

Lopatcong Township Schools

PTA Newsletter



A Fond Farewell

It's the morning after the carnival, and I'm sitting with my swollen feet up on the couch, coffee by my side, pen and paper in my lap. I'm trying to translate that lump in my throat into meaningful words of reflection. I turn my head to gaze out the window and I think – "Ewwww, look at the dust on those picture frames!!!!"

It's hard to believe two years have gone by. (Nooo, I don't have two years of dust in my house.) Although I'm sure my husband and daughter will be glad when things get back to somewhat normal – so they are the first ones to thank. Sure family is first, however, there have been times when it's not all about them and that we, as volunteers, give of ourselves and give up time with our families for the betterment of our school, the kids, and the parents. That's a donation of myself I'm happy to give and model for my daughter and am truly thankful for my husband's understanding.

I thank my fellow officers and executive board members for not only giving of themselves to the responsibilities they volunteered for but most importantly for their friendship and the good talks we've shared together during our meetings, on the phone, or email - morning, noon, and/or night!!! Whether we agreed or not – it's the sharing of ideas I truly enjoyed and respected.

As that Disney movie song title goes, "We're all in this together..." a huge thank you to Dr. Rossi, Mrs. Kowalchuk, and every person in both schools, either for your individual help to me and/or for your support and help with our activities and programs.

I wish Tracy Keating and our new officers the very best as they travel down this path. I look forward to supporting you and your ideas in making our PTA even better. My words of advice - buy a good pair of sneakers and forget about the dust!

Have a wonderful summer everyone!

Most sincerely yours,
Lee Rozycki



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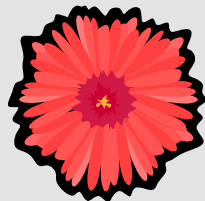


JUNE

Dates to Remember

- June 1 5th Grade DARE Picnic
- June 2 PTA Carnival - ES - 3-7 PM
- June 4 PTA re-organizational mtg.
6:30 pm - MS
- June 5 General (Primary) Election - ES & MS
Polls open 6:00 am - Close at 8:00 pm
8th Grade to Dorney Park
- June 6 Faculty Meetings—2:50 ES - 3:15 MS
- June 7 8th Grade Recognition Reception - 7pm
- June 8 1st Grade to Trexler Game Preserve
Student Council Picnic 3:15 - Lopat Pavilion
- June 11 Field Day - ES
4th Grade Transition Parent Mtg.
7pm - MS MPR
- June 12 Field Day - ES (Rain date)
Bd of Ed Mtg - 7:30pm - MS—MPR
- June 13 Field Day - MS
- June 14 Field Day - MS (Rain date)
- June 15 ES & MS Half Day (lunch served)
Dismissal: ES - 12:45 MS - 1:00
- June 18 ES & MS Half Day (lunch served)
Dismissal: ES - 12:45 MS - 1:00
- June 19 ES & MS Half Day (lunch served)
Dismissal: ES - 12:45 MS - 1:00
- June 20 ES & MS Half Day (lunch served)
Dismissal: ES - 12:45 MS - 1:00
Eighth Grade Graduation 7pm - MS
- June 21 Last Day of School
Early Dismissal (no lunch)
ES: 12:15 MS: 12:30

KEY: ES- Elementary School; MS - Middle School
APR -All Purpose Room; MPR - Multi Purpose Room



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Final Food Drive

The final food drive this school year will take place at the Elementary School during the week of June 11.

Please donate and help stock the shelves for the summer months!

Thank you!



Superintendent's Report

Dear Families:

As I near the close of my second year as your Superintendent, I want to express my gratitude for the partnership we have forged. Together, we have added programs and staff, improved facilities, and enhanced the learning experience for students in a number of ways. It is only through your support that the district can meet the needs of all its students in ever changing educational world.

The last days of school include a variety of activities (i.e. field day) that have become traditions here in Lopatcong and in schools throughout the state. Individual student assessments will also be conducted, so that entering into September we will have baseline data to guide our instruction. During the month of July and early August we will be offering summer school to students we believe need some remediation, upgrading various components of our physical plants, and preparing for the 2007-2008 school year. I am confident that our collective approach to the teaching and learning process will continue to pay dividends. We look forward to a continued, productive professional relationship with all stakeholders associated with the Lopatcong Township School District.

