



Captain Isaac Paine School Newsletter November 2009



From the Superintendent/Principal

I would like to thank all of the parents for making sure that your children got enough sleep and got to school on time October 1st through October 22nd. We were able to successfully complete our state-wide testing (New England Common Assessment Program -NECAP). All our children in grades three, four, and five were tested in reading and math, and the fifth grade students were tested in writing. As most of you know, this test is used by the state to measure how much progress our students are making.

The first quarter of our school year ends November 6th. Report cards will be going home with your children on November 13th. Please call us (647-5100) to set up an appointment to meet with your child (children)'s teacher(s). November 18th between 3:45 p.m. and 8 p.m. has been set aside to schedule times to meet with you. If you are unable to come on that day, we will work with you to find a more convenient day or time. Teacher/parent conferences are a wonderful way for you to hear how your children are doing. Please make every effort to meet with our teachers.

Teachers' Web Pages

The teachers have been hard at work creating their own classroom web pages. Some are still under construction, but many are up and running, sharing news from their rooms, homework expectations, and weekly spelling lists. Check them out by clicking your teacher's name on the Staff Page of our website (<http://www.ri.net/schools/Foster/Staff.htm>). Please let the teachers know if there is something you would like to see on their webpage.

Musical Treat

On Wednesday October 21st the school was given a concert by the US Navy Band Northeast's *Crosswinds Quintet*. Students and adults alike were captivated by the beautifully blended professional musicianship and education-friendly repertoire presented in the 40 minute program.

Students will remember variations on the theme "Happy Birthday" along with Henry Mancini's "Pink Panther." Live music is always a treat to be treasured. I look forward to extending an invitation for a return visit in the spring. Meanwhile, students can you identify the woodwind instruments by their initials? (F C O EH B) Remember: Which brass instrument joined the quintet? Keep listening!!

Fifth Grade Guest

We are researching snakes of New England as part of our language arts program. The Snake Lady of RI, Nancy Hopkins, visited our 2 fifth grade classes on Oct. 27th. She brought in a variety of snakes and taught us a lot about Native New England Snakes.



Local Author Will Speak to 5th Graders

Local author, Kimberly Newton Fusco, is coming to Paine to speak with the 5th graders about her book, *Tending to Grace*. The students have read the book and are anxious to ask her questions and to share their favorite scenes. Mrs. Fusco has come in to talk to the 5th graders in previous years and always gives an insightful presentation on her writing life and how she came to write this beautifully written story about a young girl who goes to live with her great aunt. I know Mrs. Fusco will once again be an inspiration to the students.



Foreign Language News

The 4th graders have been very busy in French class learning the alphabet, greetings, numbers, days, months and colors, just to name a few. During the month of October they have been practicing French Halloween vocabulary, using the words for Halloween exercises and games.

The 5th graders have been reviewing their French from last year as well as starting new topics

such as likes, dislikes, weather, seasons and classroom objects. They continue to improve their pronunciation skills and engage in French conversation. In November they are looking forward to writing their autobiographies in French.

Fourth Grade News

On October 9, the Fourth Grade toured the Resource Recovery Facility and learned about ways to limit pollution and promote recycling. On the way back they visited Pezza Farms where they learned about erosion, gulying, and other effects of water on land, which connects with their science unit on Land and Water.

Third Grade News

"Words for Thirds" Program

On Tuesday, October 13th, Mr. & Mrs. Rush, from the Moosup Valley Grange, presented all Third Grade students and their teachers with dictionaries. These dictionaries have been provided through the "Word for Thirds" Program by the members of the Rhode Island State Grange. The children love their new dictionaries! They are using them to learn dictionary skills in the classroom, and they will get to take them home at the end of the school year. A special thank you to Mr. & Mrs. Rush and the Moosup Valley Grange!



Second Grade News

The second graders were busy last week painting Halloween pumpkins.

A great big THANKS goes to Mrs. Cotta and Mrs. Marx for all their help.

The children had lots of fun designing their own special Halloween creations.

We hope that you had a great Halloween!



