



West Bridgewater Public Schools
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PRINCIPAL'S COMMUNICATION

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Dear Parents/Guardians:

It continues to be a pleasure getting to know the families of our Preschool and Kindergarten children. The children are quickly adjusting to the routines of their days, which is a credit to their teachers and supportive parents. Everyone has done their part to make sure the systems of arrival, the day's schedule, and dismissal are safe and efficient. Sometimes, as was the case with the p.m. dismissal or bus routes, things need a little extra time for fine-tuning. Know that we are committed to being responsive in a timely manner and keeping you informed, while always considering the safety of the children a first priority. Thank you for your cooperation and patience. Have a wonderful weekend!

Individual Student Pictures – Life Touch will be at the Spring Street School on October 1st to take student pictures.

Fire Safety – On Friday, October 26th, Lt. Paul Golder will present a Fire Safety program to all Pre-K and Kindergarten students. Have you and your family made an emergency fire/safety plan for this school year? If you have not put together a family fire safety/emergency plan, this would be a good time to make one.

School Council – We are looking for members (parents) to join the Spring Street School Improvement Council. If you are interested in being a member of the Council, please contact Linda Dubin at ldubin@wbridgewater.com or leave a voice mail at 508-894-1240 ext 230. The first meeting is scheduled for Oct. 18th at 3:15-4:00 o'clock. At that first meeting we will try to arrive at a regular meeting time that works for all the members. Meetings are held once a month (with no meetings in Dec. or June). Many fine ideas for school improvement come from the work of the council every year so please consider volunteering. If you are in need of childcare, for your kindergarten child to be able to attend the meetings after school, please let me know.

School Day Begins – 9:00 a.m. - Just a reminder, children who are dropped off by parents/guardians **AFTER 9:00 a.m. MUST** stop at the Superintendent's Office for a tardy slip.

Boxtops For Education - Please help us collect "**Boxtops for Education**" coupons. Each one collected is worth .10 and it can add up quickly. These donated coupons allow us to receive money to purchase many items for our school. Check you boxes at home for these coupons. Thanks for your help!

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System Website - Visit our website at www.wbridgewaterschools.com

Mrs. Collins has been working to make the Spring Street website current and it can be very helpful to check for upcoming events and news.

Student Absences - Please report student absences by calling our telephone automated system (508-894-1230 ext. 127). Please make sure you leave the child's name and the name of the classroom teacher. **Absences should be reported to Ms. Amaral at extension 127.**

Before & After School Care - Any parent/guardian in need of child care from 7:00 a.m. - 9:00 a.m. or from 2:40 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. may contact Lorrie Mardo at 508-894-1230 ext.110 for information regarding this program.

WBPTO: The first meeting of the West Bridgewater PTO was held last Tuesday evening in the Howard School cafeteria. Everyone is automatically a member of the PTO by virtue of being a parent. This group supports the schools in so many ways with special programs and materials purchased with the fundraising they do. Your children and teachers reap the benefits throughout the year. We hope you will come to the next meeting and lend your support. The meetings are fun and informative besides being a great way to get involved. The next meeting is Oct. 9th at 7:00 p.m. Mark you calendar and join the fun!



CONNECT ED: Below is an overview of Connect Ed for parents who are new to our district and a refresher course for parents who are familiar with the system. The district has had the opportunity to send many Connect Ed calls and you may have specific questions about the program.

Please do not hesitate to call or e-mail. You may e-mail

lwohlen@wbridgewater.com or phone her at 508-894-1230 x119. She will be happy to answer your questions; and if she does not have an immediate answer, she will be glad to call you back. There are two methods of communication with this system. They are **COMMUNITY OUTREACH MESSAGE** and **EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION MESSAGE**

COMMUNITY OUTREACH MESSAGE

An **Community Outreach** message is a general informative announcement delivered to the primary number and an optional additional phone number for each selected student. These messages can range from basic school updates such as parent/teacher conferences, special PTO functions such as Santa's Breakfast, Holiday Parties, Dr. Seuss Night, and other similar notices. **These notices are not emergencies so they only go to your HOME PHONE number.** The calls can be made to all students at SSS or grouped by grade level.

EMERGENCY COMMUNICATION MESSAGE

An **Emergency Communication** message enables school administrators to directly notify and update parents and staff during an emergency, providing accurate and timely information. **This message is given priority.** It can be sent to up to five numbers for each contact. Messages would include early dismissals due to snowstorms or to report a child missing. The phone numbers have been gathered from the most recent emergency forms we have. The numbers include:

- *Primary Home Phone #
- *Mom's Cell Phone #
- *Dad's Cell Phone #

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IMPORTANT NOTE: YOU MAY REPLAY THE MESSAGE BY PRESSING (*)

If you need to hear the message again and you have a touch tone dial system, you may replay it by pressing the star (*) button on your phone. This feature is useful if your child picks up the phone and has begun listening to the message but you have not heard it in its entirety.