

CHENERY PTO NEWSLETTER

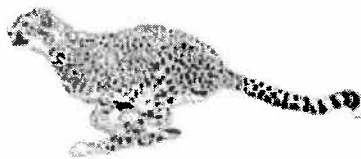
From the Headmaster

Dear Parents,

At the January PTO meeting, Chenery guidance counselors Joe Quinn, Carla Hawkins, Erin McEligott, and Craig Paczkowski, along with library/media specialist Karen Duff and computer technology teacher Susan Musacchio, gave a presentation on "Raising your Middle Schooler in an Age of Facebook and Texting." This informative discussion provided facts and video examples of the challenges parents face when their children are so adept at using technology to communicate and network with friends and even strangers. A portion of this presentation is now

available for viewing on the Chenery Guidance Department website, under Resources and links; click on **PowerPoint**. (http://www.belmont.k12.ma.us/class_pages/cmsguidance/index_files/page0007.htm).

On March 15, Dr. Michael Fowlin will return to present performances to the 7th and 8th graders. Parents are invited to attend either or both of his perform-



ances: 7th grade at 8 A.M. and 8th grade at 10 A.M. More information about these performances can be found in this newsletter.

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From the PTO Presidents

Dear Chenery Community,

It is now the dead of winter, yet today's beautiful sunshine provides needed inspiration for thinking about what we have accomplished this year and all the things still sitting squarely on our plate!

The 2009/2010 PTO at Chenery has exceeded our membership goal thanks to all of you! We have held one successful fundraiser (thank you again!), and are in the midst of a second fundraiser (thanks in advance for your support!). All the dues, and the gift

wrap and cookie dough money (above mentioned second fundraiser) have provided and will provide; upper and lower school enrichment (\$20,000), Ferry Beach Scholarships, Teacher Stipends, Faculty Appreciation Luncheon, 8th Grade Class Night and Reception, support for the Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast, held this year at Chenery, support of the 5th Grade/Newcomers Pasta Dinner, and Upper School Dances, support of the After School Clubs, joint support with the Belmont High School PTO to fund a youth behavior risk sur-

vey, to say nothing of all the donated woman and man hours. Thank you, thank you!! We are currently looking closely at supporting an initiative with the school libraries, and will seek other ways to contribute to Chenery pending the cookie sales tally. Please support, as you are able, this first time fundraiser!

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From the Headmaster (continued from page 1)

Spring heralds the administration of the MCAS exams. We ask your assistance in assuring that students be in school on testing days (of course barring illness) having had a good night's sleep and a nourishing breakfast. In accordance with "No Child Left Behind," all students are tested and receive scores in English and math, in addition to other MCAS tests assigned to a specific grade level. During the testing period of **March 23 to April 9**, students in all grades will take the ELA Language and Literature tests. Seventh graders will also take the

long-composition portion of the English/language arts test on **March 23rd**. During the testing window of **May 10 to 27**, fifth graders will be tested in math and science/technology; sixth and seventh graders will be tested in math; and eighth graders will take the math and science/technology exams. Thank you in advance for your cooperation and assistance and for sending us your children well rested and ready to tackle the exams.

Sincerely,

Debbie Alexander

7TH AND 8TH GRADE DANCES

Parents run the refreshment stands for the four 7th and 8th grade dances during the school year. We have a core of dedicated volunteers but as our children age out, we always need new parents. For each dance we need between 6-8 volunteers from 7:00 pm to 9:30 pm on a Friday night. The next dance is on Friday, March 12, 2010. If you are interested in volunteering, please email the Chenery PTO chenerypto@gmail.com or call Emily Dallman (617-489-2939). Thanks.

From the PTO Presidents (continued from page 1)

We are still working on updating our by-laws. The 1999 version really does not reflect what we are doing at Chenery today. Thanks to Adriana Poole, Erin McNeil, and Constance Moore for taking on this project. Thanks also

to Adam Dash who is a veteran of the Wellington by-laws revision and has donated his time to advise us as well.

I know it's early, but really it's never too early to think about next year! Please consider volunteering to work with the PTO during the 2010-2011 school year.

