



# *TRITON REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT*

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## **News of the Week** **June 20, 2009**

**THS** Girls Lacrosse team had its best year yet finishing 13-8. After only five years of being a varsity program, they made it to the state tournament for the fourth straight year. On Memorial Day they hosted and beat Swampscott, then went on to knock off # two seed Arlington Catholic. That upset victory qualified them for the quarter final game against Weston.

**SES Kids Club** will be rewarded with a cook-out, complete with face painting, sack races and relay races for their hard work in collecting \$112.82 in pennies for the PTA's enrichment fund.

**Last week, PGS** had a great field day with over 700 lunches served outside. Student Council provided the sugar cane trays and napkins for composting at a nearby organic compost site. They took away five bags of "stuff" for composting!! This left only two bags of regular trash. Student Council has worked very hard in saving the environment and they have had fun doing it.

**THS Theatre** held the revival performance of Zombie Prom, Saturday on June 20. Students and staff volunteered their time in a "Cash for Curtains" effort to raise funds for the repair and replacement of our stage drapery. The cost of the entire project is over \$20,000. All proceeds from this effort, as well as some money raised through the original performances, will be given over to the fund for the repair of our curtains. The suggested donation for tickets was \$10. TMPO is donating concession money raised, and had face painting and remembrance books for sale. Many came out to support the Department of Visual and Performing Arts!

**NES sixth grade students** participated in a wonderful program with Joppa Flats Education Center at the end of May. They visited the banding station where they saw field scientist applying the scientific method (making measurements, recoding data, etc.) to birds in migration. They also learned about the coastal and glacial geology of this area. This is a favorite activity each year, and this year 19 students sent in applications to become Mass Audubon Junior Volunteers for the summer and next school year.

**During the last full week of school, Mrs. Mungillo's first grade at SES** has been celebrating Teddy Bear Week. They have been doing various reading and math activities involving teddies as well as listening to many fiction and nonfiction stories about bears. Children were also able to return to their former kindergarten teacher's classrooms and read some of their original writing. Their teachers were impressed with their growth in writing!

**Friday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, was the PGS 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance.** Our very own Nancy Sweeney was the DJ for this event and everyone had a great time. It is also a tradition that the 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents donate all types of goodies for the 6<sup>th</sup> graders to enjoy during the dance. There was plenty of food and fun for everyone.

**Wednesday June 17<sup>th</sup>- the Sixth Grade Celebration PGS** was held. The 6<sup>th</sup> graders received their certificates, reading books and year book at this celebration. They also watched a video that shows their time spent from Kindergarten to 6<sup>th</sup> grade. PGS has a tradition of raffling off the kindergarten quilt that was made by a group of parent volunteers when these 6<sup>th</sup> graders attended kindergarten. All the proceeds from the raffle tickets go to a scholarship for a graduating senior that attended Pine Grove Elementary School.

**Thursday- June 18<sup>th</sup> – Pine Grove Elementary School** hosted Celebration of Learning throughout the entire day for each grade level. Parents were invited to see their child's work at the specified time for the grade level.

**SES grade 3** enjoyed a field trip to the Seacoast Science Center at Odiorne Point in Rye, NH. This trip was a culmination of their study of plants, rocks and minerals, and animals that live in the New England tide pools and the rocky shore.

**PGS sixth grade students'** self-portraits done in art class have been on display in the Link Art Gallery as a tribute to their elementary school careers. They are not labeled so that staff, students and parents had to take time to try and figure out "who was who".

**SES assistant Principal Margaret Maher created the "Maher's Mentors" program** her first year aboard. The mentors' role is very basic-- s/he develops a personal relationship with a child who needs a little TLC. We know that for many children, the personal relationships are what connect them to school. The mentor gets together with their mentee as often as they can-- sometimes daily for a check-in, maybe weekly for lunch, sometimes passing in the hall; one mentor goes into the classroom and helps the student during writing time. Birthdays and special occasions are celebrated together and sometimes the mentor is asked to sit with the mentee if there has been a behavior issue. The relationship looks different for everyone, but connections are formed.