# *SHEEHAN ELEMENTARY NEWS*

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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| **Early Release Wednesday** | **Wednesday, November 9th** |
| **Parent / Teacher Conferences** | **Wednesday, November 9th – Afternoon** |
| **NO SCHOOL – VETERAN'S DAY** | **Friday, November 11th** |
| **Early Release Wednesday** | **Wednesday, November 16th** |
| **Principal's Coffee** | **Thursday, November 17th 10:30 am – Library** |
| **Student Council Movie Night** | **Friday, November 18th 5:30pm – Cafeteria** |
| **Thanksgiving - Early Dismissal – 12:00 PM** | **Wednesday, November 23rd** |
| **No School Thanksgiving Holiday** | **Thursday, Nov. 24th – Friday, November 25th** |
| **NO SCHOOL for Students – all day in Service** | **Monday, November 28th** |

Dear Sheehan Families,

I would like to extend a huge thank you to Sue Hicks, Kim Crowley, Kathleen Holland, Christine Vella and all of the parent and student volunteers who helped make the Sheehan Halloween Night the success that it was.

Yesterday was our first of two parent/teacher conferences. As we know, communicating with parents is one of the most important things we as a school community can do. Student achievement improves with increased parent interest and involvement. Thank you for your support and continued commitment in your child's education.

Thank you to Mrs. Valentine, Kathy McCue, Linda Dolley, and the many talented chefs who contributed to a wonderful teacher appreciation dinner. The dinner was delicious and the centerpieces were beautiful, and the massage therapist was a favorite of the staff!

Miss Thurston, our School Librarian, started a fifth grade book club that began in October and will run through December. Students meet twice a month in the library during lunch and recess. The fifth grade book club just finished reading the fantasy thriller "The Graveyard Book" by Neil Gaiman. Twelve fifth graders read this scary book and shared their reactions to the story and created a graveyard theme craft at their last meeting. The November book club for fifth graders met this past Tuesday. They are reading a fantastical novel, Savvy by Ingrid Law. In January Miss Thurston will begin a third grade book club that will run through March. Details about this book club will be sent home in December. Thank you to Miss Thurston for initiating the book clubs which have garnered tons of enthusiasm amongst our readers.

**Math League registration for grades 2-5 has been extended to Wednesday, November 9th**. If you have misplaced your Math League Registration Form – please stop into the Sheehan Office or have your child do so to pick up another form. Thank you!

Have a wonderful weekend,

Mrs. Evans

## Student Council News

**The November Service Project is Turkeys for America**. Please donate any spare change to raise money for families in need of a Thanksgiving turkey. Collection bins will be located in each classroom.

**Movie Night is Friday, November 18, 2011**. A $5 donation will be accepted at the door to raise money for the Joanne Hadalski Scholarship Fund. The scholarship will benefit a graduating senior who attended the Sheehan School. Stay tuned for the movie selection!

## From the PTA

### Important Upcoming DATES and DEADLINES

- PTA meeting: Tuesday, November 8th at 10am
- Scrips Orders Due: Friday, November 18th

SCRIPS Gift Card Fundraiser

Thinking about holiday shopping? Gift Cards make excellent gifts!! A portion of each gift card sold will go directly to the Sheehan PTA, which funds many exciting events at the Sheehan. Gift Cards are available from all your favorite stores, including Stop and Shop, Toys-r-Us, iTunes and L.L. Bean.

The order form will go home in backpacks today, Friday Nov. 4th. The last day to order is Friday Nov. 18th. Cards will be distributed during the last week of November. If you have any questions, please contact Cindy Buckley at cindybuckley@hotmail.com.

Sheehan Halloween Night

The Halloween Party was a great success! It was a fun-filled evening for all and we would like to thank the parent and student volunteers who helped make it a wonderful time. We'd like to give a huge THANK YOU to the four chairs of the event: Kim Crowley, Christine Vella, Sue Hicks and Kathleen Holland and also to Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Wight, Mr. Chillemi, and Mr. Ciardi for all of their support.

