

GATES GAZETTE



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Monthly Happenings

October 4: PTO Meeting
7:30pm in the Gates
Library

October 17-21: Scholastic
Book Fair in Gates Library

October 21: Fall Social
6:30pm at Gates

To submit items to the *Gates Gazette*, please contact Salomé Juethner at gates.gazette@yahoo.com

NEWMAN'S NOTES

We had a nice turn out at our Back to School Nights. Hopefully switching this event from one night to two helped with parking and parent attendance. Back to School Night is the perfect opportunity for teachers to share the grade level curriculum and expectations. Upcoming parent / teacher conferences have been scheduled by the district for October 26th & November 15th. If you haven't signed up for a conference with your child's teacher, make sure you do! It is important for parents and teachers to meet and discuss student progress. I wanted to give everyone a quick update on the changes we have made with the afternoon parent pickup. As most of you know, we have moved our parent pickup location from the library to the cafeteria. Our goal was to minimize the traffic in the front lobby and increase student safety at dismissal. On a given day we have approximately 40 walkers and 40 students at parent pickup along with 25 bus lines. The parent pickup door is unlocked at 3:30 by the teacher who is on duty. It is not

safe to have walkers meeting parents in the parking lot at the end of the day. It only takes a few more minutes to sign out your child out from the cafeteria and it is the safest option. Student safety is our top priority! We are looking for parent volunteers to join the Gates School Council. Our first meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 19th before school from 8:00 – 9:00. School Council meetings are scheduled on Wednesdays: 11/16, 12/21, 1/18, 2/15, 3/21, 4/25, and 5/16. The School Council helps to write the School Improvement Plan with goals that impact the school. This year our goals are reading comprehension and social responsibility. The School Council also serves on the Health Advisory Committee, which is responsible for overseeing the Wellness policy. If interested please call or email me at lnewman@mail.ab.mec.edu Would you like to volunteer in your child's classroom or attend a field trip? All adults that would like to volunteer must fill out a CORI form. Many parents filled one out last year and they are good for three years. If you did not fill one out last year please



stop by the office and complete the CORI paperwork. The office will be happy to help you in this matter!

Wishing everyone a happy October!

Lynne Newman

Principal





Maureen Flynn
PTO Junior Co-Chair

FROM THE CHAIR

It is hard to believe how quickly Summer turns to Fall as we get back into the swing of the school year. My name is Maureen Flynn and I am excited to be the Jr. Co-Chair of the Gates PTO this year. I have 2 children at Gates, Elish in 4th and Liam in 1st grade, and have a pre-schooler, Delaney, who is very anxious to join them. I have been volunteering with the PTO since Elish started Kindergarten in 2007. I have learned so much about Gates and our community and am happy to be helping this year as one of the co-chairs. **Our next PTO meeting will be October 4th at 7:30 in the Library.** At each meeting we are planning to have a general discussion topic about our school community. This month we will be discussing two topics; MCAS results and possibilities for this year's auction or an alternate fundraiser. MCAS: Mrs. Newman will talk about this year's MCAS results, what they mean and ways

to discuss them with children (or not). Auction: Without a Chairperson(s) identified to run the yearly auction we will be discussing alternatives to raise the funds needed to keep our Teacher Assistants in the classrooms. Please join us to share your thoughts and ideas. Topics for future PTO meetings include; homework policies, evaluation of PTO programs/fundraisers, and class placement. We are always looking for additional topics for discussion, please email ideas to GatesCoChair@yahoo.com. Thank you to everyone who sent in their Back-to-School packets to volunteer and help out with our many programs and services. We greatly appreciate you donating your time and energy to help enhance the Gates community. All volunteer lists have been sent out to the Chairpersons and they will be contacting you to arrange your volunteer

activity. If, for any reason, you have offered to volunteer and do not hear from us, please email me and we will be sure to find an opportunity that meets your interests and availability.

This year's Fall Social is The Gates Olympiad! Friday, October 21st at 6:30. This decathlon of school themed challenges should be fun for the whole family. Hope to see you there! If you are interested in helping with this event, please email this year's Chairperson, Ken Silva at ken_silva@verizon.net. The entire PTO is looking forward to an exciting and productive year!

Maureen Flynn
PTO Junior Co-Chair

"Thank you to everyone who sent in their packets to volunteer and help out with our many programs and services. We greatly appreciate you donating your time and energy."

Numbers to Know

\$57,000 Amount of money the PTO needs to raise this year to continue to maintain current levels of teacher assistant hours and programs.

