

Pond Cove Newsletter

February 2, 2012

2012-2013

Kindergarten Registration

If your child will turn 5 before October 15th, 2012 he/she is eligible for kindergarten in the fall. Please contact the school at 799-7339 to register you child. A copy of birth certificate and immunizations are required.

If you have a child who will come to Pond Cove for 1st grade from a private kindergarten you should also contact the school as soon as possible

Calendar

February

Gr. 3 & 4 concert info (see below)

9 Craft Night

14-17 Pond Cove Climate Committee "Open Our Hearts" children's winter clothing drive benefiting Greater Portland children in need

17 Beach Day

20-24 Mid Winter Break

March

2 Crazy Hat & Dr. Seuss Day

14 Social Thinking PC Media Center 6-8 pm

15 Views and Voices 6 to 7:30

28 Pond Cove Parent Night - Daily 5 and Cafe in the classroom

7-8 pm

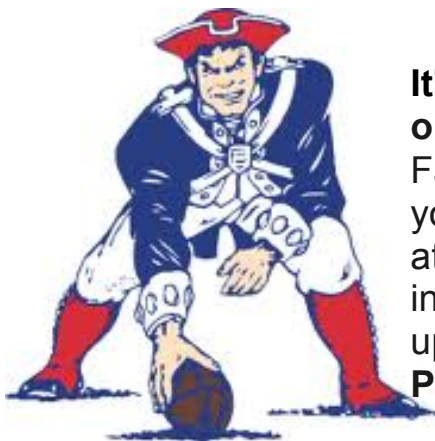
Pond Cove School Media Center

April

1 April Fools Day- Wear something backwards.

5 Arts Day

10 Visiting Author Grace Lin



Fan Day at Pond Cove

It's time to get your game on! This Friday, February 3rd is Fan Day at Pond Cove. Wear your New England Patriot's attire (or any team you choose) in celebration of the upcoming Super bowl!!!! **Go Pats, Go!!**

Pennsylvania's Punxsutawney Phil emerged from his lair to "see" his shadow on today, predicting six more weeks of winter.



Open Our Hearts"
children's clothing drive February 14th - 17th

*The Pond Cove School Climate Committee's "Open our Hearts" drive will collect new or clean, gently used, gloves, hats, socks, mittens and winter clothing for **Greater Portland children in need.***

Donations will be collected starting Valentine's Day, Tuesday February 14th and will continue through Friday, February 17th, the day before vacation. We would love your help with this worthwhile project. Labeled Collection Bins will be located in the Pond Cove Foyer, in front of the copy room windows. If you have questions, please contact Ang Foley at angfoleypcpa@gmail.com.--



BEACH DAY IS COMING!

Beach Day! That's right. As a partial cure for the winter blues, the Pond Cove Climate Committee will helping the students and faculty celebrate Beach Day on Friday, February 17th.

Because kids will still be outside for real winter (no shorts or swimsuits, please) here are some suggestions for being part of the fun:

- Caps, sun hats, Hawaiian shirts, leis, Shades,
- Towel to lie down on, or drape over a chair
- Beach bag instead of backpack
- Sand bucket and shovel to play in the snow.
- Sandals/flip-flops OK in the classroom, but bring socks and boots for recess



It's been said volunteers are paid in six figures... S-M-I-L-E-S. You know this is true if you see Pond Cove students on Beach Day! If you can volunteer or lend beach themed items to decorate for this event, please click [here](#) to rsvp or contact Ang Foley at angfoleypcpa@gmail.com or 329-3067.

Music Concerts

February 3 9:00-9:30am, PC cafeteria

Performance by the following classes:

Forsyth, Taylor/Edlund, Amberger, Michaud, Geikie, Ham

February 3 2:00-2:30pm, PC cafeteria

Performance by the following classes:

Vita-Taylor, Valente, Dulac, Tweedie, Nielson, Stressenger

Parking suggestions for the 3rd and 4th Grade Concerts:

Behind Town Hall

The High School

Longfellow Dr.

Village Crossing

Community Center

Farm Hill Rd.

United Methodist Church

For concert details please visit this link:

<https://sites.google.com/a/capeelizabethschools.org/mrs-bean/>

ARE YOU ABLE TO HELP US?

