

Sedgwick School Community Newsletter

March 6, 2008

Thank You Basketball Coaches!

Tuesday night, we recognized the effort of our student athletes for the recently concluded basketball season. The adults who make that program work by leading our youngsters are special people who put in long hours and a great deal of thought and, unfortunately, do not often get the recognition they deserve. Not many people are willing to step up and teach our children the lessons that only competitive athletics can provide. It is with a great deal of appreciation that we recognize coaches: **Ruth Allen Gray, Don O'Grady, and Brian Duddy.** It's easy to 'coach' from the stands, but these folks put in the time to make it happen where and when it counts.

Illness

Parents, please keep your child(ren) home if they are sick.

There has been a lot of illness among staff and students lately. The probable cause is the seasonal flu bug. Influenza, commonly shortened to "flu," is an extremely contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza A or B viruses. Flu and common cold symptoms are similar with flu symptoms being more intense and punctuated with a high fever and a wracking cough. It may also affect the stomach and intestines.

You can avoid the flu (maybe) by frequent hand washing and keeping away from infected people. You can avoid spreading it, (maybe) by staying home when you are ill and keeping your kids home when they are ill, washing your hands frequently, and covering your mouth when you cough or sneeze.

Daylight Savings Time Begins

Don't forget, daylight savings time begins on Sunday, March 9. Don't forget to turn your clocks ahead.

Thank you, Jennifer Gray

Thank you, Jennifer, for sewing the grade six 'coat of arms'. Mrs. Pickering, Mrs. Sewall and all the sixth grade students appreciate your thoughtfulness!

Technology Committee

If you are interested in serving with a group of up to five people to create a plan for technology in our school, Contact Dr. Don Buckingham. We want to work on this soon!

Vote for your Town Officials & Town Meeting

On Friday, March 7 from 1:00 to 6:00 p.m. all Sedgwick registered voters will have the opportunity to vote for town officials at the Town Meeting House. It is important for every citizen to exercise his/her right to vote. You lose what you do not use.

On Saturday, March 8, Town Meeting officially begins at 9:00 a.m. at the Town Meeting House. It is always important for parents to attend town meeting to make sure their voices are heard. **Due to the late determination of subsidy information this year, the school budget will not be voted on at this town meeting.** However, they will determine how much money will be spent on all other town expenses. Everyone who is a registered voter in Sedgwick should take part.

The school budget vote will be determined after the board consults with the selectmen. That date and time will be announced through public notice and through this newsletter.

Fun Fridays

Beginning Friday, March 7 we will have Fun Fridays when staff and students dress to a suggested theme. Tomorrow's theme is "dress up". So, dig out those suits and fancy dresses so you can look your best!

PTF Volleyball

Looking for a fun way to exercise in the evening? Join the PTF volleyball group. They meet every Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. in the gym.

Ongoing MEAs

Maine Educational Assessments are going on through the month of March. Most teachers in grades 3-8 have sent out schedules for parents. Parents should remember that it is very important that students are present the days of testing! Please make sure that they are here on time and have had a good night's sleep and a good breakfast before coming to school!

Grades 5, 7, and 8 began this week and 7 and 8 will work through next week. Grade 5 will skip a week and resume March 20. Other grades are still working on their schedules.

End of Second Trimester Coming Up

The end of second trimester is Friday, March 14. This only gives students in grades 5-8 one more week to pull grades up and get homework in. For parents and students alike this is a good time to check with teachers and take advantage of study periods.

Next Week at Sedgwick

Fri.	Dress Up Day! White Team practice 3:00-4:30 Vote for Town Officials 1-6 PM
Sat.	Pee Wee Games 10-12 Sedgwick Town Mtg. 9:00 AM
Sun.	Daylight Savings Time Begins
Wed.	White Team practice 3:00-4:30 PTF Volleyball 6:30 PM
Thurs.	Blue Team practice 3:00-5:00.

Friday Is Fancy Dress Day! Dress Up For Fun!