485 Number of students at Gates School.

\$118 The amount of money that the PTO currently spends *per student*.

\$35,900 The amount of money raised at last year's auction

80% Percentage of PTO funds spent on staffing (Classroom Assistants, Library Staff, and Computer Lab)

MEET THE PTO BOARD



Left to Right: **Philip Tsang** (Assistant Treasurer), **Raji Srinivasan** (Recording Secretary), **Dan Zou** (Treasurer), **Maureen Flynn** (Junior Co-Chair), **Janice Martineau** (Senior Co-Chair), **Michelle Baytarian** (Corresponding Secretary)

Auction Chairs Needed !

The Annual Gates Auction and Social is tentatively scheduled for Saturday, March 31, 2012. This event is the biggest fundraiser and social event of the year!

We are currently looking for two creative and energetic Co-Chairs to head up this event.

- ◆ Organize an event similar to year's past, or get creative with a new idea/format.
- ◆ Interested in creating an online auction?
- ◆ How about a cocktail party with a live auction, quickie board and raffle?
- ◆ Past chairs and auction veterans are ready to provide guidance and support.
- ◆ We already have over 25 volunteers willing to help!
- ◆ Talk with your friends, maybe someone is willing to team up with you.
- ◆ Spread the word! Do you know someone who'd be great at this?

If you are interested in learning more, contact Janice Martineau at jjmartineau@verizon.net

BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION

Please send in any Boxtops you've been saving over the summer. It's a terrific program, and easy to participate. **Each Boxtop is worth 10 cents for our school. Simply clip Boxtops from hundreds of your favorite products and send them to school with your child.** You may also drop them in the collection box in the lobby, next to the office.

Some products included in this promotion are: *Betty Crocker mixes, Nestle Juicy Juices, General Mills Cereals, Green Giant Frozen Vegetables, Pillsbury cookies, breads, and rolls, Land O Lakes butter, Welch's jellies, Avery labels and school supplies, Ziploc bags, Cottonelle, Hanes products,* and more. For the **complete list of participating products**, go to www.boxtops4education.com.

Please ask grandparents, aunts, uncles and friends to clip them for you too – get everyone involved and **EARN CASH FOR GATES SCHOOL**. Last year, during the 2010-2011 school year, we earned \$560.00. Gates School has earned a total of \$8,047 since we started submitting Boxtops in 2002. Remember, we receive 10 cents for every Boxtop we submit to General Mills. **The deadline for fall submission is October 24, 2011.**

Also, go to www.boxtops4education.com to see opportunities to earn electronic Boxtops (called eBoxtops), with online purchases from many popular stores.

Please contact Susan Bartow at 978-264-2014 or sbkajbartow@comcast.net if you have any questions

NEWS FROM GATES HEALTH OFFICE

Diane Spring RN and Victoria Reiersen, RN



Firstly, thanks to all the families who have donated food for the health office. The crackers and ginger ale have already come in handy for those upset tummies. If you continue to feel philanthropic, we could use some soft tissues like “Puffs”. The standard type we buy with our limited budget does the job for occasional use, but the “kinder, gentler” type is best for those little noses struggling with colds and allergies.

Until this warm weather is past, please continue to be vigilant about applying insect repellent to your children and washing it off each evening. We see many children coming in to the health office with some angry looking bug bites. In speaking with the town’s health department, we have heard that since August, affected areas of town have received automated messages from that department alerting residents to a few cases of the West Nile virus being isolated in mosquitoes and that they have been spraying as a precaution. We were also told that the mosquitoes found thus far have been the type that usually only bite birds (who knew that the mosquitoes were discriminating), but that they could change over to bite humans.

A gentle reminder to be sure to alert the health office if your child has surgery, a bone break or other relevant health condition that develops during the school year that we have not been told about at the beginning of the year. Our intention is to safeguard your children and to support teaching staff as the children return to school.

As far as trends of illness we are seeing thus far...there are isolated cases of stomach viruses with low fevers, colds, a couple cases of walking pneumonia, and a couple cases of strep throat.

We are here for your questions and concerns. However, thanks for your patience if we don’t immediately return the messages you leave on our answering service as we are busy caring for your children. Call Pam or Louise, the office administrative support staff if your matter is urgent and they can step into the health office to intervene.

Wishing you a happy, healthy October!

