Dear Families,

Have you heard about what’s cooking at Muddy Brook?

Loads of Joy
Student voices
Sprinkles of inspiration
Creative juice and
Family and community partnerships

The Muddy Brook Story Kitchen is coming our way.

Every day at Muddy Brook we read, write and share our stories. All students are working on developing ideas and expressing them clearly. One step towards doing this well in writing is to tell stories out loud. Telling stories is helpful for all learners and especially those who initially find the mechanics of writing difficult.

Just yesterday a fourth grader at Muddy Brook told a story of a jelly fish looking like a pink cupcake with noodles growing out of it. A first grader told a story about digging a rock covered with fossils out of a creek. Don’t you want to hear more?

We do too! That’s why we are cooking up a Story Kitchen. Parent and PTA member Rebecca Honig is our Master Chef. She will coordinate volunteers to assist in collecting and publishing student stories. Every student will be invited, encouraged, and inspired to develop and tell a story s/he cares about. We will share stories as podcasts, books, artwork, and more at our annual literacy night in March.

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Here are two ways to volunteer to be part of this great project:

- Come record stories during the school day. Volunteers will be trained on ways to prompt, encourage, and excite students to share.
- Transcribe stories at home. If you don’t have time during the school day, you can help by putting student recordings on paper.

If you would like to volunteer for a few hours or days, or even throughout the year, please contact Rebecca directly at rebeccahonig@gmail.com.

Whether or not you are able to volunteer, a wonderful way to support this project is to share family stories at home. While driving, at the dinner table, or with friends, learning where we are from and what our personal stories are brings meaning, purpose, and joy.

Cheers to all the stories unfolding among us and to our big story of working together to make Muddy Brook School reflect our hopes and dreams for children.

I can’t wait to find out how this story turns out!

Mary Berle, Principal
Friday, October 24, 2014
S.M.Art Half Day Workshops

FREE! Sponsored by the Stockbridge and Great Barrington Cultural Councils

12:00pm to 3:15pm at Muddy Brook
Bring a bag lunch and meet in Cafeteria • Pick up at 3 p.m. in Main Lobby

Ceramics Inspired by Math and Science with Jane Burke (grades 1-2)
Children will make clay sculptures using ideas from their math and science experiences. First they will experiment with geometric shapes to design their structures. They will think about how fractions, patterns, and materials from nature can be used in decorating them. Children will build what they have imagined and decorate their creation with colored slips. Their work will be fired and returned at a later date.

Playing with Light with Lindsey Berkowitz (grades 3-4)
Children will work in groups doing a number of experiments manipulating light and studying optics. They will represent their findings through charcoal drawings.

Phone and email registration will open at
5 p.m. on October 13th
(*phone messages will be returned the following day)

Space is limited! Deadline for registration is Friday, October 17th.

To register online, visit the Flying Cloud website at:
www.flyingcloudinstitute.org

If you do not have access to the internet please call Flying Cloud Institute at 229-3321 to reserve space immediately.

PLEASE CONSIDER DONATING
These programs are made possible by limited grant funding. The cost per child is approximately $25. To assure that they remain available at your school, please consider donating www.flyingcloudinstitute.org/donate
Join us on Columbus Day for free pumpkin carving at Chesterwood!

Monday, October 13, 2 – 4pm
Free for children of all ages with one adult admission
(Members are free)

Chesterwood, 4 Williamsville Rd, Stockbridge, MA 01262
Open Columbus Day Weekend from 10am - 5pm
413-298-3579 x25218
Chesterwood closes for the season on October 14, 2014

Visit us at www.chesterwood.org for information about 2015 programs and events!
Thank you for supporting us this year!
We look forward to seeing you next year at Chesterwood!
Come on out for the

**Snappers**

A USA Registered Age-Group (6-18) Swim Team

Practice has started for the Snapper Swim Team at the Kilpatrick pool.

If you can swim one length of the pool unassisted in any swimming stroke, you are eligible!

