



Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Form CPF M101 : STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION
CANDIDATE'S COMMITTEE
MUNICIPAL FORM
Office of Campaign and Political Finance

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 55, as amended, of the organization of a candidate's committee as follows:

1. Committee Name: DICK BENKA FOR SELECTMAN
(The name of the committee must include the candidate's last name)
2. Committee Address: c/o JONATHAN FINE 57 WILLOW CRESCENT, BROOKLINE, MA 02445
- 2a. Mailing Address: _____
3. Purpose: TOWN ELECTION CAMPAIGN
4. Officers:
- | Name | Residential Address | Zip | Tel. No. |
|---|--------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------|
| Chairman: * <u>Marcia L. Heist</u> | <u>41 Centre St, Brookline</u> | <u>02446</u> | <u>617-277-0858</u> |
| Treasurer: * <u>Jonathan S. Fine</u> | <u>57 Willow Crescent</u> | <u>02445</u> | <u>(617) 731-0002</u> |
| Other officer: <u>CO-CHAIR DONNA KALIKOW</u> | <u>44 CIRCUIT ROAD</u> | <u>02467</u> | <u>617-739-1962</u> |
| Other officer: <u>CO-CHAIR PAUL SANER</u> | <u>462 CHESTNUT HILL AVE</u> | <u>02446</u> | <u>617-734-4242</u> |
| Other officer: <u>SECRETARY ASST. TREASURER CARLA BENKA</u> | <u>26 CIRCUIT ROAD</u> | <u>02467</u> | <u>617-277-6102</u> |
- Attach additional page, if necessary, with other officers and finance committee, if any (CHESTNUT HILL) BROOKLINE
5. Candidate: RICHARD (DICK) BENKA 26 CIRCUIT ROAD 02467 617-277-6102
6. Office Sought:
- | Name | Address | Zip | Tel. No. |
|------------------|------------------|-----|----------|
| <u>SELECTMAN</u> | <u>BROOKLINE</u> | | |
- Title District Party affiliation, if applicable

I hereby consent to the filing of this committee. I understand that a candidate shall not give consent to the organization of more than one committee on his/her behalf. I am aware that candidates are required to keep detailed accounts and records of all campaign finance activity for a period of six years from the date of the relevant election.

SIGNED UNDER THE PENALTIES OF PERJURY:

Richard W. Benka 2/28/08
Candidate's signature Date

I hereby accept the office of treasurer of the above-named committee. I understand that I am subject to certain duties and liabilities under M.G.L. c. 55, including the timely filing of campaign finance reports and keeping detailed accounts and records of all campaign finance activity for a period of six years from the date of the relevant election.

SIGNED UNDER THE PENALTIES OF PERJURY:

* Jonathan S. Fine 02-26-2008
Treasurer's signature Date

I hereby accept the office of Chairman of the above-named committee.

SIGNED UNDER THE PENALTIES OF PERJURY:

* Marcia L. Heist 02-27-2008
Chairman's signature Date



SELECTED EXTRACTS FROM M.G.L. C. 55

Section 1 defines candidate's committee: "Candidate's committee", the political committee organized on behalf of a candidate.... The term "candidate's committee" shall also apply to the campaign fund of a candidate who has not organized a political committee for the purpose of carrying out the election campaign of such candidate or who receives contributions or makes expenditures independently of said committee.

Section 2 requires candidates to keep certain records: Every candidate shall keep detailed accounts of all contributions received by him, or by a person acting on his behalf, and of all expenditures made by him, or by a person acting on his behalf. Said accounts may be kept by an agent duly authorized thereto, but the candidate shall be responsible for said accounts, which shall be kept separate and distinct from all other accounts and shall include contributions made by the candidate.... The candidate shall preserve all receipted bills and accounts relative to all contributions received, expenditures made and any other campaign finance activity.... The candidate shall preserve said receipted bills and accounts for six years from the date of the relevant election.....

Section 3 requires the director to "assess a civil penalty for any [late filed] report ... of ten dollars per day... [up to \$2,500]. In the case of failure to file by a candidate or a candidate's committee, the civil penalty shall be assessed against the candidate....

Section 5 outlines statements of organization of political committees: Each political committee shall organize by filing with the director or, if organized for the purpose of a city or town election only, with the city or town clerk, a statement of organization.

The statement of organization shall include: (1) the full name of the political committee, which, if organized on behalf of a candidate, shall include the name of the candidate in said name;.... (2) the address of the political committee; (3) a statement of the purpose for which the political committee is organized (4) the name and residential address of the chairman and the treasurer; (5) the name, residential address, and position of other principal officers, including officers and members of the finance committee, if any, and; (6) the name and address, if known, and party affiliation of each candidate the political committee is supporting; provided, however, that if a candidate is nominated without reference to a political party, the name of his political party shall not be required....

Any change in information previously submitted in a statement of organization shall be reported to the director, or if organized for the purpose of a city or town election only, to the city or town clerk, within ten days following the change.

Each political committee shall have a treasurer who shall qualify for his office by filing a written acceptance thereof with the director, or if organized for the purpose of a city or town election only, with the city or town clerk. Said treasurer shall remain subject to all the duties and liabilities imposed by this chapter until his written resignation of the office is received or his successor's written acceptance is filed as aforesaid. No person acting under the authority of, or on behalf of, any political committee shall receive any money or anything of value, or expend or disburse the same, or incur expenses while it has no treasurer qualified as aforesaid....

Each treasurer of a political committee shall keep and preserve detailed accounts, vouchers and receipts as prescribed for a candidate by the provisions of section two. Each treasurer of a political committee shall keep said records for a period of six years following the date of the relevant election....

No expenditure shall be made for, or on behalf of, a political committee without the authorization of the chairman or treasurer, or their designated agents....

All funds of a political committee shall be kept separate from any personal funds of officers, members or associates of such committee....

IMPORTANT: M.G.L. c. 55, s. 5 requires that any changes in the information provided on this form shall be filed within ten days of said change. Further information can be obtained from OCPF at (617) 727-8352

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 55, as amended, of the organization of a candidate's committee as follows:

- 1. Committee Name: Committee to Elect Ken Goldstein
2. Committee Address: 111 Holland Road, Brookline, MA 02445
2a. Mailing Address: 111 Holland Road, Brookline, MA 02445
3. Purpose: Election for Selectman
4. Officers: Chairman: Joel G. Kinney, Treasurer: Hui J. Deng, Other officer: , Other officer:

Attach additional page, if necessary, with other officers and finance committee, if any

- 5. Candidate: Kenneth M. Goldstein 111 Holland Rd. Brookline, MA 02445 617-739-0400
6. Office Sought: Selectman Town of Brookline

I hereby consent to the filing of this committee. I understand that a candidate shall not give consent to the organization of more than one committee on his/her behalf. I am aware that candidates are required to keep detailed accounts and records of all campaign finance activity for a period of six years from the date of the relevant election.

SIGNED UNDER THE PENALTIES OF PERJURY:

[Signature] 12/31/08
Candidate's signature Date

I hereby accept the office of treasurer of the above-named committee. I understand that I am subject to certain duties and liabilities under M.G.L. c. 55, including the timely filing of campaign finance reports and keeping detailed accounts and records of all campaign finance activity for a period of six years from the date of the relevant election.

SIGNED UNDER THE PENALTIES OF PERJURY:

[Signature] 12/31/08
Treasurer's signature Date

I hereby accept the office of Chairman of the above-named committee.

