



# Montclair News and Events

A supplement to the news and events of the monthly calendar

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## News and Events

**National School Counseling Week** ~ February 1-5 is National School Counseling Week 2010, "Celebrate School Counseling." This week helps to focus public attention on the unique contribution of professional school counselors within U.S. school systems. National School Counseling Week, sponsored by ASCA, highlights the tremendous impact school counselors can have in helping students achieve school success and plan for a career. I would like to thank Ms. Lam, our school counselor, and Ms. Chan, our school psychologist, for all of the work and assistance they provide to our students, families, and staff. Our school is a better place because of what they do.

**Save the Date!** ~ The Quincy School ~ Community Partnership proudly presents "A Tribute to the King" featuring Donny Edwards with the Velvet Elvis Band on Friday, March 26, 2010 at 8:00 pm at the Boston Marriott Quincy Hotel, 1000 Marriott Drive, Quincy. Donny Edwards is the two-time world champion Elvis Tribute artist. You will think you are really seeing and hearing The King! General seating tickets are \$35 and reserved premiere seating tickets are \$60. Tickets are available in the office. Proceeds benefit QPS teacher mini-grants.

**Year of the Tiger** ~ This year our Lunar New Year Celebration will be held on Thursday, February 11. Our guest presenter, Woo Ching White Crane Kung Fu System, will be at Montclair to perform the Lion Dance, Chinese Drumming, Kung Fu and Storytelling. Students will learn about the 12 Zodiac animals, the importance of the Red Envelope, and the significance of the Lion Dance. After the assembly students will learn about the symbolisms associated with food and will be treated to Chinese food donated by Cathay Pacific.



**Textile Recycling Reminder** ~ Please join us along with the City of Quincy in our efforts to help recycling textiles! While raising awareness of the need to recycle we will also raise funds for the Montclair School's PTO. The donation trailer is located in our parking lot on the West Squantum side of the school. The trailer will be here through June. All textiles are accepted. This includes clothing, paired shoes, linens, and small plush toys.

**February Fitness Challenge** ~ Thank you to Nurse Joyce and the Wellness Team for organizing P.A.C.K. during the last week of January. Students were eager to share their colored, healthy snack of the day. This month the Health and Wellness Team introduced the FITNESS CHALLENGE! During the month of February we are asking students to track their fitness routine and eating choices. All forms are due back to school on March 1, 2010 and should be given to Nurse Joyce.

**Community Service Projects** ~ The Student Council is selling "Hearts for Haiti" from Monday, February 1—Friday, February 5 in an effort to help the victims of the devastating earthquake in Haiti. The cost of each heart is \$1.00 and for every heart purchased your child's name will be entered in a drawing for an IPOD Shuffle. Students can also show their support for the victims of the earthquake by wearing the colors of the Haitian flag (red and blue) on Friday, February 5, the last day hearts will be sold. Also, the last day to donate new or gently used pajamas to the PJ drive to benefit Cradles to Crayons is Thursday, February 11. Thank you for your support in our community service outreach projects.



## Mark Your Calendar



- \* **Early Release Days** ~ Every Tuesday students are dismissed at 11:55.
- \* **February 1-5** ~ Hearts for Haiti being sold by the Student Council
- \* **February 9** ~ PTO Meeting at 8:30
- \* **February 10** ~ School Committee Meet @ 7:00 at City Hall
- \* **February 11** ~ Last Day to bring in PJ for the Pajama Drive
- \* **February 11** ~ Lunar New Year Celebration
- \* **February 14** ~ Happy Valentine's Day and Happy Lunar New Year
- \* **February 15-19** ~ February Recess—School Closed
- \* **February 22** ~ Welcome Back from Vacation!
- \* **PLEASE NOTE:** Tuesday, March 22, 2009 is a full day of school.

# News and Events Continued...

**Kindergarten Registration** ~ Kindergarten registration for the 2010-2011 school year will be held on Tuesday, March 2nd from 9:00-2:00 in the gym for all students eligible to attend Montclair. Your child should be 5 years of age on or before August 31, 2010. An informational sheet was sent home with the students last week. If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to call the office at 617-984-8708.



**ELA MCAS** ~ The state provides us with a window from March 22nd to April 4th for the English Language Arts MCAS test for grades 3, 4, and 5. Grade 4 will also take 2 additional sessions of the ELA Long Composition on March 31st. We will schedule most of our sessions 1 per day. It is very important for students to be in school and not dismissed for appointments on test days. Additional information will be provided in the beginning of March.



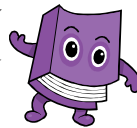
**Full Day Tuesday** ~ On Tuesday, March 23 all fourth grade students will take the ELA Long Composition MCAS test. Therefore, **all students will have a full day of school** and lunch will be served.

## PTO Connection

Greetings from the Montclair PTO:

Thank you to everyone who attended last month's PTO meeting. We held our initial May Festival Planning meeting on February 2<sup>nd</sup>. Thank you to the parents who brainstormed and volunteered for some of the behind the scenes activity that is needed for this to be a successful event, your efforts are key! We are always looking for inspiration - if you have an idea you think might work for the May Festival or know a business that might be able to help us out, please email us at [montclair\\_pto@yahoo.com](mailto:montclair_pto@yahoo.com). We will be having additional meetings throughout the Spring, as needed. If you are unable to make meetings but would still like to be part of the planning for what is sure to be, with your help, a wonderful Montclair May Festival, please email us with the re: line "Attn: May Festival Planning" and we can add you to the group list.

In March the PTO will be holding a Scholastic Book Fair, from the 2<sup>nd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup>, in conjunction with Scholastic Book Week. We are pleased to bring you this Book Fair, because it gives you and your child the opportunity to buy carefully selected quality books and products at affordable prices. Plus, proceeds from this event will benefit Montclair School. Every classroom benefits from the proceeds of the Book Fair. Stay tuned for more information for what is sure to be a fun and educational family experience!



The next PTO meeting is on February 9<sup>th</sup>, at 8:30 a.m. The items we will be discussing, will include the continued exchanging of ideas and progress reports for the May Festival planning, as well as updates on the T-shirt fundraiser and we will be available to answer any questions about the openings for next year's PTO Board. As always, children are welcome at all PTO meetings. We hope to see you there!



The Montclair PTO

## Notes & Quotes

### Notes about After School Clubs

~ The second session of our after school programs, made possible by the 21st Century Grant, are up and running. Thank you to all our teachers and staff who have offered to share their special talents and interests with our students in before and/or after school clubs. Chess Club, Junior Scientists, Health Kick, Student Council, Prep for Success, Montclair March Madness, Yogetts, Spanish Club, Amazing Art, Writers Workshop, Power of Paint, Fund with Fitness, Word Warriors, The Science of Art, and Sports-and-More is a sampling of we are offering to our students during Session 2.

**Worth Quoting** ~ "For Africa to me... is more than a glamorous fact. It is a historical truth. No man can know where he is going unless he knows exactly where he has been and exactly how he arrived at his present place." ~ Maya Angelou February is Black History Month. It is a time to remember and celebrate individuals who have made significant and positive historical contributions.

### Just for Fun ~

Q: What kind of flowers do you never give to a girl on Valentine's Day?

A: *Cauliflowers!*