We are always interested in your time, talents, and ideas at chenerypto@gmail.com.

Looking ahead in this year, a joint BHS/Chenery meeting on the upcoming district wide school budget which was scheduled for February has been postponed. We are waiting on a new date from the Superintendent which will probably fall in March.

Our next Chenery PTO meeting will feature a presentation from our school nurse, Rosemary Peterson, "A Day in the Life of a Middle School Nurse." This topic was previously scheduled in November, but due to an emergency, Rosemary was not available.

We are always grateful for the support of our members. It is never too late to join the PTO!

Kathy Ryan
Adriana Poole
Chenery PTO Co- Presidents

SIXTH GRADE STAR PARTY

Chenery's 5th Annual "Star Party" will be the evening of Wednesday, March 10. This special astronomy night just for the 6th grade will feature visiting astronomers, star gazing, a visit to the Belmont Foundation for Education's portable "Star Lab", indoor exhibits and more! Parent volunteers needed: contact Peggy Eysenbach eysenbach@hotmail.com



Dr. Michael Fowlin Returns to Upper School

Through the generous support of the Chenery PTO, we are pleased to bring back Dr. Michael Fowlin on Monday, March 15. He will perform two presentations: *You Don't Know Me, Until You Know Me* for the seventh grade and *I Am Not the Enemy* for the eighth grade. Dr. Fowlin has performed at Chenery for the past six years, and his performances and message have been praised by students, teachers, and parents.

Dr. Fowlin combines his expertise in clinical psychology with drama in a one-person performance "that deals with issues including race, discrimination, violence prevention, personal identity, suicide, gender equity, ho-

mophobia, and the emotional pain felt by special education children. In a gripping, fast-paced, 75-minute performance, Dr. Fowlin slips in and out of nine characters, both male and female, who 'share their stories.'" He "uses traditional monologues, spoken word, music and reader's theatre to bring these characters to life. Audiences will leave the performance with the charge of being more inclusive toward those who have been deemed as the enemy." Further information about these characters may be found at the website: www.michaelfowlin.com

Following the performance, students will return to their teams

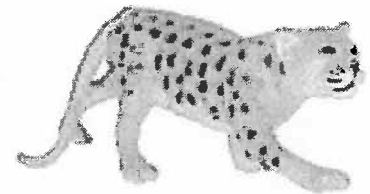
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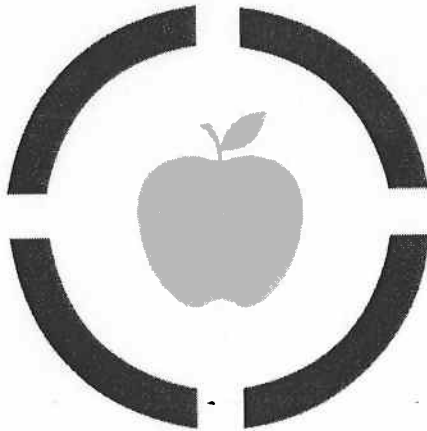
can make a

difference!

where follow-up discussions and activities will be led by teachers. We hope you will engage your child in continued discussions about the performance and these topics at home.



Wild About Education



You're invited!

The 11th Annual Foundation for Belmont Education (FBE) Spring Reception and Auction will be held on March 20, 2010 from 6:30-11:30pm at the Belmont Hill

School, Jordan Athletic Center, in Belmont.

Last year, over 400 people attended this community-wide event. Our theme this year is Wild About Education. The FBE raises funds for programs and special initiatives for all six Belmont Public Schools and makes a significant difference in the quality of the town's educational system. These programs could not be funded through the school

budget or without public support. Please support Belmont education by attending this fun filled evening event or contributing to it. For more information or to buy tickets please visit: www.fbe-belmont.org

The FBE will be sponsoring a raffle in connection with this event. Take a chance on winning \$1,000 cash (1st prize), Red Sox Tickets (2nd prize--value \$180), and a Smith & Wollensky Gift Certificate (value \$100).

Tickets are \$20 each or three for \$50. The winning tickets will be drawn at the event but you do not need to be present to win. To purchase tickets, please contact Ellie McCormack at 617.484.3141 or ELLIE.MCCORMACK@COMCAST.NET.

