



# MLS KAIHO

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## 3 Cheers for: Nick Marshall-Butler: First Mountain Laurel Sudbury Graduate is off to Hampshire College



- Nick Marshall-Butler the first graduate of the Mountain Laurel Sudbury School is off to Hampshire College.
- Carmen and Daelan join Hudson Valley Sudbury community.
- Markie's Japan.
- Sean Vivier joins MLS Staff
- Hudson Valley Visit
- Hogwarts Under Construction
- New Leadership

May 31, 2007 saw Nick Marshall-Butler receive his certificate of graduation from the Mountain Laurel Sudbury School. At 16 Nick made his formal presentation to his peers about the work he was doing—studying a nearby facility where inmates, acquitted of crimes by reason of insanity, are held. The School Assembly members voted unanimously in favor of Nick's graduation.

During his years at MLS Nick held several internships, including work with area politicians Chris Dodd and Bill Curry. Nick has even testified before Congress. Nick's SAT scores are in the 90th percentile.

Before attending MLS Nick considered becoming a computer technician or a

statistician "because that's what the public school he had attended told him he was good at." Nick hopes to become involved in the field of Social Justice at college and to work in that area when he graduates.

Following in Nick's footsteps is Liam Marshall-Butler, age 8, who has spent his entire school life at MLS. Liam is a rock collector and finds adventure in hiking nearby hills, exploring as he walks and adding to his extensive rock collection.

Markie Ferone is another member of the Marshall Butler household. Markie's current interest lies in a study of the Japanese language and culture. She is responsible for the title of our newsletter: "KAIHO" which, in Japanese, means "CHATTERBOX." Markie is putting together a Japanese dictionary.

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## **Daelan and Carmen at Hudson Valley Sudbury**

This Fall Daelan and his mother Carmen became members of the Hudson Valley Sudbury community.

Last week Liam from Mountain Laurel and several other members of the Mountain Laurel Sudbury school went up to visit.

This became an opportunity for Liam and Daelan, old buddies, to spend the entire day visiting. According to Liam, Daelan is design-

ing a new game. Daelan was a lead student designer for the Hogwarts castle that was displayed at the Harry Potter Book release at Borders Books, West Farms Mall, West Hartford, Ct.

Carmen, Daelan's mother, has signed on as a staff member at Hudson Valley.

We at Mountain Laurel hope they will keep in touch with us as we consider them part of our "Sudbury family."



## **LIAM THE ROCK COLLECTOR**

You can find Liam often hiking up the hills of Walnut Hill Park, exploring the trails and gullies, searching for small rocks that he carefully inspects before deciding whether to add them to his collection or not.

What Liam does with his rocks and his collection is something of a local mystery. Recently Liam was observed lugging a 15 lb.

rock which, for a while, was seen, snuggled comfortably in his cubby, then it was gone, down some magic rabbit hole, never to be seen again.

And so the mystery continues. What does Liam do with his vast rock collection?



## **Markie's Japanese vocabulary**

Japanese word for the day:

**Boku**

Translation or meaning "I"  
This word is used by males.

A as in op or ahh

I as in eat or ee

V as in moo or oo

E as in help or eh

O as in holt or oh Bonus

words for today:

**Sukoshi** 1. small amount

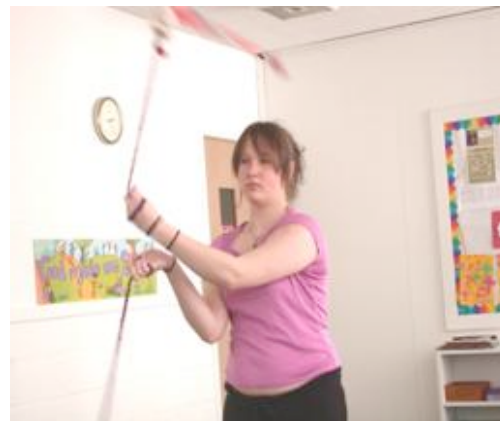
2. A little bit, slightly

3. For a short time

**Umai** 1. delicious

2. skillful

3. promising, successful

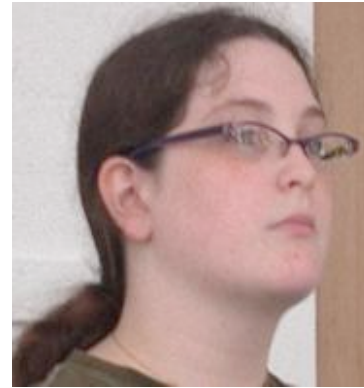


## Change at the Helm



Shae Nethercott

Shae Nethercott, who was school meeting chairperson during the 2007 school year has handed over the leadership baton to Adrienne Mattson-Perdue who was a student at New Britain H.S. before coming to Mountain Laurel. Shae is considering going on to college next year to obtain an education in the publishing field. Adrienne's main interest is writing.



Adrienne Mattson-Perdue

## Home Schoolers Fair in Hamden, Ct.

On Saturday, Oct. 6, Shae, Marie, Adrienne and Bob were on duty manning the Mountain Laurel Sudbury table at the Home Schooler Fair at the Unitarian Church in Hamden. Displayed by MLSS was a model of Hogwarts, a reminder of the Rowling book opening last month. Over the day dozens of folks stopped by the table to discuss the school.

Some folks expressed an interest in attending our open house in November. There were many activities happening at the Fair, with numerous vendors, books for sale and other groups interested in home schooling or unschooling. Programs ran all through the day for folks to indulge in arts and crafts, play games with kids, and hear education speakers.



## Welcoming Sean to Mountain Laurel

In September of this year Sean Vivier became a new staff member at the school. Sean was previously employed as a teacher at Berlin High School as a Spanish teacher. His interests are many, with special emphasis on ancient history, drama, & etymology. At Berlin he was a driving force in organizing and

running the Drama club as an advisor.

At the present time Sean is part of the cast of a Renaissance Fair doing weekend performances.



At Berlin H.S. Sean was part of the World Language Department.

## Sudbury Schools: democracy in action HOGWARTS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

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**MOUNTAIN LAUREL SUDBURY  
STUDENTS DESIGNING AND  
CREATING A PROTOTYPE OF THE  
HOGWARTS SCHOOL OF WIZARDRY**



**Mountain Laurel Students Liam and Daelan designing and building a prototype model of Hogwarts castle. The final castle was displayed at Borders Books at West Farms Mall during the distribution of Rowling's "Deathly Hollows," the final book in the Harry Potter Series. MLS was invited as guest artists at the event.**

## Liam's Page: Foosabah Stories: Oriss's Story

### Oriss the Foosaba by Liam



The Foosabah is a furry little creature that has horns instead of ears.

One day there was a Foosaba, named Oriss, who walked near a tree.

The monkey there threw a gem at Oriss. Oriss said, "Can you give me more of these."

The monkey said, "No! Get away from my tree." So Oriss went away, and then disguised himself as something else and went back to the monkey to ask for more gems.

"Bring me golden bananas," said the monkey.

So Oriss went searching for golden bananas and when he found the right tree he climbed up and collected a basket of golden bananas.

The next day Oriss brought the monkey a whole basket full of golden bananas. The monkey was happy to get the bananas and gave Oriss a lot of gems and that's how Oriss became the richest Foosabah in the Foosabah village. (Picture by Liam)