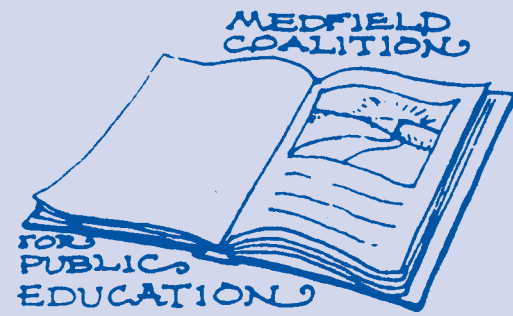


The Medfield Coalition for Public Education

- SPRING 2011 NEWSLETTER -



MCPE Brings *Race to Nowhere* to Medfield

According to the Metro West Youth Risk Behavior Survey taken last April, nearly 30 percent of area high school students reported feeling that their lives were “very stressful”. With that knowledge, MCPE joined the nationwide campaign to sponsor screenings of *Race to Nowhere*, a documentary aimed at raising awareness of the impact of stress on our youth.

Race to Nowhere, a film produced by Vicki Abeles, shares stories of students trying to manage increased demands on their time resulting from school work and outside activities – and the accompanying anxieties that often follow. During the second week in April, all Medfield High School students had the opportunity to view the film at school. After they saw the film, they were able to share their views on the issues raised during small group discussions facilitated by teachers

and staff. Medfield parents and community members were also invited to view the film at a separate evening screening. Complimentary tickets to this event sold out in just a few days, reflecting the high level of interest in the film’s message. Immediately following the community viewing, school representatives, along with staff from Medfield Youth Outreach, addressed audience members, sharing their insights and perspectives on the major themes brought to light in the film.

For more than 20 years, the Coalition has provided funding for innovative programs designed to educate and inspire our community. We will continue to look for opportunities that fit this mission. If you have any ideas or suggestions that you would like to share with us, we would love to hear from you. Email Susan Gorog at susangorog@msn.com.

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From the Co-Presidents . . .

Fall 2010 ushered in the second season of "Entertaining for Education" with members of the Medfield community hosting and attending a wide variety of fundraising events. We are so thankful to all those who generously dedicated time, energy, enthusiasm and imagination to help continue the success of the E4E program.

We are very fortunate here in Medfield to have teachers and administrators who care so much about our students and the quality of education they receive. MCPE is grateful for the time these educators dedicate to preparing and submitting grant requests which have further enriched the classroom teachings. In this way, the Coalition is able to support programs, speakers, technology, training and so much more that would not otherwise be funded. Our students are afforded a much fuller academic experience as a result.

Help us continue in the mission to provide system-wide support and academic enrichment for the Medfield Public Schools. Please consider making a tax-deductible contribution to the MCPE annual appeal (see enclosed envelope). The MCPE Board looks forward to working with the community to provide funding for the wide array of grants that are submitted each year.

It has been an honor and privilege to serve as Co-Presidents this year. We would like to thank the entire Board of Directors and Grant Committee members for their tireless dedication and commitment.

Sincerely,

Kristen Hobby & Susan Weisenfeld
2010-2011 Co-Presidents

Corporate Sponsorship Program

The Medfield Coalition for Public Education welcomes the support of business organizations by offering various underwriting opportunities through the Corporate Sponsorship Program. The Corporate Sponsorship Committee solicits corporations with relationships in Medfield for major gifts to help fund grants at Medfield Public Schools. This program creates a mutually beneficial partnership between area corporations and Medfield schools. Students and teachers gain much needed resources and programs, and corporate sponsors

gain increased visibility to a highly targeted consumer audience.

Corporate sponsors can designate a specific purpose for which their donation is to be used or can contribute to the general fund.

If you wish to learn more about corporate sponsorship for your business or would like to suggest a person or business that may be interested in corporate sponsorship, please contact Kim Venkataraman at 508-242-9883 or kim@venkataraman.net

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Math is Hands-On at Wheelock



Students get Hands-On with math games!

