



# Stapleton News



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## Message from our Principal

Happy New Year and welcome to 2012! It was great to have some time off but I am happy to be back at school. January promises to be a fast-paced exciting month. We have a lot planned for the students and need them here in school, so please make sure your child is well rested and healthy so they can attend school. It is very important to establish good attendance from an early age.

Children will continue to go outside for recess as long as the weather and the wind chill allow. Please make sure your child has appropriate clothing for the outdoors. A winter coat, a hat, and gloves or mittens are all necessary items for outdoor play right now! Once the white fluffy stuff arrives, children will need additional clothing such as snow pants and boots. If they do not have snow clothes, they will need to remain on the blacktop to play. It always helps to keep an extra pair of socks in your child's bag in case they are needed. Thank you in advance for your help.

Just a couple of reminders: School begins at 8:50am. Please do

not drop your child off before that time as we do not have any staff members on duty. They may not come in to the building until the bell rings. If they do get here early, they will have to wait outside and it has been very cold in the morning. Please don't pull into the school parking lot between 8:30 and 9:30 in the morning and 2:30 and 3:30 in the afternoon. Please do not block any of the small side streets or public driveways when you are dropping off or picking up students. If your child needs to cross Elm Street, please remember to have them cross at the crosswalk with the crossing guard.

The last reminder is that the MCAS testing session will happen from March 20–April 2 and again from May 7–May 22. Please plan accordingly! Specific days and dates will be coming home from the classroom teacher.

I would like to wish everyone a wonderful new year and if I can be of help to you, do not hesitate to contact me.

*Mr. William McDonald*

## Note from the PTO President

Happy New Year, Stapleton Families! The start of the new year is always filled with great hope for change and excitement. With that spirit in mind, I would like to tell you about some upcoming changes to the PTO.

First, we have decided to move PTO board elections to March instead of June. This will allow for an easier transition for the newly elected board members, as they will be able to lean on the previous board for guidance. By September (the busiest time of the year for the PTO board), the new board will be able to approach it with experience and confidence, which will make the beginning of the school year much more manageable. This change will be covered in our new bylaws, which Martha Wingate will be presenting at February's PTO meeting.

Secondly, we are restructuring the PTO board by moving to a three-tier vice-president model. Specifically, one vice-president will be appointed to each of the PTO's three main focus areas (i.e., community building; events; and fundraising). This model has many advantages. For one, it allows each of our three vice-presidents to take their appointed focus areas to a new level, since they will be able to devote more of their time and resources to working on one particular realm of the PTO.

Additionally, under this system, our vice-presidents will work on similar types of activities throughout the year, which will familiarize them with tools and processes that can be reused. They will also be able to determine if those particular activities can be streamlined or expanded. Finally, this new approach will make volunteering much easier, since volunteers will have a "go-to" person for ideas and input.

These new changes are bittersweet for me. Since elections are

moving to March, they will also mark the end of my term as PTO President. I have treasured each and every moment of serving you, the Stapleton community, and feel very fortunate to have had the privilege of working with so many energetic, kind, caring and tireless parents, teachers, and staff. I will always look back on this time with love, appreciation, and gratitude.

Speaking of gratitude, the President's Letter would not be complete without acknowledging some special individuals who donated their time and energy to organizing a PTO event recently. First, I would like to thank Jen Miller, Tammy Sjostedt, and all the volunteers who made the Pancake Breakfast a HUGE success. Turnout was large, and it was wonderful to see this tradition of Stapleton families getting together to eat and connect continue.

Second, I would like to thank Maura Wheat and Debby Correia for organizing another blockbuster Movie Night. It was the most widely attended Movie Night ever! We will plan for a bumper number of kids the next time we hold a Movie Night in December, rest assured!

Finally, I would like to thank Kathy Spellman for offering to organize the monthly Book Swap. The children are greatly looking forward to seeing this happen again on a regular basis. Kathy is looking for volunteers, so if you can help, please contact her. Thank you all for doing such a great job!

