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The staff at the Rose L. MacDonald School joins me in wishing you a joyous season with family and friends and a happy, healthy New Year.

ASSEMBLIES FOR THE SEASONS



Our children enjoyed performing for their friends this week. Each grade level showed off their talents to the other grade levels. There were songs of the season, skits and curriculum based performances. The performances help develop social skills, a healthy self-image, respect for teachers along with an acceptance of the rules. Students learn to work cooperatively when practicing together on the stage and independently as they study their lines & songs at home.

SCHOOL CALENDAR AND SCHOOL START DATE-SEPTEMBER 2018: The School Committee voted to amend policy # 101 "School Calendar", to start school *before* Labor Day. Therefore, in 2018 the start of school for students in grades 1-12 will be August 28th.

SURROUND CARE INFO: Reminder - Tomorrow - Friday, December 22, 2017 is a half day in West Bridgewater. There is no afternoon Surround Care. The Surround Care Program will resume regular schedules (AM & PM) on Tuesday, January 2, 2018.

RESPECT ASSEMBLY TOMORROW: Remember to have your child wear their WB T-Shirt tomorrow. We will be having our assembly and acknowledging the children who showed RESPECT. *Respect* means treating others how they want to be treated. *Respect* also means that you care enough to think about others' feelings before you act. The students have been taught that showing *respect* includes not calling people mean names, treating people with courtesy and listening to all adults.

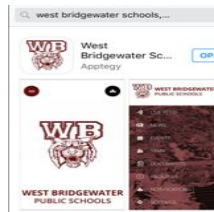
BIRTHDAYS WITH THE PRINCIPAL: I have postponed this week's December students' birthday celebration. There was so much going on this week that we wanted our December students to be a part of. We decided we would celebrate the children's birthdays in January upon their return. I look forward to talking and listening to the student's adventures of their vacation week. It's a lunch we can all look forward to.

RLM FOOD DRIVE: The children enjoyed bringing in the food items for our food drive. We thank the grade 1 teachers who organized the drive and we thank all who brought in food items.

WEATHER RELATED INFO: Living in New England we never know what type of weather we will have. So it is time to go over plans for weather related scenarios for inclement days. Our goal is for school to be in session every day, but New England weather keeps us on our toes. So please review the below info.

DELAYED OPENING: In the event that there is a delayed school opening a notification will go out on our **WB App**, posted on social media (Facebook, Twitter) along with a call from the Connect-Ed communication system. If conditions are such that the Highway Department needs time to plow the road, or sand the streets, the school day will be shortened. The opening of school and all bus pickups will be delayed *most likely* one hour. This means that the MSHS will open at 8:30am. The Howard School will open at 9am. The RLM School will open at 9:30am. The SSS will open at 10am. The school buses will begin their student pick-up one hour later than the normal time. Please allow time for the buses due to inclement weather. Schools will be dismissed at the regular time and lunches will be served at the regular time. *No Morning Surround Care if school is delayed.*

SURROUND CARE/WEATHER RELATED DISMISSALS/DELAYED OPENINGS: Please remember, there is **NO MORNING surround care if there is a delayed opening**. If we have an early dismissal, Surround Care staff will **not** contact you. You will receive a Connect-Ed phone call. A **WB App** notification will be sent to parents who have signed up - see instructions for **WB App** sign up below. SC students **will be** sent home according to the prior notification provided by you on your original registration form which Mrs. Quinn has in the SC files. You may contact Mrs. Quinn (508 894-1230) or e-mail at kquinn@wbridgewater.com for more info.



W.B. APP: Sign up now for our customized app which gives mobile access to school news, notifications, lunch menus, athletic schedules, all the posts on our webpage and more! The app is free and can be downloaded for android devices at the Google Play Store and for apple devices at the App Store. Go to [West Bridgewater School District](#) - scroll down to the Google Play Store or Apple Store icon & click. Once the app is on your phone/ipad go to settings in the menu bar to set up your preference for notifications (district, individual schools, and/or athletics).

DISTRICT WIDE SPIRIT DAYS: Our next district wide spirit day is Jan. 10, 2018. Staff and children are encouraged to wear their new T-shirt . . . other dates include: 2/7, 3/7, 4/11, 5/9, 6/6.

RECESS: The cold weather is finally here. The children go out for recess everyday unless it is extremely cold or rainy. Please be sure your child is dressed appropriately for the cold weather. Children are allowed to play in the snow IF they have boots, snow pants, gloves, hat and a warm jacket. Otherwise, they will play on the blacktop. Be sure all items are labeled with your child's name.

STAFF/PARENT IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL: Our next scheduled meetings are 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.

HALF DAY DISMISSAL: January 10, 2018 – 12 noon dismissal – no lunch served

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING: Meeting - Mon. -Jan. 8th - MSHS - The Learning Commons - 6:30pm.

PTO MEETING: Our PTO provides educational programs, supplies and equipment for our students and staff. Consider attending the next PTO meeting on Tuesday, January 30th at the Howard School Library at 7pm. All parents and staff are welcome to attend. Other meeting dates: 2/27, 4/24, & 5/29 - All are welcome.

INCLUSION MATTERS: Meeting dates are Feb 5, March 5, April 2, May 7 and June 4 in the WBMSHS Learning Commons from 6pm-7:30pm.

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.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

HALF DAY: Dec, 22, 2017 - No Surround Care

VACATION BREAK BEGINS: December 25, 2017 (no school) through January 1, 2018

CLASSES RESUME: January 2, 2017 –Tuesday