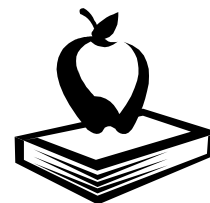


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Elections

The Town of Bridgewater will hold elections on Saturday, April 26. The BREA has endorsed Mike Demos for the Board of Selectman. We encourage all Bridgewater residents to get out and vote. Sign holding for Mike Demos continues on Friday afternoon and Saturday mornings on the Bridgewater Common as well as all day the day of the election at the high school. Please volunteer some of your time to help get Mr. Demos voted to the board. Make it a social. Have breakfast before or after on Saturday or grab a drink after on a Friday afternoon.

BREA General Meeting Monday, May 19 at 4:00 Williams Middle School

In celebration of being a 10 year breast cancer survivor, Joan Carson will be participating in the Susan G. Komen "Breast Cancer 3-Day." I will be walking 60 miles over the course of 3 days in August during a weekend of hope; honoring lives lost, celebrating survivors, and promoting breast cancer research. I have agreed to raise \$2,200 to help fight breast cancer. One woman is diagnosed every 3 minutes and one woman will die of breast cancer every 13 minutes. Everyone deserves a lifetime! I would greatly appreciate your support. Donations can be by check made payable to Breast Cancer 3-Day and mailed to me at the Merrill School.

*Many, many thanks,
Joan Carson (Kindergarten- Merrill)*

Congratulations!

Dee Weeks from the Williams Middle School will receive the John Riley Award for Excellence in Teaching Geography. This award is present by the Massachusetts Council for Social Studies. This award recognizes one educator each year in Massachusetts who has demonstrated exceptional ability in the field of social studies. Dee will receive this award at the MCSS dinner May 2. Congratulations, Dee!

Mitchell Monster Disco Ball

On behalf of the Bridgewater-Raynham Education Association and the Mitchell family, I would like to thank everyone who participated in the Mitchell Fundraiser. Your support and generosity made the George Mitchell Scholarship/Mitchell Monsters Fundraiser a huge success, and we were able to raise \$5253! I would like to express special thanks to the hard work and dedication of subcommittee chairs:

Lisa White & Anita Newman with Entertainment
Shawna Chabot & Christine Madden with Decorations
Vicki Murray on Raffles
Jalane Phaneuf with Graphic Design

Thank you to so many others as well!
Silent Auction Baskets/Desserts/Ticket Sales, were coordinated by Grace Burnstein, Sarah Castro, Janine Chuckran, Ellie Cucinatto, Lil Holbrook, Dale Perron & Marla Sohegan. Special recognition goes to the "Burnell Belles & Noble": Rose Catrone, Brenda Chickering, Renee Ladurantaye, Anita Newman, Scott Philly, Cheryl Smith, and Gloria Stanton entertained us with their singing performance and slide show tribute to George. A wonderful buffet was provided by Trueman Catering, and as always, Greg Webber kept things moving as DJ! Generous donations for raffles and baskets came from BREA and community members. It truly was a joint endeavor with a common purpose of supporting the children of our district. **George would be honored to know that he is still helping children today.**

-Natalie Winsor

Retirement Parties

Mitchell Elementary invites all to attend a retirement reception in honor of Karen Manning and Anne Swarce on June 6, 2008 from 4:30-7:30

Tabor Academy-Hoyt Performing Arts Center, 226 Front Street, Marion, MA

The cost is \$25/person. Checks may be made payable to Grace Burstein (MES-South House) by May 25.

Burnell: Pat Slowikowski's (speech and language therapist) retirement party will be on Thursday, June 5th at Castaway's from 3 - 6 p.m.

The cost will be \$25 per person (including appetizers and gift) Contact Kara Kuntupis at BRRHS for more information.

The party for Gloria Stanton will be May 30 at 5:00 at Halifax Country Club. The cost is \$38.00 and that includes the gift. Debbie Waterman is the contact person.

LaLiberte: Carol Price and Denise Pimentel will be retiring. The party is June 5 at Stoneforge. The cost is \$55 and you may contact Shawna Chabot.

Williams Middle: Celebration in honor of Rosanne Crowley, Janis Guiney, Jim Osenkowski, and Chris Slater at Benjamin's on Thursday, May 15. The cost is \$35 and you may contact Sarah Castro.

Raynham Middle: No retirements this year.



Be sure to send in the postcards sent to you by the MTA regarding health insurance. The legisla-

ture is proposing allowing towns to unilaterally place their employees into the state health care plan known as GIC without bargaining. Associations would lose the right to bargain over health plan offerings and insurance premium co-pays. Send them in, let your voice be heard!

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Honors

The PCEA recently had their annual awards banquet. The following is a list of award recipients from the Bridgewater-Raynham schools.

Professional Service Award (35 years or more)

Bette Bridges	Charles Bender
Dianna Tavares	Paul Peterson

Honorary Life Membership (30 years)

Robert Brogna	Michael Perry
Marla Harrington-Sohegan	

Rookie of the Year

Kelly Pedersen	Shaina Squires
Kathleen Post	

Honor Awards

Barbara Machado	Robin Murray
Beverly Saccocia	Chris Slater
Jeannie Turkington	