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From: May Gormley, Superintendent
Re: E-Blast Newsletter
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From the Desk of the Superintendent:

Milton High School's graduation is on Sunday, June 5, 2011. We will miss our departing senior class. I would like to address the students of the class of 2011 in this introduction.

We in the Milton Public Schools -- your teachers, secretaries, custodians, aides, administrators and support staff -- have spent as much time with some of you over the past thirteen years as your own families. At times, we have served "in loco parentis" -- teaching you, cheering you, correcting you at times, on and encouraging your success. For our Latin students, the phrase "in loco parentis" should be a familiar one. It means "in place of parents," and captures the role that some of your teachers, guidance counselors, coaches and principals have played in your lives.

As a group, your class has amazed us. We recall your early grades, when you were learning to read, speak other languages, appreciate music and solve math problems. Later, you moved onto more difficult tasks, learning advanced language skills, reading longer novels and working on more complicated projects.

You performed community service for our elderly, our children, our churches and our civic groups. Your voices joined together in a beautiful chorus. You expressed yourselves onstage, whether through theater, dance or music. You wrote beautiful passages of prose and poetry. You captured the world around you in paint, charcoal and photographs. You sacrificed your time and your energy and pushed yourselves physically through our sports programs.

You have amazed us with your abilities. You have inspired us with your breadth of talents. You have achieved beyond what anyone could have imagined. On behalf of the Milton Public Schools, I want to tell you how proud we all are of your class.

We hope and expect that you will take everything you have learned here in the Milton Public Schools and begin the next chapter in your lives. I wish you continued success, health and happiness as you begin your journey. The first step will be when you walk out of your MHS Graduation Ceremony on Sunday, June 5th. The next steps are up to you.

Your Milton High School family is so proud of you. You are amazing young adult. - Mary C. Gormley

SCHOOL COMMITTEE UPDATE

May 18th's School Committee meeting began with a commendation for Glover students Tim Karoff and Andrew Gray, who performed extremely well in the recent State Bowl of the Future Problem Solvers. Tim Karoff will be heading to Wisconsin to compete in the International Bowl in several weeks.

We were thrilled to hear from several members of the Pierce Players, who performed a number from the upcoming the Wizard of Oz on June 2, 3 and 4.

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Next, we reviewed the results of the Coordinated Program Review. Dr. Patricia DelVal, Administrator of Pupil Personnel Services, along with Alyssa Buchanan, English Learner Education Coordinator made the presentation. Dr. DelVal gave an overview of the few issues that our schools need to remedy from the state's Coordinated Program Review. Ms. Buchanan gave an overview of what the district is required to do to meet the needs of students whose first language is not English.

I also introduced our three most recent appointments, Janet Sheehan, Collicot Principal; Karen Clasby, Administrator of Pupil Personnel Services; and Dr. Martine Fisher, Director of World Languages. I also announced the appointment of Dr. Joseph Arangio as the one-year interim principal of Milton High School.

School Committee members were asked to choose their subcommittees, and we also heard and approved the third quarter financial reports.

The next School Committee meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 8th at 7pm at the Milton High School library.

CURRICULUM NEWS

We are very pleased to announce two very important positions have been filled in the Milton Public Schools.

First, we are welcoming back Dr. Joseph Arangio Jr. as principal of Milton High School. Dr. Arangio previously served in this role from 1997 to 2002. Since then, he has been employed at Harvard's Graduate School of Education and on the Massachusetts Board of Education as a member of special task force on recruitment and retention of public school teachers and administrators. Dr. Arangio will serve as interim principal for one year while we conduct a comprehensive search for a new principal.

Secondly, we have hired Dr. Martine Fisher as our new Director of World Languages. Dr. Fisher comes to Milton from Quabban Regional High School in Barre, Massachusetts, where she served as World Language Department Chair and Chief Instructional Leader for the past five years. Dr. Fisher has taught both high school Spanish and French and has been a faculty member at Millesville University in Pennsylvania and Plattsburgh State University in New York. Some of you may remember Dr. Fisher as a French teacher at Pierce, Cunningham and Glover schools here in Milton. Dr. Fisher is an excellent addition to our World Language department and we are confident that she will also be an outstanding leader.