Lower School METCO Girls Explore Career Options

In today's world young women need information early about careers that will enable them to support themselves and their families. Beginning October 29th through December 17th, METCO 5th & 6th girls participated in a series of seven workshops exploring a host of traditional and non-traditional careers for women. Using innovative methods and materials, CAMKit (Career and Mentor Kit) teachers encouraged the students to discover their skills and interests by introducing them to an array of career opportunities.

The first five workshops were a dynamic mix of hands on activities such as role play, jour-

nalizing, interactive games and puzzles, reading career story cards, with question and answer periods throughout. Activities differed for each career, but where there were common elements such as having good communication skills, the students role played job interviews to practice good listening and speaking skills. At the end of each workshop, the students received hand outs about the career facts (salary range, sample job advertisement, related careers, websites for further information and more).

The last two workshops tied together the various elements of the program to expand their

self knowledge. The students created a self expressive project based on what they learned. They then shared their project with the group, and photographed each other's presentation. You can see their final projects on display in the library through Black History Month.

RECYCLE YOUR HOME/BUSINESS INK CARTRIDGES AT CHENERY!

Instead of throwing away your used ink cartridges from your home or business, you can now recycle them at Chenery's Main Office. The money raised from recycling the cartridges at Cartridge World will be used to support the Chenery Intergenerational Courtyard Project. In other words, your green actions will help sustain a green school organization.

Questions?

E-mail Ben Ligon

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Boston Globe Art Awards

The Department of Fine and Performing Arts is proud to announce that fifteen students from Belmont High School and nine students from Chenery Middle School received awards for artwork submitted to the 2010 Boston Globe Scholastic Art Awards competition. From Chenery Middle School:

Meg Babikan

(Silver Key- Drawing)

Sarah Bernt

(Honorable Mention- Print making)

Darren Chan

(Honorable Mention- Print making)

Juliette Dankins

(Silver Key- Mixed Media)

Arthur Glastian

(Silver Key- Printmaking)

Luna Hote

(Honorable Mention- Print making)

Nicky Osborn

(Honorable Mention- Print

making)

Grant Riley

(Silver Key- Printmaking)

Vinutna Veeragandham

(Honorable Mention- Print making)

This year, almost 10,000 works of art were submitted for adjudication from Massachusetts secondary school students, of which 2,000 received awards. Of the 917 paintings that were submitted, only forty Gold Keys were awarded, ten of which were received by Belmont High School students. Each year, five students from Massachusetts are selected to receive the American Vision award. Their work will be submitted to the national level for further adjudication. This year, **Jerry Suh** received an American Vision award, for the second consecutive year. Belmont students have received this award for the

last four consecutive years, and six times in the past nine years. Students' art work that has been designated as American Vision, Gold Key and Silver Key is on exhibit at the Massachusetts State Transportation Building in Boston through March 19, 2010. The students will be honored at a reception which will be held at the John Hancock Hall on Sunday February 14, 2010.

Junior District Band Competition

The Junior District Band, Orchestra, Boys' Chorus, and Girls' Chorus are comprised of the best musicians within our area. Our students each were vying for positions within one of these groups which will rehearse on only two evenings, March 24 & 26. Each group presents a concert on Saturday, March 27, at which a recording is produced and the CD is made available for purchase.

We are pleased to be able to report a record number of acceptances this year. Eligible to audition are instrumentalists in grades 7 - 9 and vocalists in grades 6 - 9. Between the High School and Chenery, we sent 78 representatives from Belmont and came back with 49 accepted positions. This is a staggering achievement as Belmont will represent 12% of all accepted students across our portion of the State. The success of our students speaks

volumes about our communities' commitment to excellence within the arts.