A grant submitted to MCPE by Wheelock teachers has led to fun and games in the Math curriculum. The purchase of Math games and tactile tools was initiated so that learning of facts could extend beyond standard rote memorization. Deborah Trikoulis, third grade teacher says, "A card with five stars in a particular pattern allows for the kids to memorize and recognize what the amount and picture of five looks like. We then pair the amount and picture with the 5 and f-i-v-e." Simply put, this format shows that the kids can

learn numbers in a similar way to how they learn to read. Cuisenaire rods, colorful and hands-on tools, are meant to help improve number sense. "The kids recognize their shape and correspondence to a number. They are great for addition, subtraction, multiplication, fractions, decimals, etc. They will be used across the math curriculum." The fundamentals teachers learned at workshops, coupled with the new games and manipulatives, are great tools for the math programs at Wheelock.

Winner of the 2011 Thomas Reis Award – Ballroom Dancing Curriculum

The Medfield Coalition for Public Education is pleased to announce that the recipient of the 2011 Thomas Reis Award is Ballroom Dancing Curriculum. Karen Renaud, a Wellness teacher at Medfield High School, wrote a grant requesting assistance in developing a top quality ballroom dance curriculum and imbedding it into the existing Wellness curriculum. This implementation will come in phases and is intended to become a permanent part of the education of Medfield Public School children.

Ms. Renaud's Ballroom Dancing grant is comprised of 4 phases. Phase 1 began this year with Ms. Renaud acquiring the training necessary to master the skills of 10 ballroom dances. She then taught these newly acquired skills to all sophomore Wellness students and is beginning to teach these skills to freshman Wellness classes as well. For the 2011-2012 school year there will be a Ballroom Dance elective semester course. The final phase's goal would result in dance instruction in Physical Education/Wellness for grades K-10.



Sophomore Students during the Annual Golden Shoes Ballroom Dance Competition. Photo courtesy of Medfield Patch.

When asked why she thought ballroom dancing was a great program for students, Ms. Renaud explained: "A few years ago, I ventured into a ballroom dance studio looking for something new to do that would be fun and challenging. I found that and so much more. It didn't take long for me to understand that ballroom dance is not only a great form of exercise; it is an opportunity to learn how to work in partnership with others, how to lead and follow, how to communicate successfully, express oneself in a healthy manner, it is an experience in good manners and social etiquette, centering

and focus, trust building, finding balance, strength, and power, it is rhythm, science, drama, and history. It can be an experience in pure joy."

The Thomas Reis Award is given each year in recognition of a project that promotes cooperation among schools, develops a new program of study or highlights creativity and innovation in the classroom. Mr. Reis was a co-founder of MCPE, a leading supporter of volunteerism in our schools, and an ardent advocate of children.

Congratulations to the winners of MCPE's 6th Annual Spelling Bee!

Winners of the 3rd–5th grade competition:
The Paragraph Professionals
The winning word was: **agoraphobia**.



Dale Street teacher Joe White and Wheelock teacher Jim Kuehl with Grade 3-5 winners Jacob Einbinder, John Kerivan, and Anthony Tristani.

Winners of the 6th–8th grade competition:
The Samurai Spellers
The winning word was: **candelabra**.



Blake teacher Michael Gow with Grade 6-8 winners Andy Letai, JJ Fedak, and Kyle Erickson.

MCPE ANNUAL APPEAL

Support MCPE by giving to the Annual Appeal. Your donation helps fund grants that enrich the educational experience at Medfield's public schools.

Please consider making a donation by returning the attached Annual Appeal envelope.

**MCPE thanks you
for your generosity!**



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Grants Awarded by MCPE in 2010 - 2011

STUDENT PROGRAMS/ ENRICHMENT

Adventure Team (*High School*)

Marie Foley

This grant provided support to the HS Adventure Team, a select group of students in need of becoming more connected to the school. They meet periodically at school and attend two programs outside of school: "Project Youth" and "Project Adventure".