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We have great news coming out of the Pierce Middle School! We just learned that Pierce students have been selected as recipients of the 2011 Young AFCEA Rocket Box Program Grant. Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association (AFCEA) is a non-profit organization dedicated to the promotion of math and science in this country's youth. This grant will provide all of Pierce's seventh grade students an opportunity to participate in a hands on study of rocketry, and aerospace by providing:

- * Sufficient rockets for targeted class size (1 rocket per 2 students) about 160 rockets for Pierce Middle School
- * Detailed lesson plans targeting: science, mathematics, and critical thinking skills
- * Activities to design, build, and test a model rocket's thrust, propulsion, weight, and various forces that affect structure and energy transfer
- * An educational DVD focusing on the mechanics & principals of rockets and recent rocketry advancements

This is a terrific achievement. With the addition of Pierce's program, this will also open up the rest of our schools for more opportunities for math and science grants and the AFCEA scholarship program for high school seniors. Many thanks to Eileen Heller, Mr. Patrick Harvey, Jim DeMaggio and the screening committee of the AFCEA Rocketry Grant program.

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We have more good news from the Pierce! A recent collaboration between the Forbes House Museum and the Pierce Middle School resulted in a wonderful event for our students.

The Grade Six writing teachers (Jessica McKillop, Joe Dolan, Rebecca Aldoupolis, and Joe Dolan) and art teachers (Stephanie Sherman and Robyn Thompson), along with Curriculum Coordinator Amy Gale, are to be commended for their work on the Art and Writing Collaborative project with the Forbes House museum.

This project took nearly two months of planning and would not have come to fruition without the amazing work of these five teachers and the diligence of Robin Tagliaferri, director of the Forbes House Museum.

Grade Six students wrote poetry that made a clear connection with the historical and artistic significance of the Forbes House artifacts and created beautiful Chinese fans that modeled the artistic elements seen in the artifacts. This was a great team effort and all should be commended!

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Parents of 8th grade students are invited to our annual 8th Grade Writing Celebration in the Pierce Middle School Auditorium on **Wednesday, June 15th**. Pierce administrators will host a Reception and Viewing of Student Work from 12:40-1:00pm and Poetry Readings from 1:00-2:00pm. Interested parents should RSVP no later than June 8th. Thank you! For more information, please contact Curriculum Coordinator Amy Gale at agale@miltonps.org

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Hats off to our Latin teachers -- Mary Lou Markarian at the high school and Danielle Huebner at the middle school. There have been many recent successes from our Latin students at both schools.

At **Milton High School:**

- Latin 3 junior David Collins won Third Place in the Classical Association of Massachusetts Writing contest for his limerick entry titled "Watch out What You Wish for (It Might Come True)". Projects are judged on content, originality, style, and clarity.
- Five students won Magna Cum Laude and Cum Laude certificates on the National Latin Exam. They are: Ellen Chow, Chiamaka Nwanekezi, Tim Flaherty, Dan Sweeney and Matt Sweeney.
- For the first time, Milton High School participated in the National Etymology Exam, which was administered online in November. MHS students did extremely well. The students who won medals are: Ailsa Jeffries won Gold; Molly Madden and Chiamaka Nwanekezi won Silver; Nick Savage, Dawn Barrett, Chris Ricciuti, and Peter Eberhardt won Bronze.
- Finally, nine students won medals and awards in the National Medusa Mythology Exam. They are: Kaitlyn Swift (Bronze medalist); Ellen Chow, Vincent Fong, Jamaal Grant, Tim Flaherty, Chiamaka Nwanekezi, Dawn Barrett, Kent Fong, and Nick Savage-(Magna Cum Laude.)

And at **Pierce Middle School:**

Students recently competed in the Massachusetts Junior Classical League State Convention. This is a yearly weekend of fun and competition for students who take Latin from all over the state.

Pierce students performed better this year than in the past, winning the Spirit Award. In addition, three 8th graders won art awards at this event, Renee Chiu, Olivia Jensen, Johance Liverpool. Michael Sullivan won an award for mythology knowledge; and Patrick Earner won an award for derivatives.

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We have the most recent results from the Continental Math League. But first, I would like to make a correction to our last list of results. Unfortunately, we left Cunningham fifth-grader Emma Newll off the “perfect score” list. Our apologies to Emma, and a belated congratulations!

Following are the Regional First Place Winners in the Mathematics Competition for **Grade Four**: Emily Schewe, Dietrich Werner, William Conforti, Shayla Kelly, Veronica Harris, Hannah Mitchell, Ameilia Ferreira, Alexis Daley, Julia deBord, Sarah Hancock, Katherine Murray, Katharine Barrett.

