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Dear parents/guardians:

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Autumn is here and the hours of daylight are decreasing while our activities are increasing. The Nature Quest went well this week for the children at recess time. Look for your child's "Nature Quest" certificate. Our Pumpkin Patch of Readers has ended and the students enjoyed the friendly competition. (See results listed below.) Now that the children have got into the habit of reading, I am sure they will continue. There are so many wonderful Thanksgiving books that would be great to read during the month of November.



**A PUMPKIN PATCH OF READERS:** Our first seasonal reading challenge has come to an end. Mrs. Enos reported to me that our students read for a total of 1,732 hours in just one month's time. I am proud of all the reading our students completed! We had 227 students participate in the challenge. Read the flyer that Mrs. Enos has sent home for more specific info. Also, with parent-teacher conferences just around the corner, parents are invited to take a peek at the bulletin boards with all of the pumpkin circles that were turned in. The bulletin boards are a big hit with the children and will be on display throughout the month.

**RLM PRIDE - GENEROSITY:** This month we are asking students to think about what it means to be *generous*. As the teachers and children reflected on the word, they talked about the celebration of Veteran's Day, November 11th. To enlist and protect our country is a generous and selfless act. As I walked down the hallways I saw that many children have brought in a poster with pictures of family & friends who have served or are currently serving in the military. On the poster the children have named their *Veteran Day Hero's Name, Branch of Military, Years Served* and how the is related to the student: *Family or Friend*. Look for the acknowledgements of *thanks, generosity and gratitude* that are hung throughout our school during conferences. Our generosity assembly will take place Wed., Nov. 22nd.

**VETERANS' DAY:** Nov. 10th - Friday - No School

**TRI-TOWN VETERANS' DAY PARADE:** "*Honoring All Who Served*" - Nov. 11, 2017 - Saturday - 10am - Host: Bridgewater - Rain/Shine - Parade begins at 10am off Summer Street - Left onto Rt. 104, Left onto Central Square - continue to Bedford. 1st Division -EB 2nd-Division: WB 3rd: Division-Bridgewater Our WBHS Band, WBMS Band, and Color Guard will be performing in the parade. WB Boy Scout Troop 25 and Cub Scout Pack 23 will be marching along with WB Forestry Dept. & Miss Massachusetts' Outstanding Teen 2017-Carly Fisher. Exercises at 11am - Veteran's Gazebo - Legion Field. Trophy awards: *Best Marching Unit, Best Float/Theme and Judges' Choice*.

**NATURE QUEST:** The WB Conservation Commission and The Open Space and Recreational Committee members, John Delano and Steven Winters, hosted a Nature Quest during recess this week. The students were offered the opportunity to participate in the nature hunt that required them to identify certain types of trees, flowers and other nature related items. Every student that participated was given a certificate. Ask your child about this fun event.

**ZONES OF REGULATION:** As part of a school based initiative, Mrs. Cosgrove, Behavior Specialist, will be visiting classrooms this month to introduce The Zones of Regulation which comes from the Social Thinking Curriculum by Michelle Garcia Winner. The Zones of Regulation is a curriculum that is geared toward helping students gain skills in consciously regulating their actions, which in turn leads to an increase in control and problem solving abilities. These monthly lessons will continue throughout the year to deepen the students' understanding of their emotions. The children will participate in class discussions after the lesson and the terminology will be used throughout their day.

**TERM 1:** November 8th was the end of our term and report cards will be distributed on Fri., Nov. 17th. Teachers have been working on setting up conferences for their students' parent(s)/guardian(s). It has been our experience that the parent/teacher conferences have brought about improved understanding of the child's progress by the school and the home. Accordingly, the pupil will receive the best possible help and guidance from both sources. Keep a lookout for this information from your child's classroom teacher.

**HALF DAY:** Nov. 17th (Fri.) - Noon Dismissal - No Lunch Served - Conferences - 1pm - 3pm

**HALF DAY:** Nov. 20th (Mon) - Noon Dismissal - No Lunch Served - Conferences - 5pm-7pm

**HALF DAY:** Nov. 21st (Tues.) - Noon Dismissal - No Lunch Served - Check with classroom teacher for times

**HALF DAY:** Nov. 22nd (Wed.) - Noon Dismissal - No Lunch Served - Staff/Students-Thanksgiving Break begins

**VENDOR FAIR:** PTO is looking for volunteers for the vendor fair on Saturday, November 18th. Volunteers are needed to man the raffle table and bake sale table throughout the event. We are also looking for volunteers to help set up Friday night around 6pm. PTO is also looking for bake sale items. Baked goods can be dropped off Friday night or Saturday morning. Please email Kim at [k\\_a\\_cowie@yahoo.com](mailto:k_a_cowie@yahoo.com) if you are able to help.

