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News of the Week **May 22, 2009**

TMS teachers, Chris Astuccio and Sandi Kearney, recently participated in a training workshop sponsored by the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education and Seeds for Solidarity. This specialized training involved gardens and solar greenhouses compatible with school sites, composting programs and local food “cafes.” These topics are consistent with the “Farm to School” movement that seeks to connect children and schools with fresh food through engagement in hands on education.

NES is expecting a special visitor! On Wednesday May 27th, 2009, the nationally known illustrator for several of the “alphabet” series books will be joining the second grade class for a group presentation and smaller classroom workshops for the “ARTIST IN RESIDENCE DAY”. Jeannie Brett is a New England native and currently resides in York, Maine. She has illustrated M is for Mayflower, L is for Lobster, Fishing for Numbers, One if by Land, and contributed to P is for Passport.

Thank you to the NES PTA as this day would not have been possible had it not been through the incremental investment that was awarded to the second grade class for winning the contest of the most additional PTA memberships during the current school year. These finances, in addition to the regular annual allocation by class for the enrichment programming, are allowing the children to benefit from enhanced curriculum and programming. They are also enabling teachers to create exciting and interactive venues for the children to thrive and learn. Thank you also to Jabberwocky Book Store for offering the books at a 20% savings for our book signing.

Everyone is really looking forward to our “Artist In Residence Day” with Jeannie Brett and again thank you to the NES PTA!

Carole Towne’s second grade class has been busy working on American Revolution skits as part of an integrated Social Studies/Language Arts project. They have incorporated the standards for History and Geography as well Dramatic Literature and Dramatic Reading and Performance to perform two skits: Tea Overboard and The British Are Coming. The students created scenery depicting famous Massachusetts landmarks to enhance their understanding and performance. They brainstormed appropriate props needed to make the skits more realistic. The children learned the importance of clear diction volume, pace, clear enunciation and eye contact with the audience. A performance for parents and fellow classmates will be this Friday at 2PM. Great learning! Great fun!

NES Sixth grade students performed their originally written poetry in front of a full house of family and friends in the Newbury Elementary School auditorium, Wednesday, May 20th.

Sixth grade students from Mr. Dollas' writing class submitted peace poems to the Northern Essex Community College Peace Poetry contest. Five students' entries were selected as Peace Poetry Contest Winners, and their poems were included in the Northern Essex 2009 poetry book. The students were Sarah Kessler, Courtney Cohan, Sarah Collins, Lexi Penniman, and Rachel Mahoney. Several other students' illustrations were included in the book. They were Rachel Williamson (2 illustrations), Charlie Spinale, Tomasz Davis, Kayla Pappalardo, Jordan Dexter, and Megan O'Neill.

Pine Grove School's second grade has been very busy creating Image Making books. This project has involved making papers using a variety of techniques such as marbling, straw blowing, watercolor with and without salt, and plexiglass prints. Once these papers were completed the children found images in their papers which inspired some original stories. At this time the children are busy creating collages, writing their stories and publishing their books. These books will be proudly shared at the Celebration of Learning in June.

As part of the Social Studies curriculum PGS second graders are studying where their ancestors came. This project addressed two of the Massachusetts' Learning Standards. The goal is to become familiar with the lives and traditions of family members who are two or more generations removed. The children interviewed family relatives, looked through family photos, went to the library and scanned the Internet for information about the country of their ancestors' origin. This also will be shared at the Celebration of Learning.

THS Library will be the place to see the **2008 Celtics' Trophy**. Chris Sargent is bringing the trophy to the THS Library from 11 to 2 on Wednesday, May 27th. He is inviting all staff and students to get a close up look and take advantage of the photo opportunity.

Ms. Denehey's SES second grade class has just received a package from the **White House!** The children had written letters to President Obama to congratulate him at the time of the Inauguration. They received an autographed colored picture of President Obama and a letter from him. The children were VERY excited!

TMS guidance staff member Erik Champy will be installed as the Alumni President of Salem State College on June 6th. Recently, Erik was named the Chairperson of the Massachusetts PTA Reflections Program.

TMS 21st Century Harlequin Theatre students will present **DISNEY'S ALICE IN WONDERLAND** in the TRSD Auditorium on May 21 & 22 at 7:00 and on May 23 at 2:00.

The Triton Music Parents Organization (TMPO), held its annual awards celebration on Sunday at the Georgetown Country Club. The following students were recognized and received a variety of awards and scholarships:

OUTSTANDING MEMBER OF THE CLASS AWARDS

	FRESHMAN	SOPHOMORE	JUNIOR	SENIOR
CONCERT BAND	Jenna DiMento	Mario Rodriguez	Michael Stevenson	Jessica Nickless
MARCHING BAND	Nicholas Stevenson	Sarah Faulkner	Thomas Kuczun	Bethany Fiske
COLOR GUARD	Tori Hart	Hayley Brown	Mariah Donnellan	Jessica Nickless
JAZZ BAND	Nicholas Stevenson	Todd Buckless	Thomas Kaminske	Anthony Ricci
SOUND TECH	Nathan Armstrong	---	Daniel Langlois Benjamin Taylor	---
MEDIA PRODUCTION	---	Danielle Doucot	Ryan Dowling	Stephanie Conley
SINGERS	Sarah Bell	Sophie Low	Leah MacDonald	Mariah Kotowski
JAZZ CHOIR	Robert McKenzie	Marion Dullea	Michael Stevenson	Molly Thurlow
WOMEN'S CHOIR	Laura Johnson	Sarah Faulkner	Lindsay Cagney	Kelsey Schroeder
WINTER PERCUSSION	Sarah Bell	Ryan Johnston	Jonathan True	Anthony Ricci
WINTER GUARD	Tori Hart	Hayley Brown	Katie Hills-Kimball	Larissa Laffey
DANCE	Abigail Flynn	---	Jamie Coffey	Patricia Gordon
DRAMA	Corinne Apostolides Danielle Mansur	Rhea Werner Josephine Kilty	Patrick Weston Kelsey Ryan	Emma Hunt

TMPO SCHOLARSHIPS are supported, in part, by the Massachusetts Cultural Council, administered locally by the Newbury, Rowley and Salisbury Cultural Art Councils."

