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Welcome to all new and returning families at the Rose L. MacDonald School. The staff and I are excited to start this new school year! We are looking forward to a wonderful year. We welcome some familiar faces to the RLM staff. Amanda Higginbottom is our new grade 1 Special Education Teacher. She was a long term sub last year in gr. 3. Jen



Bellody and Alycia Krakowski will be working with our second grade students and Stephanie LaPointe is coming over from SSS with our first grade students. Katherine Dangoia has joined our staff as a Monitor.

We will continue this academic year to address the emotional and social health of all students. Teachers will continue using various social/emotional programs that focus on building relationships in the classroom as well as relieving anxiety. Schoolwide, we will be partaking in daily anxiety and stress relieving activities. We will continue using our Buddy Bench during the year. The buddy bench is a simple idea to eliminate loneliness and foster friendship on the playground. It is used as a means to spread inclusion and kindness! If a child sees someone sitting on the bench this signals to the other children that the student is lonely and has no one to play with. In turn, they will invite the child to play with them. The bench has been placed in a cool spot, out of the sun.

Principal newsletters are the primary means of weekly communication. Look for the newsletter & upcoming events with the Thursday mailings..

**SCHOOL WIDE ASSEMBLY & WB WILDCAT T-SHIRTS:** We have already had our first School-Wide Assembly. It went fantastic. The students gathered in the gym. Gr. 1 students introduced their self to everyone and new students in gr. 2 & 3 did the same. Then to celebrate the new year, we took a RLM School Spirit picture in our brand new t-shirts. Every staff member and student were given a WB Wildcat t-shirt at no cost to the families. Our Booster Club and PTO defrayed the cost of the t-shirts. The t-shirts were purchased at [Moonlight Limited](#) in Brockton. The owners waived all the extra set-up charges and gave us a *hometown discount* on each t-shirt purchased. Keep an eye out for notices of District-Wide Wildcat days!

**PARENT CURRICULUM NIGHT:** Sept. 21 - Thursday - What will my child be learning about this year? What type of homework can I expect and how can we support our children as learners? These are some of the questions that will be answered at curriculum night. Parents and guardians (**not students**) are invited to attend this event. Important topics of curriculum and expectations for each grade level will be addressed. Teachers will speak about the programs and materials used in each content area as well as the timeline for skills and topics that are covered during the school year. In order to accommodate our families' schedules and support parents in visiting multiple classrooms, we have modified the schedule. Classroom teachers will be presenting the same information during 2 sessions. Therefore, parents only need to attend one of the sessions. The schedule for the evening is as follows:

- 5:30-6:00pm Teacher presentations in classrooms-session 1
- 6:05-6:25pm Presentations in the Cafeteria
  - \*Mrs. Enos - Reading Specialist \*Mrs. Goulet - Principal
  - \*Mrs. Ann Marie Grinder - The Director of Food Services
- 6:30-7:00pm Teacher presentations in classrooms-session 2

The Specialist teachers (Art, Music, Gym, Technology and STEM) will **not** be at RLM on this date. They will be attending the Howard School Curriculum Night.

**BOX TOP CHALLENGE:** New this year, we will be hosting a friendly competition each term for raising as many Box Tops as possible. This challenge will be run by our newly forming RLM Student Council. For the first term, each grade is challenged to bring in as many Box Tops as they can in an effort to raise the most funds for our school. The grade that brings in the most by the end of Term 1 in early November will earn an extra recess period. Please look for the monthly collection sheet going home today 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 baggie so that credit can be given! Also, **please make sure the clippings that are turned in have not expired.**

**SUMMER READING:** Congratulations to our summer readers! I am pleased to announce that almost 130 students participated in our summer reading challenge – Build a Better World! Our readers enjoyed countless books, participating in reading activities for both our school and the town library. Along with reading the required selection for their grade, children who read additional books will be recognized with a Summer Reading Excellence Award. Students were also invited to play our summer reading bingo game over vacation. It was designed to be a fun and engaging activity to help promote reading and writing practice. I am proud to announce that many students participated, earning 727 tickets towards raffle prizes. The following students have won a \$15 gift card to *An Unlikely Story Bookstore and Cafe* for their participation and having their raffle ticket pulled from the drawing: Owen Seckinger (Gr. 1), Abigail Hauvuy (Gr. 1), Laura Schaffert (Gr. 2), Kaitlyn Bunavicz (Gr. 2), Kaitlyn Barry, (Gr. 3), and Justin Donovan (Gr. 3). Certificates and prizes are going home today. Congratulations to all of our participants! Thank you to the PTO for their support of the summer reading program.

