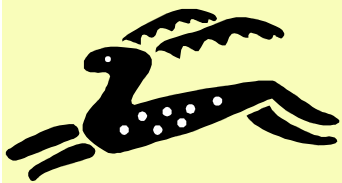


DECEMBER 2006



CAROL MERLONE-PRINCIPAL  
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# Mead School

## Message From the Principals

As we approach this holiday season, our thoughts reflect on those who have contributed so significantly to the success of our school. It is with great sincerity that we say "Thank You" to the faculty and staff at Mead School for their hard work, caring, and dedication. We would like to extend our gratitude to our parents and volunteers, for being there to support our efforts in creating the best possible school climate for our children.

*Remember "the rain falls on all fields, but crops grow only in those that have been tilled and sown"*

*~Chinese saying~*

### *Dates to Remember*

December 4- 8 Holiday Fair

December 5th & 7th Parent Night for Holiday Fair 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

December 7th Picture Re-Take

December 8th Progress Reports Distributed

December 22nd Classroom Holiday Parties & **Early Dismissal 1:20 pm**

Dec. 25th - Jan.1, 2007 Winter Recess No School

Classes resume on January 2, 2007.



## ***STUDENTS of the Month***

***Congratulations to our Students of the Month for the months of September, October, and November. They are as follows:***

### **September**

#### **Grade 3**

Ryan Amato  
Tyler Bailey  
Emily Carballi  
Samantha Esposito  
Thomas Fauci  
Raven Fedor  
Marjeta Gjoni  
Corey Maiorino  
Michael Rhodes  
Olivia Rogers  
Emma Rydzy  
Jeremiah Shurtleff  
Taijah Smith  
Joseph Szewczyk  
Dejah Tinney  
Nicole Williams  
Tomasz Zawadzki  
Keith Zdep

#### **Grade 4**

Justin Augur  
Omar Avila  
Richard Baxter  
Samantha Belenchia  
Larry Cafaro  
Mia Esposito  
Michael Healy  
Abigail Laing  
Ryan Lundeen  
Daniel McPadden  
Bailey Staggers  
Zachery Thomas  
Peter Wojewodzki

#### **Grade 5**

Ashley Adams  
Stephanie Destefano  
Kimberly Hokanson  
Kirsten Langrieger  
Malique Martin  
Breana McHugh  
Tyra McClung  
Louis Nicoletti  
Peter Nidever  
Alexa Picheco  
Magdalena Sowa  
Tayshaun Vines

### **October**

#### **Grade 3**

Yesenia Arroyo  
Ashley Baldassare  
Forrest Berger  
Christine Cogliano  
Kayla Duncan  
Sabrina Fitzgerald  
William Furlo  
Derya Karakus  
Patrick Lewis  
Mathew Manzoori  
Martin Mikos  
David Papcin  
Dylan Pardy  
Queen'Aisha Robinson  
Dylan Ruane  
Priscilla Senese  
Sara Targouski  
Jacob Vargas

#### **Grade 4**

Francesca Anastasio  
Brianna Dainiak  
Amanda Diurno  
Ryleigh Fisher  
Sabrina Fitzgerald  
Nicholas Forleo  
Andrew Godfrey  
Witold Gul  
Diamond Henderson  
Samantha Krasner  
Meilyn Madrigal  
Dylan Pardy  
Giya Perrin  
Emilio Silva

#### **Grade 5**

Byron Alvarado  
Abigail Chudwick  
Sarah Eye  
Jesse Guevara  
Paulina Lopez  
Thomas Majchrzak  
Chris Majchrzak  
Nashalee Martinez  
Alexa Mollica  
Sarah Paskiewicz  
Matthew Pitney  
Torey Robinson

### **November**

#### **Grade 3**

Richard Akyeampong  
Massimo Andretta  
Haley Arruda  
Magline Auguste  
Gabrielle Belenchia  
Altin Celaj  
Rebecca Copperthite  
Evan DeBenedetto  
Arthur Delibero  
Lindsey DeNigris  
Jose Figueroa  
Ricardo Mosquera  
Ashleigh Pagnano  
David Perez  
Adrian Prelvlukaj  
Jenna Randall  
Haleigh Resnick  
Ramsha Shahid

#### **Grade 4**

Haley Arruda  
Kevin Bishop  
Hatice Bolat  
Trevor Carey  
Infinity Davis  
Freskid Dinaj  
Jose Figueroa  
Letrell Floyd  
Jennifer Godfrey  
Jacob Gonzalez  
Allison Hronec  
Corinthia Jones  
Alyssa Kennedy  
Lauren Koulessner  
Kyra Robinson

