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Hot Items

A CELEBRATION!

YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO THE GROUND BREAKING CEREMONY FOR THE NEW RAYMOND ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

ROUTE 85, WEBB'S MILLS ROAD, RAYMOND

APRIL 10, 1999 @ 9:00 AM RAIN OR SHINE!

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST FOLLOWS AT THE JORDAN-SMALL SCHOOL CAFETERIA

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

Raymond Semi-Circle Scholarship and PTA Scholarships Available For Raymond High School Seniors. See page 2 for details.

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Voters have their day at Town Meeting: The Septic Site is closed and all budget requests are approved.

By: Nathan Poore

Residents decided to close the septic spreading facility and send all septic waste to the Lewiston Auburn Water Pollution Control Authority. Residents will still be required to get a permit at the Town Office for pumping septic waste but there will no longer be any fees attached to the permit. Instead, fees will be paid through the pumper-hauler who will then pay a tipping fee to the Lewiston Auburn Water Pollution Control Authority. The cost of having a 1,000-gallon septic tank pumped and delivered to the Lewiston Auburn facility will be approximately \$190.

The new Cemetery Ordinance did not pass voter approval. Restricted burials on Sundays and restrictions on what types of burial containers and flowers that can be used were some of the concerns voters had. The Cemetery Committee may

consider making some changes to the proposed ordinance and bring another proposal to the voters at a future Town Meeting.

Voters agreed to grant an easement to the owner of the old Grange Hall for parking and a septic system on Town owned property adjacent to the old Grange Hall.

The formally approved Tax Increment Financing District (TIF) was amended so that it may receive final State approval. Voters also approved the first year budget in the TIF including a number of projects. The projects include a Geographic Information System, engineering for streetscape improvements on Route 302, money for the 2003 bicentennial celebration, funding for the Lake Region Development Council, and a new web site proxy server at the Town Office and Library.

All municipal and education budget requests were approved as recommended. Approximately \$2.1 million was appropriated for municipal services, \$256,000 for County taxes and \$5.6 million for education. The local share of the appropriation will be substantially lower after all non-property tax revenues from State and other sources are deducted. The Town decided to raise funding through taxation rather than designate from the Town's fund balance an amount of \$225,000 for future renovations to Jordan Small School. The balance of the designated funds for Jordan Small School renovations will be at \$450,000 requiring only two more years of funding to complete the project requirements. Property tax rates are estimated to increase slightly. We will not know for sure what the rate will be until late August, but projections indicate it will go up from \$14.32 per \$1,000 valuation to somewhere between \$14.40 and \$14.50.

Principal's Corner

By: Norma Richard

After years of planning, the new elementary school is one step closer to becoming a reality. On March 4 at 3:15 PM the construction bids were opened, with six general contracting firms submitting bids. The Elementary Building Committee later that evening accepted the base bid submitted by Payton Construction of \$6,198,000. We anticipate that in the very near future you will see heavy equipment beginning the site work for the new school. We all look forward to watching the construction progress, with an anticipated completion date of June, 2000.

We would like to invite all members of

the Raymond community to a special ground-breaking ceremony at the construction site at 9:00 AM on Saturday, April 10 (rain or shine). A community breakfast in the Jordan-Small School cafeteria will follow the ground-breaking ceremony. Please join us on April 10 to mark the beginning of the construction and to celebrate the outstanding efforts of community members over the past decade in bringing this building project from planning to reality.

We have been very busy during the past month both screening students for kindergarten, and assisting sixth graders and their parents in making important decisions about where to attend seventh grade next year. Current tuition options for seventh grade include the new Poland

Middle School, Windham Middle School, Wescott Junior High School in Westbrook, Gray/New Gloucester Middle School, as well as private school options. Students now in fifth and sixth grade will be the last two classes to tuition to other schools for seventh grade. Students currently in fourth grade will be the first class to remain at Jordan-Small for middle school. As administrator, it is very exciting to plan for having Raymond students in our own K - 8 program, and to defer tuition decisions to ninth grade. Educationally, these are very exciting times for our community, and we look forward to having your input and involvement in future planning for our students.

