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Curriculum Night

Our Curriculum Night is tonight, Thursday, October 6. Preschool parents are invited to begin at 6:00 p.m., and Kindergarten parents are invited to begin at 6:30 p.m.. This information filled evening is for adults only. The teachers will be sharing information about curriculum and the school year activities in each classroom. We hope you will join us for this informative night!

Ms. Geary Read a Book About Kindness to Begin Wildcat PRIDE for October



Wildcat PRIDE

We are ready to begin a new positive behavior reinforcement program at SSS. Each month we will highlight a theme of the month focusing on character building. Here are our monthly themes:

- September – Using Names
- October – Being Kind
- November – Cooperating
- December – Sharing
- January -- Working Together
- February – Caring about others
- March – Don't Give Up!
- April – Taking care of the Earth
- May – Being a good sport
- June – Change can be good

Throughout the month, teachers will be on the lookout for children who are displaying behavior that reflects the month's theme. When they see a student displaying that behavior, the child will receive a Wildcat PRIDE Award which is a certificate to proudly display at home. Mrs. Spencer will take a picture of the child with his/her award and will post a copy of the award with the child's picture in the hallway near the entry door. At the end of each month, we will have an assembly for the whole

school where the children who received recognition will stand up for applause. We are hopeful that Wildcat PRIDE will spread throughout our school while we encourage our children to be mindful of the monthly themes.

Columbus Day

In observance of Columbus Day, there will be no school on Monday, October 10.

Thank you WBPD

With the help of the WBPD and Lucini Bus Lines, our preschool and kindergarten children learned bus safety and how to evacuate the bus in an emergency situation. Ask your child how he/she exited the bus!



Boxtops for Education

We are collecting boxtops for our Boxtops for Education Program, where we collect and count boxtops and turn them in for items to be purchased for our school. Some students have brought in many boxtops already. Please continue to collect and bring boxtops to school.

School Committee Meeting

The next WB School Committee Meeting will be on Monday, October 17, at 6:30 p.m. in the Learning Commons area of the MSHS.

Student Absences

If your child is going to be absent from school, you **must call or email Mrs. Wohlen** to report your child's absence. Please do not call or email the school nurse or the teachers. Mrs. Wohlen may be reached at 508-894-1230, Extension 119, or lwohlen@wbridgewater.com. Mrs. Wohlen will follow up with a phone call to any parent/guardian of a child who has been marked absent, but for whom no absence was reported. The safety of your children is our top priority and we want to be certain that if your child is not in school, that he/she is safely at home.

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Picture Days

Lifetouch will be here for Picture Days on Tuesday and Wednesday, October 11 and 12.

Early Release Day

Our next Early Release Day is Wednesday, October 26. No lunch is served that day and dismissal is at 11:30.

Substitute Teachers Needed

If you are interested in being a substitute teacher in the WB elementary schools and have a degree (but not necessarily in education), please contact the office and speak with Kimberley LaCroix - 508-894-1230 ext. 118.

Field Trip Volunteers

All parents who wish to volunteer must submit a Criminal Offense Record Inquiry (CORI) form which can be obtained from the school office. ***This includes chaperoning field trips.*** The children and their safety are our first priority. If you need a CORI form or are unsure if your CORI is up-to-date, please call or e-mail Mrs. Wohlen. The phone number is 508-894-1230 ext. 119 and e-mail address is lwohlen@wbridgewater.com



Facebook and Twitter

Please "Like" the Spring Street School Facebook page for updates and photos. Also, please follow us on Twitter @SSSchoolWB.

Reading is Fundamental

READING IS FUNDamental (RIF): On Tuesday, students participated in their first RIF distribution. Students were able to choose a free book to keep and received a coloring page. RIF is sponsored by the Friends of the Library. Our goal is to make reading fun and exciting for the students. We offer a variety of titles and subjects to try to appeal to different reading levels and interests. RIF would like to recognize and thank our donors who make this program successful; Friends of the Library, Howard Trust, Bridgewater Savings Bank, WBPTO, and Mrs. Genuich who will be running the Halloween Dance. RIF would also like to thank our parent volunteers; Mrs. Brigitte David and Mrs. Stephanie Genuich. If you are interested in finding out more about our program or wish to volunteer, please contact Laurie Polen at polens@icloud.com.

PTO

*PTO meeting dates for the school year will be: 10/18, 11/15, 12/20, 1/17/17, 2/7, 3/21, 4/25 & 5/23. Meetings are held at 7pm in the Howard School Library. All parents and staff are welcome!

*The PTO is looking for a chair for Elf Shoppe and Santa's Breakfast and a chair for the Book Fair. Please contact an officer if interested.

Our Meadow Farms fundraiser is wrapping up soon - please turn the forms into school before the end of the week. Gift Cards, a Kindle Fire and a 18" bike are among our incentive prizes and this is in addition to those offered within your packet through Meadow Farms! Be sure to recycle your catalogs! Only the order sheet needs to be returned to your child's school by 10/7/16.

The Vendor Fair has been approved for 11/5. Cindi Vanderstreet will need volunteers for set up the night before from 6-7 and the day of the event 8-3. Also we are looking for baked good items to sell at this event. Please contact an officer or send a note in through your son/daughter's teacher to the PTO with your contact information if you are able to help in some way.

Boot camp is back!! It starts on October 17th at the Howard School gym! This is a great way to work out and support the PTO!

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*Recycle all textiles that are clean and dry in the white bins outside of SSS, RLM & Howard. WBPTO receives the funds generated by your donations. Anything that can be reused is donated and the rest is recycled. Items that are accepted are on the website and FB page.

*All information for programs, **logo merchandise**, and officer's emails can be found here. <https://sites.google.com/site/westbridgewaterpto/home> The link is also on the WB Public School website under "quick links".

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*Our new fall Meadow Farms fundraiser is well underway. The PTO uses the funds generated to help pay for lots of the extras and programs our children receive during their school year. We are excited to announce that we are extending the due date for both online and paper orders to Monday, 10/10/16. Please be sure to get all your orders in by this coming Monday so we can tally up our incentive winners and get the orders in time for pre-holiday delivery.

The student who sells the highest quantity of products in each grade will win a \$25 gift card to Target, the student in grades K-6 who sells the highest quantity of products will also win a Kindle Fire and the highest quantity seller in Pre-school will win an 18" bike! Consider taking a peek at the great products and yummy treats that Meadow Farms has to offer. Please contact Jessica Aldred at Jessica.aldred@yahoo.com with any questions.

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