**GREETINGS FROM THE WILDCAT CAFE!** **Farm to School:** Locally grown tomatoes, cucumbers, green beans, peppers, kale and several varieties of apples have been served in the cafeteria the last two weeks. We have tasted fresh green beans and next Thursday fresh kale will be taste tested. Look for a "I Tried It" sticker on your student!

**MySchoolbucks:** We offer a convenient way for parents to add money to their child's lunch account and to monitor transactions in the cafeteria. Contact Mrs. Ann Marie Grinder at [agrinder@wbridgewater.com](mailto:agrinder@wbridgewater.com) for your child's ID# to set up an account. **Frozen Fridays:** On Friday's the cafe offers frozen yogurt cups and 100% juice italian ice for \$.75 at lunch. Please note that students cannot borrow for extra a la carte items. **School meal prices-** Lunch this year is \$2.75 and a full breakfast is \$1.25. Healthy a la carte items are also available at both meals for \$.50-\$.75.

**INDIVIDUAL STUDENT PICTURES:** Life Touch will be at RLM to take individual pictures of students on September 20, Wednesday. A reminder notice was sent home with your child. **Mark your calendar.**

**PTO - FUNDRAISER - MEADOW FARMS FUNDRAISER:** Our PTO fundraiser is super cool because you can register an account online for your child and receive a unique web link that you can share with friends and family across the country. All purchases through their link will be credited to your child's sales total and put them in the running for one of our incentive prizes! As if online ordering isn't exciting enough (you can still utilize the written form in your child's packet), all purchases will direct ship to your home or the homes of those ordering through your child. *Incentive from PTO: The student who sells the highest quantity of products in each grade will win a \$25 Gift Certificate.*

**IMPORTANT INFO TO KNOW:** *Make checks payable to: WBPTO Order form and money due: 10/06/2017 On Line School ID: 1030271 (if you want to use our school's online id). Direct questions to: [Jessica.albred@yahoo.com](mailto:Jessica.albred@yahoo.com).*

**PTO FUNDRAISER: WHAT THE HECK?? WRITE A CHECK:** Back by popular demand. This is a quick and easy way to contribute to the WBPTO without the pressure and worry of trying to sell something. There is nothing to buy and no time involved. Any donation is greatly appreciated! Make checks payable to "WBPTO" and include your phone number. **Checks can be given to your child's teacher anytime during the year.**

**STUDENT ABSENCES:** Absences should be **reported** to **Mrs. Everett** - 508 894-1240 Press 1 for the absence line. If leaving a voicemail message, make sure you state your child's name and the name of the classroom teacher.

**WB SEPAC:** West Bridgewater's SEPAC is now named Inclusion Matters! If you are a family with a child with a learning difference or disability, please join our community on Facebook @WBSEPAC. Following our FB page will keep you informed about our monthly meetings, our parent outings, and our family events!

**PTO MEETING!** Our first PTO meeting of the year will be on Tuesday, September 19 at 7pm in the Howard school library. We hope to see many faces there. At these meetings we talk about upcoming fundraisers, programming the PTO is organizing and paying for and various activities the PTO supports. Everyone is welcome to attend and have a voice in the decision-making! Fall fundraisers include: the Meadow Farms catalog order fundraiser and the vendor fair. Information about the programs PTO supports and information for volunteers is generally posted on the PTO Facebook page. Please like WBPTO on Facebook!

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING:** Monday, Sept. 18 at the MSHS in The Learning Commons at 6:30pm.

**BIRTHDAYS WITH THE PRINCIPAL:** I will be joining September birthday students on September 29, by grade level for lunch in the conference room. The children and I will enjoy this special time together. Students bring a lunch from home or order their lunch at school. Students with summer birthdays will be celebrated before school ends.

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