

Dear Families:

Through a grant from the Berkshire Hills Fund for Excellence, librarian Patty Melville provided all students at Muddy Brook with a visit from award winning naturalist, author, illustrator and musician, Jim Arnosky.

Mr. Arnosky is the author and illustrator of over 130 books for young people. His books are filled with his first-hand knowledge, artistry and passion for the natural world. He told us stories about observing alligators in Florida and foxes in Vermont. He sang songs that he wrote about animals and nature, and he drew pictures that brought his stories to life. Find out more about him at jimarnosky.com!



We also want to give a big SHOUT OUT to our athletes who participated in The Special Olympics on May 4th at Monument Mountain High School! Even though the weather was rainy and chilly, they persevered and performed all of their events with big smiles on their faces! A special thank-you to all parents, teachers and students from Muddy Brook who came to show their support for our athletes with signs, cheers & hugs.



Special Olympics
Massachusetts



MBE UPCOMING EVENTS

MONDAY, May 16

Scholastic Book Fair
 8:00-8:30 a.m. Chess Club
 10:00-11:00 a.m. BRIDGE - Grade 2
 12:00-1:00 p.m. Magic The Gathering Club

TUESDAY, May 17

Scholastic Book Fair
 8:00-8:30 a.m. Unicycling
 10am-12:00pm Grade 3 Math PARCC

WEDNESDAY, May 18

Scholastic Book Fair
 8:00-8:30 a.m. Chess Club
 8:30-9:00 a.m. Wednesday Walkers with PTA
 9:00-9:30am PK/EK/K/1 Concert Rehearsal
 10:00 am -12:00 pm Grade 3 Math PARCC

THURSDAY, May 19

Scholastic Book Fair
 8:00-8:30 a.m. Ukulele Club
 10:00am -12:00pm Grade 3 Math PARCC

FRIDAY, May 20

Scholastic Book Fair
 8:00-8:40 a.m. YOLK Project
 8:00-8:30 a.m. Unicycling
 8:00-8:45 a.m. Select Chorus
 10:00am -12:00pm Grade 3 Math PARCC
 1pm-2:30pm Strings on Tour

SATURDAY, May 21

MUD DAY AT MBE!

Future Events

May 23	Grade 2 field trip to MassMoCa (Scarbro/DiFazio)	June 3; 2pm	Grade 2 Spring Concert
May 25	Grade 2 field trip to MassMoCa (Lupiani/Finnerty)	June 3	Grade 1 field trip to Berkshire Botanical Garden (Kennedy/Groeber)
May 24; 9am	PK, EK, K 1 Concert Dress Rehearsal	June 3	Grade 3 Field Trip to Ashley House & Bartholomew's Cobble (Flynn/Warner)
May 25; 1:30pm	PK, EK, K, 1 Spring Concert	June 6; 10am-12pm	Grade 3 Field Day
May 26	Last Day of Project Connection	June 6; 1-3pm	Grade 4 Field Day
May 27; 9am	BTF Grade 4 school performance	June 9; 9am	Grades 3 & 4 Concert Dress Rehearsal
May 27; 1:30pm	BTF Grade 4 parent performance	June 10; 1pm	Grade 3 and 4 Concert
May 30	Memorial Day, No School	June 10; 11am-1pm	Volunteer Luncheon
May 31; 5pm	Project Connection Student Showcase	June 13; 9am-10:30am	Grade 2 Field Day
June 1; 8am	School Council Meeting at MBE	June 13; 11:30-1pm	PK, EK, KDG Field Day
June 1	Grade 3 field trip to Col. Ashley House & Bartholomew's Cobble (Redman/Guerrero)	June 13; 1:15-2:45pm	Grade 1 Field Day
June 2; 1:10pm	Grade 2 Concert Dress Rehearsal	June 14	Grade 4 "Stepping Up" Day; Gr. 4 will spend day at MVMS
June 2	Grade 1 field trip to Berkshire Botanical Gardens (Chamberlin/Silk)	June 15; 5pm	Grade 4 Moving Up Ceremony at MBE
		June 17	Last Day of School; 1/2 day

Saturday, May 21 from 12 pm to 4 pm

Muddy Brook Elementary (Rain or Shine)

Come play in the MUD
(or not)
(Please bring a change of clothes
and a towel, shower supplied.)

Please consider
VOLUNTEERING
for one hour.
Signup at muddybrookpta.com

Bring a blanket and your
own **PICNIC** lunch (only ice
cream and popcorn for sale)

Join a guided **HIKE** up
Monument Mountain with Trustees
of Reservation

Create and art **FIELD
JOURNAL** with Ali Benton

Learn to make **SNACKS**
full of energy for hiking and
exploring the outdoors



7th

annual

\$5 per child/\$15 max per family
ADULTS FREE

Sing Around the
CAMPFIRE

EXPLORE activities of local
Conservation and Education
Organizations.