**VENDOR FAIR - NOV. 18th:** Come join us!! WBPTO's Annual Shopping Event, November 18th from 10am – 2pm. Our one stop Holiday Shopping Fair supports our PTO!! There will be lots of tables, items include jewelry, candles, food products, bags, home-wares, clothing, dog items, WB logo, crafters & more!! Rain or Shine – Free Parking – Baked Goods – Awesome Raffles!! Don't miss out!! Email Kim at [k\\_a\\_cowie@yahoo.com](mailto:k_a_cowie@yahoo.com) if you are able to help.

**BOX TOPS:** Box Tops are coming in every day. As of last week we have raised \$579.80 for the school! Our friendly competition this term for raising as many Box Tops as possible continues. The grade that brings in the most by the end of Term 1 will earn an extra recess period. At this time, first grade has raised \$191.30. Second grade students have kept the lead position and raised \$194 so far. Third graders have collected \$184.90 in Box Tops. (We have \$7.60 in miscellaneous clippings and \$2 earned on the app.) Please look for the monthly collection sheet that is being sent home where you can tape/glue the Box Tops for easy counting and return. Loose Box Tops are gladly accepted as well. Just be sure to have your child's classroom teacher noted on the bag/envelope so that credit can be given! Also, please make sure the clippings have not expired.

**MA SAFE ROUTES TO SCHOOL:** We would like to learn how our students get to and from school in order to plan safe and healthy transportation options. Please complete one survey ([www.masaferoutessurvey.org](http://www.masaferoutessurvey.org)) for each child K-8th grade by **Thursday, November 16**. The survey will take less than 3 minutes to complete. Please select "West Bridgewater" and then your child's school. If our school receives a 50% response rate or higher we will earn a \$250 Visa gift card to be use towards walking/biking initiatives! The deadline to complete this survey is November 16<sup>th</sup>. Thanks! Questions, please contact Julie Amaral at [jamaral@wbridgewater.com](mailto:jamaral@wbridgewater.com).

**STUDENT ABSENCES:** Absences should be **reported** to our Absence Line 508 894-1240 Press 1. The voice mail message should include your child's name, the name of the classroom teacher & reason for absence.

**DISMISSAL PROCEDURES:** Please be sure to send in ANY and ALL changes to how your child goes home. We have had quite a few children lately who are confused on what to do (go on the bus, parent pick up or Surround Care). Dismissal is a very busy time and runs much smoother if teachers, office and child know how they are getting home.

**PTO MEETING:** Howard School - 7pm - Library -Dates: 11/28, 12/19, 1/30, 2/27, 4/24, & 5/29 - All are welcome.

**INCLUSION MATTERS:** Please join Inclusion Matters for a meeting with The Federation for Children with Special Needs as they present to our group "Parents, Students and Schools as Partners". This meeting will help parents navigate the special education process and learn about the rights and responsibilities in special education. Meetings will take place at the MSHS in the Learning Commons. Meeting dates are Dec 4, Feb 5, March 5, April 2, May 7 and June 4.

**KidStuff COUPON BOOKS:** Order and payment **deadline was Friday, Oct. 27th**. If you do not wish to buy any books you must return the book to your child's teacher. Books are \$25 each and 50% goes back to the PTO. The book you received is *NOT A SAMPLE BOOK*. Contact Donna Hulme at [dhulme24@gmail.com](mailto:dhulme24@gmail.com) or 508 588-1751 with any questions. Thank you for your support!!

**STAFF/PARENT IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL: CANCELLED:** November 27th, Monday. Our next scheduled meetings are Dec. 18, Jan. 29, Feb. 26, March 26, April 30. We will have meetings once a month on Mondays at 3:30pm in the Reading Room. Thank you to parents and teachers who volunteered to be on the Staff/Parent Improvement Council.

**BIRTHDAYS WITH THE PRINCIPAL:** November students' birthday celebration will be on Dec. 1st - Friday - by grade level for lunch. Students bring a lunch from home or order their lunch at school.

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING:** Monday, Nov. 13th at the MSHS in The Learning Commons at 6:30pm.