NEW ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL AT SIPPICAN SCHOOL
By: Chloe Robertson and Maggie Tracy

MAIN OFFICE—Ms. Maureen Devlin is Sippican School’s new Vice Principal.

Ms. Devlin received her Bachelor’s Degree from Pomona College in California and Master’s Degrees from Lesley College and Endicott College. She has been an educator for 18 years and was most recently the curriculum social studies teacher at Bromfield School. A social studies curriculum teacher goes to each school in a district and decides what each school needs to learn in social studies. Ms. Devlin decided to apply for the Assistant Principal’s position at Sippican School because she wanted more of a challenge and desired to work in a smaller school system.

Ms. Devlin hopes to make this a better school than it already is. She also hopes that she can gather the community and decide what is best for the students of Sippican School. Our vice principal wants the students of Sippican to leave the school saying that they learned everything they can and know that they have many choices through life. Ms. Devlin hopes for a good future for all students of Sippican.

In her free time, Ms. Devlin plays tennis, bike rides, sails, plays with her Labrador retrievers. She really enjoys outdoor activities. Welcome Ms. Devlin!

MRS. GOERGES
By: Amber Kutash and Shayla Santos

ROOM 122—Mrs. Goerges now teaches third grade at Sippican. She first started teaching in high school and also taught in Sweden for a few years. Mrs. Goerges shared, “In third grade I loved my teacher and that is why I am teaching now.”

Our new teacher grew up in Acton and summered in Marion. She graduated from Boxbury Regional High School and Simmons College. Mrs. Goerges has two children. Welcome, Mrs. Goerges!

LOOK WHO’S NEW IN KINDERGARTEN
By: Jessica Walther and Rachael Silvestri

KINDERGARTEN—There’s a new kindergarten teacher in our school! Sippican welcomes Miss Jagannath! She grew up in Attleboro, MA, and graduated from Bridgewater State College. Mis Jagannath received her Master’s Degree from Wheelock. This is her first year teaching and she loves it! She said, “Everyone here is very nice and I definitely want to teach another year. I might loop to the next grade for the next year.” We think that this will be an excellent year for Miss Jaganath!

In her spare time she likes to do arts and crafts, but lately she’s been planning her wedding because she is getting married this summer!
ENRICHMENT LAB ROOM 134—Sippican school welcomes Mrs. Soucy as the new enrichment teacher. She came to us all the way from Coral Reef Elementary School in Lake Worth, Florida, where she taught as the gifted teacher for eight years.

Mrs. Soucy runs Word Master’s, Math Team, and Destination Imagination. She does independent projects with students based on their interests. Various thinking and reading class projects are being conducted in classrooms. Mrs. Soucy loves her job because she has always wanted to be a teacher. She also loves seeing all the different ways children are special and what kind of talents they have. Mrs. Soucy is very excited about joining Sippican School.

Mrs. Soucy grew up in Bourne, Massachusetts. She received her Bachelor of Science Degree from UMASS Amherst and her Master’s Degree at Florida Atlantic University. Mrs. Soucy has two children. Delaney is four and Mickenna is two. Her husband’s name is Dennis. She loves living in Massachusetts and is happy to be home. In her spare time, she likes to scrapbook, do arts and crafts, play with her kids, and work out.

BOSTON ROCKS

By: Victoria Storrs and Chloe Robertson

BOSTON—On November 2, 2005, Mr. Roseman’s and Ms. Silva’s classes enjoyed the Boston Symphony Orchestra. The Boston Symphony Orchestra played the beginning of five symphonies. They were composed by Beethoven, Schubert, Mendelssohn, Prokofiev, and Bartok. The conductor, Bruce Hangen, told us before each symphony what to listen for. We had a very enjoyable time at Symphony Hall.

We ate lunch on the bus and proceeded to the Museum of Fine Arts. The purpose of this trip was to help us learn about famous pieces of art and famous artists. We saw the exhibits of musical instruments and Ancient Egypt, and famous paintings by Monet, Cezanne, Renoir, Van Gogh, for example. We had lots of fun at the Boston Symphony Orchestra and the Museum of Fine Arts.
CHILDREN’S GARDEN DEDICATION
By: Colleen Packard

AUDITORIUM—Mrs. Hobson, our former principal, was granted one special wish when she retired from Sippican School in June, 2005.