Here are the names of those students who will be representing Chenery in the Junior District Band, Orchestra, or Choruses:

STUDENT		ENSEMBLE	*indicates principal chair INSTRUMENT
Eunice	Lee	Band	Flute
Luke	Gallagher	Orchestra	Oboe
Michael	Wagner	Band	Oboe
Olivia	Cronin	Band	Bassoon*
Andrew	Park	Orchestra	Clarinet*
Andy	Thompson	Band	Clarinet
Lingene	Yang	Band	Clarinet
Jacob	Hale	Band	Alto Sax
Rowan	Wolf	Band	Tenor Sax*
Sami	Belkadi	Orchestra	Trumpet
Leah	Meyer	Orchestra	Horn*
Nick	Osborn	Orchestra	Horn
Reed	Logan	Band	Trombone
Jack	DeCoulos	Orchestra	Violin
Christine	Hong	Orchestra	Violin
Sharon	Kim	Orchestra	Violin
Aimee	Lin	Orchestra	Violin
Andrei	Tong	Orchestra	Violin
Haruka	Uchida	Orchestra	Violin
Ziling	Zhou	Orchestra	Violin
Emilia	DeLeo	Orchestra	Viola
Kate	Amrein	Girls' Chorus	Alto
Zach	Boyce	Boys' Chorus	Alto
Devon	Carter	Boys' Chorus	Alto
Sam	Korn	Boys' Chorus	Bass
Neal	Mulani	Boys' Chorus	Tenor
Zach	Schmidt	Boys' Chorus	Alto
Maggie	Shea	Girls' Chorus	Alto
Bianca	Thompson	Girls' Chorus	Soprano
Thomas	Zembowicz	Boys' Chorus	Tenor

Instrumental Symphonies

Each Tuesday night between the December and February breaks, the halls of the Chenery Music Wing are a beehive of activity. Between the hours of 6:30 and 8pm, 80 of Chenery's most "hungry" musicians gather to polish a performance set to be presented at the Second Chamber Music Concert of the year on Thursday, February 11, at 7pm in Chenery's Auditorium.

Rehearsing on only six Tuesday evenings are three Instrumental ensembles referred to as *symphonies* comprised of students in grades 5 - 8. The Percussion Symphony is led by Berklee College of Music professor, Mark Kohler, who brings in several impressive electronic percussion instruments and mixes these with the more familiar acoustic percussion available at Chenery regularly.

The Woodwind Symphony is under the direction of Sharon Phipps and includes only woodwind instruments. This allows Ms. Phipps to delve more deeply into problems associated with performance on the flute, clarinet, double reeds and saxophones as there are no other instruments to distract the attention.

Of course, there is very little more thrilling than the sound of a brass ensemble, and Mr. McLellan's Brass Symphony will be rocking the house with music potentially spanning nine centuries. We urge you all to come out to support our efforts on that evening, Feb. 11.

Parent Teacher Chorus

Also on Feb. 11 will be the debut of our newest ensemble. The Parent/Teacher Chorus is a *re-working* of the successful experiment of last year, the Parent/Teacher Band. So many adults had reported at that time that they would adore an opportunity to sing in a chorus with a similar premise and thus this Chorus was conceptually born.

Meeting concurrently with the Instrumental Symphony re-

hearsals on Tuesday evenings, Christine Servilio leads the group of 70 singers, polishing their voices into a gem of performance. Some are incredibly skilled singers while others are there to learn how to raise their voices in harmony but all are accepting and know that what they are teaching their children is invaluable - **MUSIC MAKING DOES NOT STOP WITH THE HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA.**

The Mamas & the Papas & the Teachers, Too

The Parent/Teacher Band, dubbed *the Mamas and the Papas, and the Teachers, Too* will be meeting on Wednesday evenings between 6:30 - 8pm beginning on Feb. 24 and ending on April 14 with the exception of March 24 (due to Junior District rehearsals). It's time to dig out that old King trombone or that Bundy clarinet that you've put away for progeny's later use. Talent is a terrible thing to waste-let's exercise it! Do you want in?

We'll be presenting a concert alongside several of Chenery's

finest chamber ensembles on Thursday, April 15, at 7pm in Chenery's Auditorium. To register for the band visit the *Chenery Bands* website and navigate to the *Chamber Music* page. You may also want to merely type in the following address to get there:

http://www.belmont.k12.ma.us/class_pages/mcLellan/registration/

Please don't hesitate to register or to zap John McLellan and email to ask questions about this opportunity. Don't wait! Do it tonight!

