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Parents & Guardians:

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On our final early release day (May 31st) teachers worked to place children in well rounded classes for the 2017-2018 school year. There is a lot of prep work done prior to that day. The process is reflective and purposeful; and I wanted to share highlights of the procedure. Each year a great deal of time and energy goes into creating well balanced classes. Personalities, special needs, behavioral issues, academic levels, boy/girl ratio, and learning preferences must all be considered in the process. We have a knowledgeable group of teachers who have been working with your child(ren) since the fall. They know their students well and do their best on placement day to place children where they will learn and grow socially in the coming year. As in the past we are going to be mailing home the school year 2017-2018 placement decisions after school is out for the summer. Expect the placement letter in the mail in mid-August.

As the school year comes to a close our staff and I would like to thank both Mrs. Ashley Warren (PTO President) and Mrs. Amanda Perrault (PTO Treasurer) for all the countless volunteer hours they have given to our school children and community. It has been a HUGE commitment. As we bid farewell to them, we are pleased to welcome Ms. Meri Anderson who was elected the PTO's next President and Ms. Laurie Torrey who was elected to be the PTO Treasurer. They have been shadowing Mrs. Warren and Mrs. Perrault throughout the year in order to assume the roles for the next school year. Mrs. Kim Kellogg is PTO Secretary and Mrs. Donna Hulme is PTO Vice-President. We thank all our PTO volunteers for their time and commitment. Our PTO pays for the extra events and programs that round off our curriculum helping the children learn in a fun-filled, hands-on environment. Thank you to our regulars. New faces are welcomed. Keep an eye open for the first meeting for school year 2017-2018.

PARENT PICK UP: It appears that many adults are using their cell phones while in the PPU line. For the safety of our students, I am asking that once the line starts moving, you refrain from texting or using your cell phone. Many people seem distracted by their phones and may be unaware of the children around them. Thank you!

LOST AND FOUND: Please check the lost and found in the lobby before the end of school. Any clothing left after June 16, will be donated to the nurse's office or a public charity.

FOOD DRIVE: The kindness committee, run by our social worker, is organizing a can/food drive during the last week of school. Please send in non-perishable food items by June 15 and they will be delivered to the West Bridgewater Food Pantry.

EARLY REGISTRATION FOR SURROUND CARE: It's that time again. SC is accepting early registration for next year's program and is waiving the registration fee (\$10) for those who register by tomorrow, Friday, 6/9/17. Sign up today - Go to the District Web Page - menu - parent/student - Surround Care - [Surround Care Registration](#) form. Send the form in with your child to school. If you have any questions, contact the Surround Care Director, Mrs. Quinn, at her email address: kquinn@wbridgewater.com

GR. 3 BAND SIGN UP: Your child still has time to sign-up to play an instrument at Howard School. You may contact Mr. LeMarier for more info at elemarier@wbridgewater.com

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL: June 16, 2017 - Friday - ½ day of school.

PLACEMENT DECISIONS: We will be mailing home 2017-2018 teacher placement decisions in mid-August.

GR. 2 - FENWAY PARK TOUR: Tomorrow, June 9th, gr. 2 students will enjoy a trip to Fenway Park. Our RLM fans will enjoy a one hour walking tour at "America's Most Beloved Ballpark" nestled in the city of Boston. A place where dreams come true and traditions are embraced. They will hear the history of Red Sox Legends: Williams, Yaz, Fisk and Rice. They will visit Pesky's Pole and will see the world famous Green Monster which stands 37 feet 2 inches high overlooking leftfield. With warmer weather forthcoming we are all ready for America's greatest summer pastime - Baseball! Go Red Sox - Go Red Sox Nation!

EVENT PARKING - FENWAY PARK: Parking for volunteers on June 9th will be in the back by the gym. We

must make sure the parent drop off procedure and the bus drivers' drop off routine remain the same. Students who usually take the bus to school should board their bus in the morning as normal.

GRADE 1 SING ALONG: Tomorrow, June 9th, parents/and guardians are invited to see the performance at 9:30am. Gr. 1 has been practicing for their sing along. They are looking forward to entertaining everyone.

GRADE 1 SING ALONG PARKING: Parking for the sing along will be in the back by the gym. Parking will begin shortly after 9am. That will give us time for the arrival of the morning buses, parent drop offs, to take attendance and do our morning pledge and announcements.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING: Monday - **June 12, 2017** - MSHS - The Learning Commons - 6pm.

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING: The meeting is **June 12th** at 7pm at the WBMSHS.

Gr. 3 "BOSTON STONG" FIELD DAY: This is an exciting time for third grade students. It is their last year at the RLM School. Most students entered the school in first grade; they feel comfortable and "at home" here at school. As we look toward their graduation from the RLM School, the staff and PTO would like them to have a keepsake. A long-standing tradition is the signature graduation t-shirt. They will be wearing the t-shirt to field day. Our field day for grade 3 students will take place on **June 13th**. Our volunteer parents have been hard at work organizing a fun-filled morning for the children. The children are eagerly anticipating the field day event and all the fun memories that will come with it.

GRADE 3 FAREWELL PROGRAM: Remember to mark your calendar for **June 15th** at 9am. The program will last about an hour. This is our popular third grade graduation farewell. Parents, remember to bring tissues.

MEDICATION IN THE NURSE'S OFFICE: Please contact Mrs. Moniz to make arrangements to pick up any leftover medications that your child may have in the health office before the close of school.

REPORT CARD: Report cards will be distributed on Friday, June 16th with the Summer Reading List. If your child is absent on this day the report card can be **mailed upon request**. However, you must **send in a self-addressed, stamped report card size envelope (6"x 9")**. Otherwise, the teacher will send it to the office for pick up by parent. You must make an appointment to pick the report card up as the office hours will vary.

GIFT GIVING: Just a friendly heads-up that the State of Massachusetts enacted ethics regulations a few years ago for all public employees and there are now specific guidelines for giving gifts to your favorite teachers that we must abide by. Teachers are allowed to accept a whole class gift with an aggregated value of up to a maximum of \$150 per year from current public school students and/or their parents as long as the gift is identified only as being from the class, and the identity of givers and the amounts given are not identified to the recipient. (In other words, no names can be listed on the card only from the class, even if some choose not to contribute.) Likewise individual gifts cannot have an aggregated value of more than \$50 over a 365 day period. Of course, kind words of thanks and wishes for a fun filled summer are most cherished at this time of year by our staff and gifts are not expected or necessary. We are only sharing the regulation guidelines to avoid any discomfort and teachers must disclose gifts they receive in a written format to avoid any appearance of conflict of interest or inappropriateness.

READY, SET, GO: For more info contact Ms. M at sautesally@comcast.net

LET'S GO PROGRAM: Registration is now open for the Let's Go Program! Please contact Sarah O'Donnell with any questions at sodonnell@wbridgewater.com [Download Registration Form](#) [Online Form](#)

SCHOOL YEAR 2017 -2018

- **Sept. 6th - Wednesday - 1st day of school – full day**
- **Sept. 7th - Thursday – 2nd day of school – full day**
- **Sept. 8th - Friday - 3rd day of school – ½ day of school – no lunch served**