Report of Raymond Recreation Association

The 1998 Annual Report inaccurately included the 1997 report for Raymond Recreation. The following report was submitted by Raymond Recreation for the 1998 edition, unfortunately, we made a mistake and included the wrong report. We apologize for the mistake and hope you find the 1998 Raymond Recreation report helpful and informational.

SWIMMING - 124 children improved their swimming skills in the summer of '98 in our American Red Cross Learn to Swim Program taught by Debi Duchaine at Crescent Lake Beach. 7 of these earned the Water Safety Instructor Aide Certification. Our fund-raising efforts go toward keeping the cost of this program reasonable for Raymond families. A Lifeguard Training Course was taught for the first time by Joni Merrill. Students earning this certification are eligible to take Lifeguard jobs.

TENNIS - Tennis is held at the Village Tennis Courts on Mill Street. The Spring program involved 36 students in 4th, 5th and 6th grades. Eight 5th and 6th graders played Fall Tennis with instructor Pat Smith and her volunteer assistants.

SOCCER - open to all grades at JSS was revived this year under the leadership of Barry

Keck and Kathy Anaka. With 4 volunteer coaches and over 90 players this is a bright beginning for this popular program.

KARATE - Thanks to Beth Beilot of Bushido Karate Dojo Center in Casco over 40 students participate in the Karate program on Wednesday afternoons in the JSS gym. The program runs throughout the school year.

DRAMA - Newly sponsored by Raymond Rec fall of 1998, the drama program run by Cynthia Bagley involves some very dedicated drama students. This program also runs throughout the school year.

BASKETBALL - David and Robin Burnham organized this program which runs from December through March for approximately 50 students.

SKIING - Programs included a Wednesday afternoon and a Friday program. These are our most popular programs involving over 150 students and many volunteers under the leadership of Sharon and Peter Walgreen. Students are transported to Shawnee Peak on Raymond buses with the Association paying for time of the drivers.

RAYMOND YOUTH GROUP - PROJECT

2004 - In December of 1998 the Board of Raymond Rec agreed to sponsor this group of 7th graders in their efforts to offer activities for students who have moved on to other schools but are looking to keep recreational bonds in our town as well. Candi Scripture is the sponsor.

CITRUS FRUIT FUND-RAISER - Income exceeded \$1200.00. Watch for the sale in November of 1999!

Thanks to all the volunteers who made these programs successful!!!

Anyone interested in more information, in volunteering to offer additional programs or in serving on the Board of Directors should contact Pat Smith at 655-4657.

Officers for 1998-99:

President: Pat Smith
Secretary: Donna Johnson
Treasurer: Deborah Murray

Program Directors: See activity reports.

Board Members: Sharon Jerome, Nikki Hansen, Robert Payne, Bob Murraray

The Raymond Percent for Art Committee

The Raymond Percent for Art Committee consists of five voting members: Katie Hall (Jordan-Small Art Teacher, Chairperson), Barbara Conger (Building Committee, Secretary), Barry Stallman (Design Alliance Architect), Jessica Broekman (Artist, Maine Arts Commission), and Barbara Smith (Artist, Maine Arts Commission, Neighbor). Paul Faria (Maine Arts Commission), David Bois (Superintendent), Norma Richard (Jordan-Small Principal) and Chrystal Pitarys (Secretary to the Superintendent) have also been present at the Percent for Art meetings.

Meetings began in September, as the committee studied the building and surrounding site. At this initial meeting we prioritized our goals for selection of an art piece.

The Committee agreed that we should search for a three dimensional piece, leaving wall space for the children's artwork. We recognized the skylight entry as a focal point of the building. We also felt that the front exterior could provide another location for civic artwork. It was decided that we would reach beyond the Maine Arts Commission Directory and go to an open competition.

In November, a public announcement was initiated statewide by way of newspaper postings. To this search we received 27 responses, complete with resumes and slides of artists' past and current work.

Our December meeting was quite memorable as we had the pleasure of viewing many extraordinary slides of artists' work. It's amazing how some strike you immediately. After much discussion, our search narrowed to five artists: Joe Hemes, Pandora LaCasse, Melita Westerlund, Elizabeth Busch, and Aucellio Stoneworks.