ART NEWS

Mrs. Knight



I (Mrs. Knight) am jump-starting the Gates students’ artistic spirit this year with many exciting art units! All students are learning how artists need to use their 3 most important tools to create art—their Artist-Hands, Artist-Heads, and Artist-Hearts. Only by exercising all 3 together can an artist achieve their highest potential! One of my personal goals this year is to keep parents more updated on what students are learning in art class a throughout the year, so look for more Gates Art News in upcoming Gazette issues...

- Kindergarten students are learning about the integral element of art, Line! They are learning how lines can behave in many different ways to make drawings interesting and original.
- First grade students are exploring the world of oil pastel and observation by creating unique self-portraits. We will also be exercising our imaginations in a dragon watercolor unit this fall
- Second grade students are learning how artists use sketchbooks to practice their drawing and to draw in different places. We will be drawing in our sketchbooks outside in the Gates garden, in the classrooms, Art Space, and at even at home!
- Third grade students are learning about warm and cool color schemes and experimenting with watercolor mixing. We are using these skills to create “Inner-Self Portraits” about who they are on the inside.
- Fourth grade students are learning about the Impressionist artists through discussions about artwork in Art and reading books in Library. We are drawing outdoors like the Impressionists and learning about what kinds of landscapes inspire each of us.
- Fifth grade students are experiencing the Design Process by inventing a dream vehicle from 2D concept to 3D model. We are transforming unconventional recyclable/found “junk” into imaginative sculptures using creative problem solving skills.
- Sixth grade students are learning about how artists create 3D space on a 2D surface with one-point perspective. They are inventing cityscapes with personal meaning to them while employing techniques to show depth and distance in a drawing.



FOOD SERVICES NEWS

Lunch Prices: Acton Public \$2.35 (\$.10 increase)

A la Carte Milk: \$.50 (remains the same price)

Acton-Boxborough: \$2.10-\$3.00 (Tiered pricing based on menu offerings)



We are pleased to offer Gluten Free Lunches at all schools. Please see menu for details. We do require advance notice for these lunches. These offerings will become available mid September.

Here is the link to our menus: Please note the daily alternates were not listed on your menu. The alternates are available...please click on the link for the menus below to see what is additionally offered each day in the cafeterias. <http://ab.mec.edu/departments/food/foodmenus.shtml>

Your family may qualify for free or reduced price lunch. The following link will bring you to the free and reduced lunch application: <http://ab.mec.edu/departments/food/foodmenus.shtml>

Top 10 Things you need to know about the Exciting New Changes in Food Services!!!

10. LUNCH ID, LUNCH ID, LUNCH ID – All students purchasing food/drink from the cafeteria must use their Lunch ID regardless of payment method
9. A student's confidential Lunch ID can be found in PowerSchool
8. Students can still pay cash for their lunch each day but must use their Lunch ID to process the purchase
7. Parents can pre-pay for lunches by creating account online using a credit card or by filling out form and sending in check/cash to cafeteria manager
6. Tickets will no longer be sold but current tickets will be accepted as payment
5. Beginning September 30th, parents can create account on Parentonline.net to set-up pre-pay for lunches
4. Elementary and Junior High students will be allowed to have a negative balance for up to 2 lunches. High School students must have cash or money on account in order to purchase food
3. Parents can check online to see summary of what student purchased
2. Rosters will be available at checkout for students that cannot remember their Lunch ID
1. All these exciting changes will take place on **October 7th**. Please have your child memorize his/her Lunch ID by October 7th.

Ohhh...another Gate's event...yawwwh...I DON'T THINK SO!

NEVER BEFORE in the history of man has there been an event...

A CHALLENGE SO GREAT...

SO INCREDIBLE...

SO EXCITING...

that the Greek Gods themselves have come down from Mt. Olympus to say

COUNT ME IN for the

GATES SCHOOL OLYMPIAD!

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 21ST

6:30 – 8:30 P.M.

Run as a decathlon with 10 events, everyone has a chance to win! There will be 3 divisions; K-3 Challengers, 4-6 Contenders and Star Competitors. Gold, Silver and Bronze Champions will be announced and participate in an award ceremony and victory lap!

There is a \$10/Family Entrance Fee to Compete in the Following Events:

Mrs. Gottlieb's "Got Elastic" Shoot – knock down cups with an elastic band. Watch Out, they may shoot back!

PTO "Disc"us Throw – Take your shot to throw a CD through a window. Yes, through a window!

Mr. Haras' "Green Team" Steam – Toss plastic bottles into a recycling bin. Save the planet as you go for gold!