Regional First Place Winners in the Mathematics Competition for **Grade Five**: Isaac Robinson, Sawyer Flanagan, James Conley, Regina Scott, John Weiler, James Eder, Caroline McGillivray, Elias Dow, Robert Dexter, Caleb Farwell, Ryan Au, Victoria Chen.

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Incoming kindergarten parents who completed registration by the April 29th deadline received an email from our Central Office last week. At the end of this week, hard copy letters will also be sent with the following information:

School Assignment

Tuition Amount (if applicable)

Date and Time for the Student Screening (to be held at Milton High School)

Instructions for bringing a tuition deposit to Student Screening

Please look for this information. As an FYI, appointments for student screening will be scheduled during **June 7 - June 10**. If you have gone through the registration process, but have not gotten an email, please contact swalsh@miltonps.org.

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The Milton Summer Enrichment program held its on-site registration last week, but there still may be spots available. This year MSE will run from **June 27 – July 29** from 8 am -12 pm, Monday to Friday at Milton High School. MSE offers both academic and enrichment classes for students in grade Pre-K through high school.

Classes are offered in a relaxed atmosphere where children are engaged both physically and mentally. Classes run sixty minutes each and you can choose up to four different classes. The MSE brochures can be found in the main office of each school and also on the Milton website, www.miltonps.org

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I also wanted to update you on our Student Registrar/Residency Coordinator. In January of this year, we hired John O. Febres to fill the vacated position of Student Registrar/Residency Coordinator for the Milton Public Schools. Mr. Febres comes to MPS as a former teacher and school district staff person in the Boston Public Schools.

Mr. Febres is a Milton resident with two children in the MPS system who is an intelligent professional and -- equally important -- is a person of high character.

He has successfully led the Kindergarten registration process for this year and has quickly become a valued member of the Milton Public School Central Office staff. In the short time with MPS, Mr. Febres has worked tirelessly to update the process for accepting new students to the district and monitoring the residency cases in conjunction with the Milton Police. Mr. Febres’ full-time attention to the issue of residency, combined with his professional approach and follow-through, has already yielded significant results in ensuring that all students are in compliance with the MPS residency policy. He is a valued new member of the MPS team.

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Elementary Summer Reading Program

We are pleased to announce that the Milton Public Schools is partnering with the Milton Public Library to launch this year's Summer Reading Program. Our goal is to promote a love of reading.

Elementary students (K-4) will receive a summer reading packet in June. This reading list has been updated and is meant only as suggestions. Students do not have to read books from this list, in fact we encourage students to read a wide variety of books. There are specific expectations detailed in this packet for students entering grades four and five to complete two book projects. These projects should be brought to school to share in September.

The Milton Public Library's Summer Reading Club, One World - Many Stories (CLSP) will involve a variety of activities which will be published online at the Milton Public Library under the Children's Room http://www.miltonlibrary.org/childrens_summer.asp beginning in June. Check out the Milton Public Library Children's Room Web site for additional activities which will include afternoon sessions at the library where students may take out books, participate in Book Talks, listen to a story, or just read in a cool place. There is also opportunity for students to register online to log their summer reading minutes and post book reviews. Minutes will be counted towards the **town wide** goal of reading 100,000 collective minutes or more. The Milton Rotary Club will make a charitable donation to purchase an animal from Heifer International if this town wide goal is reached.

This is a great cause and we urge students to take part. The Children's Librarian at the Milton Public Schools is Elaine Weischedel eweischedel@ocln.org and the Young Adult Librarian is Tim Martin (tmartin@ocln.org). They are ready to assist parents and students with their Summer Reading.

The MPL has also scheduled a series of special programs that will be posted on their site under Children's Programs. Please log on for more information and registration information for programs such as: Musical Tales from Around the World and Meet Heifer International.

Please watch for the elementary Summer Reading Packet in your child's backpack in June. This information will also be posted on the Milton Public Schools website. We encourage you to read with or along side your child to encourage this life long skill.

Congratulations to Matt Donahue for being nominated and elected to the Massachusetts U19 Rugby League All Star Team. Each school with a rugby team in Massachusetts chose one or two of their team's top players, and Matt was the recipient from Milton High School. Coach Joe Dolan had the following praise for Matt, "He worked hard, and played like a champion this season; it's especially memorable as it was Milton RFC's inaugural season."

