



# McCarthy-Towne Bulletin

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## Congratulations to the Sixth Graders

*by Marcia FitzGerald, McCarthy-Towne principal*

Congratulations to this year's sixth graders. I believe they have had a successful year academically and have had fun too. I wish them all good luck and a fond farewell as they begin the next part of their educational journey.

<i>Emily Baker</i>	<i>Anandhiya Baratham</i>	<i>Jordin Albertson</i>
<i>Chris Benson</i>	<i>Isabella Barbati</i>	<i>Suhi Aravinthan</i>
<i>Kelly Bolen</i>	<i>Alex Barrios</i>	<i>Emi Badics</i>
<i>Gustavo Bonilla</i>	<i>Jason Barry</i>	<i>Sarah Campbell</i>
<i>Maanasa Boopathi</i>	<i>Nicole Celebi</i>	<i>Carly Chinitz</i>
<i>Zachary Doyle</i>	<i>Derek Cullen</i>	<i>Kayla Dee</i>
<i>Hazel Edwards</i>	<i>Richard Ding</i>	<i>Drew DeLeo</i>
<i>Anna Farra</i>	<i>Jack Finneran</i>	<i>Emily Doyle</i>
<i>Liam Gundlach</i>	<i>Charina Hanley</i>	<i>Megan Durand</i>
<i>Jessica Hedison</i>	<i>Mac Hill</i>	<i>Ben Eliason</i>
<i>Genevra Hicks</i>	<i>Huayi Li</i>	<i>Meghan Fitzmaurice</i>
<i>Abigail Hilton</i>	<i>Alison Lilienfeld</i>	<i>Becky Gordon</i>
<i>Hannah Hwang</i>	<i>Sophie Loman</i>	<i>Colleen Griffin</i>
<i>Rachel Karp</i>	<i>Kevin Loria</i>	<i>Cole Grigsby</i>
<i>Laura Kissane</i>	<i>Rory Lowe</i>	<i>Ben Heels</i>
<i>Sang Wook Lee</i>	<i>Jonathan Mandel</i>	<i>Amelie Lasker</i>
<i>Emon Purkayastha</i>	<i>Gaelen Miguez</i>	<i>Matthew Locklin</i>
<i>Peter Sannicandro</i>	<i>Kaia Miller</i>	<i>Garrison McCammon</i>
<i>Sebastian Schulze</i>	<i>Namrita Murali</i>	<i>Emily Nivison</i>
<i>Christine Seo</i>	<i>Derek Pershouse</i>	<i>Matt Post</i>
<i>Mallory Souliotis</i>	<i>Carly Roderick</i>	<i>Alix Pupo</i>
<i>Drew Sullivan</i>	<i>Julia Sheehan</i>	<i>Samuel Spero</i>
<i>Nnamdi Udokwu</i>	<i>Zahra Siddique</i>	<i>Chris Wiggins</i>
<i>Marie Weisfeiler</i>	<i>Allie Trudeau</i>	<i>Erik Wurman</i>
<i>Noah Zavolas</i>	<i>Mohini Vembusubramanian</i>	

### Tree is planted in honor of Marcia

Thanks to all the families who contributed to planting a tree in honor of Marcia and the wonderful job she has done as McT principal. A special thank you to Patty Lee, McT parent and Landscape Designer, who organized the purchase and planting of a weeping cherry tree. The tree was planted on Friday and is located on the McT side of the walk leading to the upper parking lot. As our tree grows we will be reminded of how Marcia helped our children blossom at McT.

## McT Teachers

There will be some new faces\* at McT next year and some of our current staff will be teaching a new grade level.\*\* At this point, grade level classroom staff will be:

- Kindergarten..... Vin Wallack (AM & PM K) and Janet Merrigan (ADK)
- 1st Grade..... Nancy Giansante, Pat Metcalf, and Heather Wilson
- 2nd Grade..... Noreen Cohen, Kari James, and Jen Pratt\*\*
- 3rd Grade..... Abby Johnson, Robin Kynoch, and Jean Oviatt\*\*
- 4th Grade..... David Rachlin\*\*, Callie Soderland, and Catherine Suess
- 5th Grade..... Kate Fitzmaurice, Karen Shiebler, and Caitlin Walsh\*
- 6th Grade..... Rachel Bennett, Mariann Eden, and Tara Matthews

### On-Line Emergency Cards and Placement Notification

*From the McCarthy-Towne office*

Beginning with 2008-09, your child's class placement notification will be through the on-line Emergency Card system. The school will no longer be sending placement letters.