Mrs. Hobson wanted a children’s garden to be built and dedicated to some special students. In June, the Children’s Garden was dedicated. The families of Cory Jackson, Alexis Wisner, Andrew Rego, and Marques Silvia received flowers. These children’s names are on stone benches in the garden. After the ceremony, under the direction of Mrs. Richard, the concert choir sang “The Lord Bless You and Keep You.”

Don’t forget to visit the Children’s Garden, a nice place for all kids and adults to read and enjoy.

Photograph by: Victoria Storrs

POWER OF AN HOUR
By: Victoria Storrs

AUDITORIUM—On Sept. 16, 2005, the Sippican School students, families, and staff raised $8,358 for the victims of Hurricane Katrina. The fundraiser was called “Power Of An Hour.” The purpose of Power of an Hour was for students to raise money by doing various jobs at home and then donating the money earned. Mrs. Lamoureux and Mrs. Cook counted the money daily and recorded the total of $8,358. Ms. Campinha and Mrs. Furfey made the wonderful hour glass poster displayed in the front of the school. Family names were written on the “grains of sand.” It was a great idea and we ended up raising a lot of money. At the September All School Meeting, Mrs. White handed our donation to Mr. Carroll, a Sippican parent and member of the Salvation Army Board of Directors.

Scenes from the September All School Meeting
MR. PHENIX IS HERE!
By: Brenna Maloney and Pearl Carter

GYMNASIUM—On August 31st, 2005, Mr. Phenix came to help out Mr. Resmini and Mrs. Paling at Sippican School in the gym.

Mr. Phenix attends Bridgewater State College where he is learning to be a physical education teacher. He loves working with children and he is learning a lot from his colleagues and classes.

Mr. Phenix lives in Swansea. He has worked as a pump mechanic, a bus supervisor, and a teacher for a private YMCA. He says, “it is fun to meet new students and teachers.” But sadly, Mr. Phenix will complete his internship at Sippican in December. Mr. Phenix will be missed and we hope he’ll come back and visit!  Good Luck!

OUR STARRY SOLAR SYSTEM
By: Emily Hyde

PROVIDENCE—On October 18th, the 4th grade students traveled to the Museum of Natural History and Planetarium to learn about planets and stars.

The 4th grade has been learning about constellations and planets. They took a field trip and got to see a presentation on space and did fun activities. They also watched a show on a giant dome. It showed constellations and talked about the planets. Now the children of Sippican probably know more about planets and stars than they ever have.

ON TRIAL
By: Chloe Robertson

ROOM 201—Attorney Laura O’Rourke arrived at Ms. Silva’s room to assist students in a mock trial for Hector Zeroni, a character from the book Holes. Hector was accused of stealing the shoes of a famous baseball player, Clyde Livingston.

Mrs. O’Rourke discussed the various jobs involved in trials. She encouraged us with good questions and format to use. Students selected the following roles: judge, jury, witnesses, lawyers, Hector. Students spent time preparing for their parts in class and at home. Attorney O’Rourke returned the following day for the trial. Hector was pronounced “Not Guilty!” by our judges and jury.

Attorney O’Rourke lives and works in Marion and has three children, two of whom attend Sippican.  Thank you, Mrs. O’Rourke, for your time and encouragement!
Author’s Celebration
By: Jayda Rose and Emily Hyde

ROOM 101—Mrs. Bourgeois’ kindergarten class had an author celebration on October 13, 2005.

The talented little authors are learning how to write fantastic stories. Mrs. Bourgeois’ students each published a three page book. Their class started a new writing unit called Small Moments: Personal Narrative Writing!

PLAYGROUND UPDATE
By: TJ Lee and Timmy Kelleher

PLAYGROUND—On October 17, we interviewed five kids about their thoughts of the new playground.

