



CROCKER CHRONICLES

May 18, 2012

Dear Crocker Farm Families,

Last week was National Teacher Appreciation Week. Many of you did just that—you let our talented teachers know how much you appreciate their hard work, expertise, and talents—thank you! I am very fortunate to observe outstanding teaching daily at Crocker Farm School; I know that our students will be able to share my experience of being able to remember all of my former teachers as well as what I learned (much more than any standardized test could assess!), such as my fifth grade teacher, who convinced me to have the courage to have a significant part in the school play that involved a Hat Dance (no video available—sorry) and my high school math teachers, who motivated me to become a teacher and educator.

A colleague of mine recently wrote a paragraph that captures this message of celebrating teachers:

“You know that bumper sticker, “If you can read this, thank a teacher!” I’d love to see one that says, “If you appreciate music and art, if you pursue a lifetime of fitness, if you can think through a challenging problem in one of many domains, if you can develop and test a hypothesis, if you can write a compelling letter, if you can support a strong opinion, if you love reading a really good book, if you understand and value democracy, if words like equity and the common good are in your repertoire, if you can decipher complex current events, and if you dream about traveling in space or curing a disease or making the world a little bit better for someone in your own way... thank a teacher!”

I also want to point out that two of our staff members recently received awards to recognize their skill and expertise. Ms. McCloskey was a recipient of the Grinspoon Excellence in Teaching Award. Cathy Aldrich was recently awarded a Clerical Award from our district. Both exemplify the dedication that our entire staff has towards our students at Crocker Farm.

Finally, I do want to share the tentative classroom teaching lists for the fall. Please note that this information was also accessible on my Twitter account, <http://twitter.com/cfprincipal>, last week. I am able to update information like this immediately using social media; the newsletters come out every two weeks, so it limits how quickly information can go out!

Grade K: Newcomb--Wilcox

Grade 1: Joyce--McCloskey--Preston

Grade 2: Carson--Mattone-Silverstone

Grade 3: Hughes--Robinson

Grade 4: Donovan--Lambert--Schreiber

Grade 5: Goodwin-Brown--Radtke*

Grade 6: Guiteau--Prather**

*Susan Radtke, who is currently a teacher at Wildwood, will be joining our staff next year. She is a highly respected teacher who will be a fantastic addition to our staff!

**Mr. Eckart is returning to the High School; Ms. Harvey will be fulfilling this very important role next year.

Sincerely,

Michael Morris, Principal



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Estimadas Familias de Crocker Farm,

La semana pasada se celebró la semana de apreciación del maestro, “National Teacher Appreciation Week”. Muchos de ustedes hicieron exactamente eso—le dejaron saber a sus talentosos maestros cuanto aprecian sus talentos, arduo trabajo y conocimientos— ¡gracias! Soy muy afortunado de poder observar diariamente aquí en Crocker Farm, el excelente desempeño de estos maestros. Sé, que así como yo, nuestros estudiantes recordarán a todos sus antiguos maestros y lo que aprendieron con ellos (¡mucho más de lo cualquier prueba estandarizada podría evaluar!), en mi caso cuando mi maestra de quinto grado me convenció de tener la valentía de jugar una parte significativa en nuestra obra de teatro escolar que requería un Baile de Sombrero (lo siento, no hay video disponible) y mis maestras de matemáticas de la escuela superior, quienes me motivaron a ser un maestro y educador.

Uno de mis colegas escribió recientemente un párrafo que captura el mensaje de celebrar a los maestros:

“Conoces la calcomanía para el parachoques, “If you can read this, thank a teacher!” (¡Si puede leer esto, agradézcaselo a un maestro!) Me encantaría ver uno que diga, “¡Si aprecia la música y el arte, si usted sigue una vida de aptitud física, si puede resolver un problema difícil en cualquiera de los ámbitos, si puede desarrollar y probar una hipótesis, si puede escribir una carta apremiante, si usted puede apoyar una opinión firme, si usted ama leer un buen libro, si usted valora y entiende la democracia, si palabras como igualdad y el bien común están en su repertorio, si usted puede descifrar acontecimientos actuales complejos, o si sueña con viajar al espacio, curar una enfermedad o con mejorar el mundo un poco más para alguien ... agradézcaselo a un maestro!”

También me gustaría traer a colación que dos de nuestros maestros han sido premiados en reconocimiento por sus habilidades y conocimientos. La Sra. McCloskey fue premiada con el “Grinspoon Excellence in Teaching Award”. Cathy Aldrich fue premiada recientemente con el “ Clerical Award” de parte del distrito. Ambos sirven como ejemplos de la dedicación que todo nuestro miembro de personal tiene hacia nuestros estudiantes en Crocker Farm.