Congratulations to Pierce Middle School teacher David Romeo for being highlighted as one of Milton Patch Teachers of the Year. To read the article about Mr. David Romeo (Grade 7 Science), visit the following website:

<http://milton.patch.com/articles/pierce-teacher-gives-students-fun-experience-with-science>

Other MPS faculty and staff acknowledged by the Patch are: Gracie Burke –World Language Director, Mary McCarthy – Glover Grade 1 Teacher, and Rebecca Damiani – Milton High School Music Teacher

Once again, congratulations to Mr. Romeo for this accomplishment and thank you for all that you do to inspire your students and their love for learning!

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Be sure to head to Pierce Middle School on **June 2, 3, & 4** to see the Pierce Players production of the Wizard of Oz. Shows are at 7 pm on June 2nd and 3rd, and a 2 pm matinee will be presented on June 4th. Tickets are \$5 for students and \$7 for adults. Students have been working hard on this magical tale and shows sell out fast, so buy your tickets now! Visit <http://www.pierceplayers.com/tickets.html> to download a ticket order form or call 617-696-4570.

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Ms. M's Mad Math Show, the High School Game Show Edition, is airing on Milton Cable on **Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday** afternoons at 4:30pm starting May 10th and running through May 26th. Watch our high school students participate in the prom and mat ball challenges.

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The Milton High School Class of 2011 will graduate on **Sunday, June 5th** in the Copeland Field House. Parents, please note that the Milton High Class of 2011 All Night Party will be held in the Copeland Field House that same evening -- June 5th.

Flyers are available in the Main office, admission is \$50 and the permission slip must be signed by parent/guardian. For more information please go to www.mhsanp.blogspot.com. Want to help? The group needs volunteers. Volunteer by emailing: MiltonANP@gmail.com

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Steve Traister, our athletic director, wanted to share the following information: "This is a friendly reminder that **every Wednesday**, until the end of the year, is Walk or Wheel Wednesday. If possible please consider helping your children walk or wheel (bike, scooter...) to school. Brought to you by the Safe Routes to School committees of Tucker, Collicot, Cunningham and Glover schools."

Elementary students have a chance to win a Summer Game Prize Pack in Milton Hospital's "Summer Fun" Contest. Milton Hospital invites Elementary School students to join the Community Health Walk "Summer Fun" contest, a cool program designed to teach kids from Kindergarten through fifth grade about the health benefits of being active, while offering some great summer prizes!

Form a team to walk in Milton Hospital's **June 18th** Community Health Walk. Answer quiz questions along the way and earn yourself a package of great outdoor games... what a great way to kick off summer vacation!

All proceeds benefit health programs throughout our community. For more about the walk, including the organizations and programs funded by the money raised, visit www.miltonhospital.org/walk2011.htm.

PAC/SPECIAL ED NEWS

The Milton PAC is inviting all parents/guardians to a Special Reception for our current & incoming Administrator of Pupil Personnel Services- Dr. Patricia DelVal & Ms. Karen Clasby.

The purpose of this "Meet & Greet" is to thank & welcome these two administrators. The reception will be held on **Thursday, June 9th from 7 to 8:30pm** at the Cunningham-Collicot School Library.

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GRANT/FUNDRAISING NEWS

The following item was written by Chris Masalsky, Grant Writer for MPS:

Have You Taken The Sports Quiz Yet?

Milton High School can earn a \$5,000 athletics grant to be awarded by Liberty Mutual, and needs you to make it happen! Grants are awarded to the schools with the most supporters completing the Liberty Mutual Responsible Sports Quiz. “So far we’ve had a great response, over 100 people have completed the quiz” says Chris Masalsky, Milton’s Grant Writer. “We’re getting into the last few weeks now, the competition ends on May 30 and we need everyone to pitch in.” The quiz only takes a few minutes and it’s easy:

1. Review online info on Responsible Sports and take the quiz at

http://www.responsiblesports.com/responsible_sport_parenting/responsible_sport_parenting_quiz.aspx

2. When you’re done, give a credit point to Milton High School

Thank you to all the folks who have already completed the quiz! If Milton High School wins the grant, funds will go directly to the Athletic Department. So take the quiz and support Milton sports!

MFE

It’s been a busy week for the Milton Foundation for Education. Only days after hosting the 11th Annual Outstanding Teacher of the Year ceremony, which was an amazing night, the group went on to announce the latest grant recipients. *Please read the following item from MFE board member Robert Davis:*

In what is now a spring tradition, the teachers and staff of the Milton Public Schools were excited to learn about the grants just received from the Milton Foundation for Education. On Tuesday, May 17, members of the MFE Board of Trustees surprised teachers with grants ranging from \$250 to \$1,200 to fund a wide range of educational projects and initiatives.

