

FRANCIS WYMAN SCHOOL ~ WEEKLY BULLETIN  
March 13, 2009



**Important Dates:**

March 14 – FW Family Carnival 10am- 2pm  
March 18 – Used Book Store Open  
7pm - PTO & Yearbook meetings  
March 20 – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Postural Screening  
March 23 – 1:00pm - Incoming Kindergarten Story Hour

THANKS TO PACK 555 BOY SCOUTS FOR  
CLEANING UP OUR FW PLAYGROUND -  
HOORAY FOR YOU!

I encourage all families to be sure to stop by FWS to attend the **Family Carnival** for a day full of fun. Hats off to all our volunteers for all the time and energy that they put into making it such a fantastic event! Enjoy!

Susan Astone

**It's Carnival Time!**

How exciting ... it is finally here!!! The 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Francis Wyman Family Carnival is Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> from 10-2. Be sure to stop by RAIN or SHINE to enjoy the usual carnival games & activities such as the drawing contest, moon bounce, cotton candy, slush, pizza, cake walk (win a cake and vote for your favorite). Also check out the new **Plinko** game and **Polly Patches** the clown. Don't forget about the many, many prizes!!!

As you already know from last week's bulletin ... the Raffle Table will be hosting some very impressive prizes this year ... *Capital Grille* (Dinner for 4), *Cape House* (3day/2night weekend), *Celtics Tickets* (2 – The Boardroom seating/dining) and *Samsonite Messenger Bag* (\$300 value). **Just added prizes to the Raffle Table include** *Jump On In Party* (\$275 value), *Guard Up* (fencing classes), *Notes In Motion* (\$350 value), and *Arthur Murray Dance Studio* (\$250 value). With the Raffle there are many sought after items for the young and “grown-up” alike ... “Martin” Mulch (delivered to your home), massages, pedicures, manicures, facials, and Summer Winter Restaurant (generously donated by local businesses). The wonderful theme baskets for this year include ... Lego, Patriots, Celtics, Vera Bradley-A Day At The Beach, Claire Accessories, Godiva, Life Is Good, and Ice Cream Party...and many, many more! There are over 130 individual raffles to be won ... Don't miss out on your chances to walk away with one or more of these great prizes!!!  
(*Helpful Hint:* Reduce repetitive writing; print out labels with full name & phone # to stick right on raffle slips!!).

Go to the FWPTO website, [www.franciswymanpto.org](http://www.franciswymanpto.org), to see a full schedule of the day's events. Come one ... come all to the #1 social event of the year at Francis Wyman School

**FROM Mrs. Astone:**

Practicing emergency procedures is important to maintaining safety at school. The school works closely with the police and fire departments to determine the most effective procedures. One day next week we will have a “lockdown” drill. Lockdowns are designed to provide safety for students when there is an intruder in the building or when there is an outside threat. Since there are a variety of circumstances that might trigger a lockdown, the police are instrumental in guiding the procedures and would arrive at the school within minutes of the initiation of a lockdown.

During a lockdown, the students sit quietly in a corner of the classroom with door locked and shade drawn. A lockdown sign is placed in the windows of the main doors and of course all the doors remain locked. A lockdown drill usually only lasts for a brief period. Parents and visitors are not allowed to enter the building during a lockdown drill and certainly not during a real lockdown. Were there to be a real lockdown, parents are not to come to the school as it would compromise safety. Communication with parents would occur, most likely through a connect-ed message.

So if you happen to come to the school during a lockdown drill, please do not be alarmed. If your child comes home and talks about a lockdown, please know that it was only a drill. The practice is meant to help students

learn the procedures without frightening them. Please do not hesitate to talk to your child's teacher if your child has any concerns following a lockdown drill.

### **PTO News:**

Have you ordered your gift cards yet? This is a great opportunity to give back to your school while purchasing gift cards for upcoming events in the spring and summer! Your order must be in NO LATER than MARCH 16TH. If you have chosen to use shopwithscrip, your check must be in the PTO SCRIP BOX by MARCH 16TH. Remember to choose a delivery option. Thank you for supporting our school!!!! Any questions may be directed to [rpothierscrip@yahoo.com](mailto:rpothierscrip@yahoo.com).

### **Wizard of Oz!**

Burlington High School will be presenting "The Wizard of Oz" on March 27, 28 and April 3, 4 at 7:30 pm with a matinee performance on April 5 at 2:00 pm. Join Dorothy and friends as she travels "Over the Rainbow" to the Emerald City. The production features a 100+ cast of students, including a village of munchkins from the elementary and middle schools! Don't wait . . . tix are going fast! Call 781- A-FUN-TIC (781-238-6842) or email [TICKETS@burlington.k12.ma.us](mailto:TICKETS@burlington.k12.ma.us). Tickets are \$15 adults, \$10 students/senior citizens.

### **Pop Warner**

Burlington Pop Warner Football & Cheerleading will be holding registration for its 2009 season at the Burlington Recreation Center at 61 Center Street, on Saturday, March 28th, 2009 from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM and on Saturday, April 4th, 2009 from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM (both dates are for cheerleading and football). Football players (between the weights of 45-160 pounds) and cheerleaders ranging from ages 7-15 years old (as of July 31st, 2009), are eligible to participate at five different age groups/teams. For additional information visit our website at [www.burlingtonpopwarner.com](http://www.burlingtonpopwarner.com) and click on the FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions) link or call the Burlington Pop Warner phone line @ 781-273-0747.

### **Parent's Advisory Council**

Parents, teachers, are you interested in learning more about your child's learning style or their learning strengths and weaknesses? Then attend our next speaker event. Understanding Testing, psychological, neuropsychological and educational testing for your child. Dr. Joseph Moldover, pediatric neuropsychologist at the Integrated Center for Child Development specializing in learning disabilities, ADHD, the autism spectrum, brain injury and psychiatric disorders will explain the types of evaluations available, what is done during the evaluation process and how to interpret the reports from these evaluations. The seminar will be held on Wednesday March 18 at 7:00 PM in the School Committee Room at the Burlington High School. For more info on the Burlington PAC email Dennis McCarron at [dandmmccarron@hotmail.com](mailto:dandmmccarron@hotmail.com).

### **BHS Post Graduation Party**

Mark those calendars ... The BHS Post Graduation Party Committee is having a fundraiser at Roche Brothers on Thursday, March 26th from 3:30 to 6:30. Just stop by and shop. All you have to do is give a Grad Party Volunteer your receipt before you leave the store and Roche Bros will donate 5%. No time to shop ... stop in and purchase a gift certificate and Roche Bros will still donate 5% of the gift card.