

May 2010 Blanchard Bits

Blanchard Calendar

May

- 4 Grade 5 Mothers Day Table.
- 5-7 Grade 5 Cape Cod Field Trip.
- 5 Grade 4 Field Trip Museum of Science.
- 6-7 Mother's Day Table.
- 6 Grade 6 Greek Olympics.
- 6 Early Release Day. Noon Dismissal. No lunch served.
- 10 Town Meeting Begins. 7:00 p.m.
- 11 General PTF Meeting. 7:30 p.m. Blanchard Library.
- 12 School Council Meeting. 5:15 p.m. Front Office.
- 14 Library Ice Cream Party. 2:00 p.m.
- 17 Spring Chorus Concert. 7:00 p.m. Blanchard Gym.
- 20 School Committee Meeting. 7:30 p.m. Blanchard Library.
- 21 Community Meeting Chorus Concert. 2:10 p.m.
- 26 Kindergarten Orientation. 7:00 p.m.
- 31 Memorial Day. School closed.
- 31 Memorial Day Parade. Blanchard Band to perform.

June

- 2 Spring Band Concert. 7:00 p.m. Blanchard Gym.
- 3 Spring Band Concert. Community Meeting.
- 3 Early Release Day. Noon Dismissal. No lunch served.
- 4 AB Graduation.
- 5 Kindergarten Tours. 10:00 a.m.
- 8-10 Kindergarten Screening.
- 10 School Committee Meeting. 7:30 p.m. Blanchard Library.
- 11 Field Day.
- 11 Sixth Grade BBQ. 5:00 p.m.
- 14 Field Day Raindate.
- 16 Sixth Grade Graduation. 6:30 p.m. Blanchard Gym.
- 17 Last Day of school.
- 19 Fifer's Day.

Blanchard Updates by: Maryellen Driscoll

Congratulations are in order for the Blanchard Advanced Band for earning their third gold medal at the MICCA Concert Festival on April 10, in Wrentham, MA. As a result of their brilliant performance, they were invited to perform at Symphony Hall in Boston on April 17. Not only were these young musicians wonderful representatives of Blanchard Memorial School, their music was of such a high caliber that they received a long standing ovation from the audience. Thank you to Chris Baird, Cesar Garde and Henry

Turvo for their continued dedication with these fine young musicians and to all of the parents and chaperones who have given countless hours helping our band students.

Chorus students did a wonderful job at the “Colored Pencil Project” Benefit Concert which was held on April 1, at the Acton/Boxborough Regional High School. Thank you to Mrs. Callaghan for organizing this amazing event.

Thank you to all the parents who supported the “Coins for Cures” program during the months of March and April. The program was a huge success and with one week left to go, we have collected \$1,453.95. All donations will go towards groundbreaking research and patient care at Children’s Hospital in Boston.

Thank you to the Boxborough Garden Club for the wonderful work they continue to do around the school grounds. Their hard work always ensures the school is inviting and visually pleasing.

A special thank you to the PTF Arts Enrichment for sponsoring the acappella group, Ball in the House, held on April 16. It was a wonderful performance which was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

A few reminders:

- The math MCAS testing will take place from May 11 - May 25. Any make-ups will take place as soon as the student returns to school. Please make sure your child is rested and comes to school having had a good breakfast.
- Students at Blanchard have been working hard to get ready for the production of “The Trial of the Big Bad Wolf”. Performances are April 30, May 1 and May 2.
- Our fifth grade students leave for their annual Cape Cod trip on Wednesday, May 5, and return on Friday, May 7.
- Town Meeting will be held on May 10, 11, and 13 in the Blanchard gym starting at 7:00 p.m. Blanchard’s Vocal Ensemble will be singing the National Anthem on the first night.
- Kindergarten Orientation will take place on May 26 at 7:00 p.m. in the Blanchard cafeteria. Letters have been sent to all perspective kindergarten parents.
- The Blanchard chorus will be having their spring concert on May 17, at 7:00 p.m. in the Blanchard gym.
- Our Lost and Found Box, located in the alcove next to the cafeteria, is overflowing. If your child is missing any items of clothing, please take a moment to drop by and see if you recognize anything.

