

New Pugmill from MCPE helps Medfield Food Pantry!



A Pugmill

Medfield High School art teacher Sara Higger submitted a grant to MCPE for a pugmill, a machine used to recycle clay. Sara says, "Having a pugmill in my classroom allows me to quickly reuse and recycle clay scraps that would normally go to waste. It saves time and money, and allows students to deepen their knowledge of the ceramic process and the way in which clay is made." Since the installation of the pugmill early in the

school year, Ms. Higger has reported a large increase in clay recycling that can be used for classroom projects, as well as extracurricular student activities, such as the Clay Club. Ms. Higger hosted the Empty Bowls dinner, inviting the community to come into the classroom to make bowls and then gather together for a soup dinner, eating from the finished bowls. Using clay recycled with the pugmill kept operating



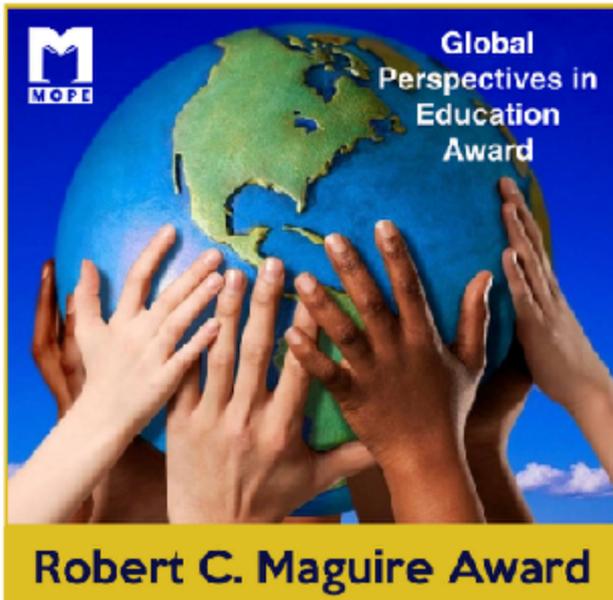
Clay Club Students: Katelyn Pelkey, Sophie Donner and MHS Teachers Sara Higger, Kate Jones, Stephanie Pollard

costs for the event low, and the event raised more than \$2,000 for the Medfield Food Pantry.



Do you know someone who inspires students to look beyond the town of Medfield?

All are invited to nominate an educator for the Robert C. Maguire Award. Robert (Bob) Maguire was the Superintendent of Medfield Schools from 1999-2013. This award is given to a Medfield Public School Educator whose effort embodies Bob's vision for further developing students' global understanding and readiness to engage in the expanding global economy.



Similar to Bob, the award recipient will be someone who inspires students to look beyond the town of Medfield and learn more about the global community through innovative programs and technologies, including:

- Using innovative technologies to enhance learning, foster collaboration, and develop connections with other people and communities.
- Increasing multicultural awareness and appreciation.

- Bringing multicultural elements into the curriculum.
- Developing links with schools or organizations in other nations or different ethnic communities.

Nominations are due May 1, 2019 and can be made via the MCPE website: www.medfieldcoalition.org/robert-maguire-award

Please join the District-wide Book Discussion Thursday, May 16th 7:00 PM in the MHS Library. Join other Medfield parents in reading *Doing School: How We Are Creating a Generation of Stressed-Out, Materialistic, and Miseducated Students* by Denise Pope, then come and hear a panel of Medfield High School students talk candidly about how they may be facing some of the same issues presented in the book. Don't have time to read the book? Still join us for this dynamic presentation.

Bee-line to the Top!

On Wednesday, March 27, students in grades 2 through 5 participated in MCPE's 14th Annual Spelling Bee, sponsored by Medfield Orthodontics. Students arrived excited to demonstrate their spelling abilities and show off their fun costumes. Over 40 teams participated in the Wheelock session, moderated by third grade teacher Jim Kuehl. After four rounds of competition, 'The Robloxians', Ben Cunningham, Cooper Gage, and Spencer Lee, reigned victorious. The Dale session saw competition from 22 teams. With Library Media Specialist Kerry Cowell moderating, teams worked through challenging

words until team 'Better Than Autocorrect', Cassidy Kolovos and Athena Polechronis, were crowned the winners. For the first time this year, awards were also handed out for "Best Costume" at each grade level as they get better and better each year. Second grade winners were team Spellabrate, third grade winners were the Nerds, fourth grade winners were the Punctuationers, and the fifth grade winners were Highway to Spell. MCPE extends a huge thank you to all the volunteers, teachers and families who made this entertaining and educational event so much fun.



'The Robloxians' - Wheelock Winners



'Better Than Autocorrect' - Dale Winners



'The Nerds' - 3rd Grade best Costume



'Spellabrate' - 2nd Grade best Costume

Save the Date!

MCPE's Fall Live Auction Party!

Mark your calendars for MCPE's Fall Live Auction party on Friday November 15, 2019 at the German-American Club in Walpole. If you would like to donate an item or experience or would be interested in corporate sponsorship, email at:

mcpe.auction@gmail.com

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All are Welcome to the MCPE Annual Meeting

On May 23, MCPE will host its Annual Meeting at the Zullo Gallery. All members of the Medfield community are invited to attend as MCPE celebrates work done over the 2018-2019 school year. In addition to hearing about the projects funded this year, MCPE will present three annual awards and thank its

corporate sponsors for their generous contributions. At the meeting, the current Board will vote for incoming Board members who will begin their three year term. The meeting will begin at 7:00 pm. MCPE thanks the Zullo Gallery for kindly donating the space for this event.



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