Thank you all for your continued kindness and support. I hope that the New Year brings each and every one of you some wonderful new opportunities, memories, and accomplishments!

*Tina Crotty*

## Dates to Remember

### MCAS Testing Schedule - Spring 2012

Grade	Test	Date
<b>Grade 3</b>	Reading/ELA	March 21, 23
	Math	May 7, 8
<b>Grade 4</b>	Long Composition	March 20
	Reading/ELA	March 28, 30
	Long Composition Make-Up	March 29
	Math	May 14, 15
<b>Grade 5</b>	Reading/ELA	March 26, 27
	Math	May 9, 11
	Science (STE)	May 16, 17

### January Events

20 Bingo Night @ Stapleton 6:00-8:00pm  
25 Book Swap

### February Events

2 Early Release - Professional Dev.  
6-9 Scholastic Book Fair@Stapleton  
10 Family Fun Book Night @Stapleton (6:30-8:30)  
14 Gr. 3 - Native American Perspectives - Creative Arts  
16 Stapleton PTO Meeting 7:00pm  
20 Presidents' Day (NO SCHOOL)  
Circus Minimus 10:30am @ Walsh Middle School; (see details p.7)  
21-24 WINTER RECESS

*MCAS testing starts in March, see complete schedule on the left.*

### Book Swap Volunteers!

We need parents to volunteer at the Book Swap! The next Book Swap will be held January 25 between 10:00 and 1:00. We need some friendly parents who can help work the swap and help children pick out books. If you would like to help, please contact Kathy Spellman at [kmspellman@verizon.net](mailto:kmspellman@verizon.net) or 508.788.9576. Thank you!



Book Swap



Wednesday, January 25

2011-2012

STAPLETON PTO MEETINGS

February 16	April 11
March 14*	May 30
(*Elections)	

### Lost and Found Overflowing!

The Lost and Found at Stapleton is overflowing. The items have been moved from their usual location in the Café to a large table in the hallway outside the office. Parents and students are welcome to stop by the table and see if any of the lost clothing belongs to them.

Please note the change in the day and date of the February PTO meeting:

**Thursday, February 16**

### Interested in your child's options for middle school?

#### Then come to the next PTO meeting!

Our next PTO meeting will be THURSDAY, February 16, at 7pm in the cafeteria. We will have Judith Kelly, Principal of Cameron Middle School, and Kristen Harrison, Executive Director of the McAuliffe Charter School, at the next PTO meeting. They will discuss what makes their school special, and will answer any questions you might have in order to help you determine the best fit for your child. Parents of fourth and fifth graders are strongly encouraged to attend, in addition to those of younger children who want to get a feel for what these schools are like.

\*\*Please note that this meeting will take place on a Thursday, instead of the usual Wednesday.

### NEWLETTER COPY DEADLINES

Do you have something you want published in the Stapleton PTO monthly newsletter? Copy can be emailed to [enriquez54@verizon.net](mailto:enriquez54@verizon.net).

Please note deadlines for copy:

For your information to be published in:	Copy needs to be turned in by:
<b>February 17</b>	<b>February 6</b>
<b>March 23</b>	<b>March 12</b>
<b>April 27</b>	<b>April 9</b>
<b>June 8</b>	<b>May 21</b>

If you have any questions, please call Kathy Enriquez, 508.788.3627 or e-mail [enriquez54@verizon.net](mailto:enriquez54@verizon.net).