We interviewed: Amanda Tilden, Mattie Burnett, John Bost, Grace Henry, and Matthew Lee, of Sippican School. All said that the new playground was better than the old one. Mattie Burnett exclaimed, “I love the new playground!” John Bost answered, “I like the new playground because I used to get splinters on the old playground.” Matthew Lee stated, “I liked the old one better because there was more room to play Hide and Seek.”

Sippican is so lucky to have a new, safe playground to play on.
GET COORDINATED  
By: Connor Maloney and Ryan Martins

GYM—All grades are working on hand and eye coordination.
  Kindergartners are working on hand eye coordination by playing jump rope. They are swinging the rope forwards, backwards, and jumping over it exactly like the first graders above them. The second and third graders are playing wall ball, which is when a person throws a ball off a wall and tries to catch it when it bounces back.
  The fourth grade is working on passing different kinds of balls to each other, such as footballs, spongy balls, and whiffle balls. The fourth, fifth, and sixth graders are running the mile. The fifth and sixth graders are playing football. They’re doing passing plays and defense. After the mile, grades 3, 4, 5, and 6 are playing team handball.

Mr. Resmini has been teaching here for twenty-two years and Mrs. Paling has been teaching here for sixteen years. Mr. Phenix, the student teacher, has been here for a couple months.

TRAVELLING BACK IN TIME  
By: Brenna Maloney and TJ Lee

PLIMOTH—On October 26, 2005, the third grade visited Plimoth Plantation.
  Kristina Boyajian, a third grader in Ms. McKeen’s class, said that the third graders were split into separate, smaller groups. Some groups explored Plimoth plantation while the others toured Hobamock’s home site. At Hobamock’s home site students learned how to make a fire without matches or lighters. Mya Lunn, another third grader, told us that they also got a taste of real Indian bread and visited a Native American wigwam. The third graders met a pilgrim named Lydia Hix. According to Sarah Adams, some of her classmates helped Lydia Hix paint a fence. Taylor Faulkner told us that she and her group visited the houses of two pilgrims named Miles Standish and Steven Hopkins.

  All of the girls we interviewed said that they had a great time at Plimoth Plantation and hope to experience that trip again.

TALES FROM MARCO POLO  
By: Jayda Rose

ROOM 128— On November 2, 2005, Marco Polo visited our school and presented to the fourth grade a one man play.
  This famous explorer told the fourth graders about how he got to China and back and the sites he saw during his travels. There were funny and exciting parts that got all the students and teachers laughing. Olivia Traenkle commented, “The reason we know about Marco Polo’s journey is because there was a writer in jail that recorded Marco Polo’s stories.”

  The students enjoyed it and would like to know more about Marco Polo.
WHAT'S HAPPENING IN ART?
By: Colleen Packard

ART ROOM—Mrs. Corrado, Sippican’s art teacher, has been doing “visual art” projects this year.

Since the kindergarteners learned about owls, they worked on bringing owls to look life like. First grade made collages and mosaics by cutting out different kinds of paper and gluing the pieces on another piece of paper. Second grade made simple animals by using Pariscraft, a type of clay. They then made mobiles with the animals. Mrs. Corrado got this idea from Alexander Calder, who worked with mobiles and balance. Third grade cut out pieces of construction paper and made Plimouth Plantation. Also, they made 3D creations of the plantation. Fourth grade used Pariscraft to make chinese theater masks and are learning about what the different colors mean. They learned that red means devotion and courage, white means sinister or suspicious, yellow means fierceness and ambition, green means violence and stubbornness, black means roughness, and purple means sophistication. Fifth grade has been studying Grant Wood and his “American Gothic.” The students are drawing characters of seniors. Sixth grade is also using Pariscraft to make masks, but are painting and finishing with feathers, felt, and other materials.

TIME FOR R.I.F.
BY: Jayda Rose and Emily Hyde
Photographs by: Chloe Robertson

LIBRARY—In October, 2005, Sippican School’s library had R.I.F. to give books to all students. The children of Sippican Elementary jumped with excitement when they found out they had R.I.F. that day. All students selected a book of their choice to keep and read!

