

# Sedgwick School Community Newsletter

November 15, 2007

## Volunteerism

Thankfully, we have had many volunteers taking part in activities throughout the building. Volunteerism, whether you do so in or out of school, during the day or at night, sends the message to your child that you care about school enough to go out of your way to help his or her school become better; that your child's success in school is as important to you as it is to him or her. That message is very powerful at many levels and lasts a lifetime. In this week's newsletter, you will find numerous ways to help out. Please select one and send the message to your kid that school is an important place for you.

## MRSA

Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus has received significant attention in the national news lately as a staph infection that is not easily treated and is sometimes fatal. It is important for parents to realize that MRSA, like many infectious diseases, is best avoided by frequent hand washing and cleaning of surfaces. We are reviewing hand washing training and policies and will be working with all kids to make sure they know how important it is to keep their hands clean. As a staff, we will be reviewing procedures for keeping things clean and hygienic. However, it is important for parents to realize that it is predominantly spread by skin to skin contact and not from contact with surfaces.

There have been unconfirmed rumors of a case of MRSA in the area, but there have been other schools reporting them. At this point the best advice we can give to parents is to make sure that cuts or scrapes are covered and treated and to report any cuts or scrapes that fail to heal or look infected to your doctor.

## Additional Information on MRSA is on the back of this newsletter.

Please take the time to read it.

**Wednesday, November 21  
Early Release at 12:30 PM**

## GAME NIGHT PLUS 12:30-3:00 PM

A permission form was sent home in your child's communication folder today. This form must be signed and returned to the school if your child plans to stay for game night. **We still need parent help and snacks!** If you are available or can provide a snack, please include this information on the form also.

## Coastal Christmas for Kids

Annually, Wade Dow leads a group of extraordinary volunteer cooks and musicians in a fund raiser that directly benefits families in our community. Money raised will provide them with useful gifts timely to our season. This year, the Coastal Christmas for Kids will be held on December 1 here at the school. The music and meal promises to be as enticing as ever. Please mark your calendars with this important date.

## Volunteers Needed

Would you like to help youngsters make a "crafty" gift for Christmas? Do you have an idea for a simple project kids can make to delight their parents on the big day? Do you just want to make a bunch of kids happy and help out the PTF? If so, consider spending time here on **Saturday, December 8** at the **PTF Craftmaking Fair** from 10:00-12:00. This is one of the favorite activities of our students and is part of the PTF calendar for the year.

## Basketball Season

Basketball season began with boys' practices this week. It is important for both parents and students to remember that student athletes are students first, then athletes, so good grades, attendance, and behavior are all prerequisites for participation. Please carefully review the **Co-curricular Participation Rules**

**before** you sign them. We want as many students as possible to play, but they need to follow the rules.

## Winter Gym Use

The school committee encourages use of the gym by community groups or individuals who would like to use it for activities when it is not being used by the school. Since there tends to be a lot of use through the colder months, **it is important for folks to contact the principal in advance** to make arrangements.

## Guns on School Grounds

With hunting season here, this is a reminder that **guns and hunting are not allowed on or near school grounds (including the nature trail) at any time.** This is a federal law that is for the protection of all the children at school. Please be aware of this and do not leave your rifles in your gun racks if you are coming to school.

## The Week at Sedgwick

<b>Mon.</b>	Girls Basketball Practice-3-5:00 Girl Scouts 3:00-4:30 Boys Practice-5:00-6:30 Consolidation meeting 6:30
<b>Tues.</b>	K-1 Safety Demo. 3:00-4:30 Boys Practice - 5:00-6:30 School Committee Mtg. 6 PM
<b>Wed.</b>	Early Release @ 12:30 Game Night Plus 12:30-3:00
<b>Thurs.</b>	Thanksgiving - No School
<b>Fri.</b>	No School

**NEXT PTF MTG.: NOV. 29 @ 6:30**

**No School On November 22 & 23 ~ No Newsletter Next Week**