We recently have had the opportunity to interview the afore mentioned artists. With each meeting, more discussion brings a clearer vision for what we are looking for. It has become evident that we are looking for two or more structures: an exterior piece, perhaps stonework of some kind, and an interior hanging piece with a bold sense of color. Both pieces are to be focal points, welcoming the community to our school, intriguing and enticing the viewer to search beyond.

The committee is off until their April 5th meeting, which begins at 12:00 noon in the art room. Artists will come to this meeting with specific ideas, drawing and models for the identified interior or exterior spaces. Along with these models they have been asked to spell out their budgets. We have invited four artists to this format. After the April 5th meeting, it is the intention of the Percent for Art Committee to select two finalists for the elementary school building project.

All meetings are open to the public.

Raymond Semi-Circle Scholarship Available

Raymond high school seniors are eligible to apply for the Raymond Semi-Circle Scholarship in the amount of \$600.00. Applications are available at the Jordan-Small School, at the Raymond Village Library, or by calling 428-3206.

Pot Roast Suppers At The Raymond Village Community Church

Pot Roast Suppers will be held at the Raymond Village Community Church the third Saturday of each month through October. The suppers will be held from 4:30 - 6:00 PM in the church vestry on Main Street in Raymond Village.

Adults - \$6.00
Children under 12 - \$2.50
Children 5 and under - free

The next supper is scheduled for Saturday, April 17, 1999.

Senior Citizens Dinner

There will be no Senior Citizens Dinner in April due to School Vacation (April 17 - 25). Please join us at our next dinner on May 19, 1999.

PTA Scholarships Available For Raymond High School Seniors

The Raymond PTA is offering two \$1,000 college scholarships to Raymond high school students. Any Raymond resident who will be graduating from high school this spring and planning on attending college is encouraged to apply. Applications can be obtained by calling the Jordan-Small School at 655-4743. Completed applications must be submitted no later than May 1, 1999.

Next Meeting Of Raymond Recreation Association

Monday, April 12 at 7:00pm at Jordan-Small School. Discussions cover spring and summer sports and tentative plans for the 1999 - 2000 school year. Anyone is welcome to attend.

PTA News

The Raymond PTA would like to thank the students at the Jordan-Small School and all of the volunteers who participated in the "Jump for Heart" program. We raised \$1757 for the American Heart Association. Great job everyone!!!

Anyone interested in taking a CPR certification course this spring (possibly end of April or early May), please contact Julie Orsini at 998-2655.



April 1999

Events and Meeting Schedule

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
TH=Town Hall JS=Jordan-Small KC=Kokatosi Campgnd TG=Town Garage FB=Fire Barn				1 6:30PM KC Lions Club	2	3
4	5	6 7:00PM JS Westbrook High School Bands Concert 7:00PM TH Selectmen	7 7:00PM JS School Committee	8	9	10 9:00AM JS New Elementary School Ground Breaking
11	12 7:00PM TH Budget/Finance Committee	13	14 7:00PM TH Planning Board	15 6:30PM KC Lions Club 7:00PM TH Recycling Committee	16 Jordan-Small School Awards Assembly	17
18 10:00AM TH Appeals Board Site Walk	19	20 7:00PM TH Selectmen	21 7:00PM JS School Committee	22	23	24
25	26 7:00PM TH Appeals Board Appeals Board Deadline for May Meeting	27 7:00PM JS Conservation Comm. 7:00PM TH Founder's Day Committee	28 7:30PM FB Ladies Auxiliary	29 7:00PM TH Cemetery Committee	30 2:20PM TH Good News Jordan-Small Gym	TBA 6:30PM Middle School Dev. Com. 7:00PM Diabetes Meeting Town Hall

Raymond Village Library News

The Raymond Village Library recently received 68 new children's books from a 2 to 1 matching grant offered by the Libri Foundation.

The grant includes both fiction and nonfiction titles, updating and enhancing the collection for our young readers and readers-to-be. Staff, parents and children alike are delighted with the new additions - from the brightly illustrated picture books, to the varied beginning readers, as well as the informative nonfictional selections. All help stimulate an appreciation of books and the enjoyment of lifetime reading.

