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Howard School News

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Student Council Students – Congratulations to the following students for being elected as Student Council representatives and alternates. They will be meeting with Ms. Smith on a monthly basis and help coordinate activities within the school. Good job!

Grade 4 – *Victoria Svenson, Alexandra Hutchings, Marissa Molinari, Julia Niccoli, Tim Reilly, Alison Quinn, Abigail Karam, Lydia Dunn, Sarah McCafferty, Aaron Keeling, Emily Yeo, Katie Rolfe, Meghan Gillis, Lauren Sunshine.*

Grade 5 – *Sakshi Wadhwa, Adrianna Fazio, Monique DaSilva, Liam Marquis, Hailey Miller, Stormy Wood, Thomas Sass, Michael Sellars, Tiffany Ames-Anderson, Stephanie Carew, Dakota Devery, Katie Morganti*

Grade 6 – *Shannon Clancy, Jason Ross, Dillon Anderson, Keith Fitts, Michael Ames, Michael Stratoti, Nick Karam, Caroline Nee, Jacob Peabody, Tiarra Murrell, Emma Kincaid, Sarah Savoy*

Grade 5 Field Trip – On Thursday, November 1st the Grade 5 students will be going on a field trip to Sturbridge Village, from 8 to 3:30 p.m. Students will need to have their own ride home from school.

PTO - Thank you students and parents for your support with this years fundraisers! We are well on our way toward our goal to provide our children with all the programs that they've been enjoying for so many years!! Programs such as Mother Goose for Kindergarten, Wing Masters for Grade 1, Fabulous Fossils for Grade 2, Inflatable Whale for Grade 3, Science Isn't Always Pretty, Mad About Math and Museum of Science's Motion Forces for Grades 4, 5 and 6 respectively! These are just a *few* of the **many** programs that PTO funds support. Our last major fundraiser for this year has changed a bit...instead of Entertainment Books we've opted for a book called MassPass - for South of Boston. The offers in the book are for "local" merchants - such as Good Day's, Yangtze China Inn, Partner's Italian Pizza, Dick's Sporting Goods and so many more! Be sure to look for the book and all the details **next** week! Thanks again!!

UNICEF Bake Sale – The 4th grade did a wonderful job bringing in food items for the UNICEF bake sale this week. There was lots of great food to choose from and they raised a lot of money for a great cause. The 5th grade bake sale is October 31st and the 6th grade bake sale is November 7th.

Coffee Hour with the Principal – The next coffee hour will be on Friday, November 2nd at 9 a.m. Then there will be one on Tuesday, November 13th at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome and encouraged to attend. Mr. Bodwell will talk about what is going on in the school as well as open it up for questions.

WB Food Pantry – On Friday, October 26th is “Make A Difference Day”. The students will be collecting food items for the food pantry and be walking to the food pantry with their donations.

“Troop 1111 Drive for Our Troops” - Junior Girl Scout Troop 1111 is holding a drive for our nation’s soldiers who are serving our country in Iraq and Afghanistan. Boxes are located in the lobbies of the Howard School and Rose L. MacDonald Schools. Items will be accepted from Friday, October 26th through Monday, November 19th. Suggested items include: baby wipes, small packages of tissues, Q-tips, playing cards, handheld games, paperback books, “AA” and “AAA” batteries, non-perishable snacks, hard candy, gum, lip balm, sunscreen, eye drops, tea bags, toothpaste/brushes, bug repellent, International phone cards, shaving cream and individual drink mix packages. Questions can be directed to Darcie Fisher at 508-580-2023.

MCAS – The MCAS results have been mailed home. We here at the Howard School are very pleased with our students performance on the tests. There will be more detailed information in the next newsletter. Good job students! Parents if you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Bodwell.

Music NEWS! - Students in grades 4 and 5 are wrapping up their unit on rhythm and will begin the unit on melody. This means that fourth graders will begin recorder karate and 5th graders will begin using melody instruments such as the recorder and melody bells. The 6th grade music students are still finishing their rhythm unit which includes a rhythm project, tying together fables with rhythms. All students at Howard have started composer journals to learn to actively listen to music. The students are enthusiastic and learning a lot!

Fire Safety - The students had their Fire Prevention Program presented to them on Thursday, October 11th. Captain Paul Golder of the West Bridgewater Fire Department presented the program to the students.

Nature’s Classroom - The first deposit on the Grade 6 Nature’s Classroom Trip is due this week. If parents have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Bodwell. The 6th grade will also be doing the “Poinsettia Plant Sale” as a fundraiser again. These are wonderful plants that last way past the holiday season.

PTO Program – This Friday, October 19th there will be two presentations for Grade 5, Animal Adaptations. This is a wonderful program put on by the Boston Museum of Science.

RIF (Reading Is Fundamental) Book Distribution – On October 23rd, RIF BOOK Distribution will be for grades 4 and 5. Grade 4 will walk to the library at 12:45 p.m., Grade 5 at 1:15 p.m. to pick up their books. This is a wonderful program that are students are very fortunate to take part in.

D.A.R.E. class - Tuesday, October 23rd for the Grade 6 students.

Half Day reminder - Wednesday, October 24th is an early dismissal for students at 11:30 a.m. Surround Care Program is available for the afternoon. Parents need to return form if they are interested in signing their child up.

Strategic Planning Meeting – The first meeting of the year will be held on Wednesday, October 24th at 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria at the Middle/Senior High School. We are always looking for volunteers. If you are interested please stop by that night.

Public Library - Monday – Friday, November 5th thru 9th, all library classes will walk to the public library. Remember to bring your library card.

Peace Poster Contest – The art students are working on their posters for the contest which is sponsored by the West Bridgewater Lions Club.