Mrs. Reed's "Crazy Cart" Course – A go-cart event is so exciting they banned it from the X-Games!

Mrs. Ward's "Music Mania" – She knows her music, but miscalculated the chairs!

Mrs. Knight's "Fan"tastic Creations – Competitors race to fold and create a fan. Watch out for paper cuts!

Mrs. Newman's "Morning Announcements" – Memorize and recite our special & silly announcements!

Mrs. O'Brien's "Book Blast" – She is the Book Jedi, use the force to quickly sort and organize 20 books onto a shelf!

Mrs. Beardsley's "Balancing Act" – Balance an item on your head while walking. Sound simple? There's a secret...

Mrs. McCusker's "Lunch Away" – Place items on a lunch tray in order then duck, dive and dodge to reach your seat.

Not being there will be like missing Pedro pitch or Sinatra sing!

Everyone will be talking about it so do not miss out!

The Olympiad is Designed to be Fun for Everyone at All Levels.

Parents need to supervise their children and can help determine the appropriate competition level for their family. 3 Divisions compete as follows;

- K-3 Challengers** – Top three will be awarded, all participants win a prize!
- 4-6 Contenders** – Top three will be awarded, all participants win a prize!
- Star Competitors** – All participants win a prize!

1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners will be announced
and their names/photos will be posted at school!

YOU CAN WIN MILLIONS! (of oxygen particles)

This event will require many volunteers to make it happen!
Please return this form to the office marked "Fall Social Volunteer" if you can help.

I CAN HELP!

Name: _____ Email: _____

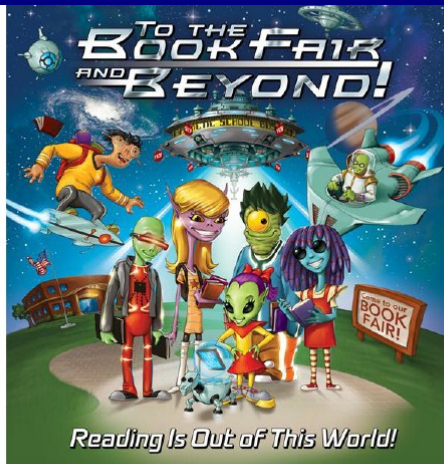
Phone: _____ Child's Grade: _____

Please check any position/time slot you are available to help with:

Set-up:	<input type="checkbox"/> 5:00 – 6:30		
Mrs. Gottlieb's "Got Elastic" Shoot:	<input type="checkbox"/> 6:30 to 7:30	and/or	<input type="checkbox"/> 7:30 to 8:30
PTO "Disc"us Throw :	<input type="checkbox"/> 6:30 to 7:30	and/or	<input type="checkbox"/> 7:30 to 8:30
Mr. Haras' "Green Team" Steam:	<input type="checkbox"/> 6:30 to 7:30	and/or	<input type="checkbox"/> 7:30 to 8:30
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Mrs. Knight's "Fan"tastic Gater:	<input type="checkbox"/> 6:30 to 7:30	and/or	<input type="checkbox"/> 7:30 to 8:30
Mrs. Newman's Announcements:	<input type="checkbox"/> 6:30 to 7:30	and/or	<input type="checkbox"/> 7:30 to 8:30
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Mrs. McCusker's "Lunch Away":	<input type="checkbox"/> 6:30 to 7:30	and/or	<input type="checkbox"/> 7:30 to 8:30
Clean-up:	<input type="checkbox"/> 8:30 – 9:00		

If grades are important to you, Mrs. Newman has said that everyone who comes will receive "A" right to come to school the rest of the year!

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR



**The Countdown has begun..... to launch our school to the Book Fair!
Our school is transforming into an out-of-this-world
reading experience!**

The Scholastic Book Fair will be open the week of October 17th to October 21st, from 9:15am to 3:30pm Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, and until 6:00pm on Thursday. We will also be open during our Fall Social on Friday night October 21st. Students will be visiting the Book Fair with their class. Parents, grandparents, neighbors, and all book lovers are welcome to stop by anytime.

If you have not already signed up and would like to help out during the Fair, please contact Janice Martineau at jjmartineau@verizon.net.

Change For Kids



Every year one of the goals of the Scholastic Book Fair is to put more books into the hands of students and on the shelves of classroom libraries. This year we are challenging Gates students to donate their own spare change to "Change for Kids".

