

Bobcat Tales



News from Milan Village School

May 2009

Principal's Pen

Spring finds everyone very busy at the Milan Village School. We are planning for our field trips, doing some wonderful projects and we are all excited about Science Week. Science Week will be 5 full days of hands on activities from the 8th to the 12th of June. We will be joined by many outside organizations including AMC and Project Learning Tree and we all hope you can join us.

The Change for Change was a great success. Our students were responsible for raising \$173.00. The money will be split between the Milan Food Pantry and trees that we will plant during our community service day.

We hope that everyone is taking time to enjoy the warm weather.

Mr. Backler

Guidance

Just a reminder to parents/guardians that information about Summer Camps can be found on The American Camp Association of New England's website: www.acane-camps.org.

Library

The Newbery & Caldecott awards are named after two pioneers of children's literature.

NEWBERY AWARD WINNER BOOKS IN MVS LIBRARY:

John Newbery was an 18th century British (English) publisher and author who has been called the father of children's books. He was one of the first writers to create books just for kids.

Joyful Noise

Carry On Mr. Bowditch by Jean Lee Latham;

Dacey's Song by Cynthia Voigt;

From the Mixed-Up Files of Mrs. Basil E. Frankweiler by E.L. Konigsburg;

The Giver by Lois Lowry;

Hitty, Her First Hundred Years by Rachel Field,

Jacob Have I Loved by Katherine Paterson,

Mrs. Frisby and the Rats of Nimh by Robert C. O'Brien,

Rifles for Watie by Harold Keith,

Sarah, Plain and Tall by Patricia MacLachlan,

Thimble Summer by Elizabeth Enright,

The Whipping Boy by Sid Fleischman,

Bridge to Terabithia by Katherine Paterson,

The High King by Lloyd Alexander,

Waterless Mountain by Laura Adams Armer

CALDECOTT AWARD WINNER BOOKS IN MVS LIBRARY

Named after the 19th Century British (English) illustrator Randolph Caldecott who illustrated many early picture books; Given out by the Association for Library Service to Children

Lon Po Po by Ed Young

Officer Buckle and Gloria

My Friend Rabbit

Grandfather's Journey

Shadow

Tar Beach

Castle

Mirette On The High Wire

The Girl Who Loved Wild Horses by Paul Goble

Madeline by Ludwig Bemelmans

Song of the Swallows by Leo Politi,

Coming in June: 2nd Annual Book Swap!

Do you have a new phone number? The successful delivery of information is dependent upon accurate contact information for each student, so please make certain that we have your most current phone numbers. If this information changes during the year, please inform the school immediately.

School Spirit Day

Friday, May 1

Crazy Hat/Silly Socks!

Save Energy at School & Home

Energy-Saving Tip of the Month

Put "phantom power" appliances (instant-on things like TVs, radios, stereos, etc. - the things that have those little red lights that keep glowing) on power strips so you can turn them off completely without unplugging. Make sure your home computer goes into sleep or hibernates (shutting the monitor down) when you're not using it; shut the machine down if you don't use it for hours at a time.

TIME TO START NESTING

If you have a birdhouse, prepare for guests. With warmer weather around the corner, our feathered friends are seeking out places to build their nests. Here are a few things to keep in mind for birdhouses:

- Clean them at least once a year.
- Leave nesting materials outside the house & let birds find it themselves.
- A yard with shrubs & bushes is bird-friendly.
- Face birdhouses south to southeast for warming sun.
- Place a birdhouse where you can see it. It's nice to see the birds using their temporary home.

This is a note to say **"Thanks"** for helping out and donating your time and effort to the Milan Village School.

Now.....we want to get credit for all the hard work you have done 😊.

So....if you haven't already documented your time on the volunteer calendar, please fill in the blanks below with a little information about when and what you did to make MVS better today than it was yesterday.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Event</u>