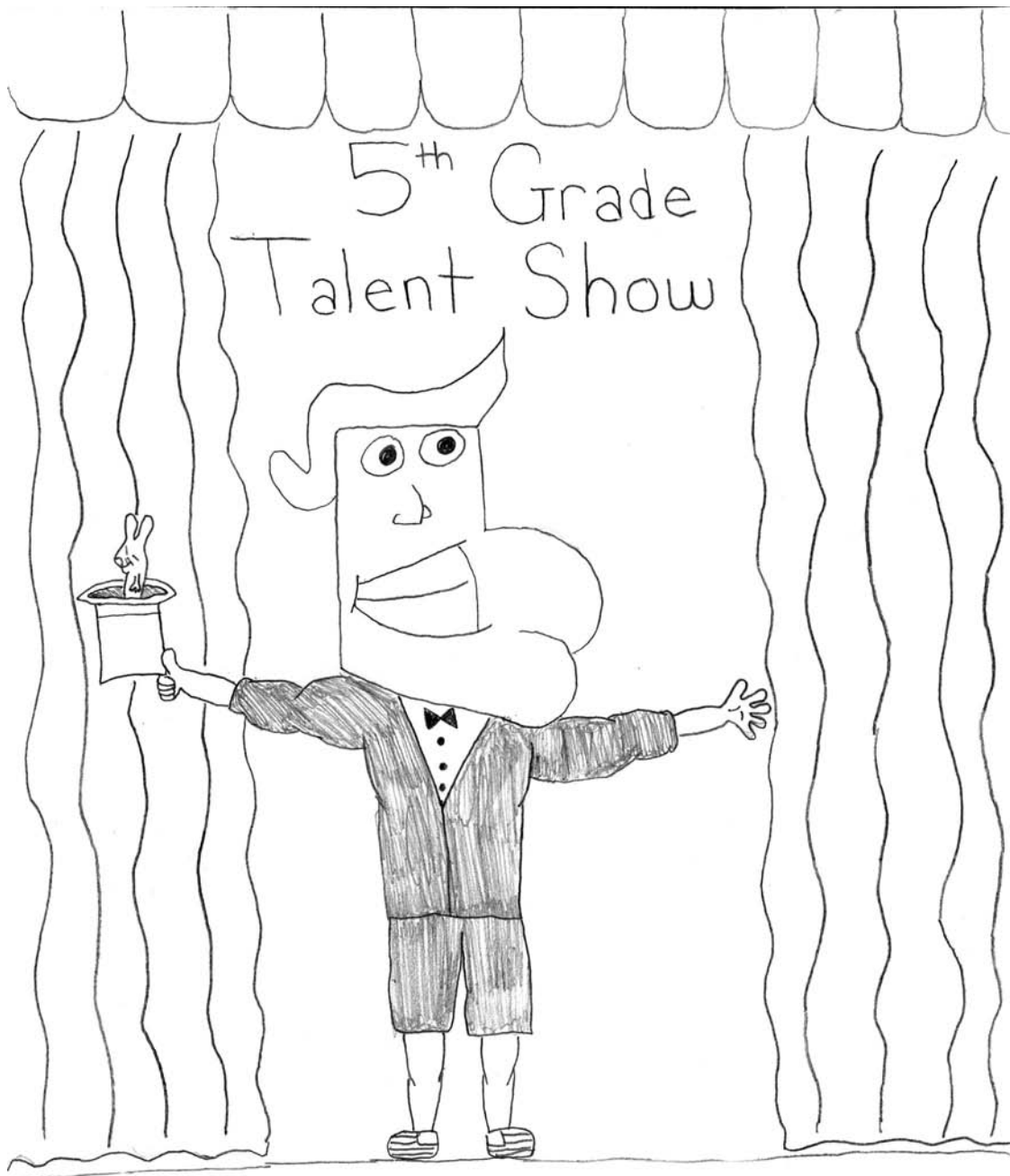


# FRANKLY Francis Wymman



Greetings from the Principal...

As usual, Francis Wyman was an unbelievable center of action this past year!!

We have had some wonderful experiences in so many areas such as Science (rocket launch), Reading (Dr. Seuss' birthday celebration with guest readers), Math nights, Author visits (Jennifer Ward), Artist in Residence, D.A.R.E. Graduation, Family Carnival, Student Council banquet, letter writing to the soldiers in Iraq, celebrating with the seniors for the holidays, class projects, third grade snack sale for charity, the Halloween parade, and the list goes on and on.

The most important thing at Francis Wyman is that we learned, we grew and we had fun at school!

As the year winds down, I would like to thank our teams of supportive and wonderful PTO, parents, secretaries, and custodians, in making another successful and memorable year for all of us.

Have a safe, relaxing and enjoyable summer. See you on August 30<sup>th</sup>...