The Libri Foundation, an Oregon based nonprofit organization founded in 1989 by a former librarian, helps provide quality hardcover books to small rural libraries through its Books For Children Program.

The Raymond Village Library's matching funds were provided by donation given in memory of Betty Finer, mother of library volunteer, Sandy Levy.

Book Discussion Group

The Book Group will meet on April 29, at 7:00 P.M. to discuss the book, "Memoirs of a Geisha", by Arthur Golden. Anyone who has read this book and would like to attend, is welcome.

Story Time

Story Time, which is held at 9:30 am on Thursdays, has seen some changes over the past few months. Lisa Nunley previously lead the program for many years and did a tremendous job. As of January, several different volunteers have been reading stories and doing related crafts and activities with our preschool age patrons. Our current volunteer readers are Veronica Haskell, Elizabeth Algeo, Irene Morris and Lori Rand.

While some of the faces are new, the structure of the program remains much the same. Each month the stories and activities are connected to a central theme. For March's Spring Theme we read about rain, wind, mud and growing seeds; in April we'll read all about Animals.

We are exploring a new Story Time program idea which is aimed the two year old and under group. We would like to gradually build in a Story and Song Time that could meet in a different section of the library during the current Story Time. It would offer simple stories, songs and finger play. To bring this new program to life, however, we need some additional volunteer help. If you are interested in helping with either type of Story Time by being an occasional reader, please call Lori Rand at 655-4277.

Fly-Tying

A Fly-tying Demonstration by Deane Atwood will be conducted at the library on Thursday, April 8 at 7 P.M.. This can be a great beginning for the fishing season, which starts on April 1. All are invited.

Children alike are delighted with the new additions - from the brightly illustrated picture books, to the varied beginning readers, as well as the informative nonfiction selections. All help stimulate an appreciation of books and the enjoyment of lifetime reading.

Hebron Academy Musicians Play The Classics

On Monday evening, February 15, the Fine Arts Department hosted another in this year's series of Coffee Concerts, "A Classics Concert". Several student performed solos and engaged in a mixture of novel ensembles joined by members of the faculty. Nate Harmon of Gray, who has been playing oboe for a year, joined forces with two alto saxophone players, Hebron's head of publications, Jennifer Adams of South Paris, and sophomore Anais Wheeler of Rockland, to play Quantz's "Minuet in Three Parts."

Performing Solos were oboist Nathan Harmon of Gray; violinist Jun Sato of Tokyo, Japan; vocalist Amy Tardif of West Minot; flutists Candice Gaudreau of Minot and Amanda Walther of Kittery; and vocalist Andria Helm of Rocky Mount, NC. Joining one of several instrumental ensembles was Giselle Pomerleau of Raymond on flute.

The Chorus, under the direction of Karen Chapman, sang "Ye Banks and Braces" arranged by R. Jacques, and a Hungarian song, "Hey, for the Dancing", by L. Bardos and M. Connor. Singing were Patty Begin of Minot, Jamie Fey of Raymond, Teele Ligi of Tartu, Estonia, Kelly Potter of Poland, Andria Helm of Rocky Mount, NC, and faculty members Bob Gunn and Cynthia Reedy. Accompanists for the evening were Virginia Nobel and Forest Perkins.

Hebron Academy Middle School Team Wins Math Meet

Director of the Hebron Academy Middle School, Leslie Guenther, reported that together the 6th, 7th, and 8th grade math teams from Hebron Academy, nine students in all, earned a sweeping victory for their combined scores at the Pine Tree League Math Meet held at Monmouth Middle School on Thursday, March 4th. Thirteen schools from the league attended the meet with over 200 students participating. The meet consisted of three rounds in Individual Mental Math, Individual Calculator Math, and Team Problem Solving. Eighth graders taking part were Shayna Magur or Poland, Kevin DeSorbo of Raymond, and Lee Barker of Buckfield.

Recycling/ Source Reduction Quiz

From the Maine State Planning Office

Every day we make choices that affect the amount of waste we produce. Take a few minutes to consider your contribution to Maine's solid waste stream. Add up the circled numbers in each column to find your total score.

