

Muddy Brook News

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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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October 13
Columbus Day
No School

October 20-24
Scholastic
Book Fair

October 23-24
Parent/Teacher
Conferences

October 24
Half Day
No Lunches Served

Unicycle Team
Every Tuesday and
Friday 8am at MBE



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.

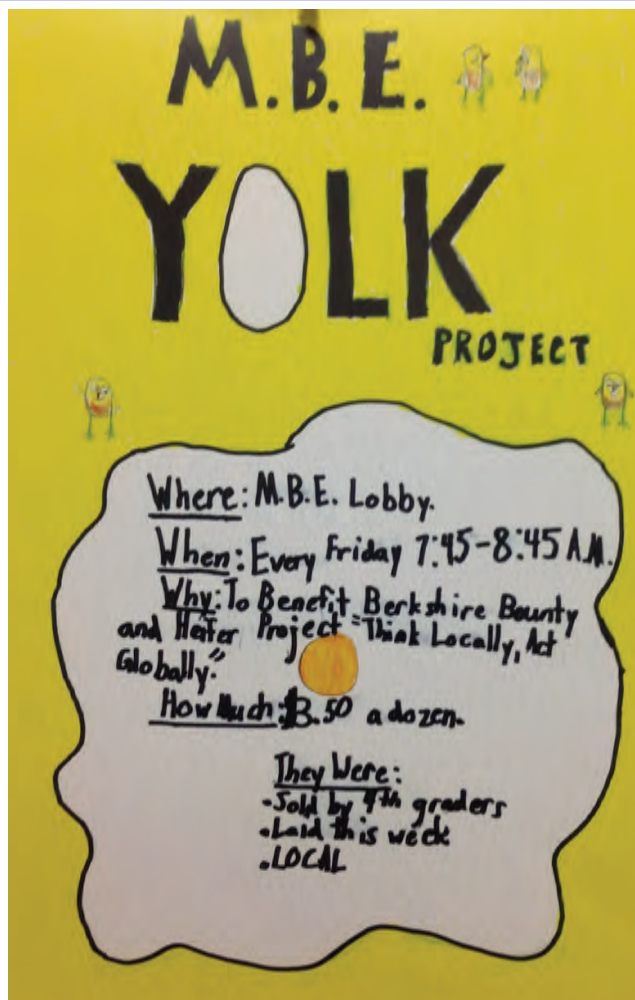
If you would like to volunteer for a few hours or days, or even throughout the year, please contact Rebecca directly at rebeccahonig@gmail.com.

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.



Donate here

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!



THE KILPATRICK
Athletic Center

Bard College at Simon's Rock
84 Alford Road, Great Barrington, MA 01230
(413) 528-7777 simons-rock.edu/kac

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 SBRSD.



**Golden
Knights**

**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 EVENTS. ADULTS AND CHILD ARE INVITED DOWN TO ASK ABOUT FIRE SAFETY, FIRE TIPS AND LEARN WHAT YOU SHOULD DO IN CASE OF A FIRE.

REPRESENTATIVES FROM YOUR THE GREAT BARRINGTON FIRE DEPARTMENT WILL BE ON HAND AS WELL TO ANSWER YOUR QUESTIONS.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4
10AM - 11AM

Gt. Barrington
256 Main St.





THE LENOX LIBRARY
Your town library.

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

Registration:

\$20 per Player

"Gawk, Graze & Gaze"

Be a Spectator!

\$5/person, \$10/family

Sponsored by

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Community, The Red Lion Inn,
Toole Insurance and
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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!

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

Juega 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



**Mason Library
231 Main Street
Great Barrington
413-528-2403 x4**

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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



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ACTIVITIES



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.)

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 to discuss the 25 nominees for
the 2014-15 award.



Touch a Guinea Pig

We'll use real experiences to deep-
en the discussions to understand the
setting, plot, characters, conflict,
point of view, and more.

Online Reviews

Create online reviews:
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.



