



West Bridgewater Public Schools

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Howard School News

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MCAS Fifth Grade Review - Please go to the Howard School website (www.howardschoolwb.com) and click on the MCAS link. We are in the process of having updated sample questions concerning Math & Science. Updated sample questions will be coming soon for grades 4 and 6. Good job Mr. Ciullo for getting this together!

Howard Times Newspaper - It is great to see the student newspaper at the Howard School. You should be getting copies but you can also check out past copies on the website.

Coffee Hour with the Principal - The next morning coffee hour will be on Friday, November 2nd at 9:00 am in the cafeteria. The next evening coffee hour will be on Tuesday, November 13th at 5:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend. Dr. Oakley, Superintendent of Schools, will be at the November 13th coffee hour. Mr. Bodwell will be talking about what is going on in the school and welcomes people to come in for an open discussion.

Volunteers Needed - The PTO needs volunteers to help for Santa's Breakfast. Carrie Galbato needs volunteers to help on Friday November 30th and the next day for the breakfast. Anyone interested in volunteering may e-mail Carrie at carriegalbato@comcast.net

UNICEF Bake Sale - On November 7th is the last one and the 6th grade students are bringing items.

Howard School Calendar - You can check upcoming events on the Howard School calendar www.howardschoolwb.com/calendar

Drive For Our Troops - Girl Scout Troop #1111 has left a large box in front of the lobby case at the Howard School for anyone to make donations towards the Drive for our Troops. Items will be accepted 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.

Reminder - November 7th is a half day of school for grades 7-12 only. The other grades have a regular full day of school.

Food Pantry Donations - The students did a wonderful job bringing in items to re-stock the West Bridgewater Food Pantry at the Spring Street School. The students walked over on Friday, October 26th to deliver the items. This was done as part of "Make a Difference Day". It was a great job by the staff and students of the Howard School to come together for a great cause.

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Veteran's Day - We will be celebrating Veteran's Day on Monday November 12th. There will be no school that day.

Bus Evacuation Practice - We will be practicing bus evacuations on Wednesday November 7th from 9:00 - 10:00 am. This practice is required by law.

Information Exchange - Dr. Oakley put the following information up on the district website www.wbridgewaterschools.com in the "Information Exchange" section on October 30th:

The West Bridgewater Police Department informed me today (Monday, October 29) that there was a report filed on October 21st of a suspicious vehicle in West Bridgewater at Friendship Park. The vehicle was described as a dark pick-up with loud exhaust. At this time it does not appear to be related to an incident reported of a suspicious vehicle in Norwell which was described in an e-mail that some parents may have recently received.

In addition, the West Bridgewater Police do not believe that this incident is related to the story reported in the Brockton Enterprise on October 27th of a man driving a red pickup photographing teenage girls near playgrounds in local communities.

The West Bridgewater Police Department appreciates your continued vigilance in reporting suspicious vehicles and/or individuals and asks that in reporting these situations it would be most helpful to have license plate information if possible. However, obtaining this information should in no way jeopardize safety.

Library Classes - The library classes will be walking to the public library next week.

Tree Planting Ceremony - On Tuesday, November 6th at 3:00 pm there will be a tree planting ceremony to honor former Howard School Principal Joyce Francis. The ceremony will be held in the courtyard area outside the cafeteria. All are welcome to attend.

Report Cards - They will be issued to the students on November 16th.

Conference schedule - The conferences with teachers will be on Friday, November 16th in the afternoon and on Monday, November 19th and Tuesday, November 20th in the evenings. More information will be coming later.

Grade 6 Parents Important Information about Parent-Teacher Conferences - There is no change in how the conferences will be set up for parents of students in grades 4 and 5. Parents of grade 6 students will call the school to make appointments to see their child's teacher. Set times will not be sent home by the teachers. Starting on Tuesday November 13th at 8:30 you can call the main office at (508) 894-1250 to arrange which teacher or teachers you would like to see. We will take calls each day that week from 8:30- 3:30. Please do not call prior to 8:30 or around dismissal at 2:30. Conferences will be in 10 minute time blocks, so no one should have to wait. As teachers cannot possibly meet with parents of all their students, please consider making appointments only with the teachers of those classes where your child is not meeting your expectations. The dates for the conferences are Friday November 16th 1:00 - 4:00 pm, and Monday and Tuesday November 19th and 20th 6:30 - 8:30 p.m. If you have any questions please don't hesitate to call the main office.

Savings Makes Cents - On November 15th the 5th grade will have another session of the program.

Ultimate Physical Education - The after school classes with Mrs. M scheduled for Monday, November 5th and Tuesday, November 6th will not meet on those days. Both classes will be rescheduled for Wednesday, November 7th. Students should be picked up promptly at 4:00 p.m.

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