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This is the last edition of Inside MES with Ms. DuRocher as the Advisor and last edition with students in the 4th-6th grades. We hope that there will again be a newspaper at MES and we wish the future staff well.

Farewell

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Sixth Grade Graduation

By: Ashley Carroll

The sixth grade graduation at MES this year will be the last one ever. The new Middle School will be ready to open for the next school year, which means MES will no longer have sixth graders. Even though this graduation on June 19 is different than any other in the sense that it is the last one, it will be similar to previous graduations.

The graduation starts with the processional, or students entering and filing onto stage. Then everyone stands to recite the Pledge of Allegiance, followed by the singing of the National Anthem. A Greeting speech has been prepared by and will be given by Samantha DeLuca. There will be addresses to the students by Mrs. Tetreault the MES Principal, Mr. Campbell the current Assistant Superintendent and soon-to-be Superintendent, Ms. Kim Shaver-Hood the Principal of the new BMR Middle School, and Mr. Buckley the School Committee Chairman. Sixth graders Rose Hendricks, Rebecca Tober, and Kelly Murphy will read the Reflection speeches that they prepared. During the graduation, Mrs. Tetreault names all the clubs and the sixth graders who have been involved in them. There will be a presentation of awards in areas such as Mathematics, Reading/ Language Arts, the Francis J. Chaffee Memorial Science Award, and the Stanley F. Laczka Citizenship award.

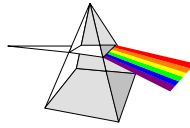
The presentation of diplomas is an important moment. After that, the sixth graders will move off stage and sit in the reserved rows to watch a special video showing of pictures of all the current MES sixth graders. After the video, Leanne Curley will read her farewell speech. The graduation will end with the recessional of sixth graders leaving the auditorium.



Because the new Middle school will be for grades six, seven, and eight, this will be the fifth graders' last year at this school too. They will not be having a graduation, but they will be having a special breakfast to honor them at 9:00 AM on Thursday, June 19.

Both the sixth and fifth graders are invited to spend the afternoon at Breezy Acres. As you can see Thursday, June 19, 2003 will be a busy, fun, important, and memorable day at MES.

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Science Fair By: Stephanie Houle

The last Sixth Grade Science Fair was held on May 22, 2003 in the MES Cafeteria. Students in each of Ms. DuRocher's three Science classes worked on and presented their own projects. During the weeks before the fair, the students chose Projects and had them approved. They then researched and wrote up some background information on their own project topic in order to help them understand the science behind their project better. Along with the display at the Science Fair, each student had to write a report that included the question they were trying to answer, what their hypothesis was, the materials that were used, the steps they took to conduct their project, their observations, results, and a conclusion.

The winners and their projects from the 2003 MES Science Fair were:

First place

Rose Hendricks

Which Brand of Sunscreen Protects Better: CVS or Coppertone?

Rose learned that the two brands protected almost equally with CVS slightly more protective. She also found that Coppertone cost about 80% more per ounce than the CVS brand. She concluded that CVS is a better buy.

Second place

Ashley Carroll

Does Age Affect Memory?

Samantha DeLuca

Which Popcorn Brand Popped Best?

Third place

Emily Bettendorf

Which Color Sunglass Lens Filters More UV Rays?

Lauren Suffoletto

Decomposition

Nicholas Toupin

Gravity and Ball Drop

Honorable Mention

Stephanie Downing

Growing Bulbs in Different Soils

Cheryl Ducharme

Plant Growth Under Color

Congratulations to all of the winners! The poster boards from the winning projects remain on display in the MES library until the end of the school year.

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Mr. Hartnett's Retirement

By: Rose Hendricks

As we anticipate the many changes that will occur in the 2003-2004 school year, it is also necessary that we consider the fact that our superintendent, Mr. Hartnett, will be retiring at the end of this school year. It is amazing to think that he has been working in our district for forty-one years and this will be his last.

Mr. Hartnett's career in education began in 1962 when he began working at the John F. Kennedy School as a teacher. He decided he would like a leadership position so, five years later in 1967, he became the Principal of JFK. From there, he pursued the position of Assistant Superintendent, and served in this role from 1978 to February of 2001. On February 28, 2001 Mr. Hartnett was offered the position of Superintendent and accepted because he was interested in curriculum and wanted to make greater strides in that area.

During his years in the BMR District, Mr. Hartnett has experienced the building of all of the schools that we have now. He recalls that the grounds of JFK, AFM, and the BMR High School were farmland while MES was built on woodlands.

For the future, Mr. Hartnett anticipates a growth in the Blackstone and Millville communities because the new middle school should attract people. He expects to see people from cities coming to our region to buy homes at lower prices and that will make our community become more cosmopolitan. Sadly, because of budget cuts from the state, we may be eliminating programs such as the elementary instrumental lessons and instrument choirs (such as saxophone and flute at the middle and high schools) to save on expenses. Also, it is predicted that there will be a reduction in the number of staff for our schools and an increase in class size.

Mr. Hartnett hasn't been able to find the time to decide what he wants to do as a retired man. He is glad that he thinks he will be able to spend a lot of time going places with his five grandchildren who are all under the age of five.

Mr. Hartnett says that his forty-one years in our district seemed to "go by in a wink". He decided to retire before he loses his enthusiasm and to let someone else have a shot at the job.

Thank you for all of your dedication, Mr. Hartnett! Best wishes to you in your retirement!

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Grease

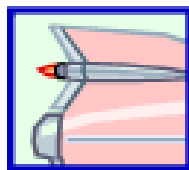
By: Ashley Carroll and Stephanie Houle



The production of the musical Grease, done by fifth and sixth graders at MES, was held on Wednesday, June 4, 2003. Mrs. Mahoney, MES music teacher, with the help of sixth grade Student Directors Lauren Suffoletto and Breanna Duffy, worked hard to have a superb play.

Grease, the play, is based on the movie by the same name and is about high school life in the nineteen-fifties. The MES play starred Lauren Suffoletto as Sandy Olsen and Christopher Mitrano as Danny Zuko.

To make this play possible it took many people, including a cast and crew of about 80 students, and lots of cooperation. Without Mrs. Mahoney's enthusiasm and dedication, this production would not have been possible. Congratulations on an outstanding play!



Lasts

By: Rose Hendricks

Auf Wiedersehen

The school year now ending is going to be very different than the upcoming school year because many things are coming to an end. It is possible that clubs such as Scrabble Club, Chess Club, Literary Magazine, and the Enrichment program will not be held next year due to budget cuts. Other lasts are the final MES grade five and six Talent Show which was held on February 14, 2003 and the last fifth and sixth grade Band

Concert held on May 9, 2003. Sixth graders will no longer have a MES Spelling Bee and there will be no other Sixth Grade Graduations.

We say good-bye to Mrs. Considine as she retires as well as to the current sixth grade teachers, Mrs. Almquist, Miss Cavalieri, and Ms. DuRocher. Another teacher who will no longer be at MES is Mr. Lancisi because he will be going to the new Middle School and MES will no longer have this dedicated computer teacher.

This year will be a very important year in BMRSD and at MES because there are so many "lasts".

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