Let’s thank the kids of Sippican for bringing in box tops, the V.A.S.E. fundraisers, (Volunteers At Sippican Elementary), the Federal Government, and Braitmayer foundation, for buying us these fabulous books to read and keep! We look forward to two more R.I.F. distributions.
101 NEW MUSICIANS
By: Colleen Packard

BAND ROOM—Fourth grade students always look forward to joining Mrs. Moore’s fourth grade band. Students are welcomed to choose any instrument. The instruments come from the Symphony Music Shop in Dartmouth, MA.

In the first lesson, everybody learns how to put their instrument together, take care of it, and even make a sound! And after a couple of lessons, most kids can play a couple of notes. When this happens, Mrs. Moore begins band. She asks students from grades five and six to help, and she calls them “band aides.” Band aides help with fingering, notes, and any other thing beginners might need, since Mrs. Moore can’t help everybody at once. Beginner band practices every Thursday morning at 8 am.

There are 101 beginners and band aides!

So every Thursday morning, 101 students get up early and gather in the band room, where it is crowded and noisy. Everyone is ‘noodling’, which is when people are just playing anything. Then, Mrs. Moore starts the warm ups. After that, she starts working on a particular song that they have been working on. Sippican School is lucky to have such a great music program!

THE CHRISTMAS STROLL
By: Shayla Santos, Rachael Silvestri, and Amber Kutash

MARION—On Dec. 11, 2005, the town of Marion gathered for the Christmas Stroll to celebrate the most joyous season of all! The sixth, fifth, and fourth graders played Christmas songs: “Twinkle Twinkle little Star,” “Frosty, Rudolph,” “Sleigh Ride,” Christmas Chimes,” “Drummer Boy,” and “Mary had a Little Lamb.” A group of people marched at the stroll and were really good! There were beautiful Clydesdales giving rides around the center of town. They sang Christmas carols and there was lots of food! There was a petting zoo and bunnies to buy. At the end of the Christmas Stroll people travelled to the center of town to see the tree lighting and to have “smores.” A fine time was had by all! Hope to see you there next year!

THE BIG GAME
By: Jessica Walther

BINGO—On November 10, at 7:00 P.M. was the bingo game of the century! (just kidding) It was in the secret layer! No, it was in the cafeteria. Mrs. Roseman, Ms. Devlin, Mr. Souza, and Mrs. Kelleher used my Bingo set that night.

There were 50 winners that crazy night!! Some people even won more than once. This was a very interesting bingo night!!! 😊😊😊
SIXTH GRADE JAZZ BAND
By: Timothy Kelleher

BAND ROOM—This year’s Sixth Grade Jazz Band is going to be great! We have great trumpets, trombones, saxes, drummers, basses, pianist, and most importantly, our director Mrs. Moore. These dedicated musicians meet every Tuesday at 8:00 AM, before school.

The Sixth Grade Jazz band is working on: “James Bond,” “Louie, Louie,” “Bari Bari Good,” “25 or 6 to 4,” and “T.W.A.”

The members of the Sixth Grade Jazz band are the following: In the sax section, Andy O’Rourke, Allie Medina, Mike Durocher, Brandon Davis, Katriana Kevelson, Troy Durr, Max Rish, and Eric Tavares. Playing in the trombone section are, Timothy Kelleher, Josh Lyons, Lindsey Patrick, Hunter Patrick, Jason Davis, and Walter Streeter. The trumpet section consists of Hope Anderson, Max Kearns, Timothy Gonsalves, and Noah Beaulieu. The rhythm section on drums include Matt Teefy and Mason Strand. The bass section contains Colby Stabell, Thomas Tarrent, and on piano David Friedman and Jake Farias. Emily Richard plays violin.
Mrs. Furfey introduced the student council before they presented a skit about the Heifer Project. A cast of animals spoke. Everyone enjoyed the fantastic slide show of all the Cutest Pets entered in the contest to raise money for the Heifer Project. Thank you to Mrs. Furfey and the student council for all their hard work on the great show!

And thank you to Mrs. Richard for leading everyone in “The Rooster Song.” The individual animal sounds were enjoyed by all!

Our outstanding Jazz Band, conducted by Mrs. Moore, entertained the audience with “TWA - Trumpet with Attitude” and “Louie, Louie.”

