

NOTES FROM THE WHITEBOARD

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*Dear Members of the
Wilmington Teaching Staff,*

I have always believed that teaching is the world's noblest profession. Teaching is not just your occupation, it is your vocation. You have answered the call to serve, for without service to others, your life is not complete. You understand intuitively what Winston Churchill has so eloquently expressed: "You make a living with what you get; you make a life with what you give."

And so I honor you today for all you do for the students in the Wilmington Public Schools. Thank you for doing this hard work every day. I am most appreciative.

*Best,
Joanne*

**"None of us got where we are solely by pulling ourselves up by our bootstraps. We got here because somebody (a parent, a teacher, an Ivy League crony or a few nuns) bent down and helped us pick up our boots."
*Thurgood Marshall***

**"There's no word in the language I revere more than 'teacher.' My heart sings when a kid refers to me as his teacher, and it always has. I've honored myself and the entire family of man by becoming a teacher.
--Pat Conroy, Prince of Tides"**

"The dream begins, most of the time, with a teacher who believes in you, who tugs and pushes and leads you on to the next plateau, sometimes poking you with a sharp stick called truth."--Dan Rather

**"One looks back with appreciation to the brilliant teachers, but with gratitude to those who touched our human feelings. The curriculum is so much necessary raw material, but warmth is the vital element for the growing plant and for the soul of the child."
--Carl Jung**

MTA's Most Valuable Teachers Honored at Fenway Park this past Saturday



BOSTON – On April 18th, Robin Organ, Executive Director and Founder of greenschools and Teresa Pietro, Wilmington High School's Green Team

Advisor were honored at Fenway Park. Both were recognized for their outstanding contributions to environmental education during the Red Sox - Orioles Game.

Robin Organ and the greenschools organization has worked with schools across the state of MA on a variety of environmental initiatives ranging from the removal of toxic products, to setting up recycling programs, to Green Girl Assemblies, Staff Trainings, Green Fundraisers, Student Environmental Conferences and more.

Additionally, greenschools Environmental Education programs have been selected to receive a Certificate of Honor under the Secretary's Award Program for Excellence this Friday, April 24th, at the State House in Boston.

These awards honor individual schools, teachers and students across the Commonwealth who have distinguished themselves in energy and environmental education initiatives.

Teresa Pietro was bothered by the lack of a recycling program for bottles and cans. She threw ideas out to her students and began the Wilmington High School Environmental Club. Since then, the group has created and maintained a recycling program, held an environmental poster contest, a recycling raffle, run planting initiatives, created "How to" videos, and has worked on beautifying the town of Wilmington in collaboration with the Wilmington Green Team. The club has also participated in greenschools', High School GREEN FEST, Middle School GREEN FEST, greenschools Community Fairs, and has student leaders that represent the WHEC in the greenschools Student Ambassador Program.

The event was held this past Saturday at Fenway Park. For further information about greenschools and how to bring

environmental education/programs to your school and community, go to:

www.projectgreenschools.org or
e-mail: info@projectgreenschools.org



Our sympathies to High School teacher Stephen Lynch on the loss of his mother.

Congratulations to the two newest members of the Wilmington School Committee, Mario Marchese and Anthony Vale!



Don't forget to stop in at the Wilmington Town Hall on Wednesday, May 6th between 1:00 and 4:00 p.m. for the Annual Health and Benefits Fair.



Strings Attached goes to Paris



Congratulations to the following students who travelled to Paris to perform with Strings Attached under the direction of Ward Dilmore over April Vacation. Highlights of the trip included a concert in a chateau in the Loire Valley, a concert in Madelaine in Paris, a super-high-speed train to the Riviera, and a concert in a cathedral in Nice. In addition, a cruise on the Seine, Eiffel Tower at night, more castles, the Louvre, Arc de Triomphe, Notre Dame, Latin Quarter, and a couple more castles.

*Angelina Amato
Katherine Aoki
Stefany Barcellos
Janelle Bennett
Lena Bishop
Bridget Blaisdell
Karen Briggs
Alyssa Cappuccio
Micaela Carta
Kelly Carter
Nicole Cataldo
Sarah Choi
Alaina Coakley
Nicole Coccoluto
Lauren Cole
Erin Cowden
Casey Cullinane
Allison Danciewicz
Randi Davis
Dawn DiCicco
Katey Dillon
Nicole Diorio
Gabrielle Emerzian
Taylor Emerzian
David Fielding
Amy Fisher
Kristen Fogarty
Colleen Frackleton
Michelle Fregeau
Katrina Fryer
Lindsay Garrard
Mariel Gearty
Carly Gillis*

*Melissa Gold
Thomas Gorham
Katherine Hill
Alexandra Holbert
Katie Howland
Lindsay Hydorn
Erika Johnson
Kristen Keller
Kathleen Kurowski
Elizabeth Liberacki
Russell MacDonald
Kassandra Madore
James Magnarelli
Shannon Maggio
Hillary Mahoney
Jacquelyn Mailey
Marilyn Manos
Tiana Marquard
Patrick McGondel
Colin McGuire
Kevin Mitchell
Michael Mullens
Angela Nason
MacKenzie O'Brien
Shannon O'Donoghue
Katherine Parella
Larissa Pienkowski
Maye Randell
Katerina Reilly
Kaitlyn Riley
Jessica Rivera
Andrea Simpson
Lauren Stalker
Jillian Strazzere
Michael Tedesco
Jonathan Terlaga
Kristina Tummino
Kayla Walkling
Lauren Waring
Kelly Wilcox
Amelia Woodbury
Stephanie Woods
Maureen Worthington*

On Tuesday, May 5th, they will travel to the State House to receive their citations as ambassadors from the Massachusetts State Legislature.

