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## NEWS FROM THE PTO

The Third Annual Franklin **Tag Sale** is **Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>!!** Clean out your basements, garages and shelves and drop off your "saleable" items in front of the school on Saturday, June 3<sup>rd</sup> after 7:00 am. Books and CDs, baby equipment, toys of all kinds, games, puzzles, stuffed animals, sporting goods and bikes, and housewares. **No clothes, please! Volunteers are needed to help sell that day.** Please call Kim Freedman before June 3<sup>rd</sup>

Put your racing hats on -- here comes **Color Day!!** On **June 6<sup>th</sup>** from **8:30 to 12:30pm** enjoy an exciting day of non-competitive races and pure fun for the kids. **50 volunteers are needed** to run races, serve water, line dance, and more. Please call Mary Beth McIntyre, to offer your time -- it's terrific!

Our final **PTO general meeting is June 13<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm** in the Franklin auditorium. If you have been meaning to come, now is the time! Our focus will be the introduction of the Executive Board for the 2006/2007 school year. Please come and be a part of things

From the big smiles and gracious thank yous, it seems like our teachers felt very much appreciated at the Staff Appreciation Luncheon in mid-May, which featured a beautiful buffet and lilacs at every table. A huge thanks to Heather Dias and her many volunteers who set up, cooked, and cleaned. It was truly lovely!

THANK YOU all for a fantastic turnout at the Spring Fair. It was a great day! Carol Hutter organized a super afternoon of fun and games for Franklin families and we thank her for all her hard work and creativity. Many thanks to all the volunteers. We couldn't have done this without you. We SO appreciate the support from all of the families, big and small. Profits made from the fair will support a number of PTO efforts. Every dollar earned at the fair goes back to the Franklin School and our children.

My, what a literary bunch we are! A big thank you to Maria Galvagno and her volunteers for this year's terrific spring book sale. Our kids got some great new books to read!!

"Peace the World Over" sang our adorable children at the Scandinavian Living Center last week. What a joy to see our kids participating in something that is purely a gift for others. Thanks to Bela Labovitch and Cindy Mapes of the Social Action committee for organizing this charming afternoon of sing-along and teaching our kids about giving.

Due to the impressively large number of events we've managed to offer this year, and with still two more to come in June, the PTO will not be holding an end of the year picnic. Whew! Color Day will be our final blow out -- and what a great way to end the year with a bang.

Once again, we ask that you consider coordinating an event for next year (and we hope you do), please contact Elizabeth Roll

Thanks to everyone for their continued support. **See you at the Tag Sale and Color Day!**

*Elizabeth and Maria*

June 3	Tag Sale
June 6	Color Day
June 9	Return All Library Books!
June 13	PTO Meeting 7:30 pm



## SEARCHING FOR TREASURE!

**Franklin's Tag Sale** will be held this Saturday, **June 3rd, 9 am – 1 pm.** Items for donation (tax-deductible!) are welcome in the morning from 7-9 am. Find us right in front of the school. Treasures will include Books and CDs, Baby Equipment, Toys of all kinds, Sporting Goods and Bikes, and Housewares of all kinds. There'll be something for everyone!

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## Color Day is Coming June 6th!

If you haven't volunteered for Color Day before, reserve your calendar for Tuesday, June 6th from 8:45am-12:30pm. Think of it like your own personal play date. Ms. Foster and Ms. Nohmy are also weaving in more wellness awareness so there will be something for everyone☺. We have a lot of fun, you will help run games, serve water, line dance, run races and more. Learn what the Alaskan Pipeline and Turkey Squirt mean in Color Day terms. All ages, all grades, fun for all. We hope you can join in the excitement this year. The rain date will be Tuesday June 13<sup>th</sup>, same time, same place. Let Mary Beth McIntyre or Shelli Adamknow if you are interested and mark your calendars. Thank you!

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## LIBRARY

**REMEMBER : All library books are due in Franklin Library by Friday, June 9th. It's important to return your books on time so we can repair books and put the library in order! Lost your book? Call Mrs. Matera at 617-559-9500 or send in the replacement cost of the book (\$15.00 for hardcover or \$5.00 for paperback). THANK YOU!**

Mrs. Matera, Library Teacher

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## 2006 FRANKLIN SPRING FAIR:

THANK-YOU to everyone who attended and volunteered at the 2006 Spring Fair. THANK-YOU for the donations given they were very much appreciated. We hope you all had a great time! We lucked out on the weather! Any feedback would be helpful to make next years event even better. Please e-mail responses  
Thanks again,

Carol Hutter

## WORDS OF WELLNESS

On April 28th, grades kindergarten thru grade 3 had the opportunity to watch a performance by the Centre Stage Children's Theatre School. The program is "Living! The Inside Story" and is a new program for the theatre group. The performance focuses on healthy lifestyles as a step to preventing childhood obesity. The actors encouraged the audience to use their imaginations to go on a journey inside the body: in the stomach restaurant. Within the stomach restaurant healthy food and junk food have a food fight and the nutrients explain why they are essential for our health. A segment in the heart factory, stresses the importance of exercise and moderation in eating. There was also a part that stressed the benefits of hand washing and how germs can make you ill. The program was well received by students and staff and was described as being a well done, entertaining and informative play. In addition, it was a fun and engaging way to reinforce and support many of the topics covered in our health and wellness program here at Franklin.

