

Middle School Parents' Association February 2009 Newsletter

Dear Middle School Parents,

We have made it through the cold of January. We hope February is kinder to all of us!

It is a relatively quiet month but we would like to highlight the Parent's Association sponsored speaker this month. It is a program offered in partnership with Planned Parenthood called "Being Honest." It is a workshop that helps you learn how to create a comfortable environment of trust for talking about sex and sexuality with your children. We encourage you to attend.

A huge thank you to Anne Keyser and all her chaperones that helped make the Ski Trip a huge success!

Please feel free to contact us if you have any comments or questions.

Sincerely,

Amy Sucoff, Laura Nevill, Catherine Mandile, and Lucia Marshall

What's Going on this Month?

Saturday, January 31: All School Spirit Day-Upper School

Come and cheer for your favorite sport, teams or players at an All School Spirit Day.

Friday, February 6: Student Mix - 7:30pm-10:00pm - MS Big Room

7th and 8th grade dance at the middle school. Drop off is at 7:30pm and pick-up promptly at 10:00pm. If you are interested in signing in students or chaperoning, please contact Ellie Loughlin at peloughlin@aol.com.

Please [CLICK HERE](#) to read the Safety Guidelines and Rules for Middle School Mixes.

Tuesday, February 10: MSPA Speaker – "Let's Be Honest"- 7:00pm - MS Big Room

Your kids have questions about their bodies, puberty, relationships and sexual decision making. Research shows they want to get their answers from their parents. Help them make the right choices. Be prepared with this interactive

workshop. Strategies will be provided to parents for responding to their children's hard-to-answer questions about sexual health issues in a skilled, knowledgeable way. Please contact Amy Sucoff at amyandy@comcast.net if you plan to attend.

Monday, February 16: No School - Presidents Day

Tuesday, February 17: No School - Professional Day

Friday, February 20: Faculty Appreciation Lunch - 11:30 am

Please contact Jocelyn Sand at jhsand@aol.com or Shannon Hayden at shannon_hayden@verizon.net if you wish to volunteer to help, bake or bring food!

On-Going Projects

Food Drive: Hunger is on the rise in Massachusetts. More families than ever before are choosing between heating their homes and feeding their families. The MS will be participating in the All-School "Have-a-Heart" Food Drive for the Preventive Food Pantry at Boston Medical Center from Wednesday, February 18 - Friday, February 27. Every Middle School student will receive a shopping bag (courtesy of Fresh Pond Market) which 7th graders are asked to fill with 14oz. packages of Graham Crackers and 8th graders are asked to fill with 18oz. jars of peanut butter. Please plan to participate, as it is more important than ever this year! If you have any questions or want to volunteer, please e-mail martha_newport@bbns.org.

Zack McLeod: Dinner or groceries for the McLeod family. Zack is doing much better. He continues at Spaulding Rehab Hospital, working very hard. The McLeods appreciate the dinners and groceries enormously; it has been a tremendous help. Thank you to everyone who has helped so far. If you want to join BB&N's food brigade for the McLeods, [Click Here](#) for the doodle link.