

Pull-Tabs Part of Fourth Grade Curriculum

Collecting pull-tabs for the Children's Transportation Fund isn't just about community service for **Donna Laskey's** fourth grade class; it's also about learning math.

During a recent trip to the McGlynn School in Medford, Noble **Walter Brown** received 100 pounds of tabs and also learned a lot from the kids. This is an annual event for Wally; he visits the class and talks to the children about the Shriners Hospitals for Children and the Children's Transportation Fund, answering a lot of good questions too.

The kids had 111,240 tabs according to their count, yes they kept count! Starting in 2001, Mrs. Laskey started collecting tabs with her class. "Fun math connection coupled with a community service objective, the first year the children graphed each month's collection and then compared the data," then she added how "line graphs gave way to pie charts and estimation lessons and using the tabs had a whole new meaning."

Incorporating counting the tabs into her curriculum. "Children were continuously practicing counts to 100 and were independently realizing large number concepts," said Laskey, "we use tabs for probability lessons... how long is the average tab? How many tabs in a foot, a mile, distance to the moon, make a pound?"

The children had a surprise for Wally too: a Powerpoint presentation that they did all on their own. All set to music, it showed how they collect the tabs, a breakdown of how many, some of the school lessons that the tabs were incorporated in, and where the tabs go and how they help the children at the Shriners Hospitals.

Mrs. Laskey has past students come in to drop off tabs. "It is not uncommon for tabs to show up on my desk, mailbox, or hand delivered from former students. It is a whole school interest."

Thank you McGlynn School fourth grade class and especially to you Mrs. Laskey for all your help and support in collecting pull-tabs for the past seven years, and also your innovative way of bringing them into the classroom.



NOBLE **Walter Brown** discusses the Shriners Hospitals for Children and the Children's Transportation Fund with **Mrs. Laskey's** fourth grade class.



THE CHILDREN made a presentation of their own! Using Powerpoint, they shared their knowledge of pull-tab collecting and where the money goes and how they incorporate it in their class curriculum.



MRS. LASKEY'S fourth grade class with some of the 100 pounds pull-tabs they collected. Mrs. Laskey is fourth from the left (the tallest one).

HELP WANTED

The Transportation Unit needs **DRIVERS** to drive tractor trailers for parades, and also **BUS DRIVERS**.

Qualifications:
CDL Class A

Please contact:

Capt. Mark Norton at 1-781-391-9662
or Ted Critch at 978-667-6450

MOUNTED PATROL WANTED

Men to handle our pony Ginger. Lead or learn to drive with pony cart in parades and other events. We are willing to teach you to handle her properly and safely. She is 12 hands tall and is a 17 year-old half halflinger.



We would like to extend a welcome to join the Mounted Patrol to any Noble that wants to ride or assist us in any way. Hauling trailers, handling horses or whatever you are willing to do.

CONTACT: **Meet the 2nd Thursday**
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STATED BUSINESS MEETING

Tuesday, September 25, 2007 at 5:00 p.m.
ALEPPO SHRINE WILSON ROOM
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Reading of the Recorder's records.
Act on any other business
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