Parent/guardians should have received or will be receiving a letter with your child's user name and family password at their end-of-year conference (or mailed home, if they have already had their conference.) This is the same information you received last fall. **Since you are required to review and update this information every year until you child graduates high school, please save this information in a safe place.**

Class placement will be available on-line beginning on August 22 at 3 PM. Parent/guardians need to review and update any changes to contact and medical information, and indicate whether you give permission to the school nurse to treat your child. When you are finished reviewing and updating, hit the "submit" and the next screen will indicate your child's teacher.

Class lists will be available on-line in a "read only" format beginning August 29.

### On-Line Emergency Cards and Next Year's Directory

*From the McT office and PTSO*

The McT PTSO publishes the School Directory each fall. In the past, the school has had parent/guardians fill out "Information Release Forms" which were used to create class lists and the School Directory. The information (student name, address, phone number, parents/guardians names and email address) now comes from the on-line emergency cards.

Parents will receive a form during the first week of school that will allow them to EXCLUDE any of the above information from the School Directory and class lists. If the office does not receive a form indicating what information to exclude, we will use the information given on the on-line emergency card as of Friday, Sept. 19.

At the beginning of the school year you should make sure your child's contact information is correct, and look for the Directory Exclusion Form if there is any information you do not want published.

### Grades K - 5: Not at McT Next Year?

*from the office*

Are you moving out of Acton? Is your child going to private school or a charter school next year? You should fill out a "Release of Records" form as soon as possible. During the summer, the school office is open only limited hours, and the health office is closed.

## PTSO Update and THANK YOU!

*By Lynne Densen, PTSO Co-Chair*

We would like to thank all those families that responded to the **Spring Appeal** and sent checks in. This spring appeal helped us reach our PTSO goal; which in turn allowed us to support services (teaching assistants, safe arrival, cultural programs, library hours, etc...) that we had last year.

Thank you to **everyone** that either volunteered or participated in many of our wonderful fundraisers. What fun we had this year and how great to see our community all come together. Also, a big thank you to all of our outgoing chairs this year, we could not have done it without you, and to all those new chairs that have stepped in to fill those spots.

This year, we raised just over \$103,000 which will be used for the next school year (08-09). At our last meeting of the year, we voted to approve a budget for the coming year of \$102,500, which will allow the school to retain services and teaching assistants as they were this current school year.

Have a great summer!

### Dates To Remember

August 22.....Class Placement on-line 3 PM  
August 29.....Class Lists on-line  
Sept. 3.....School Opens 9:15 AM (late schedule)  
Sept. 12.....School Photo Day  
Sept. 17.....McT Back-to-School Night,6:45-8 PM  
Sept. 28.....Family Photo Day 8:30 AM - 3 PM  
Sept. 30.....No School - Rosh Hashanah  
October 9..... No School - Yom Kippur  
October 13 No School - Columbus Day

### Family Photo Day

Our annual Family Photo Day fundraiser has been set for **Sunday, September 28, 2008**. Julie L'Heureux (McT Mom!) will be taking photos at the Acton Arboretum from 8:30am to 3:00pm. Sittings are scheduled every 10 minutes and cost \$40 per family grouping (\$35 goes directly to McT!). The sitting fee includes one 8X10 photo. You can see examples of Julie's wonderful photographs at [Http://www.sunlightphotography.net](http://www.sunlightphotography.net).

Appointments can be scheduled by contacting Sandy Billings [SandyBillings@verizon.net](mailto:SandyBillings@verizon.net). Please include your name, phone, 3 time choices, and number of adults/children/pets to be photographed. Send payment to Sandy at 33 Mohegan Rd, Acton, MA 01720. Make checks payable to McT PTSO. **Don't delay, book today!**

### Thank you, Bakers



Thank you to everyone that either baked or brought something for an event this past year; Kindergarten tours, School Committee, Teacher Luncheon, Lip Sync, and Yard Sale. We do appreciate it!!

### Office Volunteers

It's hard to imagine how the school office would function without our wonderful volunteers. They do lunch counts, sort mail, process bus and dismissal passes, file and whatever other jobs come up. Each of them came in every week or every other week on their volunteer day - a consistency we all appreciated! A huge thank you to Jayanthi Sampathkumaran, Bala Vembusubramanian, Tina Watlington, Gail Gecawicz, Amy Miles, Joan McCaffrey and Kathleen Surdan.