Mason Library Children's Room
231 Main Street
Great Barrington
413-528-2403 x4

Hours:
M-F 10-7
Sat 10-3

www.gblibraries.org/children
www.facebook.com/MasonLibraryKids

NOMINEE BOOKS

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

Abdel-Fattah, R. (2012). *The Friendship Matchmaker*. (Walker Childrens)
Bauer, M. D. (2012). *Little Dog, Lost*. (Atheneum)
Bradley, T. J. (2013). *Infestation*. (Scholastic)
Cervantes, J. (2010). *Tortilla Sun*. (Chronicle Books)
Connor, L. (2010). *Crunch*. (Katherine Tegen Books)
Cox, J. (2012). *The Secret Chicken Society*. (Holiday House)
Creesh, S. (2012). *The Great Unexpected*. (HarperCollins)
Epstein, A. J., & Jacobson, A. (2010). *The Familiars*. (HarperCollins)
Fairlie, E. (2012). *The Lost Treasure of Tuckernuck*. (Katherine Tegen Books)
Frazier, S. (2012). *Brendan Buckley's Sixth-Grade Experiment*. (Delacorte)
Kelly, D. A. (2011). *Ballpark Mysteries #1: The Fenway Foul-Up*. (Random House)
Levine, K. (2012). *The Lions of Little Rock*. (Putnam Juvenile)
Lin, G. (2012). *Dumpling Days* (A Pacy Lin Novel). (Little, Brown)
Lorenzi, N. D. (2012). *Flying the Dragon*. (Charlesbridge)
MacLachlan, P. (2013). *White Fur Flying*. (Margaret K. McDermott Books)
Mastner, K. (2012). *Capture the Flag*. (Scholastic)
Myron, V. (2010). *Dewey the Library Cat: A True Story*. (Little, Brown)
Perl, E. (2011). *When Life Gives You O.J.* (Knopf)
Riordan, R. (2011). *The Son of Neptune* (Heroes of Olympus, Book 2). (Disney-Hyperion)
Rocklin, J. (2011). *One Day and One Amazing Morning on Orange Street*. (Harry N. Abrams)
Schroeder, L. (2011). *Sprinkles and Secrets*. (Aladdin)
Stead, R. (2012). *Liar & Spy*. (Wendy Lamb Books)
Tarshis, L. (2010). *I Survived: The Shark Attacks of 1916*. (Scholastic)
Watson, G. (2010). *Edison's Gold*. (EgmontUSA)
West, J. (2010). *The Shadows* (The Book of Elsewhere, Vol. 1). (Dial)

Mason Library
Children's Room

Thursday
After School
MCBA
Book Club
for 4-6 graders



Ann Marie Genco
Berkshire Waldorf High School
Math and Science teacher

For more info:
www.gblibraries.org/children
or call 413-528-2403 x4

GRADE LEVELS

suggested by School Library Journal

Low Fourth Grade

- *The Secret Chicken Society* 2-4
- *White Fur Flying* 2-6
- *Ballpark Mysteries #1: The Fenway Foul-Up* 2-4
- *Sprinkles and Secrets*
- *I Survived: The Shark Attacks of 1916*

Fourth

- *Capture the Flag*
- *When Life Gives You O.J.* 4-6
- *The Lost Treasure of Tuckernuck*
- *Liar & Spy* 4-7
- *Little Dog, Lost*

Fifth

- *Flying the Dragon* 5-7
- *Tortilla Sun* 5-7
- *Dumpling Days* 3-7
- *The Friendship Matchmaker* 3-12
- *Infestation*

Sixth

- *Brendan Buckley's Sixth-Grade Experiment*
- *The Shadows* 5-8
- *The Great Unexpected* 3-7
- *Dewey the Library Cat* 4-8
- *Son of Neptune*

Advanced Sixth

- *The Familiars* 4-7
- *Edison's Gold* 5-8
- *Crunch* 5-8
- *One Day and One Amazing Morning on Orange Street* 3-7
- *The Lions of Little Rock*

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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