The Women of Brass Are Back

You may have noticed that the brass sections of Belmont are predominantly male. This is not unique but we'd like to do something about it. Why is it that girls tend to shy away from these powerful sounding instruments? With the formation of the "support group", the Women of Brass, we try to attack this problem head on. As the younger girls see that they're not alone, or even better, as younger ones who don't yet play see girls doing this, they will come to understand that this glorious sound is open to them as well.

If you have a girl who plays a brass instrument, she may be very interested in joining us on Wednesday afternoons from 2:30 - 3:30. Paralleling the Parent Band schedule listed in the article above, the WOB will begin on Feb. 24 and end on April 14 with the exception of March 24 (due to Junior District rehearsals). Registration is at the same site: http://www.belmont.k12.ma.us/class_pages/mcLellan/registration/

Please encourage your daughter to join us!

CHENERY'S CHAMBER MUSIC HITS SOLID GOLD!

The Chenery Woodwind Quintet, a group of exceptional 7th & 8th graders, has been selected to perform at the Massachusetts Music Educators' Association Annual Conference held in Boston in March. This group was selected by audition and will be performing a full length program at 1:30 pm on Thursday, March 18, at the Seaport Hotel. Chenery is no stranger to this event having sent bands to perform on several occasions throughout the years.

The members of the Woodwind Quintet are:

Eunice Lee (7): flute
Andrew Eurdolian (7): oboe
Andrew Park (8): clarinet
Leah Meyer (8): horn
Olivia Cronin (7): bassoon

We hope that you might be able to take some time to hear this group perform downtown but, if you miss that performance, you may be able to catch this group at the April 15 concert of chamber music here at Chenery. Come on out to support our troops.

From the Guidance Department

At the January 14th PTO meeting, "Raising Middle School Children in the Age of Texting and Facebook", we had the opportunity speak with parents about the increasing role of technology in our students' lives and its impact both inside and outside of school. With the emergence of social networking sites, such as MySpace and Facebook, and the ever-changing technology of cell phones, schools are asked to play a larger role in educating children about the importance of being safe and productive digital citizens.

Unsafe online behavior and cyber-bullying are two issues that are

addressed at school, in a variety of forums. The guidance counselors, technology teacher and library/media specialist work with students to help them make informed choices appropriate to their developmental level. Middle school is a time that encompasses a large developmental span; the school-parent relationship is essential to ensuring students' safe and positive growth and development, especially as it relates to today's technological challenges.

If you have a moment, please log on to our Guidance website at: http://www.belmont.k12.ma.us/class_pages/cmsguidance/. We

have many resources for parents and students that we hope you will find useful, as well as the Power-Point presentation from January's meeting. The guidance department is especially grateful to Karen Duff, our Library/Media Specialist, and Sue Musacchio, Instructional Technologist, for their participation in January's presentation.

The Guidance Staff:
Joe Quinn (Grade 5)
Carla Hawkins (Grade 6)
Erin McElligott (Grade 7)
Craig Paczkowski (Grade 8)

Author-in-Residence Mitali Perkins at Chenery in 2010!

Young adult author Mitali Perkins came to Chenery last year and ran assemblies and short fiction writing workshops with our 7th and 8th grade students. Last year's program was generously funded by the PTO and FBE. During early morning assemblies, Mitali shared her story about growing up between cultures, Indian and American, as she moved to America from Calcutta at 11 years old. Through humor and heartfelt anecdotes, she spoke eloquently about how her early experiences formed her writing. Writing workshops followed throughout the day and students wrote some great fiction! Check out the blog at <http://chenerylibrary.blogspot.com/>

The Foundation for Belmont Education awarded us with a Learning Excellence Grant to invite Mitali back this year as author-in-residence, thus deepening our students' access to this wonderful writer and extraordinary human being! Mitali will focus on the elements of fiction writing, personal narrative, as well as the revision process. An excellent feature to this year's program will be the addition of blogs (one for each grade level), where students will post their writing drafts, be able to comment on other's work, and get occasional feedback from Mitali and teachers. **I WOULD LOVE SOME PARENTS TO GET INVOLVED IN HELPING ME MONITOR the BLOGS!** Please email or call me if interested!