On May 16th, the second and third grade students planted a butterfly garden as a culminating event to their Walking Wednesday program. If you have not seen this garden yet, check it out, the kids did a wonderful job! We are hopeful that this garden will not only help to improve the aesthetics of the Franklin School, but also it may tie into the second grade science curriculum as they study the life cycle of the butterfly.

Throughout the year, the kids learned about ways to help the environment, recycling and reducing waste, studied trees and fitness was always at its core. This program was new to Franklin this year and we feel overall it went very well. Two areas of the Wellness wheel were combined in such a way that makes a perfect fit: physical and environmental wellness. We have many ideas to make the program better for next year, providing we are able to work the hour long class into our schedule. We would like to thank all the parents who volunteered because without you we could not have gone on all our walks. Also, a thanks needs to go out to the second and third grade teachers, who without their flexibility this class would not have been possible.

**MANY, MANY, MANY THANKS!!!!**

We were not sure if we adequately said "Thank You" to last year's 5th grade students and parents for their generous gift of our new audio system. In case we overlooked this, please accept our apologies and our deepest appreciation for the new equipment. It was much needed as at the beginning of this year, we had no music in the gym. It adds to the P.E. classes and it is very engaging and motivating for the students. We thank you from the bottom of our hearts!!!!

Beth Nohmy & Sharon Foster  
Physical Education, Health & Wellness

## Social Action Update

Thank you to the twenty Franklin children who participated in the Scandanavian Living Center sing-along this year. For the sixth year, generous Franklin community children and parents reached out and brought song and spirit to our larger community. The Living Center elders were delighted to watch and participate as Cindy Mapes led the group through familiar songs.

Thank you Cindy, Alec, Giri, Anish, Deven, Joe, Jackson, Trevor, Jake, Juliet, Carolyn, Jennifer, Lauren, Kelly, Annie, Michael, Angela, Sara, Rachel, Isabelle

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## BOX TOPS

Please continue to save and clip your box tops during the summer, we can use it all.....Feel free to drop it off at the collection box across from the school office. Please sign up for Booster Club from [www.Boxtop4education.com](http://www.Boxtop4education.com), the school will get bonus point just for signing up.

Don't forget to SHOP through the links from box tops web site Market Place"Shop". We get anywhere from 2 % -7 % of rebate from purchases made from these web site.

Is there any volunteer- in charge of doing the Campbell labels? this is another way to collect points to get supplies for the school. If you are interested please let me know ( Sandie Wong ).Thanks!

Have a great week!

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## Register for Garden City

### Kindergarten and Pre-K Fall Soccer

Registration for the fall season of Garden City Kindergarten Soccer begins May 15th. We are now offering two programs: the Kindergarten League is open to children entering kindergarten in Sept 2006. The Pre-K league is open to children who are between 4-5 years old. Children must be 4 yrs old by Sept 1st. Our goal is to make learning the game of soccer fun for girls and boys.

The program runs from Sept 16-Nov 4th. Practice/games will be held Saturdays from 9:30-10:30 am for the kindergarten league and 10:45-11:45 am for the Pre-K league. Games are played on the field at Burr School, Pine Street in Auburndale. Volunteer parent coaches are needed. No experience is necessary and training will be provided.

Cost is \$60 per child for the season. This program is a joint venture of the Lincoln-Eliot and Franklin School PTO's. To obtain a registration form send an email to

[gardencitysoccer@gmail.com](mailto:gardencitysoccer@gmail.com) or call Franklin School parent Deb Rooney or L-E School parent Melanie Varady.

Registration deadline is Friday, August 25th.

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Second Grade Girls! Brownie Troop #3471** invites graduating second graders to a brown bag lunch picnic on June 13th at 1pm at the Auburndale Cove. Come join us for our year end Troop celebrations as we give out our year end recognitions. Learn what we did over the year. Perhaps you would like to join us next year as we prepare for Junior Girl Scouts and start a new page in our Girl Scouting adventure! If interested or have questions, please RSVP to Greer Tan Swiston at [gswiston@alum.mit.edu](mailto:gswiston@alum.mit.edu) or call (617) 308-7906.

