



# Cool Science Club News

July 7th, 2008

## Meet the Staff

- **Lanie Higgins** is the director of the camp. This is her 7th year with the Cool Science Club. She is a beloved 6th grade science teacher for the Allstars at McCall Middle School. She has also won many awards such as, "Teacher Who Went the Extra Mile" and the Goldin Foundation award.
- **Marebeth DiMare** is a returning teacher for CSC. She teaches 6th grade science on the Champions team.
- **Mike Downs** joins us for the first time this year. He is a 5th grade teacher in the Norwood Public School System.
- **Katie Hebda** returns to teach for CSC this year. She currently teaches 8th grade science at McCall.
- **Frank Row** is a returning teacher for CSC. He is the former principal of Lynch Elementary. Currently, he teaches 6th grade math for the Champions at McCall Middle School. He loves to run and play the drums.
- **Cathi Flaherty** returns to teach at CSC for a 7th year. She is a 1st grade teacher at Lincoln Elementary. You might have seen her as a finalist in the "Ms. Winchester" contest. She loves the beach and solving crimes!
- **Mary Conley** is the assistant director at CSC. This is her 7th year with the Cool Science Club. She is a retired middle school teacher from the Winchester Public School system.

## Special Thanks

The CSC Staff would like to thank **Alex Sarra from Alessandro's** for letting us borrow his salon for our crime scene! We would also like to thank Detective Pierce for taking time out of his schedule to come and visit us! This year we're very grateful to the **ENKA society** and the **Winchester Police** for funding scholarships. The Winchester Police Celebrity softball game proceeds went to summer camp scholarships. Again, thanks so much!

## Important Reminders

- Please enter and exit the building through the front door of McCall.
- Please sign your child in and out each day in their classrooms.
- If your child will be absent, please call Mary Conley at (781)844-3536.
- For the field trip on Wednesday, the buses will leave at 8:45 am and will return at 2:15 pm. Please pack a lunch and make sure all drinks are in plastic containers. You may also want to pack some sun screen and bug spray.
- If you have questions about anything please call Lanie Higgins at (781)729-7157 or Mary Conley at (781)844-3536.

# The First Day for our Detectives

Today, our detectives were introduced to the purposes and methods of forensic science. They spent the morning getting to know each other and their teachers. Then the detectives practiced their observation and interviewing skills.

The detectives learned how to apply the Scientific Method to crime solving. They got to implement this new knowledge as they traveled to the crime scene at Alessandro's Salon in downtown Winchester. They observed the scene, col-

lected evidence and formed hypotheses.

When they returned to McCall, they were introduced to the suspects who were involved with the crime.

They viewed each suspect's *myface* page created by Sam Holland to learn more about them. Finally, the detectives got to learn about fake blood splatter evidence from Susan Barclay, who teaches *Blood and Guts* at Milton Academy and CSC's after school program.



The investigation got off to an excellent start! We are very confident the detectives will be able to solve the mystery and return the million dollar necklace to its rightful owner!

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## The Mystery Of the Missing Diamond Necklace

This week the detectives will be working to solve the mystery of the missing diamond necklace. After being introduced to the suspects through their *myface* pages, the detectives learned about the mystery.



It all began when Mary Mei decided to have a Valentine's Day party on February 13th at her uncle's mansion. She invited all her friends and planned to have a DJ, sushi bar and a skating rink in the backyard. Justin was working late, but would arrive as soon as he locked up Alessandro's. Candy Kane was planning on attending as soon as

Monet closed. Stella said she would attend the party with Max, as soon as she had her haircut.

On February 14th, Aunt Elena opened up Monet at 10 o'clock and was shocked to find plaster pieces on the floor, a hole in the ceiling and the million dollar diamond necklace was gone!