SIGNED UNDER THE PENALTIES OF PERJURY:

[Signature] 12/31/08
Chairman's signature Date





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Office of Campaign and Political Finance
One Ashburton Place
Boston, MA 02108
(617) 727-8352

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 55, as amended, of the organization of a candidate's committee as follows:

1. Committee Name: Committee to Elect Arthur Conguest
(The name of the committee must include the candidate's last name)
2. Committee Address: 70 Francis Street, Brookline, MA 02446
- 2a. Mailing Address: Same
3. Purpose: Elect Arthur to school committee
4. Officers:

Name	Residential Address	Zip	Tel. No.
Chairman:	<u>Gary Jones 70 Francis St</u>	<u>02446</u>	<u>617 731161</u>
Treasurer:	<u>Gary Jones 70 Francis St</u>	<u>02446</u>	<u>Same</u>
Other officer:	_____	_____	_____
Other officer:	_____	_____	_____

Attach additional page, if necessary, with other officers and finance committee, if any

5. Candidate: Arthur Conguest, 115 Tappan St, Brookline 02446 277-3253
- (see note 1 on reverse)
6. Office Sought:

Name	Address	Zip	Tel. No.
<u>School Committee</u>	<u>Town wide</u>	_____	_____

Title	District	Party affiliation, if applicable

I hereby consent to the filing of this committee. I understand that a candidate shall not give consent to the organization of more than one committee on his/her behalf. I am aware that candidates are required to keep detailed accounts and records of all campaign finance activity for a period of six years from the date of the relevant election.

SIGNED UNDER THE PENALTIES OF PERJURY:

Arthur W. Conguest 28 April 2008
Candidate's signature Date

I hereby accept the office of treasurer of the above-named committee. I understand that I am subject to certain duties and liabilities under M.G.L. c. 55, including the timely filing of campaign finance reports and keeping detailed accounts and records of all campaign finance activity for a period of six years from the date of the relevant election. I am aware that an appointed public employee may not serve as the treasurer of a political committee.

SIGNED UNDER THE PENALTIES OF PERJURY:

[Signature] 4/28/08
Treasurer's signature Date

I hereby accept the office of Chairman of the above-named committee.

SIGNED UNDER THE PENALTIES OF PERJURY:

[Signature] 4/28/08
Chairman's signature Date





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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 55, as amended, of the organization of a candidate's committee as follows:

1. Committee Name: RE-ELECT SUSAN WOLF DITKOFF (The name of the committee must include the candidate's last name)

2. Committee Address: 145 MAJON TERRACE, BROOKLINE MA 02446

2a. Mailing Address: 145 MAJON TERRACE, BROOKLINE MA 02446

3. Purpose: RE-ELECT SUSAN WOLF DITKOFF

4. Officers: Chairman: JOSEPH M. DITKOFF 145 MAJON TERRACE, BROOKLINE MA 02446 617.277.4271

Treasurer: DR JOYCE G. WOLF 1530 BEACON ST. #1504, BROOKLINE MA 02446 617.277.2123

Other officer:

Other officer:

Attach additional page, if necessary, with other officers and finance committee, if any

5. Candidate: SUSAN WOLF DITKOFF 145 MAJON TERRACE, BROOKLINE MA 02446 617.953.7337

6. Office Sought: SCHOOL COMMITTEE 2008-2010 TERM

I hereby consent to the filing of this committee. I understand that a candidate shall not give consent to the organization of more than one committee on his/her behalf. I am aware that candidates are required to keep detailed accounts and records of all campaign finance activity for a period of six years from the date of the relevant election.

SIGNED UNDER THE PENALTIES OF PERJURY:

Susan Wolf Ditkoff March 23, 2008 Candidate's signature Date

I hereby accept the office of treasurer of the above-named committee. I understand that I am subject to certain duties and liabilities under M.G.L. c. 55, including the timely filing of campaign finance reports and keeping detailed accounts and records of all campaign finance activity for a period of six years from the date of the relevant election.

SIGNED UNDER THE PENALTIES OF PERJURY:

Treasurer's signature Date 3/23/08

I hereby accept the office of Chairman of the above-named committee.

SIGNED UNDER THE PENALTIES OF PERJURY:

Joseph M. Ditkoff 23 MARCH 2008 Chairman's signature Date





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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN in accordance with the provisions of General Laws, Chapter 55, as amended, of the organization of a candidate's committee as follows:

1. Committee Name: SUSAN WOLF DITKOFF FOR SCHOOL COMMITTEE
(The name of the committee must include the candidate's last name)

2. Committee Address: 145 MASON TERRACE, BROOKLINE MA 02446

2a. Mailing Address: 145 MASON TERRACE, BROOKLINE MA 02446

3. Purpose: ELECT SUSAN WOLF DITKOFF

4. Officers:

	Name	Residential Address	Zip	Tel. No.
Chairman:	JOSEPH M. DITKOFF,	145 MASON TERRACE,	BROOKLINE MA	02446, 617.277.4271
Treasurer:	DR. JOYCE G. WOLF,	1530 BEACON ST. #1504,	BROOKLINE MA	02446, 617.277.2123
Other officer:				
Other officer:				

Attach additional page, if necessary, with other officers and finance committee, if any

5. Candidate: SUSAN WOLF DITKOFF, 145 MASON TERRACE, BROOKLINE MA 02446, 617.953.7337

6. Office Sought:

Title	Address	Zip	Tel. No.
SCHOOL COMMITTEE	2008 2008-2010		

Party affiliation, if applicable

I hereby consent to the filing of this committee. I understand that a candidate shall not give consent to the organization of more than one committee on his/her behalf. I am aware that candidates are required to keep detailed accounts and records of all campaign finance activity for a period of six years from the date of the relevant election.

SIGNED UNDER THE PENALTIES OF PERJURY:

Susan Wolf Dtkoff 3/25/08
Candidate's signature Date

I hereby accept the office of treasurer of the above-named committee. I understand that I am subject to certain duties and liabilities under M.G.L. c. 55, including the timely filing of campaign finance reports and keeping detailed accounts and records of all campaign finance activity for a period of six years from the date of the relevant election.

SIGNED UNDER THE PENALTIES OF PERJURY:

[Signature] 3/25/08
Treasurer's signature Date

I hereby accept the office of Chairman of the above-named committee.

SIGNED UNDER THE PENALTIES OF PERJURY:

Joseph M. Dtkoff 3-25-2008
Chairman's signature Date





**Form CPF M 101 BQ: STATEMENT OF ORGANIZATION
BALLOT QUESTION COMMITTEE
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 55, of the organization of a ballot question committee as follows:

1. Name:
(See note 1)

For
Yes ~~Better~~ Brookline

2. Mailing Address:

160 Aspinwall Ave. #1, Brookline MA 02446

3. Purpose/ Specific issues
and interests (See note 2)

4. Topic of question:

Override

Question number, if applicable

5. Committee is formed to (check one): support / oppose _____ the question.

6. Officers:

	Name	Residential Address	City/State/ZIP	Tel. No.
Co-Chairman:	Betsy Dewitt	94 Upland Rd	Brookline MA 02445	617 738 5950
Treasurer:	Alan Morse	160 Aspinwall Ave. #1	Brookline MA 02446	617 731 2302
Other Officer: (Co-Chair)	Judy Meyers	75 Clinton Rd.	Brookline MA 02445	617 739 6522

Attach additional page, if necessary, with other officers and finance committee, if any.