PTF Board Elections and End of Year PTF Meeting by: Paula Grieco

Our last PTF General Meeting of the year has been rescheduled for June 1, 2010 at 7:30 pm. We will be debriefing about this year's events, reviewing budget results, and brainstorming about next year's fundraising and social events. Please consider attending! If you cannot attend, but have input or questions please contact me, pgrieco@etimes3.com or any member of the PTF board. We appreciate your input and participation!!

During this last meeting we will also be electing PTF Board members for the 2010-2011 school year. The current status for PTF board positions for the 2010-2011 school year is as follows:

Open positions

President (open) – Jennifer Campbell running for open position
Vice President (open) – Christie Smith running for open position
Treasurer (open) – Liz McHutcheon running for re-election

Corresponding Secretary – Cathy Winsor completing second year of two-year term
Recording Secretary – Wendy White completing second year of two-year term

If you are interested in running for any of the open board positions or have questions, please contact Paula Grieco pgrieco@etimes3.com. All Blanchard parents are welcome to run for open positions.

Upcoming PTF-sponsored events for May include: The Mother's Day Table and Bingo Night. Also, if you haven't already, don't forget to reserve a seat for this year's drama production, "The Trial of the Big Bad Wolf"!! See our web site: <http://www.blanchardptf.org> for details about these and all other PTF events.

LIBRARY NEWS by: Connie Long

Check out our "Spring into Reading" display in the library windows. Kindergarten through third grade students did a great job reading to earn the leaves, flowers, and birds to fill up our windows. An ice cream party will be held on May 14 for our fourth through sixth graders who have read from our selection of MA Children's Book Award books.

All books will be due back in the library by Friday, May 28. Exceptions will be made for special circumstances, for example if a student needs a book to complete a project. Classes will continue in the library until the end of the year.

Community News

Boxborough Candidates Forum: April 29

The Boxborough Town Election on Monday May 17 will be quite different than those of past years as there will be a number of contested races on the ballot. To allow voters the ability to meet the candidates and make informed choices in the election there will be a Candidates Forum on **Thursday April 29** in the Grange Room of the Boxborough Town Hall 29 Middle Road starting at **7:30 pm**. Boxborough's voters are encouraged to come and meet the candidates in person and listen to what they have to say.

Public Celebrations Committee.

Boxborough's Memorial Day Parade will be held on **Monday May 31, 2010**. It steps off **at 8:30 a.m.** from the corner of Hill Road and Wetherbee Lane. It proceeds to the North Cemetery, down Middle Road to Town Hall, and then on to South Cemetery. Brief ceremonies are held at each of the cemeteries and at Town Hall. We hope everyone can join us on this special day to remember those who gave everything for their country.

Calling all Veterans and Active Duty Military... It would be an honor if you would march or ride in the parade with us. You are welcome to raise a flag at one of the parade stops too. Please contact Sharon at 978-263-4174 if you would like to participate in the parade or ceremonies.

We are also looking for a few people, kids or adults, to hold banners in the parade – please contact Sharon at 978-263-4174 if you are interested.

The Acton-Boxborough Cultural Council Presents “Our World” Foreign Film Evenings

The ABCC 2010 foreign film series will continue through May with three movies from three different countries. The May 6th movie will be screened in Room 184W at the ABRHS and on May 20th and 27th at the Sargent Memorial Library, Boxborough. Films will start at 7 p.m. These films are suitable for teens and adults but not recommended for children under 13. There is no admission charge.