Do you...	never	some-times	often
1. Consider the amount of packaging on an item before you buy it?	3	2	1
2. Consider the recyclability of an item before you buy it?	3	2	1
3. Consider whether you really need something before you buy it?	3	2	1
4. Think about what will happen to a product or a package when you no longer have any use for it?	3	2	1
5. Try to reuse things you already have instead of disposing of them and buying new things?	3	2	1
6. Reuse plastic and paper bags in your home?	3	2	1
7. Consider what pollution and wastes were created in the manufacture of the things you buy?	3	2	1
8. Take advantage of the opportunities to recycle in your area?	3	2	1
9. Use dishcloths, sponges and cloth napkins instead of disposable paper products?	3	2	1
10. Avoid items such as disposable diapers, razors, lighters, and pens when longer lasting alternatives are available?	3	2	1
11. Avoid eating in places which wrap your food in lots of paper and plastic, or ask that less wrapping be used for your order?	3	2	1
12. Compost kitchen scraps and other compostable matter?	3	2	1
13. Talk to store managers about stocking bulk items or avoiding packaging?	3	2	1
14. Buy items in bulk?	3	2	1
15. Read consumer information articles to find out about the durability and quality of products you buy?	3	2	1
	Total		
	Grand Total		

IF YOUR SCORE WAS:

40 OR MORE: You are probably contributing your full share of trash to our disposal facilities, including many pounds of usable, recoverable materials.

WHAT CAN YOU DO? Try to be more aware of the amount of trash you have each week. Recycle and compost as much as you can. Many of the above questions can be used as guidelines to reduce waste.

BETWEEN 21 AND 39: You are doing some reducing, reusing, and recycling. These techniques need to be used consistently by most people if we are going to reduce the increasing amount of waste requiring disposal in Maine.

WHAT CAN YOU DO? Consider the packaging in what you purchase, and check for alternatives. Maybe you can recycle more. Composting is an important part of trash reduction, as well as using cloth products instead of paper.

20 OR LESS: Bravo! You've done some serious thinking about the need for resource conservation, and it shows! Try to get others to do the same. Get involved with solid waste management programs in your community. Thanks and keep up the good work!

Raymond Extended Day Program

Summer RED is right around the corner, If you are interested in being a part of this exciting program call Joni at 655-3203 for more information. Leave your name, your child's name, child's teacher (if attending Jordan Small School), your address and phone number and information will be mailed/sent by the beginning of April. This program is a first come, first served with a limit of 50 children so you will want to get all paperwork returned as soon as possible. We have lots of fun activities, field trips, and swimming planned - so come on and join us this summer.

Deadlines: Raymond Extended Day Program: April 23, 1999
Raymond Residents: April 30, 1999

After April 30, RED will be open to surrounding communities.

Raymond Rec News.....

Raymond Rec will offer a Tennis Program to children in the 4th, 5th, and 6th grades. Sessions will begin on Wednesday May 5th and continue for 5 Wednesdays through June 2. Cost of the program is \$2.00 per student for the entire program.

Lessons will be held at Village Tennis on Mill Street in Raymond and will begin at 12:45 and run until 1:45 P.M.. The school bus will deliver students to the tennis courts and parents should arrange to meet children after class.

Registration forms will be distributed at school on April 1 to be returned by April 8. Loaner rackets are available.

FMI phone Pat Smith at 655-4657. If you are able to help with the program, or for more information, please call pat.

An Important Message From Rep. Joe Bruno

The following people have abandoned property listed with the State of Maine and I am trying to get in touch with these people in order to help them get their money back. If you are on this list you need to contact me at 655-7443 and I will give you the information to retrieve your property.

A & M Subs and Sweets	Marshall, Kevin P.
Alexander, Chrysta	McKeague, Edwin
Brown, Ronald	Macdonald, Terri A.
Burnell, Deborah A.	Mitchell, Stephen
Craw, James	Narvaex, Cheryl
Davio, Joseph	O'Brien, Joanne
Farwell, Frank	Palazzo, Gloria & Angelo
Flanigan, Tammy	Rowe, Madeleine H.
Fortin, Duane P	Tinkham, Anne
Johnson, Sharon	Turner, Charles
Jones, Helen B.	Winslow, Denise E.
Loring, Tina	

Recycling News

The Confusion is Over...Paperboard is Being Recycled!