*Kathleen Burns*

The Art Teachers would like to thank everyone who contributed to the success of "Arts Night 2006." Special kudos go to: Mrs. Gennaco for printing banners & signs, the Burlington Education Foundation for our new "Portable Art Gallery", the P.T.O. for refreshments, Dave Rosenberg for photographing our tile artist during her Francis Wyman residency, and Lisa Angelini Adams for her exquisite hand painted tile mural. It was an enjoyable night of proud students sharing their own representative art with family and friends.

In addition, I would like to introduce "Bridges to Art," an innovative website which provides a virtual museum tour. As apprentice art historians, students enter ready, eager, and prepared to engage with the actual art. This venture is a partnership of the Worcester Art Museum and Holy Cross College. The address is [college.holycross.edu/bridgestoart](http://college.holycross.edu/bridgestoart). Enjoy!

Can you believe it is June already? How fast this year went by and how much some of you have grown this year! You have learned many new and exciting lessons this year, and many of you have done a great job! Enjoy your summer vacation and be ready to do another great job in September. Francis Wyman students are Francis Wyman **Winners!**

Can you believe that the end of the year is fast approaching and our wonderful Kindergarten children will be heading down the hall to first grade? We have all been very busy this chilly spring. In April, we were so very lucky to see the Big Apple Circus. We made books, circus trains, read stories, and had elephants walking hand in hand during this unit.

Then we spent the next five weeks learning about nature and the animals living in the woodland and ponds. All the Kindergarten children are able to tell you the life cycle of a butterfly, the parts of the insect, and many of the animals that live in and around the pond. Our hike in the Middlesex Fells was a beautiful day sandwiched in between many rainy days. It was great fun and a wonderful learning experience.

We end our year learning about the beautiful city of Boston in preparation for our annual trip to the city. Rain again delayed our trip, but we will take a short walk on the Freedom Trail to the State House, hopefully visiting with Charles Murphy, our state representative, and then through Louisburg Square. Then we travel down Charles Street, across Beacon and into the Public Garden where Jack, Kack, Lack, Mack, Nack, Ouack, Pack, Quack, and Mrs. Mallard greet us as we end our day with a ride on the Swan Boats.

The children have grown so much this past year, not only in height but in maturity. All the Kindergarten teachers are thrilled about sending on children who are so excited about learning. Everyone in the Kindergarten wants to thank everyone for having such a wonderful year!

The PTO would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents and teachers who helped make this year a success by donating their time, money and expertise. We have provided close to \$26,000 in programs and funding for our Francis Wyman students, teachers, school and community. There is no way we would be able to do this without the help of many. Thank you for all you have done and know that Francis Wyman Elementary School is a better place because of it. Take a look at the list of great programs provided this year by the PTO.

The Burlington Community Scholarship Foundation has chosen the two recipients of a Francis Wyman PTO Scholarship. *Michelle Meegan* (UMass Amherst) and *Timothy Valley* (Stonehill College) have each received \$500 in scholarship money to further their educations after graduating BHS.

Speaking of graduating students, we would like to send out congratulations to our Francis Wyman 5<sup>th</sup> graders. The Yearbook Committee has worked hard putting together and funding a yearbook for the students and hope they have a great future as they leave our school and continue their education.

Remember to save those Box Tops (10¢ per top) and Hood Milk Caps (5¢ per cap) over the summer. Collection bags will be going home soon to help you collect and then send them to the school in September. This year, Box Tops collection proceeds provided over \$1,500 in gift cards to supply each classroom with indoor and outdoor recess supplies. The PTO asked the students and teachers what they would like and the majority came up with the idea.

We would like to give special recognition and thanks to the parents (*Donna Coe, Sam Coe, Liz Guleserian, Mary Hood, Chris Hunt, Maggie Murphy, Karen Pflanz, Lisa Puopolo, Dave Rosenberg, & Pam Vardaro*) who are moving on to middle school with their youngest child. These parents have helped support our school students for many years in so many ways. We will miss the support but more so we will miss being able to work and have fun while helping the children. Good luck and best wishes always!!

Parents moving on leaves key positions open for next year. The PTO is looking for a *Hospitality Coordinator*, Box Tops for Education Coordinator, *Welcoming Committee Chairperson*, Lock Monster Family Day Coordinator, *5<sup>th</sup> Grade Yearbook Chairpersons (2)*, *5<sup>th</sup> Grade DARE Graduation Party Coordinator (4<sup>th</sup> or lower grade parent)*, *Family Fun Coordinator*, and *Teacher/Staff Appreciation Luncheon Chairperson (1 additional)*. If you are interested in joining any committee next year (as a chairperson, coordinator or committee member) or you would like to find out what each committee does, please go to [www.burlington.mec.edu/fw](http://www.burlington.mec.edu/fw) for more information on Committee Descriptions in the PTO section of the Francis Wyman website. The website is specially set up and updated to support parents as well as keep them informed of important dates and events. Be sure to check the website to stay in tune throughout the school year.