The schedule is as follows:

Thursday April 29 at ABRHS - *Bonjour Monsieur Shlomi* (Israel)

Thursday May 6 at ABRHS - *When Did You Last See Your Father?* (British)

Thursday May 20 at the Sargent Memorial Library, Boxborough - *Ahlaam* (Iraq)

Thursday May 27 at the Sargent Memorial Library, Boxborough - *Departures* (Japan)

Spring Book Sale @ the Boxboro Library, Saturday, May 1, 9:00 a.m.

The Friends of the Sargent Memorial Library, Boxborough, will hold it's Spring Book Sale on Saturday, May 1, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Please save your books and bring them to the library beginning Monday, April 26. Gently used hardcovers, paperbacks and audio visual items will be accepted. *Members' only preview will be held Friday evening, April 30, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m..* If you are not currently a member of the Friends, and would like to

join, you may do so by filling out an [application](#) and mailing it in or dropping it off at the library.

Boxborough Fifer's Day: June 19, 2010, 9:30 a.m.

The 2010 Boxborough Fifer's Day celebration will take place on Saturday June 19 at Flerra Field. The Day commences at 9:30 am with the Fifer's Four Mile Road Race. This is followed by a parade from the Blanchard School to Flerra Field at 11:00 am and then presentation of the Golden Fife Award. The Fair will commence at noon and include food and barbecue, children's games and activities, a volley ball tournament, booths representing Town organizations, and a craft fair. There will be band music throughout the afternoon. For more information or to sign up for a non-profit booth, craft booth, Road Race or Volleyball please go to www.fifersday.org.

Support for Project Graduation

Project Graduation is the all night, substance free party held on graduation night for ABRHS seniors. Project Graduation is fully funded and organized by the Boxborough and Acton communities. You can support Project Graduation by shopping locally! On Thursday, May 6, CambridgeWear will donate a percent of the proceeds from sales that day to Project Graduation. CambridgeWear is at the corner of 2A and 27 in Acton and has great Mother's Day, grad, or "treat yourself" gifts. On Friday, May 14 Roche Bros in Acton will donate a percent of purchases made between 4:00 and 7:00 p.m. The Project Graduation team can also purchase gift cards on your behalf during that time. Email ABProjGrad10@gmail.com to order gift cards or visit www.ABProjGrad.org for more details. Thank you.

Check It Out @ the Sargent Memorial Library

Paw Sox Pass @ the Boxborough Library

The Sargent Memorial Library in Boxborough is pleased to announce the addition of a library pass to the Pawtucket Red Sox games. The fee with the library pass is \$18 and admits up to 6 people in general admission seating. Patrons with a valid C/W MARS library card may now reserve this pass online or call the library at 978-263-4680. Patrons may view the entire list of passes and details for each museum's pass by clicking on the "[Museum Passes](#)" link on our website www.boxlib.org. This pass is sponsored by the generosity of the Friends of the Library.

Memorial Day: Library Closed

Please note that the Library will be closed on Monday, May 31 in observance of Memorial Day.

Wednesday Story-time Schedule Change

Jane's story-time will be on Thursday mornings at 10:30 a.m. beginning on May 6. So please mark your calendar and join us for stories and songs with Jane on Thursday mornings!

3rd & 4th Grade Book Group

Join us for our last book club meeting on Wednesday, May 5. Our next book selection is *From the Mixed-up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler* by E.L. Konigsburg. Please arrive at 4:00 p.m. If you would like to sign-up for the book group, please call the Library at 978-263-4680 or email Heather at hwilkins@cwmars.org.

Early Release Movie

Join us on Thursday, May 6 at 2:00 p.m. for the early release movie **THE TOOTH FAIRY**. This movie is rated PG. Please bring a comfy pillow so you can enjoy the show!

All children's programs are made possible through the generosity of the Friends of the Boxborough Library!

Blanchard Bits is published by the Blanchard PTF and circulated to all Blanchard families. To submit an article or calendar item, please email Aga Dresser at scottandaga@gmail.com or call 978-264-9709. The submission deadline for the March 2010 Blanchard Bits is **Friday, May, 28, 2010**.