Twice a year—in the fall and the spring—the MFE accepts proposals from teachers and staff at each of the six public schools in town. Leslie Collins chaired the 2011 Spring Grants Committee for the MFE and was impressed with the proposals her committee received. “This spring we received 34 applications from all schools (pre-K through MHS) and encompassing almost every subject area, including phys ed.” Collins said. “The teachers are amazingly creative in their ideas for engaging all of their students and making learning fun and effective.”

In addition to Collins, the committee included Mary Keohane, Yoshi Belash, Erika Donahue, Meg Kaster, Don Greene, and one teacher from each of Milton’s Public Schools.

Marilyn Decker is the Director of Science K-12 in the Milton Public Schools; this year she developed a grant request to purchase a video microscope and video camera to be used in the high school chemistry and physics classes. The science teacher was thrilled to learn that her request had been granted.

“Scientists are increasingly using real time images and visualization to help understand complex phenomena. The “Visualizing Science” project will enable Milton students to observe and record phenomenon in real time for analysis later,” according to Decker. “In addition, teachers and students will have access to video images as a tool for learning. It’s terrific to have this project be selected for a grant from the MFE.”

In all, the Milton Foundation for Education awarded 21 teacher grants totaling \$14, 960 this spring:

At Pierce: John O’Leary (Omnikin balls for cooperative physical education activities); Jeff Stoodt (binoculars for observing birds); Jenifer Gilbert (Roller coasters for designing and executing experiments); Elizabeth MacElhaney (Supplies and plants to expand the science curriculum; Robyn Thompson and Louisa McCarthy (Panels to create an art gallery in the library).

In a shared grant for Pierce and the High School: Richard Guarino, Lisa Veldran, Marion Van Nostrand (Partial funding for a two-day presentation on bullying).

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At Tucker: Elizabeth Spitz (English, French and Spanish ebook subscription for the entire school); Debra Fidrocki (Electronic spelling and math flashcards); Amy Chew and Eileen Keaney (Materials to expand the adaptive book library to improve reading skills for students with learning disabilities).

In a shared grant for Tucker and Glover: Soumela Amanatidis-Kotsalidis (Books to help ELL students master speaking and reading English).

In Pre-K: Maureen Butler (Materials to help improve students' fine motor skills).

At Cunningham: Janis Powell (Multi-media science programs and materials); Mary Rooney and Annemarie Calnan (Science learning center supplies for 1st and 2nd grade classes); Sherette Malloy (Science stories for use in 1st and 2nd grade science and language arts).

In grants shared at Cunningham and Collicot: Josh Coben (High-interest library books to attract reluctant readers); Robert Williams (Additional levels of reading fluency software); Emmanuelle Segall, Margaret Sadock, Fatima Bourras-Elzein and Alicia Fessenden (Literacy materials for 1st graders).

In all four elementary schools: Martha Sherman (A student atlas set for each 2nd grade). At Glover: Adina O'Neill (Leveled French reading books for 2nd grade).

At Milton High School: Mary McMullan (High-interest library books to attract reluctant readers); Marilyn Decker (Video microscope and video camera to be used in the high school chemistry and physics classes); Teachers and staff will be able to purchase their items over the summer and will have them in place when students return in the fall.

The Milton Foundation for Education is a private, non-profit organization established in 1996. Its mission is to enhance the quality of education provided to students in the Milton Public Schools. The Foundation generates and distributes financial resources for enrichment programs that would not otherwise be available through the regular school budget. Their goal is to supplement, not supplant the regular school budget. For more information on Milton Foundation for Education or on the recent teacher grants, please visit www.miltonfoundationforeducation.org

NEWS AROUND TOWN

As some of you may know, the Town of Milton will be celebrating its 350th Anniversary next year. Please read the following item from the Milton 350th Committee:

In 1662, Milton was officially incorporated as a town and 2012 will mark 350 years since that historic occasion. This is an opportunity to come together and celebrate the wonderful town that we love and live in. Back in 1962, Milton celebrated its tercentenary with a series of events over that year that included a parade, a tercentenary ball and fireworks at Turners Pond. There was also a celebration in 1912. We are excited about planning to continue that tradition next year.

The Board of Selectman appointed our committee in January and we've been meeting every two weeks since March to plan for events and activities that will lead to an awareness and appreciation by all about the rich, 350 year growth of the town of Milton --things like old time sporting events, historic trolley tours, canoe and kayak tours of the Neponset, music concerts, lectures, art exhibits and more. These events will happen over the entire year. We also want to celebrate in a big way on the second weekend of June next year, with a large event, possibly a parade and fireworks. There should be something for everyone.