It is my distinct honor to serve as your educational leader and I wish everyone a fun filled vacation.

Educationally,
Dr. Rossi

Lopat Athletes Win Big at Special Olympics

Students from the Lopatcong School District attended Special Olympics Area 3 Track and Field Event on Sunday, May 6, 2007, held at Hackettstown High School in Hackettstown, NJ.

From the Elementary School, Jacob Bichler took a first in the Softball Throw, second in the 100 M Dash, third in the 100 M Walk and a fourth in the Relay. Daniel Brown took a first in the 100 M Walk, a second in both the 100 M Dash and Softball Throw and a fourth in the Relay. Kyle Tusa took two firsts in the 100 M Dash and Softball Throw, a second in the 100 M Walk and a fourth in the Relay.

From the Middle School, Ashton Manning had two first in the 100 M Walk and Softball Throw, fifth in the 50 M Dash and a fourth in the relay. Peyton Manning had a second in the 100 M Walk, third in the 50 M Dash and two fourths in the Softball Throw and Relay. Our only female athlete, Anne Schneider, won the 100 M Walk, two seconds in the 50 M Dash and Softball Throw and a fourth in the relay.

Teachers that assisted were Maria Barna, Theresa Duaime, Vicki Dunlap, Lisa Goldenberg, Jayne Krusman, Alison Pogirnicki, Linda Taggart and Heather Weidlick with a total of 58 hours. Attending the event were Lisa Goldenberg and Jayne Krusman (coach). Parents, Mr. Bichler and Mr. Manning, were great volunteers during the event. Without everyone's help and support, this would not be possible!



(Left) Daniel Brown (Right) Kyle Tusa



6th Grade News

Mrs. Raniszewski and Mrs. Fahel's classes celebrated National Poetry Month in April by researching and writing about notable poets, as well as writing their own poetry. Mrs. Raniszewski's classes are currently working on a reading unit on Tall Tales.

On May 4, sixth grade social studies classes enjoyed a Roman feast. Attired in togas and headpieces, the students feasted on traditional Italian dishes. For the current unit on ancient Greece, the classes are working in cooperative learning groups to create original Olympic games. Each class will then choose a game which will be featured at the Grade 6 Olympic Competition.

Mr. Yerger's science classes will be completing geology units and spend the remainder of the year investigating environmental issues. Mr. Joe Caravela from Trans-Options will speak to the students about alternative energy sources.

Elementary "Battle of the Books"

Forty one literature loving third and fourth graders have been attending a book lunch club with Mrs. Malham and reading books since early last winter. Their goal has been to become part of Lopatcong Elementary's "Battle of the Books" scholastic team and compete against more than twenty other elementary level teams from across the county.

Children received a list of ten chapter books from an assigned reading list. They read nine of the books on their own and Mrs. Malham read "The Wishgiver" to everyone while they were munching their sandwiches! Later, books were discussed and students wrote some of their own questions to challenge each other. More recently, they have broken into teams and answered questions posed by the teacher.

Earlier in the month, interested students took a written test of all ten books to determine members of our two scholastic teams. The following students represented our school at the elementary "Battle of the Books" at Washington Township School on the evening of May 30.

Third Grade

1. Sarah Pawlowski
2. Prad Rao
3. Sean Hoey
4. Isabella Testa
5. Caitlin Vielstich
6. Chloe Lefchak

Fourth Grade

1. Lauren Mee
2. Victoria Gural
3. Michelle Bai
4. Kylie Devlin
5. Marisa Hoenig
6. Kerianne Vianden

Go Panthers!

Adios Amigos!

Adios to all the fourth grade students who will be leaving our elementary school and beginning new lives as middle schoolers!

I have sincerely enjoyed teaching you since you were little kindergarteners. Over the past five years you have accomplished much in your language and cultural studies. Bravo! Have a great summer! Don't forget to come back and visit!

Love, Mrs. Cushing

Hospitality Committee Says Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who donated something for hospitality this year. You really made each event special and enjoyable for all. We could not have done everything without your help. Thank you very much!