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SIGNED UNDER THE PENALTIES OF PERJURY:

I hereby accept the office of Chairman of the above-named committee:

Betsy Dewitt 02/13/08
Judy Meyers 2/13/08
Chairman's signature Date

I hereby accept the office of treasurer of the above-named committee. I understand that I am subject to certain duties and liabilities under M.G.L. c. 55, including the timely filing of campaign finance reports. I am aware that an appointed public employee may not serve as treasurer of a ballot question committee.

Alan R. Morse 2/13/08
Treasurer's signature Date

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1. Committee Name: Brookline PAX Campaign Committee
2. New Treasurer: Frank Farlow
- 2a. Treasurer's Address: 8 Bowker Street, Brookline MA 02445 617-232-9654
Tel. No.
3. Committee Address: POB 470525, Brookline MA 02447
(If different)

I hereby accept the office of treasurer of the above-named committee. I understand that I am subject to certain duties and liabilities under M.G.L. c. 55, including the timely filing of campaign finance reports and keeping detailed accounts and records of all campaign finance activity for a period of six years from the date of the relevant election. I am aware that an appointed public employee may not serve as treasurer of a political committee and that a candidate or elected official may not serve as the treasurer of a political action committee except as authorized by M.G.L. c. 55, s. 5A.
SIGNED UNDER THE PENALTIES OF PERJURY:

Frank Farlow 4/29/08
Treasurer's signature Date

FOR CANDIDATE COMMITTEES ONLY

I hereby consent to the appointment of the new treasurer of this committee.
SIGNED UNDER THE PENALTIES OF PERJURY:

Candidate's signature Date

SELECTED EXTRACTS FROM M.G.L. c. 55

Section 3 requires the director to "assess a civil penalty for any [late filed] report ... of ten dollars per day....[up to \$2,500]. In the case of failure to file by a candidate or a candidate's committee, the civil penalty shall be assessed against the candidate; and in all other instances, the civil penalty shall be assessed against the treasurer of a political committee...."

Section 5 outlines statements of organization of political committees:Any change in information previously submitted in a statement of organization shall be reported to the director, or if organized for the purpose of a city or town election only, to the city or town clerk, within ten days following the change.

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Each treasurer of a political committee shall keep and preserve detailed accounts, vouchers and receipts as prescribed for a candidate by the provisions of section two. Each treasurer of a political committee shall keep said records for a period of six years following the date of the relevant election....

No expenditure shall be made for, or on behalf of, a political committee without the authorization of the chairman or treasurer, or their designated agents....



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ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE BY TREASURER
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1. Committee Name: Brookline PAX

2. New Treasurer: Frank Farrow

2a. Treasurer's Address: 8 Bowker St, Bro 02445 617-232-9654
Tel. No.

3. Committee Address: POB 470525, Brookline MA 02447
(If different)

I hereby accept the office of treasurer of the above-named committee. I understand that I am subject to certain duties and liabilities under M.G.L. c. 55, including the timely filing of campaign finance reports and keeping detailed accounts and records of all campaign finance activity for a period of six years from the date of the relevant election. I am aware that an appointed public employee may not serve as treasurer of a political committee and that a candidate or elected official may not serve as the treasurer of a political action committee except as authorized by M.G.L. c. 55, s. 5A.
SIGNED UNDER THE PENALTIES OF PERJURY:

[Signature] 1/18/08
Treasurer's signature Date

FOR CANDIDATE COMMITTEES ONLY

I hereby consent to the appointment of the new treasurer of this committee.
SIGNED UNDER THE PENALTIES OF PERJURY:

Candidate's signature Date

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, in accordance with the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 55, of the organization of a ballot question committee as follows:

1. Name: Committee to Preserve Brookline
(See note 1) (No on Question 1)
2. Mailing Address: 255 Dudley Street
Brookline MA. 02445
3. Purpose/ Specific issues and interests (See note 2) Oppose general override ballot question
May 6, 2008 Town Election
4. Topic of question: General override (12.16)
Question number, if applicable

5. Committee is formed to (check one): support _____ / oppose the question.

6. Officers:	Name	Residential Address	City/State/ZIP	Tel. No.
Chairman:	<u>Roger B. ...</u>	<u>69 Cleveland Rd.</u>	<u>Brookline MA 02467</u>	<u>617-734-3529</u>
Treasurer:	<u>Barbara Hawkis</u>	<u>285 Dudley St.</u>	<u>Brookline MA 02445</u>	<u>617-566-2436</u>
Other Officer:	<u>Elizabeth C. Dowd</u>	<u>71 Leicester St.</u>	<u>Brookline MA 02445</u>	<u>617-566-5577</u>

Attach additional page, if necessary, with other officers and finance committee, if any.

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SIGNED UNDER THE PENALTIES OF PERJURY:

I hereby accept the office of Chairman of the above-named committee:

[Signature] 13 March 2008
Chairman's signature Date

I hereby accept the office of treasurer of the above-named committee. I understand that I am subject to certain duties and liabilities under M.G.L. c. 55, including the timely filing of campaign finance reports. I am aware that an appointed public employee may not serve as treasurer of a ballot question committee.

[Signature] 13 March 2008
Treasurer's signature Date

INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THIS FORM

NOTE 1. M.G.L. c. 55, s. 5 & 5B requires that the full name of a political committee:

- (i) include the full words represented by any abbreviations, initials or acronyms in the name;
- (ii) clearly identify the economic or other special interest, if identifiable, of a majority of its contributors or organizers;
- (iii) if a majority of its contributors or organizers share a common employer, identify the employer
- (iiii) if the committee is organized, financed, controlled or maintained by an individual, identify said individual;

NOTE 2. M.G.L. c. 55, s. 5 and 5B requires that the statement of purpose for which a political committee is organized include a list of specific issues in which the committee takes an interest, and a list of specific interests, including but not limited to business, charitable, educational, or other interests represented by the committee, or by a significant proportion of its officers, members or donors.

SELECTED EXTRACTS FROM M.G.L. C. 55.

Section 1 defines a ballot question committee: a political committee which receives or expends money or other things of value for the purpose of favoring or opposing the adoption or rejection of a specific question or questions submitted to the voters including, without limitation, a charter change, an initiative or referendum question or a constitutional amendment.

Section 3 requires the director to "assess a civil penalty for any [late filed] report... of ten dollars per day... [up to \$2,500]... the civil penalty shall be assessed against the treasurer of the [ballot question] committee...

Section 5 outlines statements of organization of political committees: Each political committee shall organize by filing with the director or, if organized for the purpose of a city or town election only, with the city or town clerk, a statement of organization.

The statement of organization shall include: (1) the full name of the political committee... which, if not organized on behalf of a candidate, shall include the full words represented by any abbreviations, initials or acronyms in said name;... (2) the address of the political committee; (3) a statement of the purpose for which the political committee is organized which shall include, ..., a list of specific issues in which the committee takes an interest, and a list of specific interests, including but not limited to business, charitable, educational, or other interests represented by the committee, or by a significant proportion of its officers, members or donors; (4) the name and residential address of the chairman and the treasurer; (5) the name, residential address, and position of other principal officers, including officers and members of the finance committee, if any...