#### **Grade 5**

Aldono Bakota  
William Bowns  
Jennifer Bucci  
Jessica Cegelka  
Ermir Celaj  
Chris Hattton  
Jacob Lexa  
Brianna Malin  
Karalyn Meineke  
Kali Pellegrino  
Anna Targouski  
Casey Westberg

**A Student of the Month Celebration took place on Tuesday,  
November 28, 2006, at 9:30 a.m. in the cafetorium.**

## Reminders from the Nurse

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### Stopping the Spread of Infection

- Wash your hands frequently, not just when they are dirty, (especially before eating and after using the restroom).
- Keep your child's immunizations up to date.
- Do not send your child to school with vomiting, diarrhea or fever.
- Do not share personal items such as toothbrushes, combs and hairbrushes. Also, do not eat or drink from others' plates or glasses.
- Keep bathrooms and kitchen surfaces clean by using a disinfectant.

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**



### Mead School 5th Grade News Press Release

A study of six animals by fifth graders at John C. Mead School may lead to a Valley-wide initiative to be designated as a National Heritage Area and the possibility of an infusion of \$1 million in grant funds.

Mead is partnering with Healthy Valley, a grassroots, community-wide effort aimed at improving the health and quality of life of residents in the lower Naugatuck Valley. Healthy Valley's first priority this year is to investigate pursuit of this federal designation that would bring expanded cultural, recreational and economic benefits to our region.

This study of six native animals with water connections by students at Mead School was the first step to gain and document the support of people in the community, according to Healthy Valley. Fifth graders researched these animals as part of their science and social studies classes during the past several weeks. They were given the opportunity to present their findings on these animals to the entire fifth grade class on Wednesday, Nov. 15 at 1:30 p.m. at Mead. The fifth grade students returned to their classrooms after the presentations and voted by paper ballot. Their top three choices were as follows:

- 1st Place– Bald Eagle
- 2nd Place– Beaver
- 3rd Place– Raccoon

Members of the community will be invited to help vote for one of these three animals, according to Pat Tarasovic, director of the Volunteer Action Council and member of Healthy Valley. "We will post information on our website and ask for publicity from the local media to let the Valley community know about this unique opportunity to help us select a winner," Tarasovic said. The fifth graders at Mead will announce the winner of the community vote at a date to be announced.

"We are happy to part of this project," said Mead Principal Carol Merlone. "We are always looking for ways to link with local agencies so students can be active participants in their community."

## PTO News-Holiday Fair

The annual Mead School Holiday Fair will be held for the students on Monday, December 4 through Friday, December 8. The hours will be from 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Students will be given the opportunity to make purchases during these days. December 5th & 7th, parents may visit the Holiday Fair in the evening from 6:00-8:00 p.m.

## School Attendance

*Please be reminded that regular school attendance is essential to the intellectual, social and emotional growth and development of students.*

Therefore, it is the policy of Mead School to closely monitor school attendance for the benefit of the child and also to comply with state laws and Board of Education Policies governing such matters.

In regard to school attendance, we ask your cooperation in the following:

- Upon returning to school after an absence, the child must present a note to his/her teacher signed by a parent or guardian giving a reason for the absence. In case of serious illness or communicable disease, a note from a doctor is required.
- Children should not be dismissed from school before the end of the school day. In cases where the child becomes ill and needs to be dismissed early, parents are required to sign a log.
- Children are expected to arrive at school on time. Students who enter school after 8:15 a.m. will be marked tardy.

Tardy students should sign in at the main office and submit a note to secretaries from a parent or guardian stating the reason for being late.

The parent or guardian will be notified if a child is frequently late for school.

***We want to remind parents that students should not be dropped off at school before 8:05 a.m.***

## Mead Attendance Line

736-6961.

*Please call every day your child is absent!*



***Mr. Hough and Mead School would like to thank Horns for Kids for their generous donation of a clarinet to the After School Band Program.***

## Holiday Parties

All Holiday Parties will be held on Friday, December 22nd, at the end of the day. Parents wishing to send in items should communicate with your child's teacher.

## Winter Recess

The winter recess begins on Monday, December 25th. School resumes on Tuesday, January 2, 2007.

**Holiday Greetings from everyone at Mead School.**