~Kris MacQueen and Dawn Lindsay





Ice Cream Social Draws Huge Crowd

On Friday, May 11, the PTA held it first Ice Cream Social in the elementary school's all-purpose room. There were approximately 150 students along with their families who joined in the fun.

The children and their families we able to create their own sundaes with some of their favorite toppings from hot fudge, M & M's to whipping cream and a cherry. The music was provided by Lopatcong's own Anita and Mary of DJ Grannys (908) 454-1463. They did fantastic job playing a variety of music for the children to dance to such as; the limbo, Macarena, and the Cha Cha slide to name a few. They definitely had the children dancing from the minute they finished their ice cream until it was time to leave.

Many thanks to Dee Heinrichs, Maria Kopek, Mrs. Krusman, Daura Mc Mahon, and Jenny Patricia for doing a great job scooping the ice cream and helping out with this event. It was a great time had by all not only making sundaes and dancing, but getting a chance to meet and socialize with other families.



"2 + 1" to Perform

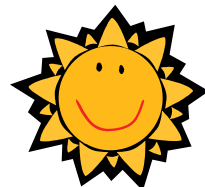
On June 9, the members of "2+1" will present a morning of math and music for area school professionals. Administrators, board members, and math educators from neighboring school districts in New Jersey and Pennsylvania have been invited to attend a performance of "Math Rocks!" at the Middle School.

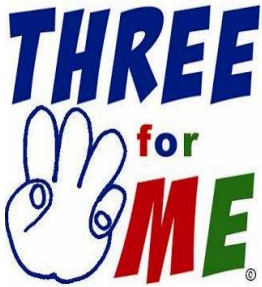
Gary Hank, Kenney Lutz, and Anne Bercaw will provide an overview of their innovative programs, which uses Power Point displays and classic rock songs to illustrate and reinforce math concepts. Performances can be tailored to address math topics appropriate for elementary as well as middle school audiences. "2+1" has been highlighted on Channel 69, and will be featured on NJN's "Classroom Close-Up" program this fall. Their 6-song CD is now available for purchase. Contact Kenney Lutz at the Middle School (213-2955, ext. 1603) for more information.

Thank You!

Thank you to Bob Heintz and Pepsi for donating all of the beverages for the teacher appreciation luncheon.

Also, Thank you Shop Rite of Greenwich for donating all of the food for the teacher's breakfast.





A Big Three For Me Cheer

The Lopatcong PTA's Three For Me committee would like to thank and recognize the following volunteers for dedicating their time and efforts during the 2006 – 2007 school year. All of the volunteering opportunities the PTA has provided during the year would not have been possible without these individuals who care enough to volunteer.

*For special volunteers such as you
and all the good things you do,
we would like to express our thanks and
appreciation for all the hours you have
shared so willingly at our school.*

Susan Adams	Theresa Farley	Maria Kopek	Carissa Pieklo
Kim Amato	Tammi Fennelly	Karen Kosar	Laurie Piell
Kim Aquino	Susan Flannagan	Tracey Kosar	Karen Pierson
Karen Bayrasli	Cynthia Flynn	Joann Kosiak	Shelly Pyles
Anna Bertrand	Kim Fritts	Kim Koslowski	Karen Raab
Nanette Birkhahn	Bea Gabriel	Jayne Krusman	Virginia Reilly
Maria Bittone	Kelly Gale	Anja Kunzke	Janice Reppert
Melissa Buonocore	Kim Gant	Chris Lague	Cara Rosenberg
Linda Caroll	Kim Garabo	Kelly Lague	Lee Rozycki
Qi Chen	Heather Garatty	Karen Larsen	Peggy Russo
Kelli Cherry	Nancy Gasparetti	Dawn Lindsay	Melissa Saykay
Nicole Chiulli	Wendy Gatyas	Fran Lionetti	Suzanne Schaefer
Lori Ciesla	Gretel Giovannucci	Judy Liptak	Meg Smith
Deana Marie Cline	Angela Grenevich	Lori Lubert	Donna Stagaard
Julie Clubb	Laura Griffiths	Kris MacQueen	Vicky Stankevicz
Melissa Coe	Ana Grundt	Joan Maingrette	Tina Stasiulaitis
Bridget Cooper	Tony Guarino	Dianne Marchie	Janet Stazzone
Gisela Coppola	Laura Gulick	Cathy Marcucelli	Joan Stickel
Carol Crawford	Susan Gurneak	Jo Ann McGann	Janet Swim
Peggy Curtis	Dee Heinrichs	Mary Lynn McAnally	Linda Sykora
Michelle Davis	Dana Heintz	Daura McMahan	Bill Taggart
Kathy Decker	Tara Hill	Daphne Mengucci	Barbara Thomas
Lisette Erdman	Tara Hoey	Sarah Mi	Bev Toribio
Nancy DeFuria	Charlotte Horun	Julia Montilla	Betty Trauger
Laura Diesch	Nancy Jankowski	Patricia Moser	Cindy Vielstich
Scott Diesch	Kim Kahn	Maureen Mourt	Lisa Viemann
Roger Doll	Caryn Kaluzny	Candace Nagy	Lynn Wales
Karen Eible	Kim Katerba	Russa Nollstat	Holly Wheelock
Mary Encke	Tracy Keating	Patti Pace	Robin Wodzisz
Liz Erdman	Linda Kish	Jennifer Patricia	Diane Wranitz
Mary Ericson	Sue Kollias	Saray Perez	Erin Zapken



