

Dear 4th grade parents,

As some of you may know, there are several 5th grade activities organized by parent volunteers and partially funded by the Bowman PTA that your child will be invited to participate in next year.

For the 2011-2012 school year, Marcy Lee and Jo Ann Bodemer will serve as the 5th Grade Activities Organizers. We are looking for some interested parents who can join us in planning and running a successful and fun 5th grade year of activities. Since it is never too early to start planning, we want to provide you a brief overview of what to expect next year. The following activities are currently planned:

FIELD DAY

Lead Parents: **LEAD PARENT VOLUNTEER(s) NEEDED**

- Location: playground and fields
- Time: takes place during school hours, 9am to noon
- Date: sometime in June

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Lead Parents: Jennifer Lawrence and Diane Abe,
one additional LEAD Parent Volunteer needed

- Location: gym
- Time: 6pm to 8pm
- Date: sometime in June, usually the same day as Field Day
- This is a chaperoned social event with dancing to tunes from a DJ; snacks and drinks are served

MOVING ON CEREMONY AND RECEPTION

Lead Parents: **LEAD PARENT VOLUNTEER(s) NEEDED**

- Location: The ceremony takes place in the gym; the reception is immediately following in the cafeteria; 4th grade parents set up and serve cake
- Time: morning (exact time will be given by teachers)
- Date: Sometime during the last week of school
- Set up the night before - 6pm

DVD

Lead Parents: Jo Ann Bodemer and Marcy Lee

- As part of the end of the year "Moving On" celebration, each 5th grade student will receive a DVD (with pictures of their classmates) which is shown at the Moving On Ceremony

YEARBOOK

Lead Parents: Diane Abe and Brenda Dziadzio

- As part of the end of the year "Moving On" celebration, each 5th grade student will receive a yearbook.

PORTRAITS

Lead Parents: Virginia de Amorrortu and Cathy Sukow

- All 5th grade students draw a self-portrait to be hung on the walls around the gym for the Moving On Ceremony

CLASS GIFT

Lead Parent: **LEAD PARENT VOLUNTEER NEEDED**

- The 5th grade class presents Bowman with a gift at the Moving On Ceremony.

5TH GRADE T-SHIRT

Lead Parent: Flo Donaghy

- All 5th grade students will receive a T-shirt that will help them remember their days at Bowman.

SPAGHETTI DINNER

Lead Parents: Adrienne and Michael Ortyl

- Location: cafeteria
- Time: evening event
- Date: sometime in February
- This is a fundraiser organized by 5th grade students and parents. 5th grade students will be the servers for the dinner. The proceeds will be used to pay for the buses for the Nature's Classroom field trip
- Tickets for the dinner are open to all families in the Bowman School community.

Just to note: There are also 2 field trips for the 5th grade students (Boston Symphony and Nature's Classroom) that are organized by the teachers.

We've already heard from the wonderful volunteers listed above, and if you are interested in volunteering as a Lead Parent or to help out with any activity (even one that already has volunteers), please let us know. In addition to the Lead Parent volunteers, a teacher coordinator will be assigned to work with the parent volunteers.

Most of the activities will require many additional volunteers to help either on the day of the activity or in the planning. There is plenty to do ... so please consider joining the fun!

Questions? Feel free to contact Jo Ann (jabodemer@aol.com) or Marcy (marcyandt@comcast.net). Look for the Summer Edition of the Broadside (available only on the PTA listserv) for more information about 5th grade activities.

HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY SUMMER!!!!