Another weekly volunteer is Shellie DuBois who does all the laminating for the school. Not only does Shellie come every week, but she comes in the week before school starts to help teachers get their laminating done for the beginning of the school year. And Shellie's youngest child is in 9th grade - now that's dedication!

Finally we would like to thank Ann Marie Sweeney for organizing the Safe Arrival program. She got the volunteers trained, organized the schedule and did Safe Arrival herself more than once!

## Thank you

by Astrid Trostorff

Thank you to all the people who volunteer and help make McCarthy-Towne such a special place, including (but not limited to):

- the faculty and staff who contributed breakfast goodies for the Parent Appreciation reception;
- Tony Dolan for videorecording the last Community Assembly and presentation of the school's gift to Marcia;
- and to all our families who are leaving McCarthy-Towne as their only or last child go to a new school next year.

## Scrip Thank You

We would like to thank all the families that ordered Scrips in June, as well as all those families that continue to order Scrips on a monthly basis. It really does make a financial difference for McT! We made about \$4,300 this year with Scrips.

We appreciate your support and look forward to your support again in the fall.

## Auction 2009

Planning is already underway for McT auction 2009. It will be held on **March 21st** at the Devens Common Center. Please save the date and prepare for a fun evening cruising on the Love Boat in true McT style. Save your tackiest, touristy clothes from your summer adventures and join us in March 2009. Who knows what surprises will be in store next year! Please contact Susan Lerner, [sammyabe@aol.com](mailto:sammyabe@aol.com) or Carolyn Imperato, [carolynimperato@comcast.net](mailto:carolynimperato@comcast.net), if you are interested in becoming involved. We are currently looking for someone to chair parent donations and many committee volunteers!



## School Council

The new school council parent representatives for 2008 to 2010 are Carolyn Imperato and Amy Hedison.

The state board of education has mandated that every school in Massachusetts have a school council. The council is made up parents, the school principal, faculty members and community representatives.

The School Council at McT serves as one of the focal points for community conversations about the long-term goals of the school and progress toward these goals. The School Council increases communication with in the school community. It provides a forum for discussing important issues and difficult situations with input from faculty and parents at the same time.

The current members of the School Council are:

Parents	Faculty
Betsy Gitelman*	Nancy Kolb
Amy Hedison	Kate Fitzmaurice
Carolyn Imperato	Robin Kynoch
Jayanthi Sampathkumaran*	Sharon Ryan

\*These parents are finishing their terms in June 2009.

## PTSO Steering Committee 2008-2009

Title	Name
Sr. Chair	Lynne Densen
Jr. Chair	Kim Clark
Treasurer	Jonathan Chinitz
Secretary	Debbie Simon
Faculty Reps	Tina Morgan
	Catherine Suess
Book Gifting	Joan Davis
Bulletin Editor	Rebecca MacNeill
Bulletin Collating	Laurie Taylor-Teran
Buddy Family	Marie Clougher
CPAC	Francesca Ricciardi
	Julie Greenspan
Directory	Suzanne Kissane
	Lisa Nivison
Grant Writing	Melinda Karp
Hospitality	Lynne Densen
International Liaison	Stacy Harris
Inter-School Council Rep	Wendy Schaad
	Susan Trudeau
Nominations	Laurie Taylor-Teran
P.D.B. Lost & Found	Amanda Dindal
P.D.B. Landscape Comm	OPEN
P.D.B. Steering Comm. Rep	Bridget Matz
Potlucks	Kate Murray
PTSO Website	Maria Greene
	Lynne Densen
Publicity	Amy Hedison

Title	Name
Safe Arrival	Anne-Marie Sweeney
School Committee Observer	Jonathan Chinitz
Socials	Maryellen diPalo
	Kate Murray
Student Council / Community Service Liaison	Susan Eppling
Fund Raising	
Fund Raising PTSO Liaison	Kathleen Surdan
Auction Chairs	Carolyn Imperato
	Susan Lerner
Book Fair	Julie Janke
	Susan Lerner
Donelan's Receipts	Wendy Schaad
Family Photo Day	Maryellen DiPalo
	Sandy Billings
Funding Factory	Lloyd Simon
	Jeannie Meijer
General Mills Box Tops	Joan Davis
	Maureen Ryan-Friend
Gift Wrap/Bulbs	Tammy Sarnelli
	Suzi Yarin
McCarthy-Towne Afternoons	Francesca Ricciardi
SCRIP	Lynne Densen
	Maureen Jones
Special Events Snack Sale	OPEN
Yard Sale	OPEN