

Mary Rowlandson Elementary School

Update

March 16, 2018

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Community Readers

In the month of March Mary Rowlandson School traditionally celebrates reading. This year has been no different. Our celebration of developing a love for reading began on Friday, March 2nd with Dr. Suess's birthday. All classes partnered with another class to spend time reading together. The cafeteria served Green Eggs and Ham for lunch. The day was fun and a great community building opportunity.

On March 16th, MRE held its annual Community Reading Day. Lancaster community members and retired MRE teachers, as well as many student athletes from the High School, came to read to each classroom. It was wonderful to see Chief Burgwinklel, Alix Turner in addition to former MRE students such as Brooke English and Julia Lane reading to our students. (Check out the MRE Twitter feed for pictures from this event.)

Family Literacy Night will conclude our celebration of reading. A fun night of activities plus a Book Fair will take place this coming Thursday night, March 22nd at 6:30 in the MRE Cafeteria. There will be activities for all grade levels and guest readers. (A couple of volunteers are needed to help at the Book Fair. Please contact me if you are able to help out even if only for half an hour.)

Upcoming PTO events!

- PTO Peer Development Series - Country Heat with Pam on Wednesday, March 21, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. Please pre-register online at <https://goo.gl/forms/44ZBw241QTGQiKaM2>

March 30, 2018 - LBMS Chorus is performing at the Worcester Railers game. Tickets are available. (Flyer attached)

- April 2018 PTO Open Meeting has been moved to 4/4/18 at 6:30 p.m. in the library.
- Lip Sync dates have been moved to April 10 and 11; rehearsal days are April 2 and 3, 2018
- Dance For Daughters is scheduled for May 18, 2018. Everyone is welcomed to attend, more information to come.
- The Sam Pawlak Memorial 5K is scheduled for May 19, 2018. Chairperson Mandy Cannon is looking for additional volunteers to assist the day of the race.

Introduction

Please welcome Jen Frommer back to MRE as the school's new Administrative Assistant. Jen has worked at MRE for 6 years as an instructional assistant before working at the Center School in Stow for part of the year. She has children who attended MRE and is well connected and committed to the community. Jen has previous experience in the corporate business world as well as working in the customer service sector. She can be reached at jfrommer@nrsd.net.

Community Announcements

Nashoba Musical

Rodgers and Hammerstein's *The King and I* is a moving, radiant, musical story of East meets West. It is the early 1860s when newly widowed schoolteacher Anna Leonowens and her son, Louis, set sail from their native England for Bangkok, Siam (now Thailand). The King is determined to usher Siam into the modern world, and he thinks Western education can be a part of that – yet, Anna is horrified at first by many of the traditions that he holds dear. Anna and the King teach each other about understanding, respect, and love that can transcend the greatest of differences. Beneath the fraught, fiercely opinionated, conflict-ridden surface of Anna and the King's relationship lies one of the most unique love stories in the musical theatre canon.

Performances will take place on **March 16th and 17th** at 7:30 pm and **March 18th** at both 2:00 pm at NRHS auditorium, [12 Green Road, Bolton](#). To order tickets in advance, please visit: www.NashobaDrama.com.

MIRROR IMAGE TO BE PERFORMED

BY LUTHER BURBANK MIDDLE SCHOOL

Luther Burbank Middle School Drama is proud to present *Mirror Image*, written by Flip Kobler and Cindy Marcu with music by Dennis Poore and produced by special arrangement with Pioneer Drama Service, Inc., Englewood, Colorado. Performances are scheduled for Friday, March 23, 2018, and Saturday, March 24, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. Performances will be held at the Mary Rowlandson Elementary and Luther Burbank Middle School auditorium at [103 Hollywood Drive, Lancaster, MA 01523](#). Tickets will be available at the door for \$4.00 for students and seniors and \$6.00 for adults. For more information, email lbmsdramaclub@gmail.com.

Fantasy comes face to face with the hard reality of high school in this pop musical adventure where the best — and worst! — of both worlds meet. In the fairy tale world, princes are charming, and stepsisters are wicked. But the Woodsman dreams of being more than an incidental character without a name. When Cinderella's stepsisters find a portal to another world, they get zapped into a very real high school. The Woodsman jumps at the chance to rescue them, but the stepsisters have no intention of returning to the fantasy realm. The Woodsman finds himself in over his head and recruits the help of Danica, a hard-core realist who never believed in fairy tales. Meanwhile, the sky is falling in the fantasy world! As reality seeps into the fairy tales, the characters start to break free of their patterns and the classic princesses cross the

portal and discover they can be their own heroes! You'll love this complex, rich tapestry of enchanted fun woven with a poignant, meaningful thread about what it means to be alive and in control of your own destiny.

Flip Kobler began his performing career as an actor before morphing into a writer. **Cindy Marcus** began her career as a director and actress before she picked up a pen. Together, they have been penning away ever since selling their first screenplay to Paramount Studios in 1988. They have over 30 published plays, 27 of those with Pioneer Drama. Teaming with composing partner, **Dennis Poore**, the trio formed Showdown Stage Company that specializes in teen theater. Dennis Poore began his theatrical career at Centenary College in Louisiana, in the chorus. From there, not only did the size of his roles increase, but so did his love of theater. Eager to be part of all aspects of production, he started composing. It was when Dennis partnered with screenwriters Flip Kobler and Cindy Marcus, that Dennis discovered a whole new aspect to his talents - composing/arranging shows for teens and tweens. His shows have been done across the country to SRO crowds and standing ovations. The three together run summer camps all across the country, from Florida to Missouri to Los Angeles

AN EVENING WITH LISA BROOKS

Author of *Our Beloved Kin: A New History of King Philip's War*, Tracing Mary White Rowlandson's Path: From Lancaster/Nashaway to Kwinitekw, the Connecticut River, Thursday, April 5, 2018, at 7 PM, Nashoba Regional High School Auditorium, [12 Green Road, Bolton, MA](#). This program is sponsored by a collaborative effort among the Bolton Historical Society, the Stow Historical Society, the Lancaster Historical Society, Freedom's Way, and the Seven Bridge Writers' Collaborative. For questions: Email tcastner@nrsd.net.

In *Our Beloved Kin*, Lisa Brooks recovers a complex picture of war, captivity, and Native resistance during the "First Indian War" (later named King Philip's War) by relaying the stories of Weetamoo, a female Wampanoag leader, and James Printer, a Nipmuc scholar, whose stories converge in the captivity of Mary Rowlandson.