***Calling all Bingo players...***  
**It's Stapleton BINGO Night!**



B	I	N	G	O
10	20	42	59	62
5	29	39	56	75
4	17	FREE SPACE	60	71
11	18	32	51	66
15	19	36	47	69

***A prize for every winner!***

**Friday, January 20 6:00pm - 8:00pm**  
**family event (no drop offs)**  
**\$2.00 admission per player**

***pizza and desserts available for purchase***

**Please volunteer to make this fun event happen!**

Contacts: Jenny Landsiedel [jennytut@hotmail.com](mailto:jennytut@hotmail.com) 508.879.6886 and  
 Jeanne Hampton [jeanneboston@hotmail.com](mailto:jeanneboston@hotmail.com)  
 and look for a link to a "Bingo Night" volunteer sign-up to be posted on the Loop

**SCHOLASTIC**

**Scholastic Book Fair is Coming!!!**

**Monday, February 6 - Thursday, February 9**

The students will have the opportunity during the week to browse the book fair.  
 They can make a wish list or bring money and purchase books at that time.

**Family Fun Night on Friday, February 10**

**6:30PM - 8:30PM**

Families can come and browse the Book Fair in the Golden Eagle Café  
 and join the Family Fun Night!

**Please consider volunteering for this event, either during the week  
 or on Family Night. During the week, Monday-Thursday, volunteers  
 are needed between 11am-2pm to help children make selections.**

**On Friday evening, help is needed between 5:30-9:00pm.**

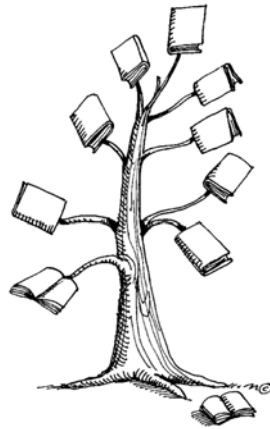
**Contact Holly Willette at 508.872.5209 or  
[hollywillette@verizon.net](mailto:hollywillette@verizon.net)**

## Literacy Update

January, 2012! How quickly the school year is flying by, with so many wonderful projects keeping us focused and productive as a Stapleton School community of learners.

In December, I continued to be involved with many professional development efforts with the staff, which I so enjoy. The system provided Professional Development Substitutes for teachers to take part in five professional development days. This support allotted me time to work with the kindergarten staff two days and second grade staff two days on learning how to implement *Leveled Literacy Instruction*, the Tier Two reading program I discussed in relation to grade one's use, in the last edition of this newsletter. Pat Slater shared her expertise and experiences with the materials with both her second grade colleagues and the kindergarten teachers. Again, I thank Mrs. Slater! The kindergarten teachers worked to revise their teaching schedules to utilize the expertise of the new kindergarten aides the system has recently hired. At this time, all four kindergarten classes at Stapleton, including our half day class, have aides who are highly competent and effective teachers. They will help to provide targeted literacy instruction as the Kindergarten Team works together to differentiate instruction in reading for all students.

On the fifth Professional Development Day planned, I invited Laurie Burnett, ACE Specialist (A Program in Partnership of United Way of Tri-County and the Framingham Public Schools) to share her expertise with us. Laurie and I developed an agenda where the Third Grade Team, Steve Dressler, Natalia Kierul, and Daphna Malinsky (our School Psychologist) continued the valuable discussions we had in the fall as part of our GLIM process (Grade Level Intervention Meetings). The GLIM meetings were led by Sarah Guernsey, Data



Director/K-8 Math Coordinator, who facilitates this process in all non-Title One schools (of which we are one) in the district. In these meetings, which took place on every grade level, we looked at student assessment data in literacy and, on some grade levels, in math. As we discussed literacy achievement, teachers shared their concerns re: the social/emotional components that some students seem to be facing which may influence their abilities to not achieve to their optimal, academically. Participating teachers in this Professional Development Day completed an assessment tool designed by Laurie and others that provided information on barriers to accessing and engaging in the curriculum such as Relationships, Academic and Non Academic Competence, Self-Regulation, and Physical and Mental Health. We utilized the results of this assessment tool to develop interventions to support students whose assessments showed a need for support in a given area. These interventions will be piloted on a very small scale this year, with the potential of us learning how to better support the social/emotional needs of students, K-5, and, therefore, increase their literacy (and overall academic) achievement.