Native Speakers of French in Upper Level French Classes (*High School*)

Paul Bruemmer

The goal of this grant was to allow students to interact with a real native speaker of French in conversation.

Harvard Model Congress (*High School*)

Richard DeSorgher

Harvard Model Congress enables students who have an interest in government and politics to experience what an actual session of Congress is like.

Ballroom Dancing Curriculum

(*High School*)

Karen Renaud

This grant funded the development of a top quality ballroom dance curriculum that is part of the wellness curriculum. The funds were used toward the training of the instructor who then implemented the program at the high school level.

"Naviance Succeed Essentials"

(*High School*)

Heather Mandosa

This grant funded a program that provides an increased connection between the guidance curriculum and the supplemental tools used through Naviance.

Creature Feature for 7th Grade Math

(*Blake Middle School*)

Marissa Gumas

Seventh grade math students used geometry skills and knowledge (following grade 7 MA standards) to produce and write a story about a fantasy creature, which also involved the English department. The funding from this grant was used to pay for buses that took the Blake students to Wheelock and Memorial Schools to read their stories and share their creatures with the students at these schools.

Improving Mathematics Instruction

(*Wheelock School*)

Caren McElhenny, Nancy Landfield

This grant funded the purchase of math games and supplies (primarily Cuisenaire rods and numberless cards) to assist students in developing their math skills.

Art in the Community (*Memorial School*)

Annie Kane O'Connor

This grant provided the funds to purchase picture frames that were installed at local businesses to feature artwork from the kindergarten classes at Memorial School.

Story Grammar Marker (*Memorial School*)

Mary Salamone

Story Grammar Marker is a hands-on manipulative tool that teachers use to help students remember proper story sequencing. The tool helps with story retelling, which demonstrates comprehension. Students are tested in retelling capabilities three times a year as a measure of comprehension progress.

Chess in the Courtyard (*Wheelock School*)

Michele Sprofera and Patty Allen

This grant will provide funding for a mega chess set, three outdoor tables, and a "crooked" shed to be placed in the courtyard at Wheelock. This will help to transform the courtyard into a whimsical outdoor space where children can learn to play the game of chess and enjoy other quiet activities. A collaborative effort to beautify the courtyard has been ongoing for a number of years and this grant will help complete the project.

PERFORMANCE/PRESENTATION

Opening Day Speaker: Travis Roy

(*System Wide*)

Robert Maguire

Travis Roy, a motivational speaker who is a disabled former hockey player from Boston University, spoke about the importance of overcoming adversity. This talk was delivered at the kickoff event for all staff at the opening day for the school district meeting.

Race to Nowhere (*System Wide*)

MCPE funded two showings of the documentary Race to Nowhere – one to the High School students and one to the community of Medfield.

MHS Call to Excellence - Ed Gerety

(*High School*)

Jeff Sperling

This program involved an assembly focusing on leadership, goal-setting, integrity and kindness. The grant covered one third of the cost of the assembly.

Understanding the Adolescent Brain - Joanie Geltman (*High School*)

Marie Foley

Joanie Geltman, a specialist in child development and parenting, spoke to both the parents of the community as well as the staff of the Blake Middle School and the High School.

The Wagner Percussion Workshop

(*Blake Middle School*)

Cynthia Dalpe and Heather Gonzalez

The grant funded the "Wagner Percussion Workshop" performance in March 2011 at the Middle School to celebrate Foreign Language Week. The grant supported interpretive communication and understanding of other cultures.

The Revels: An American Journey

(*Dale Street School*)

Heidi Crable

This grant funded the Performing Arts Series that recreates a voyage where immigrants share their stories, songs and dances. The performance complemented the new Standards-Based Social Studies Curriculum at the Dale Street School.