Any change in information previously submitted in a statement of organization shall be reported to the director, or if organized for the purpose of a city or town election only, to the city or town clerk, within ten days following the change.

Each political committee shall have a treasurer who shall qualify for his office by filing a written acceptance thereof with the director, or if organized for the purpose of a city or town election only, with the city or town clerk. Said treasurer shall remain subject to all the duties and liabilities imposed by this chapter until his written resignation of the office is received or his successor's written acceptance is filed as aforesaid. No person acting under the authority of, or on behalf of, any political committee shall receive any money or anything of value, or expend or disburse the same, or incur expenses while it has no treasurer qualified as aforesaid...

Each treasurer of a political committee shall keep and preserve detailed accounts, vouchers and receipts as prescribed for a candidate by the provisions of section two. Each treasurer of a political committee shall keep said records for a period of six years following the date of the relevant election...

No expenditure shall be made for, or on behalf of, a political committee without the authorization of the chairman or treasurer, or their designated agents.

All funds of a political committee shall be kept separate from any personal funds of officers, members or associates of such committee.

Section 5B. (a) Every political committee, other than a political party committee or a candidate's committee, shall name and identify itself in its organizational statement pursuant to section five by using a name or phrase that:

- (i) clearly identifies the economic or other special interest, if identifiable, of a majority of its contributors; and
 - (ii) if a majority of its contributors share a common employer, that identifies the employer.
- (b) If the economic or other special interest or common employer are not identifiable under subsection (a), every such political committee shall name and identify itself in its organizational statement using a name or phrase:
- (i) that clearly identifies the economic or special interest, if identifiable, of a majority of its organizers; and
 - (ii) if a majority of its organizers share a common employer, that identifies the employer.
 - (iii) if the committee is organized, financed, controlled or maintained by an individual, that identifies said individual.
- (c) No political committee shall use any name other than the name included in its organizational statement.



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July 2, 2008

Kelly Hardebeck
Amos A. Lawrence School PTO
18 Littell Road
Brookline, MA 02446

Re: CPF-08-34

Dear Ms. Hardebeck:

This office has completed its review of a complaint we received regarding the PTO's support of an override question that was on the ballot in the May 6 Brookline town election. Specifically, the complaint related to the PTO's distribution of newsletters supporting the override.

Section 22 of M.G.L. Chapter 55 requires the treasurer of an organization that expends money in order to influence or affect the vote on any question submitted to the voters to file reports setting forth the amount of every expenditure together with the date, purpose and full name and address of the person to whom it was made. If the question appears on the ballot at a town election, this report must be filed with the town clerk as follows: on the eighth day preceding the town election, and as a final report on the thirtieth day following the town election.

Once this office informed you of the requirement to file, you stated that the PTO will file a Form CPF M22 ("Report of Ballot Question Expenditures by Corporation or Organization") with the Brookline Town Clerk. The completed report will disclose the expenditures made to distribute newsletters supporting the override. Based upon our review and our expectation that the PTO will comply with the campaign finance law in the future, further review or action by this office is not necessary at this time.

In accordance with the Supervisor of Public Record's opinion, this letter is a public record. A copy will be provided to the person who brought this matter to our attention.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Sullivan
Director

cc: Pat Ward, Brookline Town Clerk ✓



Form CPF M22: REPORT OF BALLOT QUESTION EXPENDITURES
 BY CORPORATION OR ORGANIZATION
 MUNICIPAL FORM

RECEIVED
 OFFICE OF BROOKLINE
 REGISTRARS OF VOTERS
 08 JUN 26 AM 11:19

Commonwealth
 of Massachusetts

Office of Campaign and Political Finance

File with:
 City or Town Clerk
 or Election Official

Filing date: 8th day preceding election
 30th day after election
 January 20th following election

Please print or type, except signatures.

- Name of Corporation/Organization: Lawrence School Parent Teacher Organization
- Address: 27 Francis St. Brookline MA 02446
- Reporting Period: Aug 1 2007 to July 31 2008
Low PTD reporting period
Month Day Year Month Day Year
- The expenditures below were made to (check one) support / oppose
 Question number _____ relating to Tax Override
(if applicable) (Describe question briefly)
 submitted to the voters in Brookline, MA on May 6, 2008
(Name of City/Town) (Election Date)

5. Expenditure(s) (attach additional pages if necessary):

Date Paid	To Whom Paid	Address	Purpose	Amount or Value*
3/8/08	Sir Speedy	266 Summer St Boston MA 02210	weekly newsletter from PTD 2/5/08	91
4/5/08	"	"	" 3/25/08	91
4/12/08	"	"	" 4/8/08	91
5/6/08	"	"	" 5/11/08	91

*State value of any in-kind contributions.

*X newsletter distributed
 via privately owned server

Total expenditures on this report	\$ 364
Total expenditures previously reported	0
Total expenditures to date	\$ 364

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PAPER

February 5, 2008

A newsletter

from the Lawrence School Parent-Teacher Organization

Calendar

FEBRUARY

- 5 February (Tuesday)**
Kindergarten registration
A-L, 7:30-9 am
- 6 February (Wednesday)**
Kindergarten registration
M-Z, 12-1:30 pm
- 8 February (Friday)**
Last day to sign up for
grades 2-4 play
Rehearsals start Feb. 26, every
Tues. and Thurs., 2-3:30 pm
Contact kprelack@partners.org

- 12 February (Tuesday)**
School Council Meeting
8 am 2nd floor conf. room

NOTE: The PTO meeting previously scheduled for February 12 has been postponed to March 11

- 18 February (Monday)**
SCHOOL CLOSED
Presidents Day

- 19-22 February (Tue-Fri)**
SCHOOL CLOSED
February Vacation

MARCH

- 4 March (Tuesday)**
Principal's Coffee
7:45 am lobby
- 7 March (Friday)**
Lawrence International Dinner
- 9 March (Sunday)**
Daylight Saving Time begins
(set clocks AHEAD one hour)
- 11 March (Tuesday)**
 - School Council Meeting
8 am 2nd floor conf. room
 - PTO Meeting
7 pm library

From the Principal

An Invitation to Participate on Equity Team

For the last two years the Lawrence School Equity Team has been guided by the following goal:

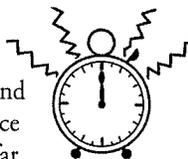
To identify and promote opportunities for the Lawrence School staff to develop a deeper understanding of the unique cultural and socio-economic factors that may influence minority student achievement and to create and promote support programs for maximizing minority student achievement through classroom practice and community involvement.

Our focus has been on before and after academic support. To this end, we have established an Early Morning Reading/Math Program, an Upper and Lower Homework Center, and will have an MCAS Tutorial for students in grades 3-8, four weeks prior to the English Language Arts and Math MCAS.

We are now in the process of exploring our capacity for "courageous conversations" about race. Parents are an inseparable part of this process and we need parent representation on our equity team. We therefore extend an invitation, particularly to our African-American parents, to join our team and help us accomplish our goal. As we are presently constituted, we have room for two parent representatives. If interested, please call Jim Swaim or Allan Cameron (617-879-4303).

Tardies at Lawrence

Children who arrive on time and ready to learn usually experience great success at Lawrence. So far this year, about 13% of our students have been late ten or more times. To help remedy this, Mr. Cameron and I will, when possible, be talking to late students as they sign in. Our



goal is to reach a day when nobody at Lawrence is late!