Teacher Appreciation**:**

Thanks to many parent volunteers, the PTA recently hosted the Sheehan teachers and staff to a wonderful dinner on Wednesday, November 2nd. The teachers were treated to comfort foods and mini massages that evening between parent –teacher conferences at the annual Teacher Appreciation Dinner sponsored by the PTA. We would like to recognize the efforts of Kathy McCue, Linda Dolley and Noreen Valentine. Thank you ladies, for organizing this special event!

Innisbrook Update

Congratulations to Mrs. Carpenter's first grade class – they had the most orders for the Innisbrook Fundraiser and have earned a pizza party to celebrate – way to go 1C! The popular Innisbrook fundraiser is now over and the grand totals are impressive. Thanks to all who participated and a special thank you to Kelly Gill and Allison Kustwan for running this event this year.

Westwood Apparel

The Westwood Apparel sale is now over – thank you to all who have placed an order! Items ordered during the

sale are to arrive at the end of November. The PTA would like say a special thank you to Jen Bowers for all of her time and effort in running this sale and making it such a success.

Bingo Night – Note the change of date!
Bingo Night has been changed from Friday, March 9, 2012 to **Friday, March 2nd, 2012**. Please make a note in your calendars.

## Sheehan PTA Gift Card Fundraiser

**Are you considering purchasing gift cards this holiday season?**
For those of you who are opting to purchase gift cards this holiday season, we would like to introduce to you the SCRIP gift card program. This program enables members of the Sheehan community to purchase gift cards that will benefit the academic programs at the Sheehan School. These cards are the same as those you would purchase at your chosen retailer for items such as clothing, theater tickets, restaurants, supermarkets, specialty food items, gasoline, computer games and various other sundries. A sampling of the retailers includes: **LL Bean, Marshalls, Game Stop, Home Depot, Williams Sonoma, Disney, Dunkin Donuts, Shell, Toys R US, Wal-Mart, CVS.** Please note many new exciting retailers available this holiday season such as **overstock.com, Neiman Marcus, Target, Whole Foods, The Yard House.** Many other retailers are available at www.glscrip.com . The pre-determined denominations range from $10.00 to $100.00.

**How does the Sheehan School benefit?**
The Sheehan School is able to purchase gift cards at a discounted rate due to its non-profit status. For example, if you choose to purchase an LL Bean gift card with a face value of $100.00; you would pay $100, as you do in the store. The school will receive $17.00 of the $100.00 because 17% of your $100.00 purchase would be the discount generated back to the school. The accompanying SCRIP shopping card order form displays the participating retailers and the percentages they return to the school with various discounted rates. Please note that some offer a higher percentage of return to the school than others.

**How do I order gift cards?**
If you are interested in purchasing from this program, you can either print the attached order form or a hard copy will be sent home on Friday, November 4th. All forms and checks payable to The Sheehan PTA are due to the office by the end of the school day, Friday, November 18th in an envelope marked PTA SCRIP. Orders will be filled the second week of December. Since these cards are cash, we will contact you when they come in to secure a safe way to distribute them to you. Thank you for your ongoing support of the Sheehan Community. Should you have any questions, please email Cindy Buckley at cindybuckley@hotmail.com.

**Sheehan Elementary News and Westwood School District Bulletin is distributed to all families via Listserv. Families who do not have the ability to receive electronic copy, please contact the Sheehan office so we know to send a paper copy home. Brenda Wight 781-326-7500 ext. 7100**

***How do I join Listserv?***

1. Go to the Westwood Homepage at www.westwood.k12.ma.us
2. Go to the drop down menu under "Westwood Schools" and select "Sheehan"
3. This will take you to the Sheehan webpage. Scroll down to the icon that reads "Click here to sign up to our listserv"
4. Click on the Listserv icon and follow the prompts that allow you to register to receive the newsletter, calendar and various other publications via emails.