

# PTO News

## Spotlight on ...

*Meaghan Phair, Farmington River's 3rd Grade Teacher*



**Meaghan Phair** is Farmington River Elementary School's 3rd grade teacher. She is new to the school, replacing Debbie Dutton, who retired last year. We asked her some questions about herself and about being at Farmington River:

### ***Can you give me a bit of background about you?***

I grew up in Pittsfield, MA. I also spent about 6 years living and working in the Boston area. For the last two years I have resided in Lenox, MA with my boyfriend. We don't have any pets or children yet, but I would love to have both in the future.

### ***What was your job before coming to Farmington River?***

Before coming to Farmington River, I was completing my Master's Degree in Elementary/Special Education at Merrimack College in North Andover, MA. While finishing school, I worked as a paraprofessional for 2 years in a Kindergarten classroom. I also worked one year as a permanent substitute in grades Pre-K-5. I worked nights as a waitress at The Cheesecake Factory. Prior to that, I worked as a Human Resources Assistant at an engineering company just north of Boston.

### ***What are your hobbies, or what do you enjoy doing on your time off?***

On my days off I love to do anything that involves being outside!! During the fall, spring, and summer my boyfriend and I go hiking and camping as much as we can. In the winter we love to ice fish and ski together. I also enjoy running and swimming. I try to fit one of those two activities in each day.

### ***Can you tell us how you feel about working at Farmington River, and what your goals are?***

I absolutely love being a part of the Farmington River family. Each and every person that I have encountered thus far has been welcoming, kind, helpful, the list could go on and on. I can't express enough how grateful I am to be working with such a great staff, supportive parents, as well as children who are eager to learn. My goals in my new position are for ALL of my students to have a successful year. I want to see them grow both academically and socially. I also want to become actively involved in the Farmington River community. I would like to get to know as many children and parents as I can throughout the school, not just the children in my own classroom.

### ***What's your favorite part of the day?***

My favorite part of the day is anytime that I see children smiling, laughing, and just having a good time while they are learning. I also really enjoy all of the stories that the children tell me. There isn't a day that goes by that I don't have a moment where I am hysterically laughing with one or more of my students.

### ***What sort of message do you want to give to the children and parents at Farmington River?***

I would like the children and parents to know that I will work as hard as I can to make sure that every child in my classroom has an enjoyable and successful school year. I would also like to ensure that all of the children in my classroom are as prepared for fourth grade as they can be, so that they continue to be successful throughout their academic career.



## SAVE AROUND COUPON BOOK FUNDRAISER RECAP

**375 Books Sold  
at a Profit of \$10/book!  
Net Profit: \$3,750**

Profit will be allocated to each classroom, according to their sales: 50% to be saved for 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip, remaining 50% to be spent by the teacher this year to enrich their classroom!

### **Top Selling Classroom**

6<sup>th</sup> Grade ~70 Books Sold  
Prize: Movie /Pizza Party  
provided by PTO

### **Student Raffle Winners**

\$50 Amazon Gift Card—1<sup>st</sup> Grader  
Donald Scaglione  
\$25 Amazon Gift Card—2<sup>nd</sup> Grader  
Makenzie Chaffee  
\$25 Amazon Gift Card—5<sup>th</sup> grader  
Melanie Cardaropoli

### **Staff Winner**

\$50 Amazon Gift Card—2<sup>nd</sup> Grade  
Teacher: Ms. Kalisz

### **Top Producers**

**15 books sold by**

Abrianna Chaffee  
Makenzie Chaffee  
Nya Chaffee  
Haley Couch  
Kelly Couch

Prize: \$15 Target Gift Cards  
awarded to all

Thank you to all students, parents and staff that contributed to the success of this Fundraiser!



**VOLUNTEERS and DESSERTS NEEDED!**

Are you available to volunteer during *Scholastic Book Fair Week*, November 5th – 9th? Or can you donate a dessert to Planetarium Night on Friday 11/9? If so, please sign up on the Bulletin Board in Hallway, or contact: Sherry DeCelle at [frrspto@yahoo.com](mailto:frrspto@yahoo.com)

★ **Otis Ridge Ski Program 2013** ★

Enrollment forms for children in grades K–6 will be distributed after Thanksgiving, and due by **December 15th**. The cost of the program is \$65 and will cover rentals and lessons for six weeks.

The PTO will provide \$25 toward the cost of each student’s registration fee. Mark DeCelle will coordinate the program at the Ridge. All parents are asked to complete the registration forms in their *entirety* (ie., indicate age, height, weight). *We look forward to another great year of lessons and fun!*

**Otis Ridge Equipment Rentals:** the Ridge is providing Seasonal Equipment Rentals for \$79 for the entire season. Please see Jamie at the Ridge (note: this program is independent of the Ski Program, and does not impact the cost).

**Did You Know?**

Only **9 families** at Farmington are enrolled in Target's Red Card Debit Program. If you shop at Target, consider enrolling! You will **save 5%** every time you shop, enjoy Free Shipping, and **1%** of your purchases are donated back to the school in *cash!*

**Scholastic Book Fair Week**

Goal: \$3,500 in sales; if accomplished, 60% of Sales will be available in *Scholastic Dollars* to purchase new books for the School Library!

**Open to Public**

Wednesday, November 7th: 1 - 7 pm

Friday, November 9th: 4 - 7 pm

Sunday, November 11th: 8 - 11 am

*Please encourage friends and family to stop by!*

**Special Events during Book Fair Week:**

**Friday, November 9th: 4 - 7 pm**

Discovery Dome Portable Planetarium comes to Farmington River! NASA-funded films will be shown to families; Pizza Party provided by PTO.

**Sunday, November 11th: 8 - 11 am**

Pancake Breakfast at Farmington River School to benefit the Otis Library:  
 \$4.99 all you can eat | \$3.99 Students/Seniors  
 Veterans Eat Free! | Children under 5 Eat Free!

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**Next PTO Meeting**

Thursday, November 15, at 3:15 in the Library

**Annual Book Fair**

November 5th – 9th in the Library

**Discovery Dome Planetarium**

Friday, November 9 in the Gym

**Holiday Shop 2012**

December 6 & 7

**Dr. Seuss' Birthday**

Friday, March 1, 2013

**PTO Classroom Account Balances as of 10/12/12 (SaveAround Fundraiser)**

<i>Classroom Account Balances:</i>	<i>SaveAround Profit:</i>
6th Grade: \$1,640	\$700
5th Grade: \$1,617	\$490
4th Grade: \$1,169	\$420
3rd Grade: \$588	\$300
2nd Grade: \$656	\$340
1st Grade: \$192	\$140
Kindergarten: \$370	\$400
PreK–Mrs. Costa: \$482	\$475
PreK–Mrs. Scott: \$272	\$265

A portion of each classroom account (K–5th) contains an amount the room teacher is free to spend this year (50% of the classrooms' *SaveAround* profit). The rest remains with the class to fund their 6th Grade Field Trip/Graduation. 6th grade will spend their entire account this year, as will the PreK classes.