EQUIPMENT

Graston Physical Therapy Tools

(*High School*)

Maria Hutsick

The Graston Technique is an innovative, patented form of instrument-assisted soft tissue mobilization that enables clinicians to break down scar tissue and fascial restrictions. This grant allowed the purchase of the tools needed to perform the therapy for students involved in school athletics.

Sports Equipment for the High School Track Team (*High School*)

Melinda Lohan and Tom Woods

This grant paid for the equipment needed for the prevention of injuries and strengthening of muscles. The equipment provides benefit to the over 100 athletes that participate and compete in spring and winter track.

Grants Awarded by MCPE in 2010 - 2011

Dell Inspiron Lap Top Middle School Theater Project *(Blake Middle School)*

Loretta Porter-Fahey

This grant funded the purchase of a Dell Inspiron Lap Top computer, software, cart, and peripherals to digitally save, create, and store music, sound effects, lighting cues, and theater scripts used during theatrical productions. This music library is used for academic or related disciplines at Blake, shared with the High School as needed, and provides more opportunities for students working the backstage for productions.

Light Board and Stage Light Project *(Blake Middle School)*

Loretta Porter-Fahey

This grant funded the purchase and installation of four new lighting fixtures that provide lighting coverage to the entire stage area of the auditorium. A lighting console/board was also purchased to replace the 22 year old board that was currently in use.

Reading Corner "Back-Jack" Chairs *(Wheelock School)*

Judy Meyers and Jean Duffy

Funding from this grant was used toward the purchase of 38 reading chairs (two for each classroom) for "partner reading". These chairs (a few of which are currently used in the reading room) create excitement and interest in quiet, sustained reading.

COMPUTER/TECHNOLOGY

Turning Point Technology *(High School)*

Kevin Leaver

Funding from this grant was used toward the purchase of a response driven technology system that allows students to "interact" with a power point presentation made by a classroom teacher. Data are tracked to the teacher's computer giving him/her the ability to give immediate feedback to students based on student responses.

Project Able Technology

(Blake Middle School)

Marissa Gumas

This grant provided the funding for an In-Focus projector and a document camera that are being used to help teach students math content with blended learning as the main focus, in conjunction with the Accept Education Collaborative's Project Able.

Integrating SMART Response Systems into Classroom SMARTBOARD Use

(Blake Middle School)

Mrs. Zaia, Mr. Gibbs and Mr. Heim

The funds from this grant were used to purchase 24 Smart Response "clickers" that are being used with SMARTBOARD interactive whiteboards. They offer immediate and accurate assessment of student learning, as well as help gear the direction of instruction based on results of assessment.

Twelve (12) Laptops *(Blake Middle School)*

Becky Pagliazzo

This grant partially funded the purchase of twelve (12) laptop computers for student use. The Blake CSA raised part of the amount needed and asked the MCPE to partner with them to provide the remaining funding.

Everyone Benefits. All-In-One Classroom Audio Solution

(Dale Street School)

Dotty Vancura, Kim Cave

The funding from this grant was used to purchase four new FM sound field amplification systems to be used in two 4th grade classrooms and two 5th grade classrooms. These systems have been proven to benefit all students - those with hearing impairment as well as those without.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Social Thinking Training *(System Wide)*

Cori Jaconne

This grant allowed speech/language pathologists and psychologists to attend a workshop that focused on instruction of social pragmatics, problem solving and social skills.

CrossFit Level 1 Training Course

(High School)

Susan Cowell

This grant provided funding for four High School wellness teachers to participate in the CrossFit Level 1 Training Course.

Improving Mathematics Instruction Workshop *(Wheelock School)*

Joan Leonard, Deborah Trikoulis, and Patty Allen

This grant funded the cost of a two day math workshop for four teachers. Participants were able to develop specific strategies for use in classrooms with all students and also

learned how to better support struggling students. Part of the grant was also used to fund the purchase of reference materials for the teachers.

Literacy Conference *(Wheelock School)*

Jen Osborn, Jaimee Callahan, and Patty Allen

This grant provided the opportunity for ten Wheelock teachers and three literacy specialists to attend the Massachusetts' Reading Association's annual conference on literacy.