Basketball Spirit

Our seventh/eighth grade girls and boys basketball teams do an exemplary job representing Lawrence and exhibiting Lawrence loyalty, playing with great energy and fairness. We thank our students and their coaches—Suzanne Coyne, Jaime McCarthy, Kevin Doherty and Greg Porter for their commitment and perseverance.



Family Fun Night Was Fantastic

The Lawrence PTO thanks all the wonderful parents, teachers and students who volunteered this year to continue Family Fun Night's winning streak. And a special thanks to FFN organizers, Karlyn Grimes and Joelle Garfi, who once again gave it their all and pulled off a tremendous evening.

If you won a raffle prize and have not collected, don't fret—your prizes are in the main office. After you collect your prize, please thank the retailers who went out of their way to make Family Fun Night extra special:

* Art Classes with Amy Solomon * Baja Betty's * Beacon Hill Athletic Club * Brookline Spa * Brookline Booksmith * The Coolidge Corner Theater Foundation * Eureka * Finagle a Bagel * Henry Bear's Park * Inner Space Yoga Studio * KooKoo's * Landry's Bicycle * Magic Beans * MY Oilcloth * New England Comics * Park School Summer Programs * Party Favors * The Puppet Showplace Theater * Serenade Chocolatier * Upper Crust * Village Fare Pizza * Village Pizza House * Whole Foods Markets * Zaftig's *

See you again next year. Same month, same place!



email your stories to newsletter@lawrencepto.org by 4 p.m. friday

Around Brookline



It's a Hoot! Join Brookline Environmental Education for their upcoming family nature night on Friday, February 8, 6:00–8:00 p.m., at the Robert T. Lynch Municipal Golf Course at Putterham Meadows. Find out about local species of owls. \$8 for adults, \$6 for children. Register online at www.townofbrookline.com/recreation or call 617-730-2076.

Valentine's Day Candygrams



The 8th grade will sell heart-shaped lollipop Candygrams to raise scholarship money for the annual 8th grade field trip to New York City. From February 4 to February 13, Candygrams will be sold before and after school in the front lobby for 50 cents each, or 12 for \$5.

Mark Your Calendars!



The next Lawrence Reads evening will be on Wednesday, May 7, 2008, 6:30–8 p.m. Parents and kids in grades 3 and 4 and grades 5 and 6 will discuss shared reading books. Good fun!

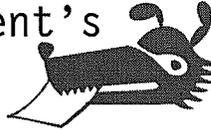
Oh, Right, Almost Slipped My Mind.

(A friendly reminder from the PTO Phonathon.)

If you made a pledge, but haven't yet sent in your donation, please do so as soon as possible. (It wouldn't exactly make sense to spend pledge money on postage to remind people to send in pledge money.)

PTO funds are in action every day at our school thanks to the phonathon and your generous contributions. For more info, contact Melanie Marcus mlmarcus@mindspring.com.

Report from Superintendent's Open Forum



Superintendent Lupini sat down with parents for an open question and answer forum last week, fueled by bagels and coffee donated by Finagle a Bagel and Starbucks. Questions from parents focused largely on the school budget, rising enrollments and the likelihood of a property tax override ballot measure at the May town elections.

If passed as recommended by the Override Study Committee, the override would raise property taxes to prevent cuts in services due to a structural deficit, would fund road repair and maintenance, finance an additional 100 minutes/week in school learning time and fund a new K–6 world languages program. If the override is not passed, Dr. Lupini said the schools face a \$1.5 million budget shortfall, and he anticipates having to make substantial cuts in school programs next year, not small budget cut-backs across the board as we experienced last year, in order to address the operating deficit.

Dr. Lupini also described the current school day as “woefully short” and told us that most districts have longer days, especially in middle school and high school. He described some of the benefits of more learning time, such as extending class time for core subjects, and encouraged parents to appear at the February 12 Selectmen's meeting at the Old Lincoln School, a public hearing on the override where parent voice will be important.

Parents also asked about crowding at Lawrence and expressed concern about losing the music room. Dr. Lupini said it was too early to know what the space allocation would be next year. He projects that the district will add five new K–5 classes across the town next year and has put a request in the capital budget for five mobile classrooms to accommodate that growth. While one or more of those mobile units will likely be at Runkle, Lawrence may also be a candidate for one or more mobile classrooms.

Regarding the Lawrence principal search, Dr. Lupini said he expects to see a report from the interview committee very soon, and that finalist interviews would proceed in February. In response to whether he was optimistic we'd find a good candidate, he gave a strong “yes.”

Second Academic Quarter Honor Roll

(nothing lower than B and 2)

8th Grade

Laura Bartel
Nicholas Bessire
Alexandra Brumberg
Emily Chin
Shaquira Coulter*
Susan Elledge
Megan Flynn*
Noah Gelwan
Yume Inoue
Sydney Karnovsky*
Beth Lazarus
Jason Lee
Maksim Mints
Hayato Mizuno
Bianca Murray
Henry Ruther
Sabine Shaughnessy
Alan Zhou

7th Grade

Emma Aneshansley
Keiko Arzente
Francesca Bass
Aden Brown
Cody Casey
Benjamin Fletcher
Marshall Greene
Caitlin Hickey
Noah Krawitz
Nami Mukai
Kimi Nakamura
Ashley Olafsson
Kate Rhodes
Shun Sakai
Gabrielle St. Pierre
Shihori Tsuji
Katherine Walt

**Honors with Distinction*

(nothing lower than B and 1)

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March 25, 2008

THE LAWRENCE SCHOOL PAPER

A newsletter

from the Lawrence School Parent-Teacher Organization

Calendar

25 March (Tuesday)

- Superintendent's Budget Forum
7 pm Devotion School library
A presentation of the FY09 Budget and school related override issues, with particular emphasis on providing additional instructional time and an elementary world language program
- Town-wide Grade 6 Concert
7 pm BHS

26 March (Wednesday)

EARLY DISMISSAL
12:30 pm Grades K-8
After-school movie:
Homeward Bound

27 March (Thursday)

- Evening Parent-Teacher Conferences
- School Committee Public Hearing on the FY '09 Budget
7:50 pm Old Lincoln School

28 March (Friday)

Family Bingo Night
6 pm Small Gym

2-4 April (Wed-Fri)

PTO Play: *To Bee or Not to Bee*
7 pm auditorium
A fun-raiser for the Lawrence community



3 April (Thursday)

EARLY DISMISSAL
12:30 pm Grades K-6

7 April (Friday)

MCAS testing period ends

8 April (Tuesday)

School Council Meeting
8 am 2nd floor conf. room

9 April (Wednesday)

PTO Meeting
7 pm library

9-10 April (Wed-Thurs)

Grades 5/6 Play

B-I-N-G-O



The legislature turned down casinos, but who doesn't like BINGO? Don't miss Lawrence BINGO Night this Friday, March 28. Doors open at 6:00 p.m. with hotdogs, water, popcorn, and a bake sale to keep folks going (no pizza). Play starts at 6:30 p.m. Please bring baked goods to sell if you can! Prizes and fun for everyone. Questions? Contact Laura O'Brien (lobrien186@msn.com).

Early Release/Conference Days Are Upon Us!

The school day ends at 12:30 p.m. on:

- Wednesday, March 26 (K-8)**
- Thursday, April 3 (K-6)**
- Friday, April 11 (K-6)**
- Wednesday, April 16 (K-6)**

Crossed Your Ts?