Library Donations Recognized

The PTA and Miss Martin would like to recognize and thank the following students for their contribution to the Lopatcong Elementary School Library:

- Gabrielle Taylor
- Lane Keating
- Drew Horun
- Thomas Kosar
- Megan Kosar

This year we also recognized our "Alumni" students. On behalf of Miss Martin and Mrs. Ellerd we would like to thank the following students for their alumni donations. Good luck and best wishes in the future.

- Kylie Devlin
- Miranda Valenti
- Michelle Bai
- Ben Keating
- Michael Solarek
- Carissa Thompson
- Jenna Gatyas
- Rachael Horun
- Courtney DeBosh



Nurse's Day Competition Results

Wednesday, May 9, was school Nurse's Day. Several students in grades 1-4 participated in a writing and drawing contest. The theme was "What is a School Nurse" or "Why I want to be a School Nurse." Congratulations to the following winners:

Best Essay:

- Grade 4: Ben Keating
- Grade 3: Sarah Khan
- Grade 2: Madison Saykay, 1st place
Jashavir Dehal, 2nd place
- Grade 1: Aditya Rao, 1st place
Kyle Chiravalle, 2nd place

Best Poem:

- Katie Gant (Gr. 1) & Erin Wodzisz (Gr.1), tied for 1st place
- Baile Bisci (Gr. 1), 2nd Place

Best Drawing:

- Grade 4: Jessical Toribio
- Grade 3: Madison Johnson
- Grade 2: Samantha DeRogatis
- Grade 1: Tommy Harrison

Most Original Design:

- Sarah Rush (Gr. 2)

Mrs. Bertsch and Mrs. Fania would like to extend a big thank you to all the students and families who made our day special.

Students Honored at Blairstown Expo

Five Lopatcong students were honored at the county wide "Invention Expo" at Blairstown Elementary School on the evening of April 23.

Pictured from left to right are fourth grader Tim Kish, and third graders Kaitlyn Tallamy, Chloe Lefchak, Claudia Chiulli, and Prad Rao





Lopat Students Earn Awards at Solar Sprint Competition

On May 8, Middle School students advised by Mr. Yerger and Mrs. Greene, participated in the Warren County Junior Solar Sprints competition.

Team members Christelle Tan, Jen Napolitano, Paul Orshansky, and Katie Decker earned the President's Award for best overall design, construction, and cooperative efforts at the event. Jerry Chang, Eric Gallant, and Missy Rouse won the speed award at the competition.

They continued on to place fourth for speed at the state level competition, held on May 22 at Morristown. This qualifies them to compete in the Northeast Regionals, which will be held in Boston on June 9. Congratulations and good luck!

Many Thanks from Newsletter Committee

The newsletter committee thanks everyone who contributed articles the past two years. Faculty, administrators, and PTA volunteers - you all helped make this newsletter a great success!

A huge thank you is owed to Diane Wranitz and Saray Perez for their many hours spent photocopying 800+ copies each issue. They also made sure your newsletter was sent home with your child every month. Also, thank you to Terri Nicinski who helped layout March's issue.