Response to Intervention "In the Trenches" *(Dale Street School)*

Susan Hamilton, Julie Lowerre, Laurie McNeil, Christy Callahan

This grant provided the opportunity for Dale St. School teachers to attend the Response to Intervention (RTI) workshop "In the Trenches!" Dale Street School is in the first year of implementing the federally mandated (RTI) program. The teachers that attended the workshop are all part of a special study committee that has been researching and learning about how to develop this philosophy.

Wayland Literacy Institute

(Memorial School)

Suzanne Cooney

This grant provided the funds to send six staff to the Literacy Institute program featuring Ellin Keene, co-author of Mosaic of Thought: Teaching Comprehension in a Readers' Workshop. Ms. Keene is known for focusing on comprehension as the reason for reading.

FIELD TRIP/TRAVEL

Trip to Boston for Bengbu Exchange Students *(High School & Blake Middle School)*

(High School & Blake Middle School)

Robert Parga and Judy Noble

This grant funded a trip to Boston for the ten exchange students and two teachers from Bengbu, their ten host students and three chaperones. The exchange students were taking classes at our Middle School and High School.

Thank You To Our 2010 - 2011 Annual Fund Donors!

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An Annual Appeal pledge card is enclosed so that you may add your support for MCPE.

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Art in Our Community

One of Medfield's newest art teachers, Annie O'Connor, has quickly helped Medfield student art become more visible in our community, with funding help from the Medfield Coalition. During her interview process, Jim Cousens, K-12 Fine Arts Content Specialist, mentioned that one of his goals was to allow more people to see student art. According to Jim, Annie must have been listening. "The steps she has taken to make this goal a reality are impressive," said Jim. "[She went] around town on her own time to speak to local businesses about displaying student work, applied for and received the grant from The Coalition [to purchase] the frames, ordered the frames, selected and organized student work to go in the frames, carted the work around to those businesses that agreed to participate, and [continues to rotate] the work on a regular basis."



Beautiful artwork compliments of Medfield's kindergarten children, on display at Honey's.

Art from Medfield's kindergarten students can be viewed at Blue Moon, Honeys, Medfield Public Library Children's Room, Medfield Town Hall, Needham Bank and Park Street

Books. The Coalition is proud to help showcase the artwork of our young student artists.

MCPE Brings Back “Entertaining for Education” Fundraiser

What do a neighborhood cocktail party, a “Cake-Off” contest, a middle school Halloween party, and a “Rock Through the Ages” bash have in common? These and many more events have all been part of the Medfield Coalition for Public Education’s “E4E” or “Entertaining for Education” fundraiser. Given the success of the first year of E4E, MCPE decided to bring back this popular fundraiser again this year.

The concept behind E4E is simple: members of the community host an event – any type or size of event, with a theme or without – where guests make a donation in support of the Medfield Coalition. These donations help to support innovative educational programs that



fall outside the parameters of the school budget. Especially in a time of lean school budgets, the support of Medfield parents is critical -- and much appreciated by the teachers and administrators who work tirelessly on behalf of our kids. We thank all the many people who hosted and attended E4E events in 2010 - 2011. We continue to be amazed and grateful for all the creative event ideas.

In the 2011 - 2012 school year, MCPE will once again bring back the Entertaining for Education fundraiser. While most E4E events traditionally take place during the fall months, we welcome parties at any time during the year. In addition to the E4E events hosted by members of the community, plans have begun for an MCPE-sponsored event in the spring, as part of the overall Entertaining for Education concept. Stay tuned for more information!

If you would like to get involved in MCPE we'd love to hear from you! We are seeking volunteers at all levels of involvement. Please email Lisa Brown (Lbrownma@comcast.net).

Thank You To Our 2010/2011 E4E Hosts!