### CALL FOR NEWTON CRAFTERS AND ARTISTS!

The fifth annual Celebrate Newton! Holiday Arts and Crafts Festival will take place on Sunday, December 3rd at Newton South High School. For the past four years, this PTO-Council sponsored event has attracted shoppers and spirit from across the city, and this year's event promises to be even better. The day will feature artists and crafters with ties to Newton along with live music, onsite craft projects, a silent auction, cafe, author signing and more. If you are interested in participating as a crafter, please contact Sara at [saracoen3@aol.com](mailto:saracoen3@aol.com) or 617-558-3695. First-round application deadline is June 15th. ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT THE NEWTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS. See [www.perugi.com/newton](http://www.perugi.com/newton) for more details.

**YMCA: Children's Scholarship Poker Bike Run** The West Suburban YMCA and Camp Frank A. Day are excited to announce the First Annual Children's Scholarship Poker Bike Run. The Bike Run will take place Sunday, June 4. All proceeds will benefit children's scholarships for Camp Frank A. Day. All makes of motorcycles welcome! The Bike Run will kick-off at Sheldon's Harley-Davidson in Auburn, MA at 10AM and end at Camp Frank A. Day in East Brookfield, MA. Registration is \$15 and includes prizes, raffles and food. Pledge sheets are available at [www.ymcainnewton.org](http://www.ymcainnewton.org). The top fundraisers will receive special awards.

**Angier School Fair Saturday, June 10, 11am - 3pm** (rain or shine) Angier School "Meet Our Mascot" Fair - Moonwalk, Games, Yummy Food, Face Painting, Tattoos, Bake Sale, Dunk Tank, CandyGrams and more! An exciting raffle that includes a bike, a Razor GoCart, Red Sox tickets and great gift certificates to Newton restaurants and stores. Dance and have fun with the music and entertainment provided by Bates Entertainment featuring Ralph Anthony

with special events throughout the day. Don't miss it! 1697 Beacon St., Waban, MA. All proceeds go to the school.

## Summer Camps

**YMCA Summer Session to Begin June 24** The West Suburban YMCA will be holding registration for the 2006 Summer Session. Y member registration begins on Sunday, June 4, from 9am to 6pm and continues on Monday, June 5, from 7am to 7pm. Phone registration will begin at 12 Noon on Sunday. Non-member and walk-in registration will begin on Tuesday, June 5, from 9am to 7pm. This summer, the Y welcomes the sun and warm temperatures with exciting programs, classes and camps for adults and kids of all ages! Clinics and camps for kids include: Soccer, Wiffleball, Cheering, Arts and Crafts, Dance, Track and Field, and Sailing. Adults have a variety of choices such as Men's and Women's Basketball Leagues, Co-Ed Kickball, Wiffleball, Define Yourself - Beach Prep and Belly Dancing. For more information on the summer programs, contact the Y at 617-244-6050, stop by the Y for a copy of the Summer Program Guide or check out [www.ymcainewton.org](http://www.ymcainewton.org).

## Sports & Dance

### **American Youth Cheer and UCA Summer Cheer Clinic**

Universal Cheerleaders Association and American Youth Cheerleading are excited to announce a cheerleading clinic being hosted at Exxcel Gymnastics. Monday, June 26 and Tuesday, June 27, 2006 1st-5th Graders 3:00pm-8:00pm Wednesday, June 28-Thursday, June 29, 2006 6th-9th Graders 3:00pm-8pm You get the following: \* Stunt techniques for all abilities \* New cheers, dances, tumbling and sidelines \* Private coaching with UCA instructors \* Low pressure atmosphere, fun team building games and daily evaluations \* All-star tryouts for any individuals who would like to \* Safety and Spotting techniques \* Air Conditioned facility with gymnastics mats and tumble track To register... contact Carol Stento 617-244-3300 Exxcel Gymnastics 88 Wells Ave. Newton, Ma Space is limited-First come, First serve.

### **See Franklin Kindergarten Soccer Info In Main Part of the Connection!**

**KINDERGARTEN SOCCER (Zervas) Fall 2006** Register Online Now for Kindergarten Soccer 2006! All children who will be entering kindergarten in Newton in the fall of 2006 are welcome to participate. For 12 years, Kindergarten Soccer has been introducing children to soccer in a fun and non-competitive environment where girls and boys develop friendships, learn teamwork, & gain confidence. Our newly-expanded program has additional fields and capacity for more players. Each hour-session includes soccer "drills" and a scrimmage. Kindergarten Soccer will meet on 7 Saturday mornings, September 16 through November 4

(except September 23), at Richardson Field, just beyond Zervas School, located between Beethoven and Allen Avenues off of Woodward and Beacon Streets. All teams will meet from 9:30 to 10:30. The fee is \$60 and the registration deadline is August 1, 2006. Any child in Newton may register for this Zervas PTO program by visiting [www.newtonkindergartensoccer.org](http://www.newtonkindergartensoccer.org). If you have questions, please email us at [ksoccer@rcn.com](mailto:ksoccer@rcn.com).