Though grant money does not seem to be coming to fruition beyond the \$5000 STARS Residency Grant and the \$2500 Concord Wild and Scenic River Stewardship Council (RSC) Grant that I referred to in my last update, I have been able to secure \$1000 from a private donor who wishes to remain anonymous. Five hundred dollars will be utilized to help fund a small piece of our Broadmoor Wildlife Sanctuary efforts, and the other five hundred dollars will go towards the mosaic mural project. Of course, I am very grateful for this generous donation. If anyone has any knowledge of other funding sources to support these environmental/nature/poetry/art efforts, please send on any information you might have to me at [rkates@framingham.k12.ma.us](mailto:rkates@framingham.k12.ma.us). Thank you.

Happy and healthy New Year to all!!!

Most sincerely,  
Rosanne Kates, Literacy Specialist

## Health Room News



January is “Be Kind to your Spine Month,” or Scoliosis Awareness month. Scoliosis is an abnormal curvature of the spine. Early detection is very important. **All 5<sup>th</sup> grade students will be screened in late January or early February.** Reminder notices will be sent home. The Health bulletin board has more information and photos.

Children need Calcium and Vitamin D to develop and maintain strong bones. Vitamin D enhances the absorption of Calcium. Check the table below to see if your child/children are getting enough Calcium and Vitamin D.

Age	Calcium	Vitamin D
4-8 years	800 mg/day	5 mcg/day or 200 IU
9-13 years	1300 mg/day	5mcg/day
14-18 years	1300 mg/day	5mcg/day

IU = international units      mg = milligrams      mcg = micrograms

#### Examples of calcium rich foods:

1 cup of low fat yogurt  
1 cup of low-fat or skim milk  
1 ounce of Swiss cheese  
Fortified cereals

#### Examples of Vitamin D rich foods:

Salmon 3½ ounces, cooked  
Fortified cereals  
Fortified milk

#### **Parents of 4<sup>th</sup> grade students:**

Please continue to send in completed physical exam and Interval Health History forms. If you have misplaced them, please call or write a note and I will send another one home.

Mrs. Debbie Durkin-Puia, MS RN PNP  
Stapleton School Nurse  
DDurkin@framingham.k12.ma.us

## **KINDERGARTEN PREREGISTRATION 2012-2013**

If you have a child who will be five by August 31, 2012, it is now time to pre-register for kindergarten. Preregistration Forms are available at:

- ♦ [http://www.framingham.k12.ma.us/pic\\_kindergartennews.cfm](http://www.framingham.k12.ma.us/pic_kindergartennews.cfm)
- ♦ Framingham Elementary Schools
- ♦ Parent Information Center,  
454 Water Street, Room 115,  
Monday-Friday 8am-4pm

#### **Preregistration Forms were due December 30, 2011.**

For further information visit the Parent Information Center at <http://www.framingham.k12.ma.us/parentinfo.cfm> or call 508.424.3420.

**Please note that even families with siblings in the school need to preregister.  
You will lose the sibling guarantee if you do not preregister!**

## Thank You Metro Credit Union

All of us at Stapleton want to offer an extra-special thank you to Framingham's Metro Credit Union. For those of you who are not aware of their generosity, last year Metro Credit Union donated one copy of *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone* to each Stapleton student who won the Harry Potter House Cup Challenge (approximately 100 books). This year, we received copies of *Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets*, as well as leather-bound Hogwarts journals for each of the students who won the House Cup Challenge.

The big-hearted people of Metro Credit Union have been absolutely wonderful to work with. As Ellen Margiotta says, "Stapleton LOVES Metro Credit Union!!!"

Thank you, Metro Credit Union, for your spirit of giving over the past two years. From the bottom of our hearts, the students, staff and parents of Stapleton are grateful.

Metro Credit Union is located at 1124 Worcester Rd., Framingham, MA 01702.