To try us out, contact Head Coach Jim Hennessey at jhennessey@simons-rock.edu or 413-528-7775

This program is not sponsored, nor endorsed by 3BRSD.
Girl’s Basketball
2014 REGISTRATION

Berkshire South Community Center
Crissey Road, Great Barrington, MA

Tuesday, October 21, 2014  5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Thursday, October 23, 2014  5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Saturday, October 25, 2014  9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

Kindergarten - 1st grade: Instructional only
$20.00 Registration Fee

Grade 2 - 8: Organized Games
$40.00 Registration Fee

For more information contact:
Terry Chamberland at 413.429.1689 or tchamberland38@yahoo.com or
Trish Mead at 413.717.7638 or trishmead55@gmail.com
For league questions contact John Lucey at 413.329.8086 or john.lucey@hotmail.com
FIRE SAFETY EVENT

OCTOBER IS FIRE SAFETY MONTH. CARR HARDWARE WILL BE HOSTING A FIRE SAFETY EVENT. ADULTS AND CHILDREN ARE INVITED DOWN TO ASK ABOUT FIRE SAFETY, FIRE TIPS AND LEARN WHAT YOU SHOULD DO IN CASE OF A FIRE. REPRESENTATIVES FROM YOUR LOCAL BARRINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT WILL BE ON HAND AS WELL TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4
10AM - 11AM

Gt. Barrington
256 Main St.
5th Annual Scrabble FUNdraiser
Sunday, November 9, 2014 2:00 - 5:30 pm
(check-in begins at 1:30)
The Lenox Library, 18 Main Street, Lenox

Details:
• Open to players ages 12 years and up.
• Teams of 1 - 4 players. We can match you with other players to form a team.
• Beginner/Intermediate or Advanced/Expert Divisions.
• (3) 30-minute games.
• Great for families, friends, or team-building!
• Refreshments will be served.

PLAY! It’s your word against theirs in this afternoon of word games. The main event will be a 3-round tournament, playing the SCRABBLE® Brand Crossword Game.

CHEAT! Buy a peek at the word list, get help from an expert, or buy a blank tile. Only a $5 donation and all for a good cause!

WIN! Prizes can be won by earning the most points in your division, collecting the most sponsorship money or the most creative “courthouse-related” word and more!

A fun time to be had by all!

Registration:
$20 per Player
“Gawk, Graze & Gaze” Be a Spectator!
$5/person, $10/family
Sponsored by Kimble Farms Retirement Community, The Red Lion Inn, Toole Insurance and Wellesley Financial Group

This event is a fundraiser for the Lenox Library Association, a 501(c) 3 non-profit organization public library which earns more than half of its operating costs through its fundraising efforts.

For game rules and more information, go online to www.lenoxlib.org. To register contact Jennifer Knopf, Fundraising Events Coordinator at jknopf@lenoxlib.org or 413-637-2630 x121. Registrations due October 27, 2014.
EVENTO PARA LA FAMILIA EN LA BIBLIOTECA MASON
Viernes, 17 Octubre, 2014 6:15-8pm
Juegue Bingo Mexicano “Lotería”!

Similar al Bingo Americano, Lotería Mexicana es un juego de azar que usa muchas cartas decoradas. Las tarjetas son en inglés y español—bueno para todas las edades.
Adultos ganadores podrán recibir certificados para consumir en algún restaurante Latino del área. Niños y niñas ganadores podrán recibir regalos.

Postre Pot Luck!
Traiga postre para compartir

FAMILY EVENT AT MASON LIBRARY
Friday, October 17, 2014 6:15-8pm
Play Mexican Bingo “Lotería”!

Similar to American Bingo, Lotería Mexicana is a game of chance that uses richly decorated playing cards instead of numbers and bingo balls. Cards are in English and Spanish—suitable for all ages.
The night’s winners will win the chance to receive children’s prizes and gift certificates to favorite Latino community restaurants.