Did your child give you the order form for the new Lawrence t-shirts last week? The deadline for orders was Monday, March 24. Yes, we know things get buried in backpacks, and it was a short week. Don't panic...if you would like to purchase t-shirts or other Lawrence School items and haven't yet placed your order, please do so right away! PLEASE remember: The yoga pants are only available in adult sizes! Questions? Contact Vicki Skoler (vicskol@yahoo.com).

Everyone's buzzing about
this year's PTO Play. Don't
miss *To Bee or Not to Bee*

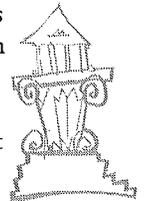
April 2, 3 and 4.

Selectmen Vote on Override; School Committee to Hold Budget Hearing

The Selectmen have voted to put a Property Tax Override on the May 6 municipal ballot. Voters in Brookline will have a choice whether to vote for an additional \$5.4 million in taxes that would avoid cuts in town services and schools, add dollars for maintenance of roads, sidewalks and parks, and allow extension of the school day as negotiated (100 minutes/wk), or for a larger package of \$6.2 million that would provide all of that as well as provide funding for full implementation of a K-6 world language program across Brookline elementary schools.

The Superintendent has already presented his budget recommendations, showing that if the override fails, schools may lose up to 15 staff, will lose the 4th grade instrumental music program, will face increases in fees, will lose all library assistants, and will lose funds for computers and other technology.

On Thursday, March 27th, the School Committee will hold its Public Hearing on the Schools Budget. This is the main opportunity for parents and others in the community to comment on likely cuts if the override does not pass, or to discuss other items (add backs and remaining cuts) in the budgets presented as options should either override package succeed. Discussion of the budget is docketed for 7:50 p.m.



The School Committee meets in the Francis T. Hall Auditorium, 2nd Floor, Old Lincoln School, 194 Boylston Street.

email your stories by friday 4 p.m. to newsletter@lawrencePTO.org

Arts & Sports

Brookline High School's Acappellafest

March 28 at 7:30 p.m.

March 29 at 6:00 and 7:30 p.m.

Black Box Theater

\$5 (Elementary students FREE!)

Advance ticket purchase recommended.

Leave a message at 617-713-5322 for ticket orders—please include your phone number.

Catch all four of Brookline High School's acclaimed *a cappella* groups in one night. **A cappella Choir** under the direction of Mike Driscoll is joined by three dynamite student-run ensembles—**Note-a-fy**, **Testostones**, and **Perfect Pitch**. BHS's take-no-prisoners improv troupe, **Needs Improvement**, will make a special guest appearance.

LEDP Gives Back to Community



In the upcoming weeks, all the LEDP students, PreK–5, will be preparing to give back to their community by participating in a Walkathon on the school track, April 3 (rain date, April 4).

The Walk is one of the many ways former LEDP staff member, Gabe Margolis, will try to reach his goal of raising \$10K dollars for the Dr. Patrick Wen Brain Cancer Research Fund at Dana Farber Cancer Institute. Gabe's mission is in memory of Neil Harrington, the husband of our grade 4/5 teacher, Janet.

All LEDP students have received a pledge sheet. Keeping safety in mind, we do not encourage door-to-door solicitations, so your sponsorship is appreciated. Please make checks payable to The Dana Farber Marathon Challenge. There is an LEDP mailbox in the main office. Thank you for your support of this important endeavor!

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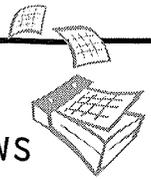
Minutes from the PTO Meeting

March 11, 2008



- Cindy Elcock opened the meeting. Akiko Ohashi and Shizuka Matsuoka were introduced as the new coordinators for SET-J.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Funding for improvements to the big gym has been approved and will pay for refurbishing the backboards and a scoreboard. Guidance has asked for a discretionary line item in the PTO budget to provide for students in need (e.g. Halloween costumes, clothes, activity fees, etc.).
- **Nominating Committee:** PTO roles that need to be filled are: two Co-Presidents and two Board positions. Newsletter Vacancies—*PTO Paper* will need a new coordinator and writer for next year. This is S.O.S. time, folks.
- **Principal Search:** Three candidates were interviewed at a public Q&A session on the 10th. Decision will be made by Dr. Lupini by the end of the month.
- **Volunteers Needed:** Volunteers are needed to provide school tours to prospective Lawrence families (families considering moving to the neighborhood).

Third Floor News and Views



The end of the year is coming up, just like the first daffodils! So parents of Grades 7–8, grab your calendars and save these dates:

Exhibitions of Learning for 7/8 Grades

April 8, 12:45–2:00 p.m. for Academics

April 14, 7:45–8:50 a.m. for Specials

8th Grade Self-Portrait Workshop

May 13, 12:15–1:45 p.m.

May 14, 12:00–1:45 p.m.

May 15, 12:00–1:45 p.m.

Contact Anne Pfaff, (atp123456@aol.com)

or David Leifer, (dleifer@fishtreeseven.com),

if you can help with this fantastic experience and special Lawrence tradition.

8th Grade Graduation!

Tuesday, June 17, 6:00–7:00 p.m.

Graduation Reception after the ceremony is hosted by the 7th grade parents. Parents please contact Phil St. Pierre (philstp@aol.com) to help organize.

8th Grade party (date TBD) hosted by 8th grade parents; please contact Debra Rose, dxrose@alumnet.simmons.edu or Priscilla Karnovsky, karnovsky@mindspring.com to help. Grade 6 parents are asked to chaperone this 8th grade party; parents should contact Nicole Murphy, murphydance@verizon.net if you can help.

Lawrence Athletic Activities

A huge THANK YOU to the Lawrence PTO for funding intramurals and keeping our kids active! Here's the Spring Schedule for March–June 2008 (begins Monday, March 24).

Intramurals: All these activities are free. Students may come on a drop-in basis. Ages vary.

Extramurals: Activity fee required to participate (scholarships available). Sign-up and regular attendance required. Grades 7/8 only.

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Before School	Intramural Lacrosse Grades 4–8 7:00–7:50 a.m. On the field	Intramural Tennis Grades 4–8 7:00–7:50 a.m. On the courts	Intramural Basketball Grades 4–8 7:00–7:50 a.m. Big Gym		
After School	Adventure Games Grades 3–6 2:30–3:30 p.m.		Intramural Double Dutch Grades 3–8 2:30–3:30 p.m. Until April		Intramural Lacrosse Grades 4–8 2:15–3:15 p.m.
	Extramural 7/8 Coed Indoor Soccer		Days and Times Vary		

April 8, 2008

A newsletter

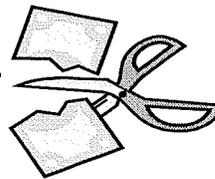
from the Lawrence School Parent-Teacher Organization

