# *SHEEHAN ELEMENTARY NEWS*

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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| Music Week at Sheehan - (See insert below for times) | Monday, March 2 thru Friday March 6th |
| Mini-Courses begin on Monday, March 2nd | Monday, March 2nd ***Mini-Courses Begin!*** |
| ***Early Release – No Lunch*** | ***Wednesday, March 4th*** |
| 3rd Grade Spelling Bee | Wednesday, March 4th – 4:00-5:30 pm |
| 4th Grade Spelling Bee | Thursday, March 5th – 4:00-5:30 pm |
| 5th Grade Spelling Bee | Thursday, March 5th – 6:00-7:30 pm |
| Student Council School Store | Friday, March 6th ($5 max) |
| PTA Meeting – (*Sheehan Library*) | Tuesday, March 10th ***at 7:30pm*** |
| ***Early Release – No Lunch*** | ***Wednesday, March 11th*** |
| ***No School – All Day In-Service for Teachers*** | ***Friday, March 20th*** |
| ***Early Release – No Lunch*** | ***Wednesday, March 25th*** |
| Parent Teacher Conferences - Afternoon | Wednesday, March 25th |
| Parent Teacher Conferences – Afternoon / Evening | Wednesday, April 15th |

***Greetings Sheehan Families!***

Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on the Afternoons of Wednesday, March 25th and Wednesday April 15th, and the evening of Wednesday, April 15th. Shortly you will be receiving a notice from your child's classroom teacher noting the time / day that he/she has scheduled your conference.

**Some Math News!**

This morning, a math workshop was conducted for parents of students in grades 3, 4 and 5. The title of the workshop was Multiplication Through the Grades. We were fortunate to have Mrs. Cormier, Math Specialist at Sheehan, Christy Harrison, grade 5 teacher at Sheehan and Jennifer Gillis, Math Specialist at Deerfield as our facilitators.

While at the workshop, parents learned how multiplication is presented in grade 3 and how the concepts progress through grade 5. Parents had the opportunity to practice the different multiplication strategies that students use in solving multiplication problems. We explored arrays, partial products and breaking the numbers down into smaller parts, to name a few!

There was also a focus on learning the basic multiplication combinations starting in grade 3 with some "Start With" cards, connecting unknown facts to known facts, and many other ways for students to practice at home. Here are the two websites that were recommended for use at home: www.schooltimegames.com and www.edweb.tusd.k12.az.us/ekowalcz/math/elementary_web_sites.htm

The feedback we received from the parents who attended was fabulous and we hope to see more parents come out to future math parent workshops!

Have a wonderful weekend!

Mrs. Evans

**Mini-Course Reminder** – Monday, March 2nd marks the beginning of Spring Mini-Courses which will run for 7-8 weeks. Please remind children at the end of the school day they are to leave with the walkers and go to the gymnasium where they will be met by their instructors. Parents, please arrive by 4:15 pm to pick up your children through the gymnasium doors (Beading 5:15 pm). ***Please note that classroom space includes our cafeteria and gymnasium and we ask that parents refrain from waiting inside the building during their child's mini-course, with the exception of the "Parent in Charge".***

**Author Brian Lies to Visit Grades K-2!**

On March 24th, Author and illustrator Brian Lies will be visiting grades K-2 at the Sheehan. Your child will have the opportunity to meet Mr. Lies and to learn firsthand about some of his experiences as an author/illustrator. He will be available to sign books during his visit. If you would like to purchase a personally autographed book for your child, ***please be sure to check your child's backpack for an order form that was sent home this week, and return the form no later than March 3rd.***

**From the School Nurse:**

Parents of students currently in Grades 2 and 5 are reminded that as their children have their physical examinations in 2009, please send in a copy to have on file in the health office. These physicals occurring after February 1, 2009 are appropriate to meet the state mandated guidelines for submission for Grade 3 and 6.

Thank you, and if you have any questions, please call Lori Brown, RN, BSN, NCSN, the school nurse at 781-326-7500, ext 1320.

**2009 MCAS Dates**

**Grade 3**: **ELA -** April 8, 13, and 14; **Math -** May 13 and 14
**Grade 4**: **ELA -** March 31 **Long Composition**, April 3, 6, and 7; **Math** - May 20 and 21
**Grade 5: ELA** - March 30, April 1 and 2; **Math** - May 11 and 12; **Science** - May 18 and 19; **Social Studies** - May 26 and 27

## ***Music reminder for Grade 1 and 2 parents!***

To celebrate Music in Our Schools Month, first and second grade families are invited to visit their child's music class next week on the following days and times:

2-Michel ….. Monday, March 2nd ……..10:40 – 11:25 am
1-Mutter ….. Tuesday, March 3rd …….. 9:00 – 9:45 am
1-Murphy …. Tuesday, March 3rd …….. 9:50 – 10:35 am
1-Walkowicz .Thursday, March 5th …….10:40 – 11:25 am
2-Bast …….. Friday, March 6th …….. 9:00 – 9:45 am
2-Roberts…. Friday, March 6th…… 9:50 – 10:35 am

Thank you!
Mrs. Yennior
Sheehan Music Specialist

**Student Council News**

- **Below please find the Student Council Meeting Dates for 2009**

| **All Student Council Members Attend:** | **Officer Meetings:** |
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| **March 10, 24** | **March 3, 17, 31** |
| **April 7, 28** | **April 14** |
| **May 5, 19** | **May 12, 26** |
| **June 2 – Last Meeting** | |

**From the PTA:**

- Only 1 day left!! Check-out the WESC Online Auction at www.wesconline.org for some amazing deals on get-aways, kids activities, golf outings, and much much more. The bidding ends February 28th.

- The PTA would once again like to thank the Science Showcase Co-Chairs for organizing such an amazing event: Judy O'Dwyer, Jane Dyer, Tina Roberts, Julie Sullivan and Dianne Barry.

- The next PTA meeting will be Tuesday, March 10th at 7:30PM in the Sheehan Library. Superintendent John Antonucci will present the 2009-2010 budget.

- Mark your calendars, WESC Comedy Night is scheduled for Thursday, March 12th at the Dedham Community Theater. It will feature three comedians and an entertaining fundraising game. Come socialize and enjoy a night out. And, if you haven't donated to WESC yet, here is your chance to make a difference in our schools.