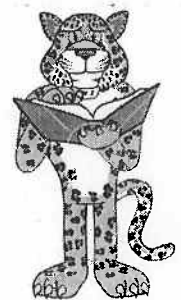
A terrific aspect of Mitali's work with 8th grade students is that she will be assisting them in drafting their personal narrative piece for their portfolio projects! 8th grade writing workshops are titled "Writing Childhood Memory" and students will post their drafts on the blog for feedback and comments.

Another awesome aspect of the FBE grant is that it will cover the cost of Mitali creating a YouTube video for the Chenery community on the revision process! Teachers are very excited about this piece as they will be getting real tips and strategies from a successful, published author! I'll send the link around through PTO channels once it is up and running.

OK, this is just a bit of what is happening in our Chenery Library program this year. Please feel free to call or email me with any questions about this program or anything else on your mind.

All the best,

Karen Duff, Librarian
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kduff@belmont.k12.ma.us



History Day Awards

Eighth graders have recently finished another successful National History Day. Students prepared a variety of entries on topics which interest them and fit into the theme of "The Innovation In History". Approximately 300 students completed over 200 projects in categories including: Individual/Group Performance, Individual/Group Exhibits, Individual/Group Documentaries, and Historical Papers. We had a team of approximately 50 judges that volunteered their time to interview students and evaluate their work.

Below is a list of students who earned Honorable Mentions for outstanding projects, as well as people who will be advancing to the next round of the competition—a regional contest taking place on March 6th at Winchester High School. Winners at the district level will compete against other students in Massachusetts, and the winners there will represent our state in June during the National History Day competition in Washington D.C.

Ms. Metter, Mr. Zilcoski, and Ms. Zmijewski are very proud of their students' work. Over the past 100 days, students have evaluated the content and source of information, conducted primary source research, created thesis statements, and learned how to analyze material. They have undergone at least two note checks, a rough draft check, and several other landmarks during this time.

THOSE ADVANCING TO THE NEXT ROUND....

PAPERS:	
"Let us...Step Back from the Shadows of War and Seek Out The Way to Peace": The Limited Test Ban Treaty, Changing the History of the Bomb	Cate Brams
M'm! M'm Good!": The Campbell Soup Company and its effects on food in American Homes	Peter Staub
INDIVIDUAL EXHIBITS:	
When the Code of Life was Hacked: The Innovative Effort of Sequencing the Human Genome	Aurelle Albano
National Parks: Paving the Way for Conservation	Mark Zhu
Transformation Through Transportation: The MBTA's Lasting Legacy	Tess Smichenko
GROUP EXHIBITS:	
"I Don't Think we're in Kansas Anymore": National Severe Storms Laboratory's Journey through the Innovation Of Doppler Radar	Liam Cushman Zach Boyce
"Take a Right Turn in 2.8 Miles": Global Positioning System Directing the World into the Future	Sarah Ramsey Anna Hillel
Drilling Away At History: The Mars Rovers' Quest For Life	Hongsen Yang Lingene Yang
INDIVIDUAL DOCUMENTARIES:	
Mathew Brady: He Called the Shots	Hannah Harris
"Enough For Those Who Have Little": How Social Security Changed America	Phoebe Mesard
GROUP DOCUMENTARIES:	
Equality Through Expression: The Artistic & Racial Influences Of the Harlem Renaissance	Grace Mason-Brown Julia Regier Elizabeth Thidemann
"The light at the end of the tunnel": the Innovation of the Laser Beam	Alexis Roche Steven Lin
INDIVIDUAL PERFORMANCES:	
Off the Bench and Onto the Field: How Title IX Changed Girl's Athletics & Education	Sally Rifkin
A Remarkable Innovation: Desegregation of Public Changed America	Michelle Berger
GROUP PERFORMANCES:	
American As Apple Pie: The Invention of the Macintosh	David Green Michael Wagner
A Political Revolution: The Effect Televisions had on Presidential Campaigns	Melissa DeGuglielmo Maddy McLaughlin
Sesame Street: 40 Years of Sweepin' the Clouds Away	Hallie MacAuley Anastasia Pulak Sarah Messenger