On Tuesday, October 4th, students will begin putting spare change into containers located in their classroom. At the end of the day on Tuesday, October 18th, the canisters will be collected and the two classes that raise the most money will get a fabulous prize from our principal, Lynne Newman. In addition, the winning two classes will also receive a selection of grade appropriate books picked by Mrs. O'Brien.

All of the money collected goes directly to purchasing more books for our school. Additionally, Scholastic will donate one book for each dollar raised with a donation of up to one million books to three non-profit organizations dedicated to helping kids and families in need. They include: Marine Toys for Tots Foundation, Kids in Distressed Situations, Inc., and the Kids In Need Foundation

On behalf of the students and teachers of our school, thank you!

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR WILL BE IN THE GATES LIBRARY the week of October 17th



CULTURAL / PERFORMING ARTS

Welcome back to the new school year. We have many exciting performances planned for Gates this year. In June, the school year ended with a performance from Ball in the House, which is a five person acapella band from Boston. They taught the children about acapella music and performed some current and past favorite songs. It was a fantastic performance!

Our first performance for this school year is scheduled for Thursday, October 27th from Historical Perspectives for Children. An actor will portray the life of Amelia Earhart from her childhood through her adult life. They will discuss her goals growing up and her accomplishments with aviation. This performance is for Grades 3-6 and ties into curriculum as historical biography.

On Thursday, November 10th, Mr. and Mrs. Fish are coming to Gates to perform an assembly entitled "Life Along the Massachusetts Seacoast" for Kindergarten through Grade 2. Mr. and Mrs. Fish are marine biologists from Maine and will be discussing marine science, tide pools and habitats of the ocean.

The Cultural/Performing Arts Committee is looking for more volunteers. The committee performs some of the following functions; plan programming for the year, preview local performances, attend meetings every two months with other schools and schedule/organize performances. If you are interested, please contact Elizabeth Bruce at elizabethann@mindspring.com.

GRADE 2 UPDATE

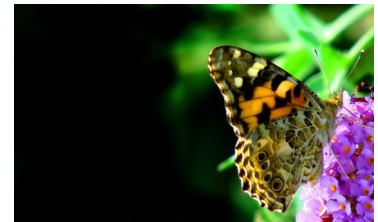
The second graders have had a fantastic start to the new school year!

We are in full swing with reading and math and are writing up a storm across the curriculum.

Our study of Rocks and Minerals is in full swing and we are planning our "Rock Walk" to the Sarah Doublet Forest in October.

Another science unit that we are studying is the lifecycle of the butterfly. We are observing Painted Ladies as they develop from larvae to pupae to adult butterflies. Each classroom is home to more than twenty chrysalises!

Mrs. Konde, Mrs. Cranna and Mrs Luongo



GRADE 4 UPDATE

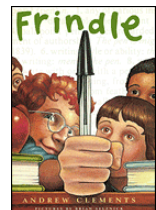
Grade four students are off to a great start!

In social studies, we are learning about continents, oceans, longitude and latitude. We are practicing using our map skills with globes and atlases and are looking forward to an in-house field trip with a cartographer on October 3.

In reading, we've been working on applying comprehension strategies to the novel Frindle.

Encourage your child to make connections to what s/he is reading at home and to keep studying basic math facts!!

Mrs. Walsh, Mrs. Gottlieb and Ms. Ryder





Robin Hood

Debuts on Stage at ABRHS in October

Proscenium Circus, the student theater at ABRHS, opens its 44th season with playwright Larry Blamire's hilarious adaption of *Robin Hood*. Full of excitement and side-splitting laughs, *Robin Hood* is a fun, irreverent, and adventurous twist on the classic tale. On the run after a deadly clash with the Sherriff's guards, young Robin and his friends fight the injustices of the Sherriff and King John's high taxes.

Recommended for upper elementary students and above, the play is directed by Brett Marks, an actor, director and producer in Boston.

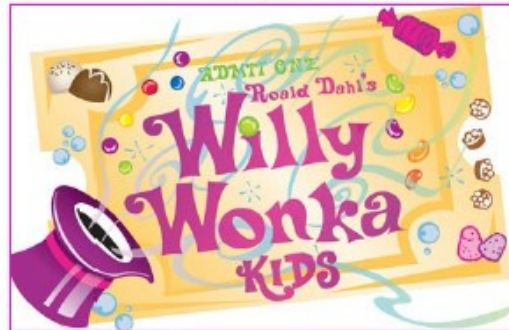
"The show's exciting stage combat makes this a powerful and fast-paced telling of *Robin Hood's* story of good versus evil," said Marks. "Also, the quick wit and pranks displayed by Robin Hood and his band of outlaws will keep everyone laughing throughout the show."