With the addition of our new recycling containers and every other week curbside pickup, we have found the new system to be welcomed by Raymond residents. The choice of whether to deliver recyclable materials to the containers or put it out every other week has caused a modest increase in recycling. However we would like to see much more.

To review what can be recycled: newspaper, glossy magazines, newspaper inserts, telephone books without covers, #2 plastic milk jugs, metal cans and food containers (cleaned without labels), clear glass containers (cleaned), and paperboard which is not coated with plastic or wax and without plastic covered windows. We have been assured that paperboard is being recycled and that the confusion over whether this material can be recycled should be over. Examples of paperboard include cereal boxes, pasta boxes, cake mix boxes and other similar products. If you have any questions or concerns please call the Town Office.

If you have used the Community recycling containers and found them to be rather high, please be assured that we have plans to build an elevated platform beside them to allow for better access. Please bear with us until the weather allows us to build the walkways.

Dog Licensing

Dog licenses now have an added \$3.00 charge to the usual fee of \$5.00 for neutered dogs and \$8.50 for non-neutered dogs. You can bring in a State Neutering Certificate on your previously licensed dog if you wish to save \$3.50 on the licensing fee. Reregistrations only need the dog's current Rabies Certificate. If this is a new registration we will need the current Rabies Certificate and the State Neutering Certificate.

Please remember that licensing is a State law and that the majority of the money collected for licensing is kept in Raymond to support our Animal Control service. Animal Control's job is to take care of stray animals and deal with animal complaints. Your license fee is at work when a stray dog needs to find his home or that raccoon which is "acting funny" is investigated.

If you need to get in touch with Animal Control, call Dispatch at 655-7851.

New Food Pantry Hours

The Food Pantry will be starting new hours on Friday, April 9th. The times will be from 10 AM to 12 Noon and every Friday thereafter at the same time. New hours will be in effect for Tuesdays also, starting on Tuesday, April 13th from 4 PM to 6 PM and every Tuesday thereafter at the same time.

Music Room News

What's happening in the music department? We're busy, busy, busy, as busy as bees. In fact, some of us are bees! The Kindergarten, first, and second grade students, including Ms. Cummings' class, are getting ready for a performance of the musical "Goin' Buggy", which will take place on the evening of Thursday, April 8th. Bees, spiders, ladybugs, and other friendly insects will sing, dance, and charm even the most ardent "insectophobe." Come see and hear the fun!

Mrs. Malnati's third graders have just begun instruction on the recorder and are very excited about their first experience playing their own instrument. As all the "tootling" evolves into real melodies, I hope that their parents feel the same. Pet dogs and cats, however, have been know to run for cover... or "sing" back! By the time the students finish recorder, at the end of fourth grade, they are able to play some pretty difficult songs and they feel a real sense of pride and accomplishment.

Ms. Feeney's class has started a musical trip across the United States, and through United States history. We started with songs from the Colonial period, have progressed through New England sea chanteys, and are headed down the Appalachian Trail, and into the nineteenth century. Through the use of these songs the students are also learning to play keyboard instruments, with two hands and all ten fingers! Some of the songs also have accompanying folk dances, which are very challenging, but fun. Mrs. Gordan has also introduced the students to the dulcimer, a folk instrument very popular in nineteenth century, southern Appalachia. Kudos to this great class! You're one of best singing classes in this teacher's career. Amazing harmony singing ability!

Mr. Cyr's grade six students are broadening their musical horizons with the study of music from different cultures around the world. We studied the syncopation of Calypso music, did a crazy, fun African dance, and composed our own Japanese songs. After we leave our world music studies we will start a unit on classical music history, during which the students are usually surprised to find is more interesting than they ever imagined possible. Beethoven, Mozart, and all those other famous composers were strange but fascinating people, and created incredible sounds!