HONORABLE MENTIONS

PAPERS:	
Quite a Wonderful Hunk of Metal: The Typewriter and its Stirring Reign	Talin Tahajian
From Ferry Boats to a New Transportation: Construction of the Brooklyn Bridge	Ashleigh Chinn
Polio Vaccine: Jonas Salk & A New Beginning	Andrew Lilley
Who Knew the Heart of Society would be so Small & Cold? The Microchip's Deep Impact on the Human Race	Matt Harmon
Achieving the Impossible: The Wright Brothers' Revolutionary Innovation of Flight	Aldis Elfasdottir
The Founding Fathers Dreamed it, Now you Live it: Creating the US Government	Jim Gehrig
Are They Lovin' Us?: How the Creation of McDonalds has grilled our minds, our wallets, and our waistlines	Leah Meyer
Radio Proximity Fuse: "The most demoralizing and destructive ever encountered"	Jack Rushe
A Book Whose Sales Forbidden All Men Rush To See, and Prohibition Turns One Man Into Three: The Successful History of a Failed Innovation	Neela Kaushik
INDIVIDUAL EXHIBITS:	
Innovative Aircrafts Hovering above the Clouds: Impact of UAV's in Warfare	Julia Lenef
I Can't Believe it's Not Sugar: The Innovation of High Fructose Corn Syrup & its Effect	Julia Klein
Play it Again Shawn: How Napster Revolutionized the Music Industry	Roni Baghdady
The Sound is Alive with the Power of Electricity: The History Of the Electric Guitar	David Sugarman
The Innovation of Baseball: It's More than Just a Game	Ali Hale
The Panama Canal: An Innovative Path from the Atlantic to The Pacific	Owen Searles
The Flight To Success: The Journey Two Brothers Took to Change the World	Arden Fereshetian
A Walk in the Park: Frederick Law Olmsted and the Creation of the Boston Park System	Meg Babikian
"Can You Hear Me Now?": The Incredible Innovation of the Hearing Aid	Dylan Stoesser
Agent Orange: An Innovation Worse than Guns	Nate Warner
Helpful Hydrogen: Fuel Cells for the Future	Andrew Walsh
Refrigeration: Cooling the Home, Warming the World	John Shen
"We Have Conquered Pain": The Discovery of Medicine's Greatest Gift	Aishwarya Iyer
A Legacy of Architectural Freedom: Frank Lloyd Wright and the American Way of Building	Juliette Dankens
Innovation in a Box: How the T.V. Dinner Changed the Way Americans Ate	Sarah Kolenbrander
Duct Tape: A Sticky History	Sophie Bonstrom
Kevlar: Changing the World One Fiber at a Time	Henry Riechelmann
Service Dogs: The Innovation of Independence	Nairi Krafian

HONORABLE MENTIONS (continued)