SCHOLASTIC COMES TO US
By: Emily Hyde

AUDITORIUM—December 12-16 students and the community were able to purchase various items at the Scholastic Book Fair. Scholastic sent their awesome books to us! We were able to select books, posters, games and more at the book fair. Over $2,000 was raised for the sixth grade hiking trip. Many thanks to the sixth grade parent volunteers for a wonderful fair!
WHEN KIDS RULE THE SCHOOL
By: Katryna S. Kevelson and Virginia Streeter

ROOM 204—The sixth grade student council is a group of students who help make decisions for the school. The purpose of student council is for kids to get involved with politics and community service. Student council has a president, Mikey Durocher, a vice president, Izzy Grover, a treasurer, Shannon O’Donnell, and a secretary, Jake Farias. The four representatives are: Shannon Frink, Kiernan Reynolds, Andy O’Rourke, and Mason Strand. It is organized by Mrs. Furfey.

The student council is working on various projects. If you have an idea or suggestion and would like to share it with the student council, there is a request box in the cafeteria. Also, if you have something that you wish to discuss with the student council, you may attend a meeting.

The cutest pet contest’s purpose was to raise money for the Heifer Project. The Heifer Project is a nonprofit organization that buys animals to give to needy families. The student council is working on Stone Soup with Mrs. Pimental. They also want to improve school lunches and give kids more time to eat lunch.

THE CUTEST PET CONTEST
By: Ryan Martins and Connor Malony

The student council worked very hard to raise $655 for the Heifer Project. This project helps provide needy families with animals. Students and staff were encouraged to bring in a picture of their pet. Eighty-seven pictures were submitted! All voting was done through donations for the pets, which were posted on the bulletin board. We had a cool slide show of all the pets at the December All School Meeting.

The winner of the contest was Haley Dickerson’s dog “Bentley” from Mrs. Rosen’s class in grade four. The following was decided by Haley and the student council for purchase: “Knitting Basket” of a pair of llamas and pair of sheep, chicks, honeybees, geese, ducks, and a trio of rabbits. These animals will be sent to families in Central and South America, Africa, and China. Wow, how great!! Second place was Brendon’s dog “Hutch” from Mrs. Vierkant’s class, grade four. Third place was Jake’s dog Mugzy, cats Elvis and Toby, from Ms. Silva’s class. Coming in fourth was Rebecca’s cool cat from Mrs. Silva’s class. Many thanks to Mrs. Furfey and the student council, the participants that brought in pictures, and of course the many generous families and staff that donated!
Festival Of Lights
By: Colleen Packard

ROOMS 103 and 105—Mrs. White’s and Ms. Jagannath’s classes studied Hanukkah, Kwanzaa, and Christmas in Mexico. They held a special celebration on Dec. 16, 2005, called the Festival of Lights. Kwanzaa lasts for seven days. The students made kinaras, which are the candles that the people light. They also made Good Harvest Mats, which are ears of corn which are placed next to the kinara. One ear represents one child in their house.

In celebration of Hanukkah, students made dreidels, divali dye lamps, and good luck designs using symmetry.

Christmas in Mexico is called Las Posados. In honor of Las Posados, kindergarten students made paper donkeys by cutting out pieces of construction paper and gluing them to a precut donkey. The students also made poinsettias, which are called “the flowers of Christmas Eve.” And in honor of St. Nick Day, held on Dec. 6, students made St. Nicholas decorations using paper bags. Students worked very hard on these projects and they were displayed on the bulletin board in their hallway.

PIÑATA TIME!
By: Jayda Rose

Room 103—Every Tuesday Mrs. Almeida’s fourth graders read to the kindergartners in Ms. Jagannath’s class. They also made Mexican ornaments using sticks and yarn. When they finished, they sat around a rug and got ready to break open the piñata the Mrs. Almeida and her class made. Once the piñata was open, they all shared the candy.

Coming in March ... Who flew to China? ... our busy Library ... what’s been going on in health? ...
1st and 6th grade buddies ... what’s a Word master hat and parade? ...