



West Bridgewater Public Schools

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Volunteering in the Classroom - If you are interested in helping out your child's teacher in the classroom please contact him/her directly and let them know, they will check to see if you have an updated CORI on file. The best way to contact classroom teachers is by email; first initial and last name @wbridgewater.com (ex. mbodwell@wbridgewater.com).

Music Class - Curious about music happenings at the Howard School? Check out the new music website!

- Go to <http://www.scholastic.com> and click on the Class Homepage Login under "Connect"
- A new page will appear with a Login box.
- Enter our Class User Name: westbridgewater (one word no capitals)
- Followed by our Class Password: music and then Click Submit.

Savings Makes Cents - Today, saving money is more important than ever with rising college tuition, the higher cost of living and preparing for retirement. As part of our Math curriculum the fifth grade students will be participating in this program. In the coming year, the students will begin learning the basic concepts of money and saving in this unique program. This program is run through Bridgewater Savings Bank. The kickoff meeting for the students is on October 4th. This program is also a great way for the students and parents to start saving for the grade 6 trip to Nature's Classroom.

Grade 5 Miss Williams Class - The students have completed two writing projects that describe themselves. One is the Personal Shield, which shows what the students are proud of that they have completed in the past and also shows what they wish to accomplish in the future. They have also written Biopoems, which describes themselves through adjectives, feelings, needs, and fears.

PTO Programs - Once again this year we are fortunate to have numerous programs sponsored by the PTO. They will begin in October. We are sure that the students and staff will enjoy them.

Open House - Grades 4 and 5 will have their Open House on Thursday, September 20th from 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. Parents and guardians are invited to come in and see their child's classroom, and meet their teachers. We look forward to seeing you.

Grade 4 News - The first book report of the year is a "book share". The students will be required to tell the other students about the book in front of the class. The 4th graders will also be working on time capsules. They will all need to bring in a large empty Pringles container for this project.

Howard School Motto Contest - We have had a contest to create a motto for the Howard School. We will select finalists and the students will vote on what they feel is the best motto for the Howard School.

PTO Magazine Drive Fundraiser - The students will meet with the coordinator of the magazine drive fundraiser on Thursday, September 20th. This is a great fundraiser for the PTO which brings in funds to support the numerous program and supplies that go to the schools.

Surround Care - We offer surround care here at the Howard School in the mornings. Students may be dropped off anytime after 7:00 am. The cost is \$1 for every 15 minutes from 7:00 - 7:45.

CORI Reminder - To be a chaperone or volunteer you must have an up to date CORI form on file.

Lunch Money - Students that borrow money for lunch are reminded to return it to Mr. Bodwell the next day when he does his morning rounds. Please don't spend money for lunch on snacks. There is always a free healthy choice for snack such as mixed fruits, apples, applesauce or raisins.

PTO Needs President - The PTO is a wonderful organization that gives so much back to our students. They are in need of a President. This is a position that could also have two people work together in the position. If you are interested or have any questions please contact Mr. Bodwell and he will put you in touch with an officer of the PTO. We hope that the position is filled in the near future.

Coffee Hour with Principal - The first meeting will be on Friday, September 28th at 9:00 am in the Howard School cafeteria. Coffee and a snack will be provided. Mr. Bodwell will discuss what is going on in the school, different events, and things to look forward to. This is a great opportunity for parents to ask questions and to come and hear what is going on at the Howard School. I look forward to seeing many parents. The next meeting will be an evening meeting on October 10th from 6:00 - 7:00 in the cafeteria.

WB Logo Merchandise - If you would like to order West Bridgewater logo merchandise you can find a link on the school website.

School Website - Please be checking the school website. It has a calendar that should be up to date with events. It also has the school lunches listed. The site for the school is www.howardschoolwb.com.

Nutri Kids - There will be flyers going home from Sue Olson, Food Service Director introducing and explaining the new payment card for purchasing lunch. This will be done through a company called Nutri Kids. The program is already in affect at the middle/senior high school. We will be having a meeting with all of the students on October 2nd.

Contact Information - If parents have changes in their phone numbers to please notify the school of any new changes. We continually update the system and need to have it accurate for our Connect Ed system.

Nature's Classroom - Grade 6 parents and students, the first Nature's Classroom payment due on Tuesday, October 16th. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Bodwell.

School Improvement Council - If a parent is interested in serving on the School Improvement Council please contact Mr. Bodwell. The school council is an advisory group established at every school per the Education Reform Act of 1993. The council is comprised of parents, staff members and a member of the community. There have been some interested parents and we still could use one more. We are also looking for a community member to join the council. The council meets once a month from 3:00 - 4:00.

Absent Students - If you child is going to be absent from school please call the school to let us know. If you do not call please send your child to school the day they return with a note.

West Bridgewater Youth Athletic Association - We are holding sign ups for Spring Soccer and Basketball. Interested parties can register their child on Friday nights 9/21, 9/28 and 10/6 from 6pm to 8pm or on Saturday mornings 9/22, 9/28 and 10/7 from 10 am to Noon. Any questions, call 508-588-7659.

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