



Brown School PTA Newsletter

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Your Vote Will Count!

Please boldly mark your calendar for next Tuesday, May 13th to vote on the school budget at the South Portland Community Center. Recent state legislation requires voter approval on all school budgets throughout Maine.

After a series of workshops and public hearings with public input, the School Budget was developed by the Board of Education and ultimately approved by the City Council. The May 13th Referendum asks voters to validate the School Budget that was approved by the City Council at their May 5th, 2008 meeting.

Appreciation Week Continues!

On Monday morning, Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week kicked off with an exciting welcome into the school and presentation of Gold Medals to each teacher and staff member. On Tuesday a delicious breakfast buffet was ready for their arrival. This year's planning committee chose an Olympic theme and the celebration of our deserving 'Gold Medalists' continues.

Thursday's luncheon has an exceptional variety of food with an International flare. Please bring your item to the school by 11:00am. You may drop your food off on the red table across from the PTA bulletin board at any time tomorrow morning. Cleaned dishes will be returned to the red table at the end of day. For any questions, contact Sally at 799-3616. We would like to compile a book of the recipes from Appreciation Week, so *please bring a copy of your recipe with your dish*, we know the staff will be thrilled! If you prefer, you can email your recipe to parent Deb Deiley, tdeiley1@maine.rr.com, who has volunteered to assemble the booklets.

Thank you to everyone who has contributed to the success of this special week!

Joan Benoit Samuelson

If your child came home yesterday telling you that he/she met an Olympic Gold Medalist, it's true! As part of the 'Olympic' salute to our teachers and staff, Joan Benoit Samuelson, the 1984 Olympic Gold Medalist in the Women's Marathon, came to Brown School to share her motivational message with the students and to recognize the important role of educators in children's lives. Joan described the steps she found successful in achieving her goals and involved the students in identifying the key traits to pursuing their own dreams—passion, perseverance, patience and persistence were among them. It was an inspiring morning and we're grateful to Joan for sharing her talent and time with Brown School!

Recent PTA Meeting

Last Thursday was the last evening PTA Meeting for this school year. It was well attended by both parents and staff! As our budget currently stands, PTA should be able fund the remaining requests of the school year, despite the current 'frozen' state of this year's school budget which has resulted in some approved field trips now needing funding for bus transportation. In reviewing the year, all agreed that a more regular schedule of evening meetings is necessary; this year's afternoon meeting schedule was successful but it did limit teacher attendance and many working parents. Officer positions are still being identified for next year.

At a Glance:

Friday Popcorn— 25 cents, proceeds benefit Mrs. Weeks' 1st grade classroom

Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week—continues through Friday

School Budget Approval Referendum—next Tuesday, May 13th at the South Portland Community Center

Art Show & Ice Cream Social—Thursday evening, May 29th at Brown School, details to follow



Teacher & Staff Appreciation Week

Message for students:
Great job wearing red,
white & blue on Tuesday!

On **Thursday**, you're invited to wear the clothing or colors of the country of your choice for International Day.

On **Friday**, wear the clothing of your favorite sport or your favorite sports shirt.