January 2008

Dear Sippican Families:

We hope you had a fun and relaxing vacation and are looking forward to the new year.

We would like to remind you that the first VASE meeting of 2008 will take place on January 10th at 9 a.m. in the Community Room.

VASE will have two special guests from the Tri-Town League of Women Voters (LWV): Nancy Braitmayer and Judith Coykendall. The LWV is responsible for the tri-town phone book. They also provide grants to the ORR teachers for enrichments of the students’ curricula. This year, Sippican School received two grants, one in support of the Sippican Garden and the other for the literacy libraries in the 5th grade.

Please join us for this meeting to show our support for this local organization. As always, we will have coffee and a light snack.

For the remainder of the year, the VASE meetings will be held on the first Thursday of the month at 9 a.m. in the Community Room. Please mark your calendars.

As we enter the second-half of the school year, we’d like to let you know of the many ways in which you can get involved with VASE.

First and foremost, we need to fill three board positions for the 2008 - 2009 school year; secretary, treasurer and vice-president (or co-chair). Although Christine Winters and Suzy Taylor will still be involved with VASE, they have decided to step down as Treasurer and Secretary; respectively. Also, VASE has been without a vice-president/co-chair since last year. If you are interested in any of these positions, please let us know.

The following activities are planned for the second half of the school year and we need your help:

- Family Fun Nights: IMAX movie at Providence Place and PawSox game
- After-Class Enrichment program - ACE
- Gamewright Game Night during Skip the Screen Week
- Staff Appreciation Week
- Marion Occupation Program - MOP

Please consider chairing an event, or better yet, get together with a friend and co-chair. If we all work together we can continue to provide fun and enriching events for students, staff and families.

In closing, we would like to thank those who have volunteered in the past and we look forward to seeing new faces in the future.

Thank you,
Rania Lavranos, Suzy Taylor, Christine Winters and Melissa Morrill

P.S. Join us on January 25th for a Family Fun Night at the Providence Bruins. Whether or not you like hockey, you’ll get caught up in the excitement! See the reverse side of this letter for information on this event.