

# TMA TIMES



TALCOTT MOUNTAIN ACADEMY OF SCIENCE, MATHEMATICS & TECHNOLOGY

## Message from Dean Gibb

'Tis the season to be busy and TMA is no exception. Thank you to everyone who turned out for the book fair at Barnes & Nobel. You can still make purchases through the store or online through Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> that will benefit TMA. Grades closed today and report cards will be coming out next week. We will be scheduling conferences the following week and after we return from break.

After break, we will start a new 6 week PE program. There are two options, one is to go to Ski Sundown to ski or board (8 years old and up) and the other is to go to Farmington Farms for swim or tennis lessons. Buses will leave from Farmington Farms for their regularly scheduled route. The ski bus returns later to only 2 stops. If you have not done so already, please return your forms to the office.

We have also started our Science Fair projects. During the Fall and Spring trimesters we offer enrichment on Wednesday afternoons with choices outside of the regular curriculum. During the Winter trimester, this Wednesday afternoon time slot is devoted to Science Fair. Due dates, forms and two powerpoints are posted in the virtual backpack that explain about Science Fair. Suites III – V students have been assigned a Science Center mentor. Suites I & II students will be working with myself and Mrs. Basmajian. Suite A and B teachers have or will be sending information home for science fair with modified expectations and due dates. TMA Science Fair also includes inventions. After the TMA Fair, winning students in Suites IV and V have the opportunity to go the CT Science Fair. Students with inventions in all suites can be chosen to go to the CT Invention Convention. Please contact me if you have questions about Science Fair!

Hope to see many of you at the Domashinski's on Saturday!



Lydia Gibb

## Box-Tops For Education



To everyone that participated in our Box Tops contest, THANK YOU! We had a record breaking total received of **998**!! This will go towards future field trips.

Our winners are:



1st Place - Mrs. Kievman's Class



2nd Place - Hannah Freeman



3rd Place - Alec Traktovenko

Our next contest will begin in January so start saving up those Box Tops and you could be the next winner!



## **TMSC Robotics -**

### **We Rock!**

Our Robotics Team competed on Saturday, December 3rd at The Lego FIRST Competition at the McGee Middle School in Berlin. They did a great job! Way to go everyone! Next time you'll win for sure!



## **TMA's Girl Scout Troop News**

*(From Troop Leader, Mrs. Travers)*

Girl Scouts at TMA have a busy few months ahead! On December 20, we will be hosting Gingerbread House building for the school. The houses will be donated to the We Are The Children Holiday Party in Hartford to be used as decorations. On January 13, some of our scouts will be spending an overnight at Mystic Aquarium with Mrs. Travers and Ms. Epstein. On January 21 our troop will be headed to Hartford Hospital to meet the flight crew of Life Star and receive a tour of the hangar and the actual helicopter. This trip is part of our First Aid badge and it is an excellent opportunity for the girls to do some career exploration. We are also very excited to have Ms. Epstein join our troop!

## **Upcoming Events In**

### **December**

- 9 - 1st Trimester Ends today
- 10 - PSG Holiday Party  
4pm-8pm at the Domashinski Residence
- 16 - Salvation Army Holiday Store - TMA Helps out 7am-5pm
- 23 - SCHOOL IN SESSION
- 24-1/2 - Holiday Recess - School Closed



## **Upcoming Birthdays**

### **December**

- 5 - Sarah Metcalf
- 7 - Aaron Grier
- 8 - Ian Kiernan
- 16 - Nate Welsh
- 19 - Miss Legair
- 28 - Mrs. Basmajian
- 31 - Aresh Pourkavoos







***We Need Volunteers for the Salvation Army Holiday Shop on December 16th.***

Talcott Mountain will be helping out from 7am to 5pm. We need two (2) people there at all times. Please contact the office with any questions or to let us know when you can help. You can make someone's holiday a little brighter!

## *The Teachers Appreciation Luncheon*

On behalf of our teachers, thank you all so much! It was wonderful and greatly appreciated!



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
4	5 Happy Birthday Sarah Mettcaif	6 PSG Meeting St. Nicholas Day 	7 Happy Birthday Aaron Grier	8 Barnes and Noble Book Fair 10am-8pm Happy Birthday Ian Kiernan	9 End of 1st Trimester	10 Holiday PSG Party at the Domashinski Home 4pm-8pm
11	12 Feast of our Lady of Guadalupe	 13 St. Lucia Day	14 Mathcounts 3:45-4:15	15	16 The Salvation Army Holiday Shop (Helping out) Happy Birthday Nate Welsh	17
18	19 Happy Birthday Miss Legair	 20 First Night of Hanukkah	21 Mathcounts 3:45-4:15	22	23	24
25  Christmas	26 Vacation Program School closed Kwanzaa & Boxing Day 	27 Vacation Program School closed	28 Vacation Program School closed Happy Birthday Mrs. Basmajian	29 Vacation Program School closed	30 Holiday Recess School closed	 31 New Years Eve & Omisoka Happy Birthday Aresh Pourkavoos

# The TMA Book Fair - Plus so much more!

To see a video of our concert, please go to our website.



A BIG thank you to Mr. & Mrs. Casey, our amazing music teachers, and Miss Epstein for bringing in all our artwork to display.



## **The Mitten Tree Is Back!**

Please bring in a new pair of mittens, gloves or hat to decorate our "Mitten Tree". They will be given to "Gifts of Love" in Avon.



The next PSG Meeting will be Tuesday, *January 3th* at 6:30pm here at TMA. Join us and get involved!