



GFS/JWL PTO Newsletter January 2010

President's Corner

Well, I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday break. I can hardly believe 2010 is here. The school year is going by so quickly.

One of the major issues facing Ledyard School this year is the budget. There are many ideas being circulated about possible changes for next year. Dr. Graner, our district superintendent, is visiting all the schools to answer parent/guardian's questions. Some of the changes being suggested are different from what is currently in existence. The meeting for our schools is January 13th and 7pm in the GFS Library. I encourage everyone to attend to hear first hand all the information. Thank you.

On November 20th I was a Guest Reader at a Community Meeting run by Mrs. Bucci, Miss Solar, and Mrs. Mihalko. I have to say it was fun and energizing. The program was created to instill a love of reading. Anyone can be a guest reader – parents, older siblings, grandparents, relatives, and other special people.

The Guest Reader visits the community class on Friday at 9:00 am. The person brings in a book to read to the group. The group also does some invigorating exercise listening music.

If you are interested in being a guest reader, the dates still available are

February 12th and 19th, April 9th and 23rd

May 14th and 21st, June 4th and 11th.

Please contact Deb Mihalko at JWL, 464-2780

As always, if you have any questions or comments please do not hesitate to contact me at gfsjwlpto@yahoo.com or 464-1919.
Sunshine,
Barbara Leandri

Upcoming PTO Events

Jan. 13	PTO Meeting	7pm
Jan. 15	Roller skating	5-7pm
Feb. 5	Movie Night	7pm
Feb. 11	PTO Meeting	3:30pm

January PTO Meeting

(Please note the change of date)

January 13th at 7pm

A representative from the school district will be joining the meeting to discuss the Ledyard School District Budget.

Grab Your Roller Skates!
Join us for a Night of Skating
Galaxy Roller Rink
Groton, CT



January 15th 2010
5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Entrance cost per person \$4.00
Bring Your Skates or Rent

Any questions regarding this event can be directed to Shaun Farquhar at 860-464-5112 or shaunfarquhar@comcast.net

Looking for a few great people to chair the Annual Basket Raffle.

The event is scheduled for April 9th. For more information please contact Barbara Leandri at 464-1919.



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Teacher Spotlight: Mrs. Megan McNabney, 6th Grade Teacher



Mrs. McNabney, a fourth year teacher at Juliet W. Long School, motivated to achieve her dream of becoming a teacher by the enthusiastic example of her daughter's kindergarten teacher. Her goal is to motivate students to lifelong learning by giving them the tools they need to explore their interests throughout their lives.

Mrs. McNabney is a native of Waterford who grew up spending summers at local beaches and still enjoys all seasons at the beach with her two children, ages 15 and 9, as well as walks at Ledyard landmarks like the Nathan Lester

House, Whitehall Park, and Glacier Park.

Her class is currently working on the first issue of *The 6th Grade Times*, a newspaper to be published in late February that will showcase poetry, short stories, and jokes written by sixth grade students, as well as a column featuring advice from the classroom pet, a leopard gecko.

Have a little time on your hands?
We could always use a few more hands.

If you are interested in volunteering at the school please contact Barbara at 464-1919 or at gfsjwlpto@yahoo.com.

Help Raise Funds for a New Playground for JWL
Playground Candles for \$15
Parent, Jenn Tuschung, is offering playground candles to support our efforts for new playground. \$5 from every candle sold will go to the playground fund. See display at GFS.