The chorus membership is up to fifty-two wonderful voices (emanating from fifty-two terrific people). After only a few rehearsals, they're already sounding great. We have quite a few performances scheduled for the spring. On Saturday, March 27, we will participate in the Irish Family Festival, singing Irish songs during an intermission. Ten students have been selected to participate in the Maine Music Educators District II Elementary Music Festival in Portland, on Wed. April 7. We wish Ashley Christy, Ian Hanley, Christian Gordan, Kayleigh Lambert, Rebecca McIntire, Chelsea Pelletier, Jennifer Hodgins, Josh Leeman, Hilary Corbeau, and Gail Leavitt. All our luck and good wishes as they join voices with 130 choral students from elementary schools around the Portland area.

There are currently forty-eight students studying instrumental music with Mrs. Crockett, forty of these students are participating in the after-school band. They will be performing for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd graders in April. Five band members have been selected to play in the District II Festival Band. They are Brendan Blake on trumpet, Sam Levinsky on trombone, Kim Ferry on baritone horn, and Emily Young and Katrina Draper on clarinets.

This year, during the Academic Fair on April 28, students from the band and chorus will provide musical entertainment in the cafeteria. Solos, duets, small group pieces, and Orff pieces will be performed in an informal recital setting. We hope that parents and community members will enjoy this feast for the ears while they also enjoy Jordan Small students' artwork, reports, papers, and projects.

The North Yarmouth Academy Steel Drum Band will perform for us on Friday, March 26. We are looking forward to their lively and interesting performance. The Southern Maine Children's Chorus will be coming to perform an assembly concert for Jordan Small students the morning of April 15. This is an auditioned, mixed chorus of talented young vocalists from the area. They are directed by Lise Dunn, who also teaches music at the Mast Landing School in Freeport. We are excited to welcome this excellent group to our school. We will be having a dress up day and "gourmet" luncheon in conjunction with this event.

The chorus and band will perform their spring concert on Thursday, May 6. The chorus is in need of a new accompanist as our dear friend, Julie Blake, has decided to move to Texas to pursue a career in the field of aviation. We wish her well! If anyone is interested in being our new accompanist please contact Mrs. Gordan.

A few more exciting choral activities are in the planning stages. Watch for news of these as the details fall into place.

We're singing, playing, dancing, and having a ball in the music department!

Hebron Academy Skiers

As the winter draws to a close, Hebron Academy skiers took places in the top ten at the Maine Association of Independent School Athletic Directors (MAISAD) Championships, on February 3 at Shawnee Peak for the junior varsity and February 4 at Sunday River for the varsity. They also placed well in the New England Prep School Athletic Council (NEPSAC) Division II Championships held at Loon Mountain in New Hampshire on February 2.

The junior varsity skiers placing in the overall MAISAD League for the season were, for the girls, freshman Madison Lalemand of Auburn in 7th place, and senior Heather Grindle from Raynham, MA in 9th place. Taking 9th place for the boys junior varsity was freshman Seth Conger of Raymond.

The official season ended with good cheer as the combined teams, numbering 22 this year, cleaned up the ski room and organized equipment in the basement of Treat Science Building under the supervision of coaches John "Moose" Curtis and Peter Fallon. Some recreational skiing and snow-boarding trips are planned for the final weeks before vacation.

Academic Fair

The Jordan-Small Faculty invites Parents, Community Members and Friends to this year's ACADEMIC FAIR on Wednesday, April 28 from 5:00 - 7:00 PM at the Jordan-Small School. Join us for student art displays, band and chorus performances, and exhibits that demonstrate student learning and achievement.

Jordan-Small School Participates In The Fifth Annual National TV-Turnoff Week, April 8 - 15, 1999

A time to turn ON reading and turn OFF the television!

Jordan-Small School has participated in TV-Turnoff Week since it started in 1995. National TV-Turnoff Week is coordinated by TV-Free America, a national nonprofit organization that encourages Americans to reduce, voluntarily and dramatically, the amount of television that they watch in order to promote richer and more connected lives, families, and communities. The week is a time to reflect on what we watch on TV and the amount of time our families spend in front of the television.

We encourage all Raymond families to participate by setting realistic goals relating to television viewing. Please join use in this week-long celebration. Mary Lou Smith, first grade teacher, is once again coordinating TV-Turnoff Week. Information will be sent home with Jordan-Small students.