*This year's Gryffindor students celebrate their win of the House Cup Challenge held during Harry Potter week.*

## Thank you Mr. McDonald and your team for a great presentation on MCAS!

The PTO would like to thank Mr. McDonald, Rosanne Kates, Jill Davan, Lianne Manzella, Natalia Kierul, Gail Chancey and the entire staff for working so hard to put together a very informative presentation on Stapleton's MCAS results from last year. The presentation was chock full of information and data and really helped parents understand more about the test and how Stapleton students performed. Clearly, there was a lot of time and energy devoted to creating this presentation, and we are so grateful that you put together such a complete picture of the results, and shared it at our January PTO meeting! Thank you so much!

# CIRCUS MINIMUS

**FABULOUS FAMILY FUN!**  
**Circus Minimus**  
**Monday, February 20**  
**10:30am**  
**Walsh Middle School**



The Creative Arts Council of Framingham (the group that brought Epic Brass, Underground Railway Theatre, Celtic Bells, Len Cabral, and many others to Stapleton and all the schools of Framingham in recent years) is hosting a fantastic family event on the Monday of February vacation. Circus Minimus will amaze and amuse all members of the family, kids and adults alike. Circus Minimus is a one-man circus-in-a-suitcase. From the suitcase an entire circus emerges: lights, tent, band, the head usher Mervin Merkle, the incredible Bumblini Family, the magician to the stars Clyde Zerbini, and much more. However, the most important performers emerge from the audience as there is tons of audience participation. **Circus Minimus will be performing here in Framingham at Walsh Middle School, 301 Brook Street, on February 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am.**

Tickets are only \$5 each if purchased in advance at  
[www.brownpapertickets.com/event/216855](http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/216855).

Tickets will be available at the door that morning, but for \$8 each. So, plan ahead and save some money. 100% of the proceeds from this show will go directly into future Creative Arts assemblies at Stapleton and every elementary school in Framingham.

You don't have to go far, or spend a lot of money to see a great show.

Thank you to Framingham Co-operative Bank, The Framingham LCC, Fitts Insurance and Impact Framingham for sponsoring this event with the CAC of Framingham.

## Creative Arts

On February 14, the third graders will attend a Creative Arts presentation by Native American Perspectives. Native American Perspectives is an educational program about the land, the animals, and the people of North America; our continent, our land, our home. Their goal is to promote an appreciation and a better understanding of America's natural environment, native wild life, and historic past.

Dressed in clothing of the western plains of the 1800's, their teachers are on the road everyday, visiting schools, and museums, presenting programs concerning Native American culture and early American history, using tipis as their classrooms.

Mass Ballet performed the Nutcracker with some of their older dancers and put on an abbreviated production for Stapleton on December 15 for grades K-3. It was a very engaging and enjoyable performance before winter break. Thank you, Megan Powers, for making this happen.

## CHANGES ARE COMING TO OUR PTO!

To provide for smoother board transitions and align ourselves better with many of the other PTO's in the district, we will be amending our bylaws to move the election of new officers from June to March. This will mean that during our March 14th meeting, we will elect new PTO Board officers to serve from March 2012-March 2013. In conjunction with this change of faces, the bylaws will be further amended to include some new board officer positions. Now, in addition to a president or co-presidents, the Stapleton PTO Board will include 3 vice president positions, each with a respective emphasis on Community-building, Event Execution, and Fundraising. We are excited about these new positions and hope that they will allow each vice president to become an expert in one role of our PTO.

## BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED!

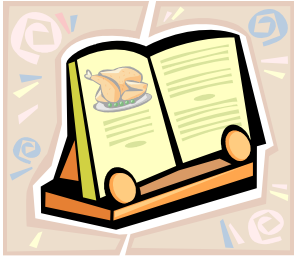
Ever wondered how you could help out Stapleton? Consider becoming a part of the PTO Board. We need volunteers to fill open positions from March 2012-March 2013. The board is a really fun group to be a part of! Officers have the chance to get to know and work with many wonderful Stapleton parents and staff members, and make meaningful contributions to Stapleton.

