

WestNET Partnership

WAYS YOU CAN HELP US!

Rounding Third

The WestNET Partnership for Education will be selling tickets to an evening at the Merrimack Repertory Theatre for the performance of "Rounding Third" on Saturday, May 8th at 8:30 PM. "Rounding Third" is a comedy centered around the coaching skills of two opposite personalities on a Little League team. One coach is only interested in "winning" while the second coach feels that all the boys should be having a good time while learning the game. Tickets are \$40.00/person. If interested in purchasing tickets please contact Karen Stefanski at (978) 692-4829. Checks may be made out to the **WestNET Partnership**. Monies raised by this event will be used to support the Teacher Mini Grants that allow teachers to provide innovative ways of teaching their classes. By attending this event you will not only be supporting WestNET but your local Theatre

Westford's Notables Have Arrived!

Who is the "Mayor of Forge Village"? Who "needs Krispy Kreme"? Who is a "Patriotic Beauty"? To find out the answers to these questions, purchase WestNET's first edition of Westford Notables. All the money raised is going to fund WestNET projects for the Westford schools. There are 52 cards and 2 Jokers with the faces of folks who live or work in Westford. Cards can be ordered for \$10 by accessing our website (<http://www.westfordnet.org/notables/>), sending mail to janett@prospeed.net, or calling 978-692-0283.

HELP WANTED

We have many ways in which you can help us with our work. Please fill out the form and return it to **WestNET, PO Box 113, Westford, MA. Or call Janet Tortora 978-692-0283**

- ◇ I would like to work with your planning group
- ◇ I would like to be a liaison to my company.
- ◇ I am interested in your Spelling Bee
- ◇ I would like to do your publicity
- ◇ I would like to help with your webpages
- ◇ I would like to help sell "Westford Notables"
- ◇ I would like some tickets for "Rounding Third"
- ◇ OTHER _____

Name _____

Email Address _____

Company _____

Phone _____

Sat. May8, 2004

8:30 PM

Merrimack
Repertory Theatre

WESTNET

ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- *Non-Profit formed in 1996 to bring Internet to the schools*
- *NetDays at Robinson, Nabnasset, Day, Abbot, Blanchard, and Westford Academy*
- *Mini-grants to teachers*
- *Merged with the Partnership for Excellence in Education*
- *Technical support to staff and administrators*
- *Led and trained student wiring teams at WA*
- *"Big Impact Project" - LCD projectors for all fifth grade classrooms*
- *Solicited equipment donations and technical expertise*
- *Bridge the Digital Disconnect with the "Final 30 Feet". Actively seeking corporate alliances to create a more *connected* environment in the classroom.*

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non-profit organization

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CYCLING EVENT

AUGUST 29th

WestNET is sponsoring a cycling event to raise money to support our long term projects as well as our mini-grants for teachers. The event, so far, has "remained nameless" but will be held on Sunday, August 29th. We are looking for help with organizing the event, sponsoring the event as well as riding in the event. There will be several ride options available for the varying levels of cycling ability. We want this to be a community wide ride for education. Please mark your calendar and check our website for updates on the ride. If you have questions, please contact Michael_Grumbach@yahoo.com

RETURN OF THE BEE!!!

WestNET Partnership Hosts 2nd Corporate Spelling BEE

Stony Brook auditorium was the site of WestNET's second corporate spelling bee, "the Return of the Bee". As WestNET President, Stefany Eck welcomed employees from Sun Microsystems, InterSense, Raytheon, and a freelance group, the teams knew that WestNET was not sponsoring an ordinary spelling bee. WestNET was sponsoring a "Word Fest". In addition to challenging spelling rounds, Bee Keeper and WestNET Vice President, Tim Martin challenged the corporate teams with anagrams, "sniglets" and a final all or nothing trivia challenge. Team members collectively spelled words such as "sesquipedalianism" and "floccinaucinihilipilification" and had to guess what "baldage" could mean.

The two hour competition between the four teams was spirited and in the end the team from Sun Microsystems, earned the coveted WestNET Spelling Bee trophy. The winning Sun team was represented by Michele Walker (captain), Anne Tucker, Emil Gilliam, Gregory Vozzo, Ken Weiss, Olga Hall, Ted Ferreti. Employees Tom McGovern, Mike Grumbach (WestNET), WestNET member Karen Stefanski, and Superintendent of the Westford Schools, Dr. Stephen Foster, represented Raytheon. Employees Mike D'Antuono, Tom Neuburger, and Dean Wormell (WestNET) represented interSense. A freelance team was formed by consultants working with area companies; Elizabeth Michaud, Mark Mudgett, Joseph Zahavi and Stefany Eck (WestNET).

In addition to hosting and serving as the "MC" for the evening, Tim Martin spoke to the needs of the Westford Public Schools, especially during these tight fiscal times. He went on to explain ways in which businesses could partner with WestNET to make a difference. A long term goal of WestNET is to form corporate relationships with local companies to look for opportunities which can benefit both the WPS and corporate partners. Having wired the majority of classrooms in the WPS to the Internet, WestNET is now planning for "bridging the final 30 feet" from the classroom walls to the student's desks. WestNET needs both the resources and financial support of local corporations to accomplish this task. Companies value employee involvement in the community. Please contact Tim Martin (tmartin@westford.mec.edu) if your company would like to be involved in the work of WestNET.

If you would like to take part in the next Spelling Bee, please email westnetmail@westnet.org. WestNET is a non-profit group dedicated to helping the Westford Public Schools. You will find more information about our organization on our website: <http://www.westfordnet.org>.