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March 6, 2000

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RESOLVED: That the City Council go on record congratulating the Morse School community on its Book Festival on March 11, 2000 from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM and urging all Cantabrigians to be cognizant of this worthwhile and fun event; and be it further

RESOLVED: That the City Clerk be and hereby is requested to forward a suitably engrossed copy of this resolution to the Morse School on behalf of the entire City Council.

In City Council March 6, 2000.

Adopted by the affirmative vote of nine members.

Attest:- D. Margaret Drury, City Clerk.

A true copy;

ATTEST:-

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "D. Margaret Drury". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "D" at the beginning.

D. Margaret Drury
City Clerk

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TELEGRAPH



Newsletter No. 5

March 2000

BUY A BOOK! READ A BOOK! MAKE A BOOK!

By Gretchen Adams, parent

Morse School Book Festival

Saturday, March 11, 2000; 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

The Morse School's second book festival is approaching fast! Read on for details of activities and presentations which will appeal to readers of all ages. All proceeds from the festival will benefit literacy programs at Morse.

FEATURED EVENTS

11:00 a.m. Meet Children's Book Author/Illustrator Marcia Sewall! Come to the art room to find out about the many techniques, including scratchboard and gouache, Marcia Sewall has used to illustrate more than fifty children's books! Sewall is not only a talented artist, but an award-winning writer as well. She wrote and illustrated the ever popular *Pilgrims of Plimoth*, which won the Boston Globe Horn Book Award for nonfiction, and *People of the Breaking Day*, which introduces young readers to everyday life for the Wampanoag Indians before the arrival of European settlers.

12:00 p.m. Readers are Winners! Students are busy writing reviews of and drawing pictures inspired by books they have read and entering them in a drawing. At noon, ten reviews will be selected at random from those submitted. Winners will each receive a \$10 gift certificate from Curious George Goes to Wordsworth in Harvard Square.

1:00 p.m. Meet Children's Book Author/Illustrator Matt Tavares! Children's author and illustrator Matt Tavares introduces his new book *Zachary's Ball*, published by Cambridge's own Candlewick Press. Set in Boston, *Zachary's Ball* is a fantastic tale about a boy attending his first major league baseball game at Fenway Park. In his book, Tavares says he hoped to "create a story that portrayed baseball in a simple timeless way: of a child going to an old-time ball park with his fielder's mitt, hoping to catch a foul ball, or maybe even see his hero hit a home run."

ONGOING PROGRAMS

Video Book Reviews by Morse Students: What books get rave reviews from young readers and which don't make the grade? Pause in the school lobby to find out! On videotape Morse students share their thoughts about books they have read recently. The tape will play continuously during the festival.

Buy New Books

Staff from Wordsworth Books in Harvard Square will be on hand selling colorful new picture and chapter books guaranteed to entice young readers. In addition, Wordsworth will have a table featuring books on the Morse School library's wish list. Buy a book for the school and dedicate it to your child, your child's favorite teacher, favorite retiring principal, or another member of the community. Eye-catching bookplates, specially designed for the Morse School by parent Purnima Sahgal, will be available to commemorate your gift. Help the school meet its Book Festival goal of 50 new titles for the library!

Catherine Park, mother of two students at Morse, distributes books for Dorling Kindersley, publisher of the highest quality, stunningly illustrated children's information

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books, including the tremendously popular Eyewitness science series and Star Wars reference books. Catherine will offer a limited number of DK books for sale during the festival and is delighted to take orders for many of the other beautiful books DK has produced. Both Wordsworth and Dorling Kindersley are generously donating a portion of their profits to the Morse School. Thanks to both!

Huge Used Book Sale

Add to your personal library at the used book sale! Copies of books for both children and adults, fact and fiction, will be available at bargain prices. Donations of used books are still being accepted. Please clearly label bags of used books "Book Festival" and drop them off in the SIC room or call parent **Trudy Regan** at 661-5629 for pick up.

Children's Crafts and Face Painting

Volunteers from Harvard Hand invite children to try their hands at a variety of crafts which may include making books and book-marks, calligraphy, and origami. After making a piece of art, become one yourself! Have your face painted with a character or object from your favorite book.

