



The Compass

THANKS TO YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT, WEST HAS AWARDED
18 GRANTS TOTALING \$22,500

Welcome to the first edition of *The Compass*, a bi annual newsletter, providing up-to-date information on the activities and projects funded by WEST.

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WEST Awards Spring Grant for Climbing Wall

The Physical Education Department of the Wrentham Public Schools has been awarded a WEST grant for \$8000 to install a traverse climbing wall in the Gibbons gymnasium!

The Climbing wall, which will be installed by Winter 2010, will be a permanent enhancement to the Gibbons gym and

will benefit all grades in the elementary school as well as the local area.

"There are a variety of activities a traverse wall can be used for", according to grant applicant Mr. Adam Moon. "These include introductory climbing, obstacle course climbing, spider climbing, climbing wall scrabble, route

map following, and speed climbing".

In addition to playing a major role in the strengthening of physical skills in the students, the wall will contribute to the development of cognitive skills, problem solving, cooperation, communication and team work as well as in the enhancement of self esteem, courage, perseverance and self confidence.

Eyes on Owls



"Eyes on Owls" Naturalist Marcia Wilson and one of her larger owls enthralled and educated 4th graders in the Vogel Auditorium in October.

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**WEST
Comedy Night
March 6th, 2010**

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For Details

Naturalist Marcia Wilson visited the Wrentham Elementary school at the invitation Mrs. Brooke Kane with her collection of 6 rescued or recovered owls to present an enlightening and educational enrichment program to the fourth grade entitled Eyes on Owls.

The presentation funded by WEST was designed to en-

hance the animal science curriculum by providing all fourth graders with the opportunity to observe owls and examine the physical adaptations to nature that owls possess.

Ms. Wilson discussed how to locate owls in natural habitats and how to attract owls and protect them. Students had the opportunity to meet six live owls and experience their

behaviors. Mrs. Kane acknowledged that the program "will reinforce and bridge science curriculum content between 4th and 5th grades by addressing adaptations necessary for survival in changing environments, animal behaviors, and food chains found within native ecosystems."

THE WEST EFFECT

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THE BIG APPLE



Among the grants that WEST has awarded, one of the most dramatic has been that used to purchase an extensive collection of African drums and percussion instrument for the Wrentham Elementary School Music Department. It has facilitated an extension of the existing music program to include the World Music Drumming Curriculum. A large variety of African instruments were purchased and will be used by students in grades 2 through 6. Over 800 students will have the opportunity to participate in authentic sounding African drum ensembles and learn more about other cultures.

This curriculum "will help develop students' listening and



Sixth Grade Class demonstrates the African Drums and World Percussion Instruments in the Music Department

critical thinking skills through analyzing the music they hear and play." The results of the ensembles formed in the classroom have already been on

show at school concerts, gym shows and workshops.

The People of the East

For two years now, the WEST effect has been used to the benefit of the 3rd grade, when the Delaney School has welcomed native Wampanoag visitors to present an in-depth exploration of the daily life of the Wampanoag People from the 17th century. Through slides and genuine artifacts, the program brought to life the cul-

ture of the Wampanoag People, the significance of their seasonal ways and an understanding of how the Native People were able to live in harmony with nature.

Other Grants Awarded in 2009

Author Celebration- to Mrs. Lu McNeal, for Grade 1.

Hands - On, Multi-Sensory Curriculum- to Ms. Nancy Boutin,

Special Education.

Mathematicians - Past, Present and Future! - to Mrs. Mary Belmonte, Enrichment.

Open Circle Literature Library to Mr. Sam Cederbaum, Grades K-2.

Redcat Infrared Classroom Amplification System - to Margo Quaglia, Special Education.

Traverse Climbing Wall to Mr. Adam Moon, Physical Education.

Eyes on Owls to Mrs. Brooke Kane, for Grade 4.

SAP to SUGAR; Kindergarten Gets a Taste of the Sweet Life



Kindergartners on their day out Enjoy the Maple Syrup at Moose Hill Wildlife Sanctuary.

Kindergartners learned first hand how the maple syrup that they enjoy on their pancakes was produced. Using a grant awarded by WEST the entire kindergarten class was able to attend a winter program at the Moose Hill Wildlife Sanctuary to learn about maple, trees, the history of maple sugaring, and the production of maple syrup.