Elvis Presley: "Before Elvis there was nothing"	Pat O'Connor
iPick iPod iPlay	Chris Sandvik
Where do I go?: The MBTA innovated Transportation	Jackson Haight
"If No One Else Is Going To Invent A Dishwashing Machine, Then I'll do It Myself!" The Splashing Tale of The Dishwasher	Emma McGlashen
"A Machine Called Indomitable": The Invention & Legacy of The MRI*	Talene Sagherian
As American As...The Fortune Cookie!?: The Americanization of International Cuisine	Rosie Fatt
Our Children Play Together, Why Can't they Learn Together? The Impact of School Desegregation on America	Sarah Dankens
GROUP EXHIBITS:	
You Need to Chill: The Innovation of Mechanical Refrigeration & its Impact	Haruka Uchida Aimee Lin
"If It Weren't for Philo T. Farnsworth We'd all Be Eating Frozen Radio Dinners": Televisions Innovative Connection with Communication Technology	Keith Burns Mitchell Roberts
CNN: The First of its Kind	Christian Cahoon Jack DeLorey
The Deadliest Mushroom: The Innovation of Nuclear Warfare & A Blast into the Military Elite	Danny Brennan Michael Chertkov Reza Mohammed Andrew Strawbridge
"Only Americans can hurt America" Dwight Eisenhower's the Innovation: The Interstate Highway System	Jack Toland Jake Myers Theo Miyaji
All Weapons From the Past and Present Revolve Around the Colt Revolver	Andrew Preston Thomas Cunningham Kevin Lynch
Transcontinental Railroad: Moving America	Nick Pearson Andrew Mosca Matt Lundgren
Sew Easy, Sew Fast: How the Sewing Changed the World	Morgan Wilson Tanya Kachadurian
Chemotherapy: A Loss of Hair, A Gain of Life	Hannah Caplan Abby Shuster
Anesthesia: Knocking out Medicine's Former Boundaries	Sam Burt James Stadler
Bell and the Telephone: Changes in Communication	Michelle Martin Aleksandra Gosz
Kevlar: Modernizing the Art of Warfare	Colin Stievater Chris Kelly
Machine Guns: A Rapid Fire Change In Warfare	Georgie Donovan Jack English-Cooper Nick Vetrano
Polystyrene: Clear, Lean, and Green	Michael El-Hayek Mahesh Yarasi
Revolutionizing the Fast Food Industry: McDonalds and Its Founding Father	Brian McVay Sam Lessin Ichiro Nairita Connor Crowley



HONORABLE MENTIONS (continued)

Moonwalking Phenomenon: Michael Jackson's Inventive Contributions To Pop Culture	Madison Bailey Alexa Analetto
INDIVIDUAL DOCUMENTARIES:	
The Polio Vaccine: Combating the Lurking Killer	Ismael Hishon
"You can have it any color as long as its Black": The assembly line and its irreversible effect on America	Tristan Miller
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- ❖ \$25 Membership
- ❖ \$15 Enrichment
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Total Check Amount: \$_____

Name(s) of parent(s) _____

Name(s) and Grade(s) of child(ren) at Chenery _____

Address _____

Phone number/Email Address _____

UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb. 8 School Advisory Council meeting, 3:30 P.M., main office conf. room
 Feb. 11 CMS Chamber Concert, 7 P.M., CMS auditorium
 Feb. 12 Vacation begins at close of school

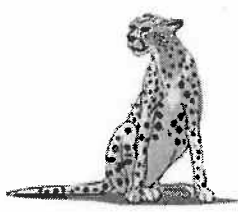
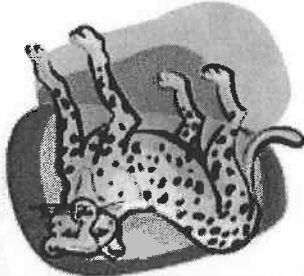
Feb. 22 School Resumes
 Feb. 24 Coffee with the Headmaster, 9 A.M., Community Room
 Feb. 25 "Arabiqua" performance for 7th grade, 10 A.M., auditorium
 6th grade band, chorus, and orchestra concert, 7 P.M., auditorium

Mar. 4 7th/8th grade chorus/orchestra concert, 7 P.M., auditorium
 Mar. 9 Mid-term of Term 3, grades 6-8
 Mar. 10 6th grade Star Party

Mar. 11 7th/8th grade band concert, 7 P.M., auditorium
 Mar. 12 7th/8th grade dance, 7-9:30 P.M., cafeteria
 Mar. 15 Michael Fowlin presents to the 7th and 8th grades, 8 and 10 A.M., auditorium

Mar. 23 - Apr. 1 MCAS ELA testing, all grades
 Mar. 23 7th grade MCAS long-composition exam
 Mar. 31 BHS Freshman Parent Night for 8th grade parents, 7 P.M., BHS

Apr. 2 Early release; dismissal at 11 A.M.
 Apr. 5 School Advisory Council meeting, 3:30 P.M., main office conf. room
 Apr. 9 End of Term 3, grades 6-8
 Apr. 14 5th grade choral concert, 9 A.M., auditorium
 Apr. 15 PTO meeting, 9 A.M., Community Room
 Apr. 15 Chamber Concert, 7 P.M., auditorium
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