Sign up for Cambridge Public Library Cards

Prior to the festival, children's librarian, **Daryl Mark**, from the city's main branch, will visit Morse classrooms with the Morse's librarian, **Liz Della Paolera**, inviting children to register for their very own library cards. Children who sign up in advance will be able to collect their new library cards from children's librarian, **Pam McCuen**, at the festival. All new library patrons will have their photographs taken and posted in the school lobby during the festival. Pam will provide information about the Cambridge Public Library's summer reading program and other exciting special programs for children at the Cambridge libraries.

Enjoy Delicious Food

Treat yourself to delectable baked goods or a full lunch! Hot and cold dishes as well as a choice of drinks will be on sale during the festival. Donations of desserts, main courses and beverages will be gratefully accepted the day before and day of the festival. Please call parent **Kim Winter** at 576-9064, to let her know what you plan to contribute.

Cambridge City Council and School Committee Members Read Aloud

Come to the school library to hear the city's elected officials read from their favorite children's books. Find out what stories they most enjoyed reading when they were young.

Volunteer Opportunities

If you would like to help sell food during the festival, kindly call parent **Kim Winter** at 576-9064. To help with the used book sale, please call **Trudy Regan** at 661-5629. Volunteering at the book festival is a great way to get to know other families at the Morse School. Don't miss out!

CLASSROOM NEWS

Neal S. Klinman

Grade 4 Teacher

Climb-on Mountain Research

Fourth grade students at Morse school are taking part in a unique mountain expedition experience. Through the "Climb-on Mountain Research" project they are completing a genuine research task which will culminate in a convention of student mountaineers where we will vote on a destination for an imaginary mountain-climbing expedition. For this research expedition the students are learning about the mountains of the world, but they don't even have to leave the comfort of the school. During this unit students are asking important questions about the mountains of the world as they learn about the general process of posing good research questions. The mountain researchers are learning about the library tools available for research through lessons offered by teachers, our school librarian, and our technology specialist.

Students are putting their new library skills to work by practicing note taking on their mountain topics using research gathering-grids. Through a guided process involving lessons about writing good paragraphs and organizing research information, students are writing research reports to share with the class. The creation of display posters, a student self-assessment, and an oral presentation to the other fourth grade "mountaineers" will complete the experience. This unit grew out of the Core Knowledge, City of Cambridge, and Massachusetts State curriculum guidelines, and it addresses the teachers' wishes to teach geography, research, and writing skills in a fun and engaging way.

I began the "expedition" gathering the whole grade in the library for a hands-on investigation of mountain-climbing equipment such as backpacks, sleeping bags, a tent, rock-climbing gear, hiking boots, skis, and parkas. The question "Where are we going to go?" was an invitation to engage in the research project. A short video about the explorers of Mount Everest increased the interest in this project and proved that information and research are vital to the success of any climbing team. **Mrs. Gargano-Daponte** led the students through a brainstorming process that established the important research questions for the project.

Students have worked in paired partnerships to complete their research using a variety of media, and they will be creating research reports and displays to present at the Climb-on Mountaineers' Convention. Whether climbing a real mountain above timberline or completing research projects about the mountains of the world, students are learning that it is important to be organized, work cooperatively, and reach for the summit with a good attitude.

MAKE A BOOK BUY A BOOK

MORSE SCHOOL BOOK FESTIVAL
 Saturday March 11, 2000 10:00 am-2:00 pm

SPECIAL EVENTS
 11:00 Marcia Sewall - Thunder from the Clear Sky
 12:00 Reading Prize
 1:00 Matt Tavares - Zachary's Ball

ONGOING EVENTS
 Huge Used Book Sale
 New Books: Including Core Knowledge Series and
 Morse Library Wish List

Library Donations: Buy a Book or Bookplate and honor a
 student, teacher or our principal!

Cambridge Reads: Elected Officials read their favorite stories

GREAT FOOD CRAFTS FACE PAINTING

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VIDEO BOOK REVIEWS BY STUDENTS
CAMBRIDGE LIBRARY CARD
DORLING/KINDERSLEY BOOKS
USBORNE BOOKS

Proceeds benefit Morse School Reading Activities
For More information contact:
 Magda McCormick (661-0928)
 Gretchen Adams (868-5853)

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