We hope all of our Francis Wyman families have a very happy and healthy summer and we look forward to seeing you all in the Fall!!!

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**2006-2007 PTO Meeting Schedule**

***PTO Meetings are held on the following Wednesdays from 730-9p in the Art Room***

Change can be good ... meetings are now held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month ... every other month after the November meeting.

September 20	January 17
October 18	March 21
November 15	May 16

Past Meeting Minutes at [www.burlington.mec.edu/fw](http://www.burlington.mec.edu/fw)

*2006-2007 PTO Committee Volunteer Sign-up (FFW)*

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like to volunteer for the following committee(s):

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I would like more information about the following committee before I volunteer:

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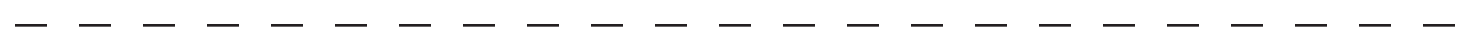
How fast our third grade year flew by! We are still taking care of our decomposers – the earthworms - but most of the difficult days are way in the past. We have learned multiplication and division, mastered cursive, karated our way into playing the recorder, and survived the reading and math MCAS.

We have made new friends and realized the importance of old ones. It seems like yesterday that we came in worrying if our third grade teacher would like us. Now we know she does, and it will be hard to leave.

Everyone is more independent, responsible, and funny. Each one of us has a story to tell and most of it is true! We can write more than one paragraph and have a good chance that the teacher will accept at least part of it. Most of the time, we can correct our own mistakes. No one is happy when we misspell the easy words.

Our Italian sounds extremely Italian. We even say an Italian word every now and then during the day. It makes us feel very smart. Singing in Italian is the best, but we still need the music in the background.

So, this is the end of a wonderful experience. Everyone always remembers their third grade year!



*PTO On-Call Volunteer List*

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

*Send to the PTO via envelope marked "PTO On-Call" ... Thank you!!!*

# Physical

The fourth and fifth graders, under Mr. Ganley, have been playing T-ball and Fitness Testing. Mr. Lev altered his spring program and did more “chasing and fleeing” that require a good deal of running due to the weather and all the indoor recesses. As usual, the kids at all levels look forward to gym regardless of the activity.

Naturally we are all upset with the weather and the postponement of our traditional Field Day. However, Mr. Ganley and Mr. Lev organized an indoor version of Field Day that was employed on Friday, June 9<sup>th</sup>. All students enjoyed this event!

As summer arrives we both wish you a healthy and happy summer. Try going for daily walks and talk about your experiences that day. Do less TV and computer activities. Don't forget your sun block and that means everyone! Burlington has a fabulous Recreation Department for your use during the summer months ... take advantage of it. We look forward to seeing everyone in the fall!

# Education

# Library

As the school year draws to an end, please make certain that students have returned all library books that have been on loan from the Francis Wyman Library.

Please watch for the Summer Reading Packet which will be distributed to students in grades K - 4. The packet includes information from the Burlington Public Library regarding their Summer Reading Program. Each student in grades K - 4 receives a free summer reading book purchased through a grant from the Blais Family. The packet also includes reading promotions sponsored by The Massachusetts Teachers Association, Boston Red Sox, Barnes and Noble, Woburn Showcase Cinemas, and Build A Bear.

Please encourage your children to participate in these programs and to continue reading throughout the summer. Thank you all for your support of the Francis Wyman Library Media Center throughout the year.

# Media Center

# I n A p p r e c i a t i o n

First and foremost, on behalf of the Newsletter Committee, we would like to thank the staff and students for their contributions to the newsletter. Without your input and contributions the newsletter would not be what it is today! Thank you for taking time out of your busy schedules to help create such great newsletters this year. We greatly appreciate it.

We would also like to thank the parents of Francis Wyman students. The PTO support this year has been great. We hope you will continue your support next year. Your involvement and contribution to your child's education is invaluable! Please continue your support. Thank you to all the volunteers on PTO Committees - your help goes a long way and is very much appreciated. We wish you and your families a happy and healthy summer. We are looking forward to another great year!

The PTO Newsletter Committee would like to take this time to say a very heartfelt thank you to Dave Rosenberg who has put his time, energy and passion into creating this wonderful, highly evolved newsletter, developing and maintaining the PTO website and taking most of the beautiful pictures that are seen in the yearbook as well as on the school website. Dave will be moving on with his son Josh to MSMS and we will miss his smiling face, his creativity, his profound knowledge of computers and graphics as well as a good friend he has become to all of us, always available in a time of computer panic! We can't thank you enough Dave for always helping us reach for the stars in the technology sky! Your contributions have been much appreciated and your shoes hard to fill.