We will be meeting in the summer and throughout the fall. We need help with things like publicity, event planning, fundraising and more. If you or your organization would like to participate, email us at Milton350th@gmail.com. You can also find us on Facebook at Milton 350th Anniversary and at our website, milton350thanniversary.org

As educators, our town's 350th Anniversary Celebration is a wonderful way to bring a bit of local history to our classrooms. As some of you may know, Wendell Phillips is buried in the Milton Cemetery and there is an upcoming symposium on this prominent abolitionist.

Born into the first rank of Boston's elite, Wendell Phillips joined the American Anti-Slavery Society in his twenties and became one of the most prominent reformers of the nineteenth century. In honor of the

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anniversary of Phillips' birth, a public symposium featuring scholars from across the country will be held on Thursday, June 2 and Friday, June 3 in Boston.

Educators are invited to attend the symposium and join Primary Source on **Saturday, June 4** at 10:00 a.m. (location TBA) for a hands-on teaching workshop on Phillips and the abolitionist movement, a walking tour of local abolitionist historical sites, and a plenary discussion. This event is particularly suitable for teachers of grades 6-12.

Email gina@primarysource.org to join the list for this event. Further details will be provided as soon as they are available.

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Mark your calendars for the 18th Annual Ed Baker Fishing Tournament, to be held on **Saturday, June 4th from 7 to 11am** at Turner's Pond.

Admission fees are \$3 for children and \$5 for adults. Youth first prize is a pair of Red Sox tickets, donated by the Peltier family and Adult first prize is a pair of BC football tickets, donated by Ed Baker.

In addition, the tournament will also present the Mark G. Hamilton Sportsmanship Award at the end of the day. This is a brand new rod and reel, compliments of the Hamilton family. Trophies will also be given out to category winners.

Register for this tournament at the Parks and Recreation office in Town Hall, or on the day of the event. Bring your own worms! No shiners or minnows allowed. For more information, call Park and Rec at 617-898-4940.

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The Third Annual M.A.D. Scramble (Five Miler) will be held on **Thursday, June 30th at 6:30 pm** at the Pierce Middle School.

This race is in honor of Milton Police Detective Michael A. Devin and will benefit his memorial fund. Proceeds from this fund will support scholarships, juvenile athletic programs and provide assistance to families in need.

The entry fee is \$20 in advance and \$25 the day of the race. For more information, email madmemorialfund@gmail.com or visit the website at www.madmemorialfund.org

AMBASSADOR PAGE

As part of our E-blast, we highlight students, teachers and members of the community whose hard work deserves recognition. Please read about some of their outstanding accomplishment :

Teachers: Our Latin teachers -- Mary Lou Markarian at the high school and Danielle Huebner at the middle school -- should be very proud. Both teachers enrolled many of their students in a series of recent state and local Latin competitions, and their students have done extremely well. We know this is because of their outstanding teaching.

"We have two outstanding educators who make Latin come alive for the students," said Gracie Burke, director of World Languages. "They make it relevant to their lives and teach them how Latin influences our own language, English, as well as the many contributions that the Roman civilization has made to our way of life. They have worked together to provide vertical articulation between the middle and high school. They make Latin fun!"

Please see my item above under "Curriculum" for more information about our wonderful Latin program and our Latin students' accomplishments.

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Students: We would like to congratulate this year's Milton High School representatives to Girls State and Boys State. The 2011 Massachusetts Girls State and Boys State programs will be held at Stonehill College from June 11th to June 17th. The Girls State and Boys State programs are sponsored by the American Legion and were formed to educate future leaders. The goal is to teach government and principals of democracy. Our high school will be well-represented by the following students: **Boys State:** Derek Curley, Lucas Shapiro, Sam Taugher. **Girls State:** Isabel Andrews, Regine Jean-Michel, Chayna McDermott. Congratulations!

Volunteer: I would like to recognize and thank two extremely hard-working volunteers from Fuller Village. Myrtle Flight and Blossom Glassman were the driving forces behind the successful "Salute the Arts!" fundraiser for our visual arts department. These two women spend countless hours organizing, planning and getting all the behind-the-scenes work done for this first-of-its-kind event. It has been a wonderful collaboration between Fuller Village and the Milton Public Schools, thanks to these two, and one we hope to repeat in the future.

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