Read a **COMPASS** to find
treasure with People and their
Environment from MMRHS

Try your **HAND** at Knot
Tying

Sharpen your **CAMPING**
skills with the Boy Scouts

Learn outdoor **FIRST AID**
including tick safety and sun safety

BUILD an Outdoor
Learning Space for all Muddy
Brook students to use



South Berkshire Kids
& CHP Family Network presents



PARENT WORKSHOP



**Location: Community Health Programs, Inc. campus
444 Stockbridge Road, Great Barrington**

Workshops held in the community room of the Administrative offices
Pre-registered childcare held in the Family Services building playroom*

Registration is required, 413-464-5095, southberkshirekids@gmail.com

Wednesday, May 18th, 2016
6:30-8:00pm

Scott Noyes presents

"Power Struggles- Understanding the Potent Dynamic"

This presentation will explore why effective reactions to
children's power struggles come from understanding not
simply the behavior but also its function, mainly the child's
needs and feelings.

Thursday, June 9th, 2016
6:30-8:00pm

Jeanne Bassis presents

"Getting Ready for Summer Playshop"

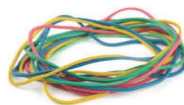
In this interactive Playshop participants will learn to
develop a lighter attitude through movement, games and
group interaction. We will unwind, relax and rediscover our
joy and playful natures just in time for summer with our
children!

***Childcare is available but space is limited & pre-
registration must be confirmed by calling Jessica @
413-464-5095 or southberkshirekids@gmail.com**

This series is funded by the Department of Early Education & Care
www.SouthBerkshireKids.org



Donations Needed for Mud Day



Camping
Backpacks

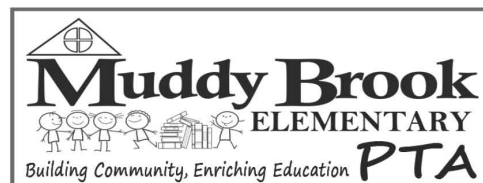
Tents with
working poles

Tarps

Rubber bands

Lightly used
Muddy Brook
Spirit Wear

If you would like to donate any of these items, please contact Randi Craft at randicraft1711@gmail.com



Goodbye, Farewell Challenge!

Thank you to Labels for Education.

Campbells has decided to discontinue their *Labels for Education* program. Muddy Brook has earned school supplies from this program for many years and these supplements will be missed. So, we ask that you search high and low to find all remaining *Labels for Education* in you cupboards. Participants are listed on the back of this flyer. Happy hunting.

Once you have found all of the *Labels for Education*, hand them in to your child's teacher. The Classroom that hands in the most will win an outdoor picnic to celebrate!

Hand them in by **FRIDAY MAY 27!!!!**

If you have any questions, contact Randi Craft at randicraft1711@gmail.com



LabelsForEducation.com

Message from Labels for Education

We have some sad news. In the past few years participation in Labels for Education® has declined and as a result, Campbell has come to the very difficult decision to wind down the LFE program. The good news is nothing changes this program year. There will be changes for next year's program starting August 1, 2016. We will continue to support American kids through our Grand Stand for Schools SM sweepstakes and our community efforts which we annually contribute \$70 million in food and funding to tackle obesity and hunger amongst our country's most vulnerable families.

SWING INTO SPRING BOX TOP CHALLENGE!

IT'S BASEBALL SEASON! CLIP, SAVE AND HAND IN BOX TOPS. EACH BOX TOP YOU TURN IN EQUALS A HOME-RUN FOR YOUR CLASSROOM! GET THE MOST HOMERS AND WIN BASEBALL THEMED PICNIC LUNCH.



A box top morning

Start your day with pancakes, clip the box top off the Bisquick™ box. Butter the pan with Land-o-Lakes™ butter, clip the box top! Have left overs? Store them in a Ziplock™ baggie, clip the box top. Clean up the mess with Lysol disinfectant spray or wipes™, clip that box top! Child sniffing from berkshire county pollen, give them a Kleenex™ and clip the box top. Throw all the garbage away in a Hefty bag™, dont forget the box top! There are so many brands that have box tops on them...for a full list, check out their website:

<http://www.boxtops4education.com/download/participating-products-list>. Or contact the PTA for a full list of products.

Once you have cut and collected as many homeruns (Box Tops) as you can, hand them into your classroom teacher by FRIDAY MAY 27! The winning classroom will be announced Monday May 30.

Remember, don't pitch that box into the garbage until you have checked for a box top! Clip, save, and swing them into your child's classroom. The last box top challenge you made the school over \$800!!! That pays for a field trip for your child!! Let's try for \$1000 this time around. We can do that if each child brings in 30 box tops.

- Cut, save, and swing box tops into school
- Due FRIDAY MAY 27!!
- Winner announced Monday May 30.
- Prize is a baseball themed picnic lunch
- Contact Randi Craft at randicraft1711@gmail.com for any questions!

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& THE POST

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Rockwell & *The Saturday Evening Post*

NORMAN ROCKWELL MUSEUM

9 Glendale Road, P.O. Box 308, Stockbridge, MA 01262

Family Day & Exhibit Opening: Saturday, May 14

1 to 4 p.m. Stroll through the new outdoor sculpture show: *Build a Better Baby Carriage* and meet the sculptors! Erika Crofut, Mike Field, Thomas Fiorini, Stephan Harris, Elizabeth Koscher, Thomas Mesquita, Dee Moretto, Nicole Peskin, Angelo J. Sinisi

Enjoy artmaking, storytelling, talks, and refreshments!

2 to 4 p.m. Draw in the galleries and on the lawn with illustrator Pat O'Donnell.

Free with Museum admission;
Museum members free.

For more information: nrm.org or 413-298-4100

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