

**Johnny Appleseed PTO
General Meeting
November 15, 2011**

1. Patti DeAmicis welcomed everyone at 7:05 pm
2. Guest Speaker - James Jolicoeur, Superintendent Leominster Public Schools
 - A. Mr. Jolicoeur discussed core values - school leadership teams. Encouraged all that he can be contacted at anytime with feedback at sup feedback@leominster.mec.edu. He discussed the Leominster Education Foundation - non-profit group which helps raise funds for schools district wide, and does not take away from individual schools PTO fundraisers.
3. Walk to School was very successful. Thank you to Mr. Burns. Kindergarten classes were happy to be able to take part in this event this year.
4. Magazine Drive was successful again. Thank you to those parents who helped count orders.
5. Family Fitness Night was once again a huge event and lots of fun. Thank you to Kelly Bernard and our wonderful 5th grade helpers.
6. Book Fair is in full swing. Parents welcomed to come and shop during their child's time slot. Book Fair will be open on Monday, Nov. 21st during parent/teacher conferences.
7. Coldstone Creamery fundraiser ends 11-16-11, orders to be picked up at Coldstone Creamery store 11-21-11 to 11-23-11.
8. Books and Beyond kicks off on Friday, 11-18-11, notices to go home with students this week. Last year approximately 60% of students completed all 8 stations. Recording sheets available on-line at JA Website.
9. Elf Shoppe to take place Dec 5th and 6th. Volunteers welcomed. This a big tradition at JA.
10. Italian Night to be held Thursday, January 19, 2012. Save The Date.
11. Club information
 - A. Mr. Burns is setting up a Chess Club with the help of a Leominster High School Senior. The club hopes to start first week of December.
 - B. Patti DeAmicis is looking into getting volunteers for a knitting club.
12. Holiday Plant Sale orders need to be in by November 22, 2011. Pick up of plants is scheduled for December 2, 2011 from 3pm to 7:30 pm.
13. Dr. O'Hearn-Curran encouraged all parents to schedule a parent/teacher conference if not already set up. The teachers and staff view all parents as partners in their child's education.

Meeting adjourned 8:20 pm