

Community News

FEBRUARY 13, 2015

Upcoming Events

February Break
2/16-2/20
No School

Tuesday, 2/24
Butternut Ski
Program

Monday, 3/2
Read-a-Thon
Starts!

Tuesday, 3/10
Family Literacy
Night

Dear Muddy Brook Families,

Throughout next month our Muddy Brook community will celebrate literacy! We are happy to announce a variety of literary adventures; Read Across America on March 2, Muddy Brook Community Reads from March 2 - 6, Literacy Night on March 10 and our annual Read-a thon from March 10th-20th.

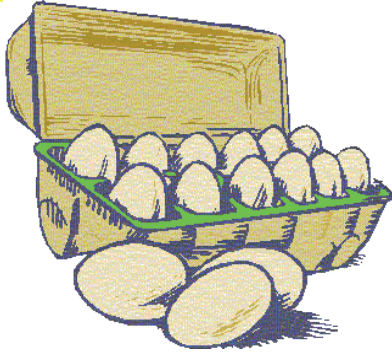
March 2nd is the birthday of a favorite children's author Dr. Seuss. In 1998, the National Education Association (NEA) announced that this day would be a day dedicated to building awareness and motivation around the importance of reading. Children in communities all across America will embrace reading and Muddy Brook will celebrate Read Across America throughout the entire week. We are extending an invitation to all community members to please come to our school and read a favorite book. Please contact Christine Kelly to arrange a classroom visit. We would like volunteers to come either from 10:00-10:30 or 2:00-2:30. You are welcome to bring a favorite book of your choice or we can provide you with a book. When you contact Christine to arrange your visit, please let her know the name of the book that you would like to read, or tell her that you would like us to provide the book. Christine may be reached by phone – 413-644-2350 or by email – Christine.kelly@bhrs.org. We look forward to hearing from you and to welcoming you!

Literacy Night will be March 10 from 5:30-7:30. The focus for the evening will be **celebrating student voice** through students sharing stories, writing, and a circus. We'll also celebrate reading and being in conversation about our stories and what we read. Please mark your calendars now and stay tuned for more details.

Enjoy the vacation!

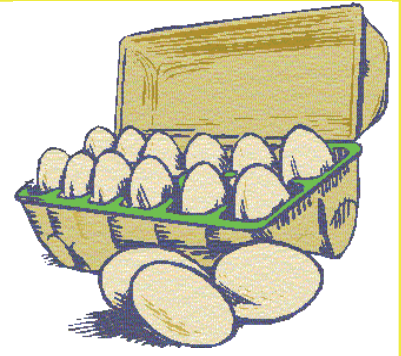
Stay warm,

Nan Thompson



THE
YOLK
PROJECT

MBE free-range children changing the world one egg at a time.



Team 309 has been working really hard to raise money by selling eggs every Friday. We have been selling eggs since January 2014 to December 2014. We have been successful and we can't wait to tell you about it!

On the next to the last day before the holiday vacation, we eagerly counted the money the YOLK Project earned. Using our math skills, we found that we earned \$2,030 working hard selling eggs on Friday's for the whole year from 7:45 to 8:45. We decided to donate the money to the Heifer Project and Berkshire Bounty (which includes *The People's Pantry*). We donated \$1,030 to the Heifer Project, and \$1,000 to *The People's Pantry*. We also donated 277 dozen eggs directly to Berkshire Bounty and another 72 dozen to St. Peter's Food Pantry, which was \$ 4,188 eggs altogether!!!! That's a lot of eggs!

After lunch, once we knew how much money we had, we looked at Heifer gift catalogs to decide where the money should go. We worked in pairs to come up with a combination of animals and gifts that added up to \$1,030. (See our donation list below.) The reason we chose most of these animals was is because many of them produce multiple things (or products) such as milk, cheese, honey, butter, eggs, wool, and meat. We also spent \$ 275 to send a girl to school, \$ 300 for a gift of clean water, money for a Biogas stove, Irrigation pumps, and a share of tree seedlings. Those were some other gifts that we thought were important and necessary.

We will continue to work hard to sell eggs on Fridays and we're looking forward to serving you, our customers, for the rest of the year. Thank you for your support – together we can help others.

(Submitted by: Stella Brex, Lily deMovellan, Daphne Lamb, Lili & Tyler Sprague, Sophi Tournas-Hardt)

YOLK Project—Heifer Project Donation

Send a Girl to School—\$275.00

Share of a Goat—\$10.00

Share of a Heifer—\$50.00

Share of a Sheep—\$10.00

Share of a Pig—\$10.00

Honeybees—\$30.00

Flock of Hope—\$60.00

The Gift of Clean Water—\$300.00

The Gift of a Biogas Stove—\$50.00

Irrigation Pumps—\$150.00

Share of Seedlings—\$25.00

Share of a Water Buffalo—\$25.00

Share of a Llama—\$20.00

Flock of Chicks—\$20.00