Below are descriptions of the Board positions which will be vacated by current officers . We invite you to consider serving in one of these roles. If you are interested, we would love to talk with you more about these positions and answer any questions. Please contact Martha Wingate, [wingatem@gmail.com](mailto:wingatem@gmail.com) or 508.877.1571, or Missy Maloof, [malooxf4@hotmail.com](mailto:malooxf4@hotmail.com) or 508.872.1247.

**Vice President of Community-building** Works with PTO President(s) to establish a budget for, and organize and support volunteers in Stapleton Community-building initiatives. These initiatives include school programs like Student of the Month, teacher appreciation, Stapleton Outreach program, Book Swap, after school enrichment programs, etc. If this list feels daunting, please note that most of these initiatives are already headed up by wonderful volunteers who are great at their work! If you are passionate about the wonderful community we have here at Stapleton, this would be a very fulfilling role for you.

**Vice President of Events** Works with PTO President(s) to oversee the planning and execution of major school events. This would include establishing fundraising and expense budgets, and working with existing chairpeople who head events to organize and support volunteers in executing fun, schoolwide events like the Pancake Breakfast, Movie Nights, Bingo Nights, Reading Night, etc. If you have some experience with putting on parties, consider becoming Stapleton's Party Thrower!

**Vice President of Fundraising** Works with PTO President(s) to set and achieve fundraising goals. In addition to providing ideas and support for meeting event fundraising goals, this person would oversee outreach to community partners, help direct a grant writing committee, and organize and support volunteers who run fundraising activities like restaurant nights and school pictures. They would also have the opportunity to develop new fundraising initiatives. If you are good at finding money, put your skills to use for the benefit of your child's school!



## January 23-27, 2012 RECIPE COLLECTION CONTEST!!

**The class who contributes the most recipes will win a pizza party lunch in their classroom!**

The time for procrastination has ended!! The Stapleton School Cookbook still needs your recipes!!!! During the week of **January 23-27**, we will be sponsoring a recipe collection contest between all the Stapleton classrooms. The classroom who contributes the most recipes wins a pizza party. If you have children in multiple classrooms, your recipes can count once for each classroom. If you have already submitted recipes, thank you, and don't worry, your recipes will be included in the tallies for your children's classrooms :).

If you are one who never got around to turning in your recipes, don't let the opportunity slip by again, send your recipes today! Recipes can be handwritten or printed out and sent into the office. They should be one side of an 8 1/2 X 11 inch sheet of paper. One recipe per sheet. If more room is needed, use another sheet of paper and staple together (but don't write on the backs of papers). **You can also email recipes to [aneesa\\_donahue@verizon.net](mailto:aneesa_donahue@verizon.net).**

There are so many great Stapleton recipes waiting and hoping to be a part of the cookbook. **We are looking for at least 100 more recipes for our book**, so if you haven't contributed yet, we need you! Maybe your child even has a recipe they like to make themselves. We would love some "Kid Chef" entries. There will be lots of fun recipes from the staff, and the book will be much more meaningful to your family if you have a contribution of your own, so stop the procrastinating, and send your recipes in today!!!

Questions??? Contact Martha Wingate, [wingatem@gmail.com](mailto:wingatem@gmail.com), or Aneesa Donahue, [aneesa\\_donahue@verizon.net](mailto:aneesa_donahue@verizon.net).



# Stapleton PTO Meeting Minutes, January 11, 2012

Start time: 7:05pm  
Number of Attendees: 26

Tina Crotty welcomed everyone to the meeting  
Tina thanked several people for their efforts in recent PTO activities and fundraisers:

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Volunteer</u>
Pancake Breakfast	Jen Miller, Tammy Sjostedt, and volunteers
Movie Night	Maura Wheat, Debby Correia and volunteers
Book Swap	Kathy Spellman and Missy Maloof

With respect to above, Tina noted that we the next book swap will be on January 25<sup>th</sup> and Kathy Spellman has volunteered to take over!

