



# Milford Express – March 1, 2010

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## **Dates To Note:**

March 2 Read Across America Day  
Borders Reading Night 6-8PM  
March 2 Music Patrons Mtg. 3:30  
March 5 Progress Reports  
March 9 Music Spirit Day  
March 10 Board of Ed. Mtg. 7:00  
March 11 Early Dismissal 12:35  
March 12 Teacher In-Service Day  
School Closed

## **Dear Parents:**

**Here is what has been going on at Milford School:**

### **Student of the Week**

Our student of the week is Bradley West. Mrs. Seow nominated Bradley because he is conscientious and does his best at all times. He comes to class prepared with his assignments completed. Bradley extends his help to his peers and is willing to help in any way he can. He is a polite and pleasant student. Way to go, Bradley!

Sophia DiGangi was also nominated by Mrs. Gleason for our student of the week because she works hard in all areas of learning. She continues to make progress each and every day. Keep up the hard work, Sophia!

### **Mini Mustangs Preschool**

We have started registration for our preschool class for the 2010-2011 school year. If you would like to register,

would like more information or would like to visit the classroom. Contact Jan Gleason at extension 13.

### **Borders Reading Night**

Please join us at Borders on March 2 for a Family Reading Night from 6:00-8:00. Older students and staff members will read stories to younger children. This is a fund raiser for the school. Borders gives us a 10% discount on any items purchased and the school receives 10% of the proceeds. It is also a great opportunity to promote and celebrate reading.

### **PTO News**

**Thank you** Milford families, teachers, staff & administration for supporting our 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Tricky Tray on Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup>! We had a great turn out and the event was an all around success! This event would not be possible if not for our local merchants, who give generously each year. The PTO is especially grateful to Chef Ed Coss and his Milford Oyster House crew, who prepare and arrange for all of the wonderful food! Special thanks also to Mr. Quinn and Mrs. Gleason for acting as our Masters of Ceremony! They did a great job.

**Congratulations** to Kelly Herrera! Kelly is the recipient of the February PTO Kindness Award. Stop by the PTO bulletin board to see her picture.

### **From Mrs. Guerin/Falkinberry**

The 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade Math Class created a math puppet show titled, “**The Milford Candy Factory**.” The show was designed around Valentines Day and math lessons. The class made interesting puppets and wonderful math problems. The 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade math class put the play on for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade classes. The puppets asked math questions to their audience and gave out plenty of Valentines candy. We had such a great time!

The 6<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade Language Arts class is working on different parts of speech such as transitive and intransitive verbs. They are also perfecting their writing techniques. A lot of great ideas are flowing in Language Arts.

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade Reading Class is reading and studying **Elijah of Buxton**. We are participating in wonderful group discussions in Mrs. Cody’s class. We are also learning more about metaphors and similes. The students appear to like the book.

The 8<sup>th</sup> grade math students are tuning up their skills with Minute Math quizzes everyday. They will be studying rates and unit rates soon.

### **What is Peer Mediation?**

“Mediation is a technique of joint advocacy that is being successfully applied on a growing scale to resolve interpersonal conflicts.” The purpose of peer mediation is to have the parties arrive at their own acceptable agreement. It is a well organized negotiation between two individuals.

We have started a peer mediation program at Milford School. Our peer mediators are 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students

that have volunteered to mediate and facilitate communication between other students in the school that may be having a conflict. Our new peer mediators have started their training and have had a chance to mediate students in the school. Referrals for mediation can come from students, teachers and even parents. If you know of a conflict between two students, and feel that mediation could help, please fill out a referral form in the stairwell by Mrs. Culley’s office or contact us directly. Mediations are private and confidential.

The peer mediation team includes; Rachel Romeo, Alyssa Riker, Britney Mazzetta, Mary McNally, John Rezes, Brian Bechtel, Timothy Saltizatin, Jon Hunt, Samantha Murray, and Max Skop.

Jan Gleason and Steve Quinn

### **Honor Roll Addition**

Dory Piccuiro has been added to the honor roll for the second marking period. Congratulations Dory!

### **Basketball Tournament**

This is the upcoming Del Val Tournament schedule:

TUESDAY, FEB. 23

Girls 5:30 (4) Milford vs. (5)

Frenchtown

Boys 7:30 (4) Frenchtown vs. (5)

Milford

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 24

Girls 5:30(1) Alexandria vs. (4) or (5)  
winner

Girls 7:30 (2) Holland vs. (3) Kingwood

MONDAY, MAR. 1

Boys 5:30 (1) Holland vs. (4) or (5)  
winner

Boys 7:30 (2) Alexandria vs. (3)  
Kingwood

WEDNESDAY, MAR. 3

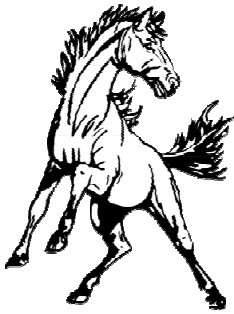
Girls 5:30

Championship Game

Boys 7:30

Championship Game

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### **Knee Injury Prevention Program**

**Time and Location:** Wednesday, March 3rd, 6:00 – 7:00 PM in the DVRHS Cafeteria

**Topic:** Knee Injury Prevention - ACL PEP Program (Prevent injury, Enhance Performance)

**Description:** The PEP Program is a 15-minute training session that replaces the traditional warm-up. It was developed by a team of physicians, physical therapists, athletic trainers and coaches. The main focus is educating players on strategies to avoid a serious knee injury. If implemented correctly, studies have shown this program reduces the total number of anterior cruciate ligament (ACL) injuries in athletes.

**Presented by:** Nicholas Avallone, MD (Team Orthopedist), Diane Pona, ATC (Certified Athletic Trainer), Anne Martins, ATC (Certified Athletic Trainer)

### **First Grade**

As always, the first graders are hard at work. The students are thrilled to be reading. We have just finished our unit on short vowels and will be beginning long vowels next week. They continue to use story maps and graphic organizers in summarizing and identifying story elements. First graders are excited to be learning about onomatopoeias and are using it their writing. We continue to write in our writing journals and have mastered writing sentences. We will begin our unit on writing short stories using four squares. In Math, the students are working hard at memorizing math addition facts and have begun taking minute test. We continue to work on our subtraction. If you would like to learn more about what we are learning in First Grade, please go to the Milford website.

As always, I encourage all parents to read to your child at least 20 minutes at night. Remember to ask your child questions and his/her opinion about the book. *Reading every night does make a world of a difference!*