We need the following:

Pond Cove School

•Volunteers are needed to mat art work for the March 15th art show. No experience necessary. Directions provided.

•Volunteers are needed to create head bases for six large Chinese dragons for a parade to celebrate the April visit of author Grace Lind. Fourth grade students will paint and decorate the heads.

•Tangible items are needed

-Thirty-six used hula hoops (to make the body of Chinese dragons)

-Six large appliance/furniture boxes (to make the heads of Chinese dragons)

-Digital camera in good working order

-Dust buster

-Glass baby food jars (no lids needed)

-Mini trampoline

-Word games: Scattergories and other

-CD/tape player (with radio if possible)

-Lego "people"

-Yarn

**If you can help, please contact Gail Schmader,
Director of School Volunteer Services K-12 at 799-7339 x344 or**

The Hannaford Grocery Card Program

The Hannaford Grocery Card Program, run by the MSPA, is now available to Pond Covers! This great program gives 5% of all your grocery purchases back, which will be collected towards the Outdoor Experience Program your child will attend in Middle School (It will arrive before you know it!!!) Simply prepay for your groceries monthly through the MSPA, receive a gift card for the dollar amount you want, and shop as usual. An average family that spends \$400 a month on groceries can contribute \$20 a month towards their child's grade for their future outdoor experience. Check out the Hannaford Gift Card Table at



Craft Night, where we will kick off this exciting, easy to do program. More information will be provided and signing up for a card will be available. For more information, please contact Pond Cove Hannaford Gift Card Chair, Katie Michael Shisler, at kmshisler@gmail.com.

Box Tops for Education is an easy and free way to earn \$ for Pond Cove. Pond Cove is close to reaching our school goal of \$2000 but we need each classroom to contribute in these efforts in order to make it happen!

The Jan/Feb challenge is in full swing with each classroom working to bring in at least 200 BT's by Feb. 29th. Spread the word about Box Tops and be on the lookout for them, Box Tops are \$ for our school please don't throw these valuable coupons away, clip and save today!!



Parents of 4th graders, we need your help with the End of Year Celebration!

It may seem like they just started kindergarten, but the **Class of 2020 (!)** is getting ready to leave Pond Cove and move on to Middle School! We are working out the details for the 4th grade end of year celebration and will get them to you as soon as dates and times are confirmed. In the meantime, plans are underway for a class memory book and slide show for the celebration.

Please select and send in 2 pictures of your 4th grader. We need these pictures by **February 28, 2012**.

1. Baby/infant photo - Please make sure your kiddo is fully clothed so no one gets embarrassed.
2. Current photo - Please note that we can use your child's current school photo if you would like, but please let us know.

We would prefer to receive high resolution/quality digital files if possible. If that is unavailable to you, please make sure the photo you send in is of good quality for scanning, Note that we cannot guarantee that you will get these photos back. We will make every attempt to do so but cannot guarantee that they will be returned or not damaged.

All digital/electronic files should be sent to Joanne Lee at joanne@joanneleephoto.com. Actual photos should be clearly labeled with the child's name and sent in an envelope to the school via the front office. If you have any questions about the photos please direct those to Joanne.

If you have any other questions about the celebration please contact Carmensol Kesselhaut (carvelo@hotmail.com) or Terri Patterson (terrinpatterson@gmail.com).

Submissions for the next issue of *The Kids' Courier* are due next Friday, February 10th.

We'd love to include something by you!

Kids K-4 are welcome to participate.

- Interview someone that interests you
- Tell us a story, real or imagined
- Make a banner that says *The Kids' Courier* for the top of the paper
- What a poem
- Take a photo
- Review a book or movie
- Share your favorite recipe
- Create a maze or word search
- Draw a picture or cartoon
- Tell us about your favorite holiday, vacation, sport, food... anything

For questions please contact:
 Megan McConagha (megan.mcconagha@gmail.com)
 Erin Salvador (salvadorfamily@maine.rr.com)



REMEMBER:

For written work, type or write your submission neatly.

For artwork and banners, use a black sharpie on plain white paper.

Write your full name and grade in pencil on the back of your piece.

Bring your submission to school via kids mail or drop it into the *The Kids' Courier* mailboxes (in the school lobby and outside the Media Center).