

GRAY-NEW GLOUCESTER  
MIDDLE SCHOOL

PARENTS as PARTNERS  
NEWSLETTER



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*Dates to remember:*

*Nov. 24<sup>th</sup> –early release*

*Nov. 25-27<sup>th</sup> –no school*

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**Dismissal Reminder**

We have implemented a new dismissal procedure for the end of the day. We ask parents wishing to dismiss and pick-up their students at the end of the day to do so prior to **1:40**. Office staff will be stationed at a desk outside the main office entrance to sign students out. We thank you in advance for your cooperation in this effort.

**Annual Magazine Drive**

We kicked off our annual magazine drive today. Students attended an assembly to go over the logistics of the sale. Magazine drive materials were distributed at the end of the day. We encourage students to participate to the level that each family is comfortable. Funds raised from the sales go directly back to teams and/or classrooms of the student making the sales. Teams and classes use the funds for class projects, supplies, field trips, guest speakers, and other school related items.

**5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Socials**

The next 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade social will be December 11<sup>th</sup> from 2-4. Admission is \$4 and students should arrange for a ride promptly at 4 o'clock.

**Next Dance**

The next dance will be December 18<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-9:00. The dance is open to 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders.

**Reflection on the Fifth Grade Move**

Just about a year ago the discussions began regarding space and student population within the District. The eventual result of the discussions was the decision to move the 5<sup>th</sup> grade to the Middle School this year. Since 3 months of school has gone by, we would like to get some feedback from parents about the move and how things have been going. A meeting for parents interested in sharing their experiences, opinions, and/or concerns is scheduled for Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 P.M. in the Middle School

library.

### **Figure It Out**

The “Figure it out” math challenge has expanded to a weekend edition. Solve the problem and email the answer to me at [scarbonneau@msad15.org](mailto:scarbonneau@msad15.org)

Last week's winners for figure it out were the Spaulding family and the Ronan family.

This weeks question is

What is the next letter in the following series?

O T T F F S S E

### **WinterKids**

Applications for the WinterKids program are available for parents of 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders to pick up in the main office and online at [www.winterkids.org](http://www.winterkids.org). WinterKids is a program that provides Maine children the opportunity to enjoy winter outdoor recreation activities at a free or reduced cost.

### **Holiday Assistance**

The holiday assistance coordinators of New Gloucester and Gray work with area businesses, church groups, organizations and individuals in an effort to make the holiday season brighter for families in need. If you feel you need assistance this year please obtain one of the forms from the office; fill it out and return it to the school. The forms are also available in the town office or public library.

### **Hannaford Helps Schools**

We are registered with Hannaford in Gray for their “Hannaford Helps Schools” program. If you purchase participating products you will receive a certain number of “school dollars” with your receipt. These “school dollars” can be deposited in the collection tower at Hannaford in Gray, or if you shop at other Hannaford locations, you can turn the “school dollars” into the Middle School office and we will get them to the Gray store for collection. More details of this program are available at [www.hannaford.com/hhs](http://www.hannaford.com/hhs) or you can pick up a flyer in our office. The deadline for earning Hannaford “school dollars” is December 6, 2009. All funds collected from this program will go towards Middle School activities.