Look for the first newsletter of the next year mailed home late August!

~ Kim Katerba - Newsletter Chair

CULTURAL ENRICHMENT CORNER

On April 19th, students at the Elementary School enjoyed The George Street Playhouse Educational Touring Theatre performing "Peacemaker", a parable about our increasingly diverse society. The George Street Players promoted an end to prejudice based on what people look like or where they come from.

The 6th Annual Night of the Arts was held on May 4th at the Middle School. A total of 38 Elementary and Middle School students participated. Piano, violin, and trumpet selections were heard with a special guest performance by Mike Avitable on the flute. Dance and vocal performances were included in addition to an art exhibit. To see beautiful photos of the event, visit <http://www.lopatcong.org/pta/events/nightofthearts2007-1.htm>.

On May 1st, the New Jersey Opera Theater presented "Carmen" to the Middle School students. Seventh grade students from Mrs. Kohl's music class rehearsed and performed, in costume, along with the Opera Theater members.

On May 21st, the Phoenix Woodwind Quintet performed Prokofiev's "Peter and the Wolf" for the Elementary School students. The students learned about woodwind instruments while watching and listening to the performance of this classic tale.

Funding for these programs was made possible, in part, by the Warren County Cultural and Heritage Commission.

UPCOMING CULTURAL ENRICHMENT EVENTS

We have already started booking events for the 2007-2008 school year so have a great summer and we will see you in the Fall!

~Cultural Enrichment Committee



Sunfest Carnival - A Wonderful Success!

Well the weather held out – thank goodness – and Carnival 2007 took place as planned. Although quite hot in the beginning, it was fun for everyone the whole time!!

There were 7 inflatable rides, 10 game stations, hundreds of prizes were available to game winners, balloons, face painting, popcorn, cotton candy, a DJ, food court deliciously prepared by the LEA, a bake sale, various vendor tables, and our own spirit wear sale.

It was a lot of work and a lot of fun – just look at those faces!!!

Special thanks to the Rescue Squad and Fire House Station #2 for the use of their tables! We also want to thank our business community sponsors: Platinum Level Sponsors - Kid-die Academy, Karen Raab of Weichert Realtors, Warren Heights/Delaware Crossing / Gold Sponsors – A M Security Systems, LLC, Brakeley Park Center Genesis Eldercare; Busy Bees Child Care Learning Center; Fun Times for Kids; Magnetika / Silver Sponsors – Clinton 5 & 10, Catherin Krohg of RE/MAX Supreme Realtors, Village Medical Center / and Bronze Sponsors – Baker Federal Credit Union; Horizon Floors; Mallinckrodt Baker; Karen Ann Quinlan Memorial Foundation; Phil Magliochetti of Allstate





THANKS TO OUR CARNIVAL VOLUNTEERS!

The Lopatcong PTA would like to thank the following volunteers who helped make the 2007 Sunfest Carnival a wonderful success. It took a lot of volunteers to make this event such a memorable one for our kids, so many thanks for all those who helped with its preparation and/or working a shift or two (or three!!). The PTA could not have done this without all their help.

Jennifer Anderson
 Lynn Alpaugh
 Danielle Blum
 Teresa Brown
 Chrissy Burdette
 Jim Ciesla
 Julie Clubb
 Carol Cockerline
 Bridget Cooper
 Melinda Diehl
 Morgan Disbrow
 Mr. Eagleburger
 Rachel Edniger
 Rob Edinger
 Liz Erdman
 Sandy Flannigan
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 Kim Fritts
 Bea Gabriel
 Betsy Gallant
 Ernie Gallant
 Kim Gant
 Heather Garratty
 Wendy Gaytas

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 3945
 Gretel Giovannucci
 Ana Grundt
 Laura Gulick
 Susan Gurneak
 Jackie Hlinka
 Tara Hoey
 Amani Ibrahim
 Carol Jocelyn
 Becky Johnson
 Kim Katerba
 Tracey Keating
 Kurt Kessler
 Maria Kopek
 Karen Kosar
 Kim Koslowski
 Tom Koslowski
 Anja Kunze
 Cassie Levermore
 Judy Levermore
 Dawn Lindsay
 Judy Liptak
 Doug Liptak

