 12:10 PM. No lunch will be served and there will be NO separate bus for kindergartners.

WESTWOOD PUBLIC LIBRARY NEWS

Ty Burr, film critic and author, will be visiting the Westwood Public Library on Wednesday, June 6th at 7:00 PM to discuss his newest book, ***The Best Old Movies for Families: A Guide to Watching Together.*** A film critic for the Boston Globe, for the past 5 years, he has also written ***The Hundred Greatest Movies of All Time*** and ***The Hundred Greatest Stars of All Time.*** Books will be available for purchase and signing. For further information please visit or call the library at 781-320-1045.