UNDERGRADUATE AWARD SCHOLARSHIPS are granted to undergraduate students who are members in the Triton Music & Performing Arts Program and are seeking to continue their participation in the program and strengthen their skills with further study at either summer camps or private lessons."

SUMMER CAMP:

Katie Hills-Kimball
Samantha Manson
Ryan McAdams
Hayley Brown

PRIVATE LESSONS:

Sara Bouchard
Lindsay Cagney
Julianne Fichera
Kelsey Ryan
Michael Stevenson
Jonathan True
Todd Buckless
Richard Denaro
Danielle Doucot
Scott Loring
Jenna DiMento

SENIOR SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS are granted to graduating students who participated as a member in the Triton Music & Performing Arts Program, made major contributions to the Triton Music Parents Organization, and have been accepted at, and plan to attend college in the fall."

This year's recipients are:

Thomas Buswell
Charles Davis
Matthew Denaro
Margaret George
Emma Hunt
Maggie Jones
Margaret Leahy
Meagan McCowan
Katelin Murphy
Jessica Nickless
Anthony Ricci
Kelsey Schroeder
Melissa Theriault
Trevor Todd
Charles True
Lowell Wahtera
Tiffany Webb

In addition, TMPO awards the DAVID LYON SCHOLARSHIP. This award is in memory of David Lyon, a 1988 Triton graduate whose cheerfulness and extraordinary helpfulness set a standard for service which should be acknowledged and encouraged when seen in those who come after him.

This year's recipient is: **Michael Astuccio**

THE ROYAL GEM PARENT BODY SCHOLARSHIP is available for a student(s) who has been a member of and a diligent worker for the Triton Color Guard. The student(s) must have displayed both good discipline and positive attitude toward the color guard and have a record of being a good citizen both in and out of school.

This year's recipient is: **Jessica Nickless**

JOSEPH MATTHEW LIGUORI MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP is not a TMPO funded scholarship but it is fitting to make the award at this event. Joe Liguori, who graduated from Triton in 1994, was killed by a drunk driver on the night of Tuesday, January 31, 1995. His memory lives on in his music and his lasting impression on the Triton communities remains constant. The scholarship in his name is awarded each year in his memory. Joe was not only a talented drummer, but also a role model for his peers. He distinguished himself as a young man of extraordinary character and personal integrity.

This year's recipients are:

Jessica Nickless & Kelsey Schroeder

TOP HIGH SCHOOL AWARDS

SPECIAL SERVICE AWARDS are given in recognition of outstanding, consistent and persevering service rendered to the music & performing arts program over the last four years. The award is presented to:

**Maggie Jones, Nathan Hunter [sound tech TA],
And Brian Pyburn**

THE WOODY HERMAN JAZZ AWARD is presented in recognition of outstanding contributions to the Jazz Band the Woody Herman Jazz Award goes to:

Michael Astuccio

THE PATRICK S. GILMORE BAND AWARD is presented In recognition of outstanding contributions to the band, the Patrick S. Gilmore Band Award goes to:

Bethany Fiske

SENIOR TECH AWARD is given in recognition of outstanding achievement in & contribution to the high school TECH program over the last four years. This year the award is presented to:

Nathan Hunter

MEDIA PRODUCTION AWARD is given in recognition of outstanding achievement in & contribution to the high school Media Production program over the last four years. This year the award is presented to:

Michael Chiaravalloti

DANCE MEDALLION AWARD is given in recognition of outstanding achievement in & contribution to the high school Dance program over the last four years. This year the award is presented to:

Tiffany Webb

DRAMA & MUSICAL THEATER MEDALLION AWARDS are given in recognition of outstanding achievement in & contribution to the high school Theatre Arts. . This year the awards are presented to:

Drama Medallion: Lowell Wahtera & Sara Spilde
Musical Theater Medallion: Margaret Leahy

THE NATIONAL SCHOOL MARCHING AWARD is presented in recognition for outstanding achievement and interest in the music and visual aspects of marching bands and the associated groups, for singular merit in loyalty and cooperation, and for displaying, generally, those high qualities of conduct which the school marching program strives to impart. This year's recipient is:

Charles True

THE LOUIS ARMSTRONG JAZZ AWARD is presented In recognition of outstanding achievement by an instrumentalist in jazz, as demonstrated through superior musicianship and creativity over the last four years. The Louis Armstrong Jazz Award goes to:

Matthew Denaro

THE NATIONAL SCHOOL CHORAL AWARD is presented in recognition of outstanding achievement & contributions to the high school vocal program over the last four years. The National School Choral Award goes to:

Margaret Leahy

THE JOHN PHILLIP SOUSA BAND AWARD is presented in recognition for outstanding achievement and interest in instrumental music, for singular merit in loyalty and cooperation, and for displaying, generally, those high qualities of conduct which school instrumental music strives to impart. This year's recipients are:

Tom Buswell & Tiffany Webb

DRAMA & MUSICAL THEATER MEDALLION AWARDS are given in recognition of outstanding achievement in & contribution to the High School Theatre Arts. This year's awards are presented to:

Drama Medallion: Lowell Wahtera & Sara Spilde
Musical Theater Medallion: Margaret Leahy