Thank you to the many individuals who hosted E4E events during the 2010/11 school year. MCPE could not fund the many worthwhile grants without the generous support of all of these hosts -- and the countless others who attended their events and contributed to MCPE!

Ellen Bankert, Rachael Bauman, Stefano Bellezza, Allen Bonde, Linda Bonfatti, Jeff & Kathy Brody, Eric & Lisa Brown, Tricia Buzgo, Cathy Callaghan, Amanda Carnes, Kristyn Chin, Rose Colleran, Cathy Curbow, Chris Dailey (two events), Janet DeAngelis, Lisa & Shaun Dolan, Linn Epstein, Cristy Godshall, Susan & Bob Gorog (two events), Andrea Hagood, Megan Hagwood, Colleen & John Hawley,

Heidi Johnson, Larry Kramer, Len Loranger, Joe Luongo, Annabet Lussier, Natalie Madej, Ron Mandell, Brittish Miser, Meredith Mitchell, Heidi Nelson, Mary Beth Reddy, Tracey Rogers (two events), Christine Rosecrans, Joyce Sabia, Andy Spencer, Micaela Stanley, Carol Terry, Paula Tierney and Susan Weisenfeld.

While we have made every effort to include all the names of the 2010/11 E4E hosts in the list above, we apologize if there are any mistakes or oversights. Please let us know if your name has been accidentally omitted or reported incorrectly. Thank you to all for your support!



Blue Ribbon Recognition Program

MCPE's Blue Ribbon Program aims to recognize the many teachers and administrative staff who have played a special role in a student's life. Medfield families are realizing it is

an extremely simple yet effective way to honor school employees while continuing to support the many wonderful grants awarded by MCPE.

A tax-deductible donation is made to the Coalition and recognized recipients receive a personalized “blue ribbon” card. The program is offered in December for holiday gifts and at the end of the school year.

To participate, check out our website at medfieldcoalition.org. Our kudos go to this past year's recipients of the Blue Ribbon recognition for making a difference in the day to day school experience of Medfield students:

Emily Alland - HS
Tracy Allen - Blake
Sandra Ayers - Blake
Kathy Belmont - Dale
Kathy Biedrzycki - Wheelock
Cynthia Blum - HS
Kathleen Caprio - Blake
Kim Cave - Dale
Paul Coutinho - HS
Adam Coyle - HS
Heidi Crable - Dale
Deidre Crowell - Memorial
Kathy Curran - Dale
Cynthia Dalpe - Blake
Kelly Dengos - Blake
Barbara DiMarzo - Memorial
Annie Domeshek - Wheelock
Joseph Farroba - Blake
Maureen Feig - Wheelock
Luanne Galt - HS
Alex Gantos - Blake
Mary Garcia-Rangel - HS
Brian Gavaghan - Blake
Michael Gibbs - Blake
Michael Gow - Blake
Paula Grace - Memorial

Herb Grace - HS Bask. Ball coach
Steve Guditus - Blake
Marissa Gumas - Blake
Kathleen Harlow - Wheelock
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Matt Millard - Blake
Denise Miller - Dale
Luanne Monahan - Wheelock
Marth Moon - Dale
Thomas Morin - HS
Louise Mulock - Memorial

Gina Muscatell - Blake
Karen Naughton - Wheelock
Mairi Nawrocki - Dale
Douglas Olsen - HS
Erik Ormberg - HS
Jennifer Osborn - Wheelock
Robert Parga - Blake
Mark Penn - HS
Kim Perry - Wheelock
William Pope - Dale
Daniella Quinones - Blake
David Ruggiero, “Mr. R” - Memorial
Ann Marie Sabra - HS
Bethany Sager - Dale
Lisa Sailer - Blake
Gwynne Sawtelle - HS
Richard Shapiro - HS
Nicole Sheehan - Wheelock
Annie Thomas - Wheelock
Kathy Thompson - Dale
Debroah Trikoulis - Wheelock
Jenna Trombly - HS
Elizabeth Wiese - HS
Tricia Williams - Blake
Jane Woods - HS

A Special Place to Read

Thanks to the Coalition, reading just got a lot more fun! A recent grant funded the purchase of 38 reading chairs for Wheelock School – two for each classroom. The chairs are intended to provide comfortable, enjoyable reading experiences for students by offering desirable places to read. Providing the place and time to read at school helps solidify skills and develop fluency as well as build confidence.