Dessert Pot Luck!
Bring a dessert and...share a dessert
3:30-4:30pm
Snack provided
Book Club Dates for 2014-15 school year:

- October 9, 23
- November 6, 20
- December 4, 18
- January 15, 29
- February 12, 26
- March 12, 26
- April 9 Pizza Party!

Students may take the school bus directly to the library. (Contact Massini 229-7962 for information.)

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**Fun Activities**

**After School MCBA Book Club for 4-6 graders**

In the library you may have noticed signs and special spine labels on books about MCBA (Massachusetts Children's Book Award). We invite fourth-, fifth- and sixth-graders to come and discuss the 25 nominees for the 2014-15 award.

**Touch a Guinea Pig**

We'll use real experiences to deepen the discussions to include the setting, plot, characters, conflict, point of view, and more.

**Online Reviews**

Create online reviews: [www.gblibraries.org/children](http://www.gblibraries.org/children)

**Pizza Party**

After reading five of the books, students may vote for their favorite and we'll celebrate with a pizza party in the Spring.

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**Mason Library Children's Room**

**231 Main Street**

**Great Barrington**

413-528-2403 x4

**Hours:**

- M-F 10-7
- Sa 10-3

[www.gblibraries.org/children](http://www.gblibraries.org/children)

[www.facebook.com/MasonLibraryKids](http://www.facebook.com/MasonLibraryKids)

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**Nominee Books**

Check special MCBA display for print and audio versions. Many available as e-books too!

- Brayshy, L. J. (2012). Invention. (Scholastic)
- Fox, L. (2012). The Secret Garden Society. (Holiday House)
- Forde, E. (2012). The Lost Treasure of Turkeyrock. (Kathryn Tappen Books)
- Frazier, S. (2012). Brendan Buckley's Sixth-Grade Experiment. (Delacorte)
- Lowney, N. D. (2012). Flying the Dragon. (Charlesbridge)
- Mazer, K. (2012). Capture the Flag. (Scholastic)
- Rocklin, L. (2011). One Day and One Amazing Morning on Orange Street. (Harry N. Abrams)

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**Grade Levels**

suggested by School Library Journal

**Low Fourth Grade**

- The Secret Garden Society 2
- White Fur Flying 2
- Ballpark Mysteries #1: The Ferengy Foul-Up 2
- Sprinkles and Secrets 2
- I Survived: The Shark Attacks of 1916 2

**Fourth**

- Capture the Flag 3
- When Life Gives You O.J. 3
- The Lost Treasure of Turkeyrock 3
- Liar & Spy 3
- Little Dog, Lost 3

**Fifth**

- Flying the Dragon 5
- Tortilla Sun 5
- Dumpling Days 5
- The Friendship Matchmaker 5
- Infestation 5

**Sixth**

- Brendan Buckley's Sixth-Grade Experience 6
- The Shadow 5
- The Great Unexpectation 6
- Dewey the Library Cat 4
- Son of Neptune 6

**Advanced Sixth**

- The Familiars 6
- Edison's Gold 5
- Crush 5
- One Day and One Amazing Morning on Orange Street 5
- The Lines of Little Rock 5
AMERICAN RED CROSS
BABYSITTER COURSES

Standard Babysitting

Tuesday, Nov 4 • 8:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m.
Ages 11 – 15. Do you love children? Do you want to learn more about caring for children and infants? This is the class for you! You'll also learn about leadership skills, age appropriate activities for children, conflict resolution, decision making, writing resumes, interviewing for jobs, diaper changing, meal times and bed times. Please bring a packed lunch.
Members $45 Guests $55
(Plus $25 materials and certification fee)

CPR & First Aid for the Babysitter

Tuesday, Nov 4 • 2:45-5 p.m.
Add this course to Standard Babysitting and receive certification in Standard First Aid and Infant and Child CPR. From bumps and bruises to saving lives, participants will learn what to do if the unexpected happens. Not a stand-alone course; this program may be taken only as part of the Standard Babysitting course.
Cost for both Babysitters Training and First Aid/CPR:
$60 Members $80 Guests (Plus $44 materials and certification fee)

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