Green Team News



The Green Team has 15 members, some new and some experienced, but all with great ideas for helping make our school more Earth-friendly. Our first project is to get container recycling going in the cafeteria again for grades 3, 4, and 5. We can't stand to see all those cartons going into the trash! Then we hope to get grades K, 1, and 2 recycling their containers too. We have an idea for a new contest, so stay tuned!

Cultural Arts

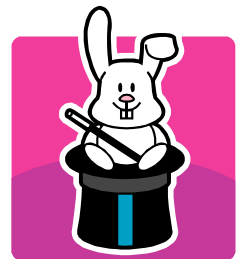
The Cultural Arts Committee has met and is working on programs for the coming school year. We've scheduled *Celebrating Ireland in Story & Song* for March 4, 2010 as a whole school assembly. It's an educational, interactive program with music and stories. We hope to have another Open Mic Night with the 5th grade students running the show as a Cultural Arts fundraiser. Last year we raised \$250 and everyone had a great time showcasing their talents. If you'd like to join the committee, or have suggestions for programs and/or fundraising, please contact Mrs. Murphy.

Nurse's Notes

H1N1 Vaccination Information and Consent forms were mailed to all families last week. If you did not get it, you can get the packet on the RI Department of Health Website (see below) or you can call the school and we can send it home with your child. If you need additional consent forms we have extras at the school or you can print one out from the website. If you have additional questions, the RI Dept. of Health H1N1 Information Line numbers is 222-8022, or visit their website: www.health.ri.gov/flu

Box Top Update

Congratulations! We have met our first quarter goal of earning \$400 in Box Tops. Just like last year, there will be a whole school reward for meeting our Box Top goals. Earlier it was mentioned that we would have a Fall Festival for this first reward, but the weather got rough sooner than we had hoped, and we decided to revise this first goal to an indoor event, a magic show. The magic show will be held on Wednesday, November 18th at 2:00 p.m. in the cafeteria for the whole school to enjoy. Please continue to send in as many Box Tops for Education as you possibly can. Ask relatives, friends, neighbors and others to help us meet or even exceed our Box Top goals by clipping them for us. Our next goal period will end January 22nd when we hope to get another \$400 in Box Tops. All the money we collect goes to our school for projects such as our "Outdoor Classroom", and this year we hope to update our sound system for our stage presentations. Thank you to everyone who helped us meet our first goal!



Caring and Sharing

As part of a caring and sharing community, Paine School is once again holding a food drive for our local food bank. The drive will run from November 2nd to November 13th. Please send in as many nonperishable food items as you can to help our local families in need. We are holding this event earlier this year because the food bank is in dire need of items for the upcoming holidays as well as a greater need in general. If you would prefer to send in a donation of cash or check instead, that would also be greatly appreciated. Checks can be made out to "Foster Human Services". Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Paine Panther ROARS

On Wednesday, October, 28th an assembly was held in the cafeteria about the Paine Panther ROARS (Respect Others, Respect Self and Respect Property) program. The students in fifth grade got a chance to share their experience at Overlook Farm, a Heifer International farm, with the rest of the student body. They explained how their good deeds can help other children in the world who do not have the same privileges and comforts. Then the student council shared how students at Paine School can earn paw prints by showing the traits of hard work and enthusiasm in the month of November. The paw prints will go towards earning a water buffalo for a family through Heifer International. Each month different traits from the "Pyramid of Success" will be highlighted to earn paw prints for the purchase of the water buffalo.



Playground Gym

We had our grand re-opening of the playground gym on Monday, October 19. We owe a large thank-you to our PTG. They arranged the repairs to make our playground safe for our children to use during their recess.

P. T. G. News

Thank you for all the support with the Foster P.T.G.'s 28th Annual Nut and Dried Fruit Sale. We are happy to say that Captain Isaac Paine sold 500 more

pounds of nuts than last year, and the P.T.G. will be rewarding the entire school with an ice cream sundae day! Just a reminder: nut orders will be ready for pick up beginning November 16th. Any orders not picked up by November 24th will be donated.