It is hard to believe that another school year will soon be coming to a close. The time seems to have flown by! This year, our second graders have worked hard acquiring skills, learning new information, and increasing their circle of friends. We have also enjoyed many special programs including our visits from Greg Tang, Dr. Shastri, and more recently Jennifer Ward. John Papadonis and Wendy Pavlicek from the Burlington Science Center also taught us about amphibians, reptiles, and space. The children visited The Discovery Museum, went maple sugaring across the street, and saw a live production of *Charlotte's Web*. Overall it has been a very busy and exciting year. We wish all of our Francis Wyman families a healthy and happy summer vacation. Get lots of rest because third grade will be here before you know it!

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We gratefully acknowledge Landmark Impressions Printing Center, 95 Cambridge St, Burlington for their generous contribution to the Francis Wyman School.

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2006 - 2007 Calendar

W 30 First day of school - Grades 1-12

Aug

M 4 No school - Labor Day  
 Tu 5 First day of school - Kindergarten  
 W 20 PTO Meeting  
 Sa 23 - Su 24 Religious Holiday - Rosh Hashanah (starts sundown F 22)

Sep

M 2 Religious Holiday - Yom Kippur (starts sundown Su 1)  
 M 9 No school - Columbus Day  
 W 18 PTO Meeting

Oct

F 3 End of first term (elementary schools)  
 Tu 7 No school (students) - Election Day; Professional development  
 F 10 No school - Veterans Day (observed)  
 W 15 PTO Meeting  
 F 17 No school (students) - Parent/teacher conferences  
 F 17 Progress reports go home  
 W 22 ½ day - early dismissal  
 Th 23 - F 24 No school - Thanksgiving recess

Nov

M 4 No school (students) - Professional development  
 M 25 - M 1/1/07 No school - Mid-winter vacation

Dec

Jan

M 12/25 - M 1/1/07 No school - Mid-winter vacation  
M 15 No school - Martin Luther King Day  
W 17 PTO Meeting

Feb

M 19 - F 23 No school - Winter vacation

Mar

F 2 End of second term (elementary schools)  
F 9 Progress reports go home  
M 12 - Tu 13 No school (students) - Professional development  
W 21 PTO Meeting

Apr

Tu 3 - Tu 10 Religious Holiday - Passover (starts sundown M 2)  
F 6 No school - Good Friday  
Religious Holiday - Orthodox Good Friday  
M 17 - F 20 No school - Patriots' Day, Spring vacation

May

W 16 PTO Meeting  
M 28 No school - Memorial Day

Jun

M 11 End of third/last term (elementary schools) (1 week before last day of school)  
M 18 Last day of school (if no snow days used) - Grades K-12  
M 18 Progress reports go home (last day of school)

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# P T O   d o n e   l a t e l y ?

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12 Field Trip Buses	2 per grade	\$ 3,600
Enrichment Programs	3 per year	\$ 3,400
Nat'l Education Week Gift	\$50 per teacher	\$ 2,500
Family Carnival		\$ 2,000
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Yearbooks/T-shirts	1 per graduate	\$ 2,000
Magazine Subscriptions	2 per class	\$ 1,500
Artist in Residence Sponsor		\$ 1,500
Indoor/Outdoor Recess Supplies	Box Tops	\$ 1,450
Teacher/Class Wish List Program	Nov & March	\$ 1,000
BHS Scholarships	2 @ \$500 each	\$ 1,000
Hospitality for School Events		\$ 800
Summer Reading/Writing Camp	2 @ \$375 each	\$ 750
a-z Reading Prgrm / Dr. Seuss Day		\$ 700
Benches for Reading Garden (back courtyard)		\$ 700
Camp Bournedale		\$ 600
Teacher/Staff Appreciation Luncheon		\$ 500
Landscaping	Fall & Spring	\$ 450
Adopt-a-Class Donation		\$ 300
Holiday Giving Tree		\$ 300
MCAS snacks		\$ 250
Field Day Supplies		\$ 200
5 <sup>th</sup> Grade DARE Graduation Party		\$ 200
Burlington Ed Found Donation		\$ 100
BHS Graduation Party Donation		\$ 100
DARE Contributions		\$ 50
<b>Total Funding</b>		<b>\$ 25,950</b>

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Check out the FW PTO website. Let us know how well it works for you and what you'd like to see added. You can visit it at [www.burlington.mec.edu/fw](http://www.burlington.mec.edu/fw) then click on the *PTO Home Page* link. New information is added regularly so please check back often. Current and past issues of the Frankly Francis Wyman Newsletter are available there too (in color)!

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