Kris Mac Queen
 Joan Maingrette
 Diane Marchie
 Cathy Marcuccilli
 Ron Marinelli
 Mary Lynn Mc Anally
 JoAnn Mc Gann
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 Daphne Mengucci
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 Joan Stickel
 Janet Swim
 Bill Taggart
 Lisa Vieman
 Marie Volk
 Carol Weeks
 Linda Weiss
 Alice Weller
 Dave Wheelock
 Holly Wheelock
 Rebecca Winters
 Custodians Ben, Maynard and John
 Food Court staff of the LEA





G & T Corner

Dr. Rick Maisto

What do the 'Beastly Whistle Men,' Pa-Ma-Gran-it's,' and the "Spaztaztik six" have in common? These are the names of the three G&T teams who participated in Cognetics, a sport of the mind. Cognetics is a program offered by the National Talent Network, a service of the Educational Information and Resource Center (www.eirc.org/ntn)

This is the first time that Lopatcong students participated in this Statewide Exposition. The highest 1st year award is Silver, 2nd place is Bronze, 3rd place is Blue and 4th place is Red.

Congratulations to our teams!

The Beastly Whistle Men earned a Silver Award

Jerry Chang
Leslie Reid
Lisa Rivoli
Christelle Tan
Reyna Pacis
Dan Servantes

Pa-Ma-Gran-it's earned a Bronze Award

Amber Attanasio
Griffin Cook
Eric Gallant
Nicole Krisanda
Daniel Larsen
Gintare Pisciotta
Samantha Steele

Spaztaztik Six earned a Bronze Award

Carolina Oyola-Rodriguez
Jonathon Harper
Melanie Mourt
Liam O'Brien
Keegan Anderson
Dean Furnari

5th & 6th grade G&T students participated in Marsville, a program developed by the Challenger Center. This is also the first time that Lopatcong students participated in this statewide activity. Again, this program is offered by the National Talent Network, a service of the Educational Information and Resource Center (www.eirc.org/ntn).

Students reviewed Mars facts, identified key roles, participated in team building activities and went to a link-up day on May 4 where they worked with students from other schools to build Marsville. Each team created a system that might work on Mars. In addition, every team created an identifiable name and logo. In our case, the 5th grade students identified themselves as The Crazy Comets while the 6th grade were The Communicators.

Rally On Trenton!!

Mark Your Calendars!!

June 25th, 2007

Buses will be available.

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or 387-1559*

Horticultural Committee Going Strong!

Spring clean-up is getting done. A big thank you to JoAnn, Denise, Heidi, Tom, Tommy, Shelly, and Karen.

A "SUPER HUGE" thank You to the 7th Grade and Mrs. Duffy for the flowers. The 7th grade grew them and planted them. They sure make the school look great.

We need help way into June so keep signing up. A little bit of time goes a long way. Just an hour can really clear a garden of weeds. Some of the gardens are really small. An hour will clear the whole thing. If you're waiting to pick up children, plan on getting there 10 minutes early and help out. Or if you're dropping something at the school, hang out for an hour.

~Kim Koslowski Horticulture 454-7237



5th Grade's Steppin' Out

5th Grade danced into the new season with a Spring Fling Celebration. In the morning the Explorers listened to selected bullying essays. These essays were a personal reflection of the play "In Between" performed by the George Street Players.

In the afternoon, 5th Grade stepped to the beat while watching the film "Happy Feet." Then they put on their "happy feet" dancing shoes for an afternoon of country line dancing. The 5th Graders learned some foot-stompin' steps to "Cotton Eye Joe" and other country favorites! Yee-haw!

Students marched through Washington's Crossing State Park on their recent field trip. It started with "a BANG" from the barrel of an authentic musket! It was great to see the American Revolution come to life as our Explorers strolled along the Delaware River. They visited the Nature Center, explored the Ferry House, and saw artifacts from the Revolutionary Period.

MARKET DAY

The last Market day pick-up for this school year will be Thursday, June 7 from 6-7pm in the Elementary School All-Purpose room.