## Budget

The budget was reviewed. It was noted that the Stop & Shop A+ program was doing really well, and we will put it out on the loop again to get more cards signed up.

## Updates:

**PTO Elections:** PTO elections will be held at the March PTO meeting this year. It will make for an easier transition for the new team. We are also introducing a new board model with 2 Presidents, 3 Vice Presidents, as well as a Secretary and Treasurer. There are currently 3 Vice President positions open. Martha Wingate will be distributing information on these roles shortly. If anyone is interested, please let Martha know.

**F-SEPAC (Rachel Richer):** There will be an F-SEPAC meeting on January 19<sup>th</sup> from 7pm to 9pm at King School. The Advisory Council will be there and it is a good open forum to discuss concerns and ideas. This is also an opportunity to submit comments to the Director of Special Education.

**Magnets:** The Stapleton School store is now selling car magnets for \$5. Please contact Rachel Richer if you are interested in purchasing one.

**Bingo Night!** This is a new tradition for Stapleton to be held on Friday January 20<sup>th</sup> from 6pm to 8pm. The Bingo team has plans for an amazing night – please come and bring the Family! **\*\* Volunteers still needed!\*\*** Please contact Jenny Landseidel at 508.879.6886

**Cookbook:** PTO is getting ready to re-launch the Stapleton Cookbook! There is going to be a classroom contest for the most recipes – details to follow in the blue folders!

Please send in your favorite recipes and support Stapleton efforts!!

**Stapleton Loop:** We have officially moved to our new loop. From now on, please send all messages to the new loop. In order to send to the loop, simply send your message as an email to: [stapletonelementary@googlegroups.com](mailto:stapletonelementary@googlegroups.com)

**Family Reading Night:** Family reading night will be tied in with the book fair; more details to follow.

## PTO Presidents Report

Missy Maloof attended the January PTO presidents meeting and the following was discussed:

1. The switch of Fuller and Farley was discussed.
2. The new heating system for Stapleton will be installed after the new windows are completed.
3. The recent air quality tests at Woodrow Wilson School found that the air quality issues were limited to the cafeteria.

## Upcoming events and Announcements

**Town wide PTO:** The Town wide PTO meeting will be held on January 17<sup>th</sup> at Stapleton – Please attend and show your support!!

**Book Swap:** Book Swap is scheduled for Wednesday January 25<sup>th</sup> and Volunteers are needed!! Please contact Kathy Spellman at 508.788.9576

**Book Fair:** Book Fair is February 2<sup>nd</sup> through February 10<sup>th</sup>. Information will be coming soon!

**PTO Meeting:** Next PTO meeting will be February 16<sup>th</sup>! We will have special guest speakers from McAuliffe Charter and Cameron middle schools! Please attend and learn about your child's middle school options!!

**PTO Board Elections:** PTO Board Elections will be held at the March 16<sup>th</sup> PTO meeting.

## MCAS Results

Mr. MacDonald gave a great presentation on the MCAS process and Stapleton's results from last year. It was very informative and well presented. A Discussion was held, and advice and tips on how to help your child prepare were presented by Mr. MacDonald and the Teachers present. Please contact Mr. MacDonald if you would like information.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:20pm.

Maura Wheat, Recording Secretary

## Executive PTO Board

<b>President:</b> Tina Crotty 508.877.5880 <a href="mailto:tina.crotty@verizon.net">tina.crotty@verizon.net</a>	<b>Co-Vice Presidents:</b> Missy Maloof 508.872.1242 <a href="mailto:maloofx4@hotmail.com">maloofx4@hotmail.com</a>	Martha Wingate 508.877.1571 <a href="mailto:wingatem@gmail.com">wingatem@gmail.com</a>	<b>Recording Secretary:</b> Maura Wheat 508.877.3241 <a href="mailto:mdwheat@comcast.net">mdwheat@comcast.net</a>
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