Sometimes the greatest benefit, however, is seeing that the students simply love to use the chairs. Some recent comments from the children include “The chairs are comfortable. They are a nice spot to not be distracted when you read”, “It’s more comfortable than sitting on the rug”, and “It helps me concentrate when I’m reading.”

Thanks to the addition of the chairs, not only will the children continue to build their reading skills, but they are discovering that reading is an enjoyable way to relax and spend quiet time.



Students enjoy partner reading in the new Back Jack Chairs!

Teacher Donations Offered through Raffle drawn at Spelling Bee

For a second year, the teachers and administrators drew upon their creativity and generosity to provide over 40 raffle items available at the 6th Annual Spelling Bee. Over 100 kids were able to participate in raffle prize activities this year!

So many wonderful items were donated – luncheons and breakfasts with principals,

outings with teachers, pizza parties, teacher chaperoned mall and movie trips, camp sessions, privileged High School parking and premium graduation seats were among the highly coveted prizes awarded through the raffle.

Tickets were available for purchase through the schools and at the Spelling Bee. Students from Blake’s Student Council and Community Teens

at the High School generously gave of their time to promote raffle sales. Nancy Kelly Lavin most generously allowed ticket sales at Lord’s and provided festive balloon bouquets on the day of the Bee.

Many thanks to the teachers and staff who provided such popular items to our ever-popular raffle!

Medfield Coalition for Public Education Scholarship

In June of 2010, MCPE was thrilled to offer the first ever MCPE scholarship in the amount of \$500 to a graduating senior. We are so pleased to be able to present this year’s scholarship once again at Senior Awards Night on June 2nd. The

recipient will be a student whose character and actions embody the message of *Rachel’s Challenge*: eliminate prejudice, dare to dream, choose positive influences, use kind words and start a chain reaction of kindness and acceptance. MCPE was honored to

provide grant funding to initiate the *Rachel’s Challenge* program at Medfield High School in the fall of 2009. As a result, a Friends of Rachel club has been established at MHS.

“Clicks” in the Classroom - Integrating SMART Response Systems into Classroom SMARTBOARD Use



Teachers give lessons every day and hope that their students are understanding the material. Now, Blake Science teachers have a new tool to help gauge classroom learning. A recent grant funded 24 Smart Response “clickers” which are used with SMARTBOARD Interactive whiteboards and are being piloted this year by science teacher Diane Zaia. Teachers pose questions to the class and students use their remotes to click and choose a multiple choice

answer. The teacher can immediately gauge whether the class is understanding a concept or if additional time is needed on a topic. The “clicker” can also be used during review games such as JEOPARDY and the format allows for full student participation. Students enjoy using the “clickers” and because of this they actively participate in lectures. Said Zaia, “Tools like these that keep kids focused and engaged in learning are extremely helpful in the classroom”.

What is MCPE?

MCPE, or “The Coalition”, is an independent, nonprofit organization whose purpose is to support academic enrichment in all Medfield public schools, with particular attention to academic needs that exceed the parameters of the school budget.

In 1987 a group of concerned Medfield teachers, administrators and parents established the Coalition, with a board comprised of five people. Today, fifteen members with staggered, three-year terms sit on the board and another six people comprise the grant committee.

MCPE is funded primarily through the generosity of members of the Medfield community and local corporate sponsors. The Coalition has two major fundraisers: Entertaining for Education and the Annual Appeal, conducted through this newsletter. Funds are also raised through the annual Spelling Bee and the Blue Ribbon Program.

Special Thanks to Millennium Printing for printing this newsletter