



January 28, 2010



Dear Sixth Grade Parents,

We would like to invite your child to participate in a program which we hope will be an additional but not overwhelming source of academic enrichment. We have offered Mythology Club for the past twelve years to students who are interested in taking The National Mythology Exam, sponsored by the American Classical League at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. The basis for the exam is *The D'Aulaire's Book of Greek Myths*, the book we have been using in sixth grade for thirteen years.

The 50 item test is divided as follows:

- 30 questions from the *D'Aulaire's Book of Greek Myths*
 - pages 1-62- Myths and information on gods and goddesses.
 - pages 186-187- Greek and Roman names of gods and goddesses
- 10 questions about the story, *Heracles*
- Ten point subtest from one book in *The Iliad* and *The Odyssey*
 - "The Death of Hector"
 - Polyphemous-the Cyclops

The purpose of this test as stated by the Chair of the Exam Committee is, "to allow students to demonstrate their understanding on a national level. It is designed to allow teachers flexibility in preparation and test-taking. Success and enthusiasm are our goals."

MUCH of the material on this test will be covered during our mythology unit in class, however some of it will not. Mythology Club will be offered to registered students beginning on Tuesday, February 16, from 3:15 to 4:00. It is the parent's responsibility to arrange transportation at 4:00. The deadline for registration is February 10.

We would like to recommend that if your child is willing to make this commitment to learning, that you purchase a copy of *The D'Aulaire's Book of Greek Myths* for him/her to keep at home. This test will not affect your child's grade in reading or in any other content area. It will require some additional time at home learning material not covered in school.

We are very excited about the enthusiasm generated by Bow students in the past who have participated in the National Mythology Exam. Please give this your serious consideration, and if you think your child would benefit from this challenge, please return the attached form.

Sincerely,

Edie Perkins

HELP WANTED!

WE need a parent (or so) to organize snacks for Mythology Club. If you can help with this, please let Ms. Perkins know. Thank you!

**REGISTRATION FORM FOR THE NATIONAL MYTHOLOGY
EXAM**

I would like to register for the National Mythology Exam.

Student Name: _____

Reading Period: _____ Reading Teacher: _____

Parent Signature: _____

CUT HERE AND KEEP THE DATES ON YOUR REFRIGERATOR!
ONLY TURN IN THE TOP PORTION OF THIS PAPER PLEASE ☺

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Mythology Club Meeting Dates

- ◆ February 16, 2010 – First Mythology Club meeting (3:15-4:00)
- ◆ March 2, 2010
- ◆ March 9, 2010
- ◆ March 16, 2010
- ◆ March 23, 2010
- ◆ March 30, 2010
- ◆ April 6, 2010
- ◆ April 13, 2010-Last regularly scheduled Mythology Club
- ◆ April 15, 2010-MYTHOLOGY CLUB EXAM (3:15-?)

The traditional pizza party will follow the exam!!!