Calendar

- 8 April (Tuesday)**
- School Council Meeting
8 am 2nd floor conf. room
 - PTO Meeting with Bill Schwartz from the Override Study Committee
7 pm library [*Please note: This meeting replaces the PTO meeting initially scheduled for Wednesday, April 9*]
- 9–10 April (Wed–Thurs)**
Grades 5/6 Play: *Annie* (evening performance is Thurs 6 pm)
- 11 April (Friday)**
- EARLY DISMISSAL
12:30 pm Grades K–6
- PTO Informational Meeting
8:00 am library
Learn how your skills can be put to work for the PTO. Next year won't be the same without you!
- International Writers Club Meeting
10 am–12 pm, 11 Hawes Street
- 12 April (Saturday)**
Brookline ScienceFest 2008
10 am–2 pm Heath School
- 16 April (Wednesday)**
- EARLY DISMISSAL
12:30 pm Grades K–6
 - Last day to REGISTER TO VOTE in the May 6 Town election. Contact Town Clerk's Office at the Public Health Center, 11 Pierce Street or 617-730-2010
 - Superintendent's Budget Forum
7:30 pm library
- 18 April (Friday)**
Lawrence School Environmental Awareness Program Kick-Off
Lawrence Park, watch newsletter for time
- 21 April (Monday)**
SCHOOL CLOSED
Patriots Day

The Override, the Schools, and You

The Brookline Schools are facing deep budget cuts next year, including social workers, guidance counselors, library assistants, the fourth grade instrument program, and teaching positions, as well as reduced funding for many programs such as Steps to Success. The town is facing the loss of four police officers, three police cruisers, a fire truck during the summer, and public library staff and materials. In response, the Selectmen voted to place a Proposition 2 ½ override on the May 6 ballot, which lets voters choose whether or not to restore these cuts by raising property taxes. The override would also fund additional time in the school day, as negotiated in the last teacher contract. The override was recommended by an independent panel of experts who audited the town's fiscal position. Bill Schwartz, a member of that Override Study Committee, will discuss the findings of the committee and answer questions from parents. Come learn more, Tuesday, April 8, at 7:00 p.m. in the school library.

**Budget Forum**

On April 16 at 7:30 p.m. the superintendent and other presenters will be in the Lawrence library to address various aspects of the proposed FY09 spending plan, including: the structural deficit and the need to reduce spending by \$1.5 million in the non-override budget; the option to add instructional time at all levels; and the proposed elementary world language program (K–6), including “lessons learned” from Brookline’s previous experience.

From the Principal

Dear Parents/Guardians,

On March 12, 2007, I rescinded my letter of resignation. Dr. Lupini then granted my request to retire from the Public Schools of Brookline effective June 30, 2008. By doing so I gained one more year at a school whose staff, parents and children I greatly admire.

My work as a principal remains unfinished, however, and I have sought positions elsewhere. Next year I will be the interim principal at the Cabot School in Newton. While I leave Brookline with a heavy heart, I am excited about the prospects of a new beginning.

In the three years that I have been here, it has been a distinct privilege and pleasure to work with an extremely talented staff, committed and caring parents, and wonderfully engaged students.

While I plan to say this to every child at Lawrence, I want you to know that I have been continually impressed by your children's civility and respect, capacity for hard work, commitment to learning, and pride in the school. It has been an honor to watch them learn and succeed.

I wish everyone the best and have appreciated the support you have given me during the last three years.

Sincerely,

*Jim Swaim, Principal*email your stories to newsletter@lawrencepto.org by Friday 4 p.m.

Around Brookline

Read and Rant, a new book group for teens in grades 6 to 12, meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month, from 5:00 to 6:00 p.m. at the Brookline Main Library. No registration is required. For information call *Robin Brenner at the Main Library (617-730-2370)* or email *teenlibrarian@brooklinelibrary.org*.

Brookline Solo Parents Group Meeting, with potluck dinner and childcare. Come share, laugh, talk and enjoy other Brookline families like yours! Sunday, April 13, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m., 47 Kilsyth Road (off Beacon between Washington Square and Cleveland Circle). Please RSVP to *Lauren Gibbs (Runkle parent) at 617-441-8892 or laurenk.gibbs@worldnet.att.net*. Join our yahoo email group at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/brooklinesp>.

The Brookline Commission for Women and Brookline on the Move present a **Spring Walking Program**. Groups depart from either the Brookline Reservoir or Griggs Park (choose one) on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 8:30 a.m. and 5:30 p.m. For information email *BCW@town.brookline.ma.us* or call 617-730-2734.

Community Exchange

Lawrence sixth grader Sarah Olafsson is ready to help with any of your babysitting needs. Sarah can pick up kids from school, walk them home, play with them in the playground—whatever you need! She passed the babysitting course including CPR and first aid, and has a lot of experience with small children. Call 617-232-1431.

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It Was the Cat's Whiskers Bee's Knees!

Wow, those bees sure can sing! Congratulations and thank you to all the wonderful parents and teachers who entertained us so royally! Do we really have to wait another year for the next PTO Players production? (Perhaps we can catch an adaptation of this year's show on the Bee Bee Cee—HA Ha ha.)

Lawrence Cinema Another Success!

More than 150 students watched the film *Homeward Bound* in the school auditorium on last Wednesday's early release day. The PTO raised nearly \$800 in the process. To help people connect the dots in terms of where these PTO donations go, the money we raised from this event is roughly equivalent to:

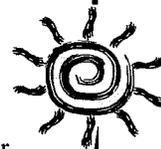
- six months of maintaining the fish tank in the front lobby
- Steve Kidd's recent performance for the eighth grade about kids living with HIV/AIDS
- two months of printing the *PTO Paper*
- The kindergarten trip to the New England Aquarium
- Classroom supplies for three teachers

Special thanks to the upper school students who helped with the event: Diane Pierre, Maksim Mints, Leon Scott, Alexandra Brumberg, Catherine Stiny, Yumeko Inoue, Shota Kishi, Dean Pontius, Hikari Mamata, Noah Gelwan, Masato Kodama, Sam Leonard, Dupree Bouyer and Kasra Pourrahimi; and to the parents who made sure everything ran smoothly: Kay Kobayashi, Carol Rosenstock, Jordan Shaughnessy and Priscilla Karnovsky.

The PTO THANKS YOU for your support!

The Sun'll Come Out . . .

. . . on Thursday, April 10, at 6:00 p.m. when Drama in the Afternoon presents *Annie*, the fifth/sixth grade play, in the Lawrence auditorium. Tickets are \$5 at the door. Please come and support your friends in this wonderful musical production.



Eighth Grade Raffle Going Strong!

It's not too late to support the eighth grade and the Home for Little Wanderers, and buy a chance to win some great prizes! First prize is two tickets to Theo Epstein's private box at the Red Sox game on Saturday, June 8. (Please note new date!) The drawing will be next Friday, April 11.



Bees, Bees and More Bees

We noticed a lot of talk and (strangely) singing around school recently regarding bees. So the Performing Arts Committee of the PTO decided to bring to Lawrence Ms. deWeerd, our favorite "Bee Lady." She brought her bees to school on Monday to speak to the first graders about them and her life as a beekeeper. Ask your first grader about her visit. We're sure they'll be a-BUZZING!