The cast will present a sneak preview at Oktoberfest on Oct 1st in West Acton. Students are invited to stop by the Proscenium table to take a Robin Hood quiz and enter to win prizes.

Evening performances are Oct 28, 29 & Nov. 4, 5 at 7:30 pm (tickets \$13). The matinee is Sun., Oct 30 at 3:00 pm (tickets \$11). Tickets are on sale at MKTix.com, Acton Roche Bros., Red, White & Brew (West Acton). The show runs over two hours, including intermission. Seats are not reserved. Doors open 30 minutes before each show. A talk-back after the Sunday matinee with cast, crew and director is also available to groups. For more information about the show, group rates or booking seats at the talk-back, email ABDrama@comcast.net.

Theatre with a Twist, Inc.

Presents:



Hale Middle School
55 Hartley Road, Stow, MA

FRIDAY Nov 11, 7:00 PM.

SATURDAY Nov 12, 2:00, 4:00 and 7:00 PM,

SUNDAY Nov 13, 2:00 and 4:00 PM

Directed and Musically Directed by Mary Spinosa-Wilson
Choreographed by Robin M. Wilson

ALL Tickets \$10

Tickets can be purchased

AT THE DOOR ON THE DAY OF THE SHOW

Exclusively contracted by Music Theatre International, 421 West 54th Street, New York, NY 10019 Tel: (212) 541-4684 Fax: (212) 397-4684
Theatre with a Twist, Inc. is a not for profit, 501 (c) (3) public charity community theatre organization.

Upcoming Events

Curious about Gates PTO Meetings?

- ◆ A great opportunity to find out more about programs at Gates!
- ◆ Meet and connect with other Gates Parents!
- ◆ Discuss current and future events & activities and share your ideas!
- ◆ Get your questions answered!

There are lots of ways to get involved with activities and events at Gates. If you are interested in learning more about the Parent Teacher Organization or just want to connect with other families, everyone is welcome. Drop in for one meeting or attend regularly throughout the year... we'd love to see you!

Janice Martineau
Maureen Flynn

October:

2nd
4th
17th -21st
21st

Family Photo Day
PTO Meeting 7:30pm, Gates Library
Scholastic Book Fair Week
Fall Family Social/Book Fair 6:30pm – 8:30pm

November:

9th

PTO Meeting 7:30pm, Gates Library

December:

7th

PTO Meeting 7:30pm, 8

January:

10th

PTO Meeting 7:30pm, Gates Library

February:

8th

TBD

PTO Meeting 7:30pm, Gates Library
Night at American Girl store

March:

20th

7:00pm, Gates

31st

Joint PTO Meeting & Speaker Series with Douglas

Annual Auction and Social, Devens Marriott

April:

24th

PTO Meeting 7:30pm, Gates Library

May:

4th

14th –18th Staff Appreciation Week

23rd

Spring Family Social 7:00pm

PTO Meeting 7:30pm, Gates Library

June:

8th

TBD

Activity Day (rain date, June 12th)

Spinners Game

Questions? Contact your PTO Co-Chairs –

Janice Martineau: jjmartineau@verizon.net

Maureen Flynn: gatescochair@yahoo.com

Gates Email Distribution List

Are you receiving Gates email notices?

The Gates email distribution list is used by Principal Newman and the PTO to update the Gates community about upcoming events, meetings, and other school related information. All PTO flyers and sign-up sheets – even the *Gazette* – go out via the Gates email list.

The Gates email list is moderated - only messages sent by the Principal or approved by the PTO chairpersons can be posted to the list. Only the List Administrators can add or remove members from the list. This is done for privacy and security reasons. This information is used solely for Gates School purposes and will not be shared with other organizations. Families may unsubscribe at any time.

To subscribe or unsubscribe to the list, use the "Sign up for Email" section of the Gates PTO website

(www.gatesschoolpto.org).

To update/change your email address, you need to unsubscribe the old email address and subscribe the new email address.

If you completed the School/PTO Permissions portion of the on-line emergency form, your email address has already been added to the Gates email distribution list. In this case, there is no need to re-submit your email address via the Gates PTO website.

Please contact one of the List Administrators with any questions: Lisa Benati at (978) 264-9145 or mhenati@yahoo.com, or Kirstin Lynch at 978-263-0186 or kirslynch@comcast.net