**TENNIS** with Newton Parks & Rec. Nationally recognized program for kids, adults/everyone. Summer lessons, half-day, full day, round robins. Adult AM and PM. FUN! [www.newtontennis.com](http://www.newtontennis.com) 617-666-PLAY

**SUMMER KIDS' KARATE** Free Trial class Sat June 17, 10-11 am, Entry ages—elementary school. Summer classes on Sat. mornings. \$9 per class—may pro-rate Summer payment to accommodate vacation plans. Located in beautiful space at Trinity High School, corner of Washington and Adams Sts, Newton. For more information, please leave message at 617-527-8052 or see [www.kids-karate.org](http://www.kids-karate.org).

**All That Jazz Dance Studio** Winner of Newton Tab Readers Choice 2006 award for Best Dance Studio, is now accepting registration for the fall, as well as for our summer session: June 20-July 27. We offer classes in Ballet, Tap, Jazz, Hip Hop, Musical Theater Dance, Latin Jazz, and Modern/Lyrical for ages 2-adult. Classes are taught by experienced professionals who love children and believe in making the process of learning how to dance fun. Please call Deb Vogel at 617-641-0784, email her at [missdeb@allthatjazznewton.com](mailto:missdeb@allthatjazznewton.com) or check out our website [www.allthatjazznewton.com](http://www.allthatjazznewton.com) to find out more information and to register. Don't forget to ask Miss Deb about having your birthday party at All That Jazz!

**YMCA Presents: Third Annual Children's Golf Tournament** The West Suburban YMCA is excited to hold its Third Annual Children's Golf Tournament and Auction. This year's event will take place Monday, June 12, at Blackstone National Golf Club located in Sutton, MA Blackstone National Golf Club is an 18-hole, par 72 course set on 300 wooded acres specially designed by Rees Jones. Each entry fee includes green fees and a cart, tee and raffle prizes, lunch, dinner and player gifts. Special events include Putt for \$10,000, Closest to the Pin Challenges, and Silent and Live Auction. This year's tournament proceeds will benefit a new children's track and artificial turf field. Replacement of the existing dirt and grass field will enable the YMCA to triple youth sports programming for hundreds of kids annually. For more information or to register, visit our website at [www.ymcainewton.org](http://www.ymcainewton.org) or call Andrea Gajda at 617-244-6050, ext. 3024.

## Music & Arts

**KEYS FOR KIDS piano lessons.** Small groups organized by age (4-11). Outstanding methodology. Experienced, certified instructor. Proven success. Keys for Kids goes beyond ordinary piano lessons: it teaches well-rounded musicianship. Fall enrollment. Free sample lessons June 15 & 20. MDGorny@comcast.net (617)527-4942  
[www.NewtonKidsLoveMusic.com](http://www.NewtonKidsLoveMusic.com)

**Boston City Singers Spring Audition for Young Singers of all Ages** Boston City Singers, Boston's acclaimed Youth Chorus, is pleased to announce June interviews and auditions for young people ages 6-18 for the 2006-7 season. Training Chorus programs are available at several locations in Dorchester, Jamaica Plain and South Boston, for children ages 6-12. No former experience is necessary. Boston City Singer's Dorchester-based Concert Chorus accepts young people ages 11-18 with prior experience and a strong interest in singing. Vocal coaching, collaborative performances, national and international touring opportunities, distinctive and challenging repertoire await you! For more information and appointments, please call: BSC Artistic Directory Jane Money 617-825-0674 for Dorchester Programs. BSC Training Director Tom Morris 617-697-5621 for Jamaica Plain & South Boston programs.

**Newton Symphony Orchestra** Is selling tickets for their 41<sup>st</sup> season. Check out [www.newtonsymphony.org](http://www.newtonsymphony.org) or 617-965-2555.

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**Burr Cooperative Nursery School** in Auburndale is looking for a part **time teacher/assistant teacher** beginning September 2006. We are seeking a warm, nurturing, creative individual to work with the Lead Teacher and Teacher/Director in a single, mixed-age classroom of 3 - 5 year olds. Three days a week, 8:30 - 1:30. Please email [director@burrcooperative.org](mailto:director@burrcooperative.org) or call the school at 617-332-0886.

**Very experienced cleaning woman** looking for daytime work, please call Terry @617-548-3082

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[www.IneedHighTechHelp.com](http://www.IneedHighTechHelp.com)

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