To Parents Of Young Children

Some parents of preschoolers have expressed an interest in Gymboree Class. This involves children having fun through climbing, crawling, helping with coordination and body movement, often set to music. If enough parents are interested a teacher will come out to Raymond for the class to serve our children.

For signing up and information call Jane 655-5486 or Lori 655-4277

Communities for Children

If you are a family with young children - or a family with children approaching adolescence, you might be interested in learning more about Communities for Children.

We are a state supported initiative whose goals include identifying and building upon Raymond's resources which support the healthy development of our youth. We are working on ways to bring together community groups to look at issues like family events and activities, middle school transition, mentoring, and a program for adolescent leadership skills.

Our next meeting is 7:00 Tuesday evening, April 13 at the JSS Library. Please call Lori Rand 655-4277 or Laurie Wallace 655-2222 for more information.



JV SKIERS PLACING OVERALL IN MAISAD LEAGUE

(left to right) Heather Grindle (Raynham, MA), Madison Laemand (Auburn), and Seth Conger (Raymond)

Annenberg Grant

Teachers involved with the Annenberg Grant will be representing Jordan-Small School in a statewide conference in May. The conference will feature displays from participants around the state involved in the Rural Challenge: A Celebration of Rural Schools and their Communities. The conference is intended for those interested in and committed to rural school and community development. Teachers representing Jordan-Small include Katie Hall, Jilda Izzo, Mary Lou Smith, and Debbie Blanchard.

Thanks from the Irish Festival Committee

Thanks to the many volunteers who have worked to prepare for this event. You may have cleaned tables, helped with children's activities, painted boxes or baked something. Every hour of your time and talents has counted to produce this varied evening of entertainment for our community. We would like to extend our gratitude to the local and not so local business communities who were as enthusiastic about this project as we were.

In Raymond: True Value Hardware Store, Kathy's Dollar Store, Signs in Seconds, Coach's Corner, Hair Solutions.
In Casco: Hancock Lumber.
In Windham: Sebago Gardens, Halls Stamp and Coins.
In Naples: Gazebo T's,
In Lewiston: Bates Mill.
In Scarborough: The Book Boutique.
In Bridgton: Maine Street Graphics.
In Lewiston-Auburn: LA Music Factory.

Ms. Richard for assistance above and beyond the call of duty!
Wendy and the office staff at JSS for collecting boxes!
Lisa and Eric Levinsky for storing them & Debbie Murray & Linda Andrews for transporting them and a group of Basketball kids who put their dunking skills to good use unloading the bus.
Mr. Taylor's 5th Grade class for making the Giant Checker game.
Caring Kids Club for volunteer pins! Jake Jacobsen for lights.
Katie Hall and many students for Murals in Cafeteria.

Dennis Dorey, Tim Pomerleau, Cathy Dodge, Karyn Knights, Sue Cobb, Lisa Levinsky, Karen Knight, Robyn Burnham, Sue Mitchell, Linda Blake, Kathy Hawkes, Sandy Cook, Debbie Eastman, Beth Nadeau, Lynn Estey, Jani Cummings, Kim Coggin, Lindsey Lehr, Julia Bruno, Maggie Maclellan, Mark Read, Andrew Read, Brittany Read, T.J Cook, Logan and Jenna Martyn-Fisher, Joni Merrill, Emma Levinsky, Molly Keane Dreyer, Katie Cook, Bill Dreyer, Bob Murray

Lisa Schadler and her baking crew: Pat Libby, Helene Gagnon, Ms. Van Houten, Tracy Morris, Lisa Levinsky, Deb Eastman, Julie Orsini, Carole Dighello, Karyn Knights, Norma Richard, Jennifer Cabbage.

Last but by no means least we thank
The Raymond Lions for preparing a fine community Supper for all
The Raymond Boy Scouts for the many services they provided.
The Raymond R.E.C youth group for painting boxes and volunteering their time.
R.E.D. for decorating the cafeteria.
This list will be incomplete due to the papers' deadline and our rescheduled date of 27th.

Jo Martyn-Fisher, Sheri Read, Jeri Keane and Pat Allen. (Irish Festival Committee)