SHEEHAN ELEMENTARY NEWS

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Spelling Bee Registration Grades 3-5	Saturday, January 7th 9-12pm at Westwood Senior Center
PTA Meeting	Tuesday, January 10th 10:00 am (Library)
Early Release NO LUNCH	Wednesday, January 11th
No School – Martin Luther King Jr. Day	Monday, January 16th
Early Release NO LUNCH	Wednesday, January 18th
Grade 5 Jazz Band Concert	Thursday, January 19th – 7:00 pm – Westwood High School
Principal's Coffee	Friday, January 27th – 9:00 am – Library
Report cards mailed home	Friday, January 27th
Mini Courses begin	Monday, January 30th

Dear Sheehan Families,

Welcome back and Happy New Year!

The continued success of the Sheehan Math League is well under way! This year we have over 80 students in grades 2 through 5 arriving to school early on Friday mornings to participate in a fun but serious math enrichment opportunity. Math League is a great way to get our students excited about math. Each week our students work in small groups with parent volunteers solving complex multi-step math problems.

On Wednesday, January 18th at the Thurston Middle School interested math league participants will engage in some friendly competition with their peers across town at our Second Annual January Math Meet Mixer. We hope to see all of our math league participants signing up for this fun event. Any and all are welcome to attend and cheer our Sheehan students on!

Have a wonderful weekend,

Mrs. Evans

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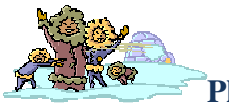
From the Health Room:

Parents of 3rd graders: Parents of students in grade 3 are reminded that there are many physical examination forms that still need to be submitted. If you still need to submit one for your child you received at reminder last Friday.

The Fifth Grade Band and Jazz Band Winter Concert:
January 18th at 7PM for Downey, Deerfield and Hanlon School Bands
January 19th at 7PM for Martha Jones & Sheehan School Bands

Notes from the Sheehan office:

- ✓ **If your child is going to be absent or arriving after 9:00 a.m. – please be sure to call the office and notify us of their absence. 781-326-7500 ext 7100 and *leave a message on the absent/tardy extension*.**

- ✓  **Please make sure your child comes to school dressed for outside activity. Warm coats, hats, gloves are a necessity during the cold winter months. Once the snow begins to fall, snow boots and snow pants will need to be worn for all outdoor recess activity.**

- ✓ **PLEASE REMEMBER: Weather permitting, the children are outside before school and at recess and need to have appropriate clothing for our chilly fall days.**

Student Council News:

A BIG Thank You to everyone that donated food and other supplies to the Westwood Food Pantry for our December Service Project.

January's Service Project:
Donations of towels, blankets, and sheets will be collected for the Dedham Animal Shelter. Please donate any used blankets, towel, and sheets that will help keep the animals warm in these cold months.

The Sheehan Lost and Found is overflowing!
There are several clothing items that have collected in the lost and found.
Please encourage your children to check the lost and found located in the Sheehan Cafeteria for missing items.

Outdoor Learning Center Update:
Although it has been pretty cold the last few days, the unseasonably warm weather at the end of 2011 was a boom for the Outdoor Learning Center. A big thank you to Sheehan mom, Linda Farrell and her family (especially Brian, a 3rd grader in Mrs. Folsom's class and Meghan, in Middle School) for staining the fence, which took many hours to complete. Walking past the entrance of the OLC, you may have noticed some cans and other recycled materials built into the gate- this is part of Eagle Scout Max Hasenauer's recycling education service project.

In the fall, the OLC Committee met with Miss Harrison and Mrs. Carpenter to discuss ways the OLC can be top of mind for the curriculum for all grades and specials, all year long. Mrs. Evans and Linda Walter plan to take teachers on a tour of the OLC to make them aware of updates and get them thinking of how they can expand their lessons and take advantage of the outdoor space. Parents or students who are interested in learning more or volunteering at the Outdoor Learning Center can contact Linda Walter at mljmgwalter@comcast.net.

MCAS DATES
2010-2011

Tuesday, March 20th	**Grade 4**	**Long Comp**
Wednesday, March 21st	**Grade 5**	**ELA**
Thursday, March 22nd	**Grade 5**	**ELA**
Monday, March 26th	**Grade 4**	**ELA**
Tuesday, March 27th	**Grade 4**	**ELA**
Wednesday, March 29th	**Grade 3**	**ELA**
Thursday, March 30th	**Grade 3**	**ELA (Long Comp Make-up)**
Monday, May 7th	**Grade 5**	**Math**
Tuesday, May 8th	**Grade 5**	**Math**
Wednesday, May 9th	**Grade 3**	**Math**
Thursday, May 10th	**Grade 3**	**Math**
Thursday, May 17th	**Grade 4**	**Math**
Friday, May 18th	**Grade 4**	**Math**
Monday, May 14th	**Grade 5**	**Science**
Tuesday, May 15th	**Grade 5**	**Science**

From the PTA

Mini Courses
Look for the mini course flyer and schedule, which will come home in your child's backpack today. Most classes will run from the week of January 30th until March 26th. The schedule and course descriptions will be sent as an attachment via listserv. Registrations are due **Wednesday, January 25th**.

Curriculum Enrichment

Alaskan non-fiction author, Debbie Miller, will be visiting grades 3-5 on **Tuesday, February 14th**. We are offering the opportunity to pre-order autographed copies of her books as part of the author's visit. A book order form was sent home in the backpacks for grades 3-5 this week. **The forms need to be returned with a check made out to the Sheehan PTA by Tuesday, January 10th**. An electronic copy of the book order form is also attached to this newsletter. Students in other grades are more than welcome to order these signed books too. If you have any questions, please contact Patty Mahoney at pattygmahoney@gmail.com.

The Sheehan Science Showcase is Coming Soon!

The 7th annual non-competitive **Sheehan Science Showcase** and ALL NEW Invention Convention is scheduled to take place on Thursday evening February 9th from 6:00-7:30, with a snow date of Thursday February 16th.

Grades 2-4 Science Showcase (science experiment)
Grade 5 Invention Convention (make your own invention)

Experiments from students in grades 2-5 will be on display and children in **kindergarten and first grade are welcome to attend.**

Registration forms are due back by **Friday January 13th.**

If you have any questions, please contact:

Patty Spink	781-929-9606	pfspink@gmail.com
Shruti Manglik	781-255-9419	smangl@yahoo.com
Ellen O'Hara	781-255-1959	ohara.ellen@gmail.com

The Sheehan School and the Sheehan School PTA sponsor the Sheehan School Showcase.

Westwood Elementary Schools Coalition (WESC)

WESC is excited to be hosting a spring social on **Saturday March 17th**. WESC is currently seeking donations of auction items for the social. Please contact Cindy Buckley at cindybuckley@hotmail.com if you can donate any items to the auction.

Innisbrook Follow-Up

There is a set of greeting cards from Innisbrook that have not been claimed. If you are missing your greeting cards please contact Kelly Gill at kellycgill@yahoo.com.

Upcoming Events

Sheehan PTA Meeting: Tuesday January 10th at 10am**.**

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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.