Arts and Sports

The PALS Children's Chorus invites you to attend its upcoming concert on April 13 at the Brimmer and May School at 4:00 p.m. Free. Also, PALS is looking for new members for the 2008/2009 season. *Email: lflorman@palschildrenschorus.org, or call 617-264-7257 for more information or to set up an audition.*

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May 6, 2008

A newsletter from the Lawrence School Parent-Teacher Organization

Calendar

- 6 May (Tuesday)**
Lawrence Votes celebration
2:30 Lawrence Playground
- 7 May (Wednesday)**
Japanese Fun Fair
2-3 pm Lawrence lobby

Open forum with principal candidate
Richard Rogers 3:15-4pm
- 12 May (Monday)**
MCAS testing period begins for Gr 3-8
- 13 May (Tuesday)**
 - School Council Meeting
8 am 2nd floor conf. room
 - PTO Meeting
7 pm library
- 18 May (Sunday)**
Brookline Bikes Beacon Bike Parade
Registration starts at 11:30 am,
Amory Park. Visit
www.BrooklineBikes.org
- 21 May (Wednesday)**
PTO Staff Appreciation Lunch
- 21-22 May (Wed-Thur)**
Grades 2-4 Play
- 26 May (Monday)**
SCHOOL CLOSED
Memorial Day
- 29 May (Thursday)**
MCAS testing period ends
- 2 June (Monday)**
Town-wide Spring
Orchestra/Chorus Concert
7 pm Pine Manor
- 3 June (Tuesday)**
Town-wide Spring Band Concert
7 pm Pine Manor
- 4 June (Wednesday)**
Spring Picnic and Used Book Sale
- 5-6 June (Thu-Fri)**
8th Grade New York City Trip

Lawrence Votes Celebration!

Parents are using the publicity around the Tuesday, May 6 election to teach Lawrence children about the value of the right to vote and the importance of civic engagement in elections. You can join this effort by saving your "I voted" sticker. The children made beautiful "Lawrence Votes!" banners in the lobby after school last week, and we're asking parents to put their "I voted" stickers on the banners on election day if possible. There may be smaller versions of the banners at the polling places themselves. The banners will be displayed in the Lawrence School lobby after the election to show our level of participation in the process. On election day, there will be a celebration on the playground after school with popsicles for the kids; this will be a great opportunity for kids to help put the stickers on the banners. Questions? Contact Stacey Dogan at s.dogan@neu.edu, and don't forget to vote!

The Japanese Fun Fair Is Here!

Come and celebrate the wonderful Japanese influence on Lawrence culture at the annual Japanese Fun Fair! It will be held after school this year on Wednesday, May 7, instead of during school, but we'll have the same rice balls, crafts, and bazaar that we've all come to love, as well as fun Japanese games. Proceeds benefit the PTO. Parents can send money with their children, or join us at the fair after school.

Principal Search Update: Parent Forum on May 7

Superintendent Bill Lupini has informed us that, based on feedback from last week's school visit, parent forum and staff forum, as well as exhaustive reference checks, he has decided not to hire Manuel Fernandez as principal of Lawrence School.

Another candidate, Richard Rogers, will be visiting Lawrence this week. Mr. Rogers currently serves as principal of Murkland Elementary School in Lowell, and he has experience as a school leader in Winchester and Lexington. Reference checks confirm that he is an exceptional candidate who possesses skills and experiences that appear to be a match for Lawrence.

Teachers and staff will have the opportunity to meet Mr. Rogers on Wednesday, May 7, from 2:15 to 3:00 p.m. An open forum for parents will follow from 3:15 to 4:00 p.m.

PTO Notes

There are only two PTO meetings left this year, but it's never too late to get involved. The agenda for the May PTO meeting will include the principal's report, a report on recent and upcoming events, and the treasurer's report. A preliminary 2008-2009 budget will be announced, and the nominating committee will announce the slate for the 2008-2009 Lawrence School PTO board. If you wish to nominate someone or yourself for the PTO board, please contact the nominating committee: Amy Luster (alluster@rcn.com), Laura O'Brien (lobrien186@msn.com) or Jessica Eber (djeber@rcn.com).

Also, the PTO thanks Chloe Bowden, Chloe Fishman and Katy Walt for providing childcare during the principal finalist parent forum last Monday.

email your stories to newsletter@lawrencepto.org. by Friday 4 p.m.

LEDP Walks the Walk!

LEDP kids and supporters joined in the second annual LEDP walk-a-thon on April 3. Kids and supporters walked, cheered, patronized our bake sale, and bought raffle tickets. We raised an amazing \$3,500 for the Dana Farber Brain Cancer research team! LEDP would like to thank the Lawrence community for its support.

Intramural News

Spring Intramurals are here. Keep an eye on the white board outside the P.E. office. All changes and cancellations will be posted on that board. Double Dutch is over for the season, and now 5-8 Track/Field practices have begun.

The Lawrence School Double Dutch Team competed in the Red Auerbach Youth Foundation/Sport and Society Twelfth Annual Tournament at Northeastern University on Saturday April 26. All team members worked hard, performed well and showcased their skills, which reflected their commitment to the sport and our team. Our 6-8 team took third place in the doubles competition. Congratulations to all the participants: Hikari Mamata, Megan Flynn, Alexandra Brumberg, Elena Jacob,

Anna Lin-Schweitzer, Tova Rubenoff, Nina Goodheart, Brianna Rutty, Ronique Williams, Alicia Tacoronte, Nelly Lin-Schweitzer and Naomi Goodheart.



Community Exchange

A Lawrence family is looking for housing for the month of July and the first two weeks of August. If you're looking for a house sitter or a subletter, please contact Caren Fishman (carenfishman@comcast.net).

Bring Back the Backpack!

A student is asking for the return of a light blue and gray backpack that disappeared April 18 from the circle garden in the school yard. If you find it, please return it to 6PC.

Letters and essays included in this newsletter are based solely on the opinion of each author and do not necessarily represent the opinions of the PTO or school community.

From the Principal

Playground

As the weather warms, the playground at Lawrence becomes a place where children are more active and enthusiastic. This also calls for more scrutiny and closer supervision by all adults. The vast majority of our students handle the playground in a most productive way. How children behave on the playground says a great deal about the culture of our school.

We have asked each child to be a responsible citizen of Lawrence, and to adhere to the following expectations:

- ✓ Be Safe
- ✓ Be Respectful
- ✓ Be Responsible
- ✓ Be Ready to Learn

Within classrooms, in the hallways and cafeteria we often see children following the rules because it is the right thing to do and allows for optimal learning and safety. We want this same ethic transferred to the playground. Mr. Cameron and I have reviewed with each grade the expectations we have for responsible behavior, particularly after school on the playground. We are confident that Longwood Park can remain a safe place. We ask that all the adults on the playground who supervise children after school also be as attentive as possible.

Traffic

Traffic moves smoothly on Francis Street at 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. when cars use the designated live-parking zones for drop-off. When drivers park and go into the school, it causes major back-ups and serious safety issues. **To maintain the flow everyone is asked to use the live-parking zone as a drop-off site only.** In addition there is no parking for student drop-off on Stearns Road, Newell Road, or in the back parking lot. **It is alarming that the fire truck access to the recent Harrison Street fire was impeded by illegally parked cars on streets surrounding the school.**

Poetry Practice!

Recently Lawrence parent Tom Rubenoff worked with 5S in a poetry-writing exercise. Thanks Tom, and enjoy the work of our budding poets!

Generations

By Class 5S and Tom Rubenoff

When cars are stacked like crushed boxes
Their bones rusting into the earth
And trains stand like the backbones of dinosaurs
Silent in their yards
And jets squat earthbound and motionless
On runways cracked by grass
And you run like dogs amid the ruins
Remember that we said,
"It was all for you"

Polar ice was quickly melting
But we stopped using oil
Trash paved the abandoned streets
But we started recycling
Life was ending at fighter jet speed
But we preserved the forests
Inspired by your legacy
We look proudly at our progress
Now we say,
"It was all because of you"