The profits from the Market Day program brought in over \$8000 and the opportunity to purchase restaurant-quality food at reasonable prices while benefiting our student through the PTA.

The Fundraising Committee would like to thank our many volunteers, without whom we would not have been able to run this wonderful program. Thank you to the parents and students that helped to inventory, sort and distribute orders at the monthly sales, and those who made reminder and volunteer phone calls from home !! We could not have done this without you!!! Thank you!

~Nicole Chiulli, Wendy Gatyas, Charlotte Horun, Robin Wodzisz, and Joan Stickel

Musical Notes

Congratulations to the Lopatcong Concert Band and Jazz Band Students for the great performance on Friday, May 11 at the Hershey Band Festival. Both groups received an excellent rating and great comments from the judges. After the performance, the students enjoyed a well deserved day of fun at the Park. Way to go Lopatcong Band!

My Praise to all the Lopatcong Band students for a memorable Spring Concert! The program featured flute, sax, brass, clarinet and percussion ensembles along with 5th and 6th grade band, 7th and 8th grade band and jazz band. All the students did a superb job and showed the results of an incredible year of musical learning for the amusement of the audience.

Don't let the opportunity to be able to learn an instrument slide by! Playing an instrument is an irreplaceable way to understand and appreciate the language of music. Playing an instrument is fun. Moreover, playing an instrument helps academic achievement. Students of the arts continue to outperform their non-arts peers on the SATs, according to reports by the College

Entrance Examination Board. That is why after 2 very busy months, Mr. C will hold instrument trials for 4th grade (and older) students. This will take place by appointment in the band room at the middle school from 3 to 4pm for the remainder of the year. Please contact Mr. C at 213-2995 (x1403) or at crevanir@lopatcongschool.org to set up an appointment.

The Lopatcong Jazz Band received the honor of performing at the Governor's Teacher Recognition in Warren County on Thursday May 24th at Centenary College in Hackettstown. This is a beautiful way to conclude an incredible year of achievements. I am proud of all my students for their dedication and the love of music. I also thank all the parents, the staff and the administration of Lopatcong School District for helping to make this a great musical year.





7th Grade Update

MARCH and APRIL 2007

The 7th grade students have been busy in science. They just finished up with an introduction and review of animals and should now understand the classification system used for living things. The students did a terrific job on their invertebrate paragraphs and many of them are displayed on the bulletin board in the 7th grade wing. They have now begun studying sponges and cnidarians. During this chapter, the students will perform their first dissection, of the earthworm. They are graded on process (how they do in class and on the lab) and written lab work (accuracy on the lab write up).

In addition, in honor of Women's History Month, the students have begun research for a Power Point project. They chose a notable female scientist on their own or were randomly assigned one for this project. Most of this work will be done in school. We are looking forward to these presentations in class using the Smart Board. In the beginning of May, the students

will dissect crayfish and then starfish. The students work well, understand the expectations, and have fun while learning.

MAY and JUNE 2007

The end of May brings the 7th grade their final dissection of the year, the one they have been asking about all year...anticipation! The students will have the opportunity to dissect the frog specimen or complete the dissection process using a CD-ROM program. I am proud of the hard work and effort of all the students during these dissections. They definitely rose to my expectations!

The students will also be assigned their final project of the year. They will be allowed to work with one other person in the grade or as individuals to complete a bird-watching journal. They are asked to have fun and be creative. Stay tuned for the guidelines and criteria for this "bird-brained" project!

Miss Sands' Students Help Soldiers

Miss Sands' class sent care packages to soldiers overseas in partnership with Warren Hospital's Employees Helping Employees program.

As a culminating activity, SPC Stephen Guzzo who is stationed in Iraq, visited the class. He is in the airborne infantry and will be finished in May. Students asked questions and got a glimpse as to what life is like for schoolchildren in Iraq and what it takes to be a soldier. It was an unforgettable experience!

Pictured with SPC Guzzo is Brian Summitt, his cousin.



Fourth Graders Thank their Moms

Fourth graders welcomed their mothers to a tea where the mothers were greeted with decorated potted flowers, handmade place-mats, and booklets of loving sayings and poetry. Students and mothers relaxed together while enjoying teas and a colorful assortment of mini desserts. The food and decor were generously provided by Tealicious.

