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FROM THE PTG CO-PRESIDENTS

Superintendent Diana Rigby hosts a monthly meeting of all the PTG Presidents of the public schools in Concord, and the status of the CCHS Building Project is always a topic for discussion. The plan is to replace the current building with a new facility. You have probably read in the news that the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA) Board recently voted to change the category of the building project from "repair" to "replacement". The CCHS Building Committee is actively working with MSBA and following the MSBA New Project Process. Currently, the committee is working closely with MSBA to hire an Owner's Project Manager and Designer to complete the Feasibility Study/Schematic Design. The design is expected to be completed for MSBA Board approval in September 2011. This will be followed up by local town votes for the construction funds via special town meetings and a trip to the polls in November 2011. You can get up to date on the CCHS Building Project and follow the process on-line at www.cchsbuilding.org. We strongly encourage everyone to keep informed on this project. This is especially important for the parents of today's elementary school children as this project will greatly impact our "future high-schoolers".

Diana Rigby also hosts a Superintendent's Tea each month at one of the Concord public schools. All are welcome to attend. This is a great opportunity to speak with our Superintendent regarding your questions and concerns. The next tea will be on **Friday, November 5th** from 3:30-5pm at the Alcott Library. The December tea will be at Thoreau. You can find the complete schedule at: <http://www.concordpublicschools.net/pdfs/2010-2011-superintendent-teas.pdf>.

Enjoy a fun and safe Halloween weekend!

Karen and Melanie

METCO MESSENGER

We're off to a great start this fall! Thanks so much to all of our Boston families for sharing your children with us and thanks to all our Concord Family Friends for opening your homes and hearts to our Boston families. Looks like it's going to be a great year!

Our November late bus Family Friends Tuesday is **November 16**, so please mark your calendars!

Please remember that for playdates each family (Concord and Boston) should send a signed, dated note to the school office at the beginning of school on the Tuesday of the late bus. The notes should include the plans for the afternoon and the names and telephone numbers of both families. Boston children can ride Concord children's bus with a note from Boston parents granting permission. To catch the late bus, please have students at the Alcott School playground by 4:20 p.m. for the 4:30 bus to Boston.

Are you a parent of a kindergartner and curious about getting involved with the METCO Family Friends at Thoreau? Please contact Gretchen Nelson to find out more about what we do: ghnelson@me.com

Your Thoreau Family Friends Team: Gretchen Nelson, Laurine Verrilli, Meg Alexander

NEW AND USED BOOK FAIR

We would like to thank all of the volunteers who helped make this year's book fair such a wonderful success, we certainly couldn't have done it without you. Not only does this fair supply new and used books for the Thoreau Community, but it also allows the Thoreau Community to give back to our

teachers who give so much of themselves to our children. What better way to do this than with books! This fair also brings in the much needed funds to the PTG to allow them to fund all of the programs that directly benefit our children and our school. Many thanks!

*Carolann Hanselman and Debbie Duggan, Scholastic Book Co-Chairs
Fiona Stevenson, Used Book Chair*

PICTURE DAY

You should have received your children's pictures by now as they have been bringing them home in their backpacks. If you have not received the pictures by now, please email Robin Grace at robin.s.grace@mssb.com. Please note that picture RETAKE day has been set for **November 8th** at 9 AM. Retakes can be taken by anyone who was absent that day or if you would like to have your child sit for attempt #2. A volunteer will come to your child's classroom in the AM to bring him/her to have her photo taken if your child was absent on the original date. If you want your child's photo retaken, please email Robin Grace to let her know so that she can establish a list, accordingly. Please send in the complete set of pictures that you received if you would like your child to sit again for his/her picture. The photographer will hold the old photos until you receive the new pictures.

ORIGINAL WORKS FUNDRAISER

The Thoreau PTG fundraising is offering an art program through Original Works. This program allows you to have your child's artwork reproduced onto a selection of over 25 different items. These products range from magnets, mugs, mouse pads, t-shirts, sketch books, ceramic tiles and much more.

Your child has created their artwork in art class. If your child was absent or prefers to create different artwork, they may do so, as long as it is created on 8 1/2" x 11" paper.

These items make great gifts and will be shipped in time for the holidays. Please contact Natalie Gekle at ngekle@comcast.net or Maria Scichilone at scichilone@comcast.net for additional questions.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS: TURKEY TROT IS WEDNESDAY, NOV 24th!

This school-wide, non-competitive, fun run around the Thoreau School neighborhood is now going on its 21st year! Following a pep rally, a mysterious, almost adult-like turkey leads the run! Different routes are designated for younger and older children. All are welcome to come and watch and cheer their kids on! Children should come to school in comfortable clothes and wear shoes they can "trot" in. If you have not already done so please return your child's permission slip. We need to receive a permission slip for every child. This saves a lot of last minute calling to verify if your child will or will not be running. If you have any questions or are interested in volunteering please email: Trish Siefer at thesiefers@gmail.com or Leanne Winkler at leanne.winkler@gmail.com.

LUNCH MENU Week of November 1 – November 5

Monday	Hot Dog on a Bun
Tuesday	Early Release
Wednesday	Chicken/Cheese Quesadilla
Thursday	Rotini w/Marinara Sauce
Friday	Sorrento's Pizza

AROUND TOWN

FENN SPORTS SALE

Don't miss the 42nd Annual Sports Sale at The Fenn School in Concord on **Saturday, November 6**. We'll have a large selection of gently-used sports equipment such as skates, cleats, helmets, bicycles, and much, much more. We will also have gently-used boys' blazers, dress pants and shoes for activities off the field. Specialists from Hardy's Ski Emporium will be on-hand to offer a wide selection of brand new skis and ski equipment at great pre-season prices. Come early for best selection! Doors open at 9:00 a.m. and close at noon. If you have any equipment you'd like to donate to the sale, volunteers will be on hand from 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. on **Friday, November 5**, in the school gym. The Fenn School is located at 516 Monument St. in Concord.

THE CONCORD FREE PUBLIC LIBRARY

The first annual Leslie Riedel Memorial Author Program for Youth will feature David Macaulay author of *The Way Things Work* on **Saturday, October 30, 2010**. It will be held at 7:00 p.m. in the Main Lobby of the Concord Free Public Library. Reservations are required, although there is no charge. Please call 978-318-3301 or Register Online.

CONCORD CARLISLE GIRLS TRAVEL BASKETBALL

Tryouts for CC Girls Travel Basketball Teams will be held at the following times:

-4th Grade (McCollum): **Thursday, Nov. 4, 6:00 to 7:15 pm** at Sanborn Middle School

-5th Grade (Kohler): **Thursday, Nov. 4, 7:15 to 8:30 pm** at Sanborn Middle School and **Wed., Nov. 10, 6:00 to 7:30 pm** at Sanborn.

Improve your level of play in a fun and competitive environment. 4th and 5th grade: One practice per week and one game on Sundays. Season runs mid-November to early March.

Email Bob Clarke at clarker@comcast.net for more information and to register for tryouts.

The next issue of Thoreau Announcements will be edited by Laurie Garrison. To submit an item, email announcements@thoreauptg.org. You will receive an e-mail acknowledgment that your submission has been received. Submissions must be school or community related and not commercial in nature. Submissions should be brief, with minimal formatting – no bullet points or underlining, please! Deadline: 9 pm, Monday, November 1, 2010.

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