This program "From Sap to Sugar: The story of Maple Sugaring" offered kindergarten teachers a way to enhance the existing science curriculum unit on trees and the field trip "offered a natural ex-

tension that involved a hands-on experience with a common native tree to our area." Children learned how the trees were tapped and how sap is processed into syrup.

In addition to the field trip the grant included the purchase of books and videos to allow the children to continue reading about and further discuss the use of the trees for maple syrup.

WEST Grant awarded to Mrs. Nunes, Mrs. Wagstaff, Mrs. Lamb & Ms. Swartzendruber -Kindergarten

WEST TO HOST 2010 COMEDY NIGHT

Saturday March 6 at



7pm for Appetizers
8pm for Buffet Dinner

Cash Bar

With Boston Comedian
Jimmy Dunn

Auction and 50/50 Raffle
Tickets \$60

WEST will host its second fun fundraising Comedy Night on Saturday March 6th at **3** Restaurant, 461 West Central Street, Franklin. The evening will feature dinner, local comedian Jimmy Dunn, and a live Auction. Sign up now through February 28th at www.WrenthamWEST.org or mail check to **WEST**, P.O. Box 852 Wrentham, MA 02093. Cost of the evening will be \$60 pp or \$400 for a table of 8. See you there! For more information contact info@WrenthamWEST.org.

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WEST Receives Donation from Longest Ball Game And Grants from Harvard Pilgrim and CVS

WEST has received two awards from Harvard Pilgrim Health Care thanks to Wrentham parents and HP employees Nancy Klim and Elisabeth Smith. Both applied for a 9/11 Community Spirit Mini Grant on behalf of **WEST**.

This Mini Grants program was created by HP to commemorate the first anniversary of September 11, 2001. The fund distributes

grants on the recommendation of employees and both mini grants of \$500 will be used to fund a future enrichment program through **WEST**.

WEST was also the grateful beneficiary of a donation of \$6000 from this years record breaking Baseball game. Treasurer Charlie Kennedy was delighted to receive the check

from Jim Lucas, originator and coordinator of Wrentham's Longest Baseball Game which broke the world record this Spring.

WEST will also receive a \$500 Caremark Challenge grant from CVS, thanks to Jennifer Veilleux, whose work with **WEST** makes her eligible for the grant.

Ways to give...

- Support **WEST** sponsored events
- Join the Fun at the **WEST** Comedy night
- Make a donation
- Volunteer
- Become a Corporate Partner in Education
- Visit the website at www.WrenthamWEST.org

WEST BALL DROP WINNERS 2009

A last minute purchase of a \$10 golf ball from **WEST** (Wrentham Elementary Schools Trust, Inc) on Wrentham Day last week proved to be a wise move for Wrentham Elementary school parent Matt Littlefield as it won him and his family \$1000 in the **WEST** Wrentham Day Golf Ball Drop.

Despite the wet weather, Wrentham Day was a great success for many of the participants. **WEST** continued to sell balls from their table right up to the last minute when Wrentham Fire Chief Mark Pare drove his Fire Engine onto the Wrentham Elementary School playground.

Ball number 446 was assigned to

Mr. Littlefield and added to the **WEST** bucket containing the 497 other numbered golf balls. After throwing out the **WEST** marker ball, Chief Pare emptied the large bucket of golf balls onto the playground from the top of his extended ladder. Ball number 446 landed closest to the marker qualifying the Littlefield family for the grand prize.

WEST raised \$3200 from the Wrentham Day Golf Ball Drop and would like to thank Fire Chief Pare for dropping the balls on behalf of **WEST**, Wentworth Hill Country Club for donating he golf balls and everyone else who contributed to the success of the event by buying golf balls and for coming to support the

event. **WEST** will be planning its second Ball Drop during Wrentham Day, 2010 later this year.



The winners of the **WEST** Wrentham Day Ball Drop were the Littlefield Family who won \$1000 after their lucky ball landed closest to the **WEST** ball.



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Calling all Wrentham Elementary Teachers Applying for a WEST Grant is Easy!

- Applications for WEST Grants will be accepted in the Spring and Fall of each year.
- Application forms can be found on the school's website
- Deadlines for receipt of applications will be the first week in December and the first week in May.
- Award Announcements will be made the following January & June.

Meet the WEST Team

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I Wish to Donate:

- \$200
- \$100
- \$75
- \$50
- \$25
- other

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