Nut Order Pickups Begin
Nov. 16th

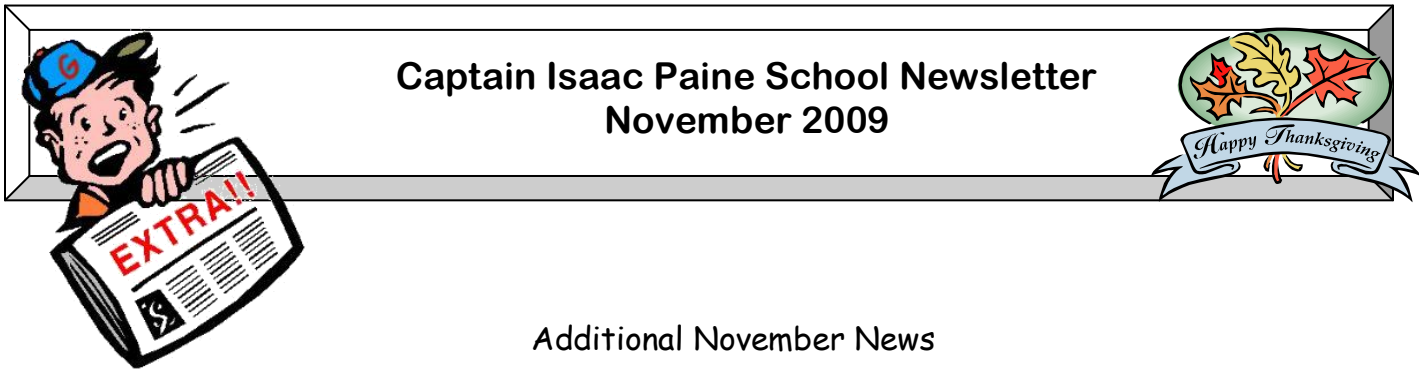
Save the date! Breakfast with Santa will be December 5th from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. There will be a full hot breakfast, pictures with Santa, the Book Fair and the Penny Social. It is sure to be fun for the whole family.

Our next P.T. G. meeting will be November 19th at 7 p.m. in the school cafeteria. We love seeing new faces and hearing new ideas!

Important Dates

- November 2nd-13th - Food Drive (for local food bank)
- November 11th - No School (Veteran's Day)
- November 16th - Report Cards
- November 16th-24th - Nut Order Pick-up
- November 17th - H1N1 Flu Vaccinations (if the flu vaccine is available)
- November 18th - Parent/Teacher Conferences (3:45 p.m. - 8 p.m.)
- November 18th - Box Top Reward Magic Show (2 pm in cafeteria)
- November 19th - No School
- November 19th - P.T.G. Meeting (7 p.m. in library)
- November 24th - School Committee Meeting
- November 25th - Learning Celebration (parents invited)
- November 26-27th - No School (Happy Thanksgiving!)





Additional November News

The following news items were inadvertently omitted from the November Newsletter. Our sincere apologies.

First Grade News

The First Grade Classes had a great trip to Pezza Farm on Tuesday, October 27th. On the hayride Farmer Shelley gave a guided tour of the farm and talked with the students about the fall harvest and how this year's unpredictable weather affected the crops. The students picked pumpkins in the field and had the opportunity to feed many of the farm animals. After eating lunch in the greenhouse, we finished off the afternoon at the Scituate Rotary Playground. The rain held off long enough for us to have a little fun. What a perfect end to a perfect day. Thank you Farmer Shelley and Thank you PTG!



Campbell's and Caps

Keep those Campbell's labels and Caps coming in! We are continuing the Campbell's program along with the Box Tops so why not send them in together. Remember to clip the proof of purchase off the participating products and send them in a baggie or a collection sheet. If you would like a list of participating products or collection sheet go to www.labelsforeducation.com/printable-resources.aspx



Also, our school has joined Recycle Caps With Aveda program. Just a reminder to send CLEAN caps that twist on and are rigid (non-flexible) plastic, milk tops and pumps are not recyclable, but laundry detergents, ketchup, and peanut butter are examples of those that are. We will be making our first caps submission soon and boy do we have a lot of caps. These caps will be recycled into new caps and containers for future products. Just one more way to THINK GREEN!