Para finalizar, quiero compartir la lista tentativa de maestros y sus clases para el otoño. Por favor note que esta lista ha estado disponible desde la semana pasada en mi cuenta Twitter, <http://twitter.com/cfprincipal>. ¡Puedo poner información como esta al día inmediatamente utilizando las redes sociales; las letras informativas salen cada dos semanas, por ende limita la rapidez de transmisión de la información!

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*Susan Radtke, quien actualmente es una maestra en Wildwood, se unirá a nuestro grupo el año próximo. ¡Es una maestra muy respetada y será una adición fantástica a nuestra escuela!

**EL Sr. Eckart está regresando a la escuela superior; la Sra. Harvey estará desempeñando este rol tan importante el año próximo.

Cordialmente,
Michael Morris, Principal

Used Book Drive

to benefit CHD/Big Brothers Big Sisters of Hampshire County



**To donate new or
gently used
Children's Books,
drop them off at
your child's school!
BOOKS WILL BE
COLLECTED UNTIL
JUNE 21**

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ONLY PLEASE!
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VIDEOS
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Email: bbshc@chd.org**

**The Used Book Sale is only
one of many activities at
the**

Amherst Crafts

on the Common

Saturday, July 14th

This is not a school sponsored activity.

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Para donar Libros de niños los traiga a la escuela de su hijo/a

SE RECOGERAN LIBROS HASTA EL 21 DE JUNIO



LIBROS DE NIÑOS SOLAMENTE!

NO DONE REVISTAS, LIBROS DE TEXTO, ENCICLOPEDIAS, O LIBROS PARA ADULTOS

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La Venta de Libros Usados será sola una de muchas actividades a la

32nd Amherst Crafts on the Common
(feria artisanal)

Saturday, July 14th

9AM—5PM

Esta no es una actividad escolar.

ELECTRONICS & APPLIANCE RECYCLE DAY

Saturday, June 2, 2012

9:00 – 1:00 PM

Crocker Farm School Parking Lot

280 West Street, Amherst

GOT JUNK?

GET RID OF IT EASILY AND RESPONSIBLY!!!

\$1 each: Keyboards, computer mice, lead acid batteries (car/boat/lawn mower, etc.); cell phones, etc.

\$5 each: Monitors, computers, stereos, printers, radios, VCR's, DVD players, etc.

\$10 each: Small TV's, all kinds of appliances: dishwashers, stoves, washers, dryers, water heaters, microwaves, refrigerators, lawn mowers, snow blowers, exercise equipment, AC Units, dehumidifiers, small engine items, etc.

\$15 each: TV's over 20"

\$20 each: TV's in wood cabinet/casing

All towns are welcome to participate.
Proceeds to benefit the Crocker Farm 5th grade students.

Questions? Contact Becky Demling at beckydemling@yahoo.com.

The 21st Annual

PANCAKE BREAKFAST

for PUFFER'S POND

Saturday, June 9

8:30-11 am

Mill Valley Recreation Area,
North Amherst. Rain or shine!

All-you-can-eat pancakes & coffee,
\$8 adults/ \$6 kids

Breakfast goes local!

Join us for multigrain pancakes made from ingredients donated by local farms. And, as usual, we'll have real maple syrup, live music, fabulous raffle prizes, and tons of community spirit.

CISA



Co-sponsored by The Friends of Puffers Pond, The Kestrel Trust, CISA: Community Involved in Sustaining Agriculture, Amherst Conservation Commission, and the Puffer-Garnier family.

NOT A SCHOOL- SPONSORED EVENT

Achievement, Diversity & Community

Come join Boy Scout Troop 500 Amherst to see how Scouting is evolving as it moves into its 2nd century. We are having an Open House for prospective scouts and their families Tuesday, May 22 from 7:00 to 8:30 PM at the South Congregational Church, 1066 Southeast Street, Amherst. Troop 500 has a 50+ year history in Amherst working with school-age boys (grades 6-12). Troop activities are organized and run by the boys, including weekly meetings, monthly campouts, and projects in the community. Our Scouts learn practical outdoor skills and develop leadership skills while having a lot of fun. For more information, contact Scoutmaster Peter Crowley at (413) 348-8052.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

Friday, May 25th: Crocker Farm Talent Show- 9:30 a.m.

Friday, June 1st: Coffee with the Principal

Monday, June 11th: Band & Orchestra Spring Concert-1:45 & 7:30 p.m.

Thursday, June 14th: 4th grade all day trip to Pequot Museum – 8:30-5 p.m.

Friday, June 15th: 6th grade trip to Lake Compounce- 8:00-5:00 p.m

Wednesday, June 20th: Sixth grade graduation

CULTURAL SURVIVAL

BAZAAR

A Festival of Native Arts and Culture

MAY 26, 27, & 28, 2012

Amherst Common

Boltwood Avenue

Amherst, MA 01002

10am-6pm

FREE ADMISSION

RAIN OR SHINE

See attached flyer