



West Bridgewater Public Schools
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PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents & Families,

Regular consistent attendance is one of the most important factors in strong academic gains. Students that arrive on time and have regular attendance have a much better opportunity to learn the skills and concepts that are being taught. Please make every effort to schedule family vacations and appointments during *school vacation weeks* and *after school hours*.

TONIGHT



PRE-K & K CURRICULUM NIGHT - Thursday, October 4th -

What will my child be learning about this year? How can we support our children as learners? These are some of the questions that will be answered at curriculum night. As part of our school improvement plan goal, improving student achievement, the Spring Street School Council agreed to have a curriculum evening for parents. Parents and guardians (**not students**) are invited to attend this event. Important topics of curriculum and standards will be addressed. Teachers will speak about the strategies and materials used in each content area as well as the timeline for skills and topics that are covered during the school year. Parents will have the opportunity to ask questions about the curriculum.

Curriculum Night for the Preschool will be held in Mrs. Labrecque's classroom from 6:00-6:30 p.m.

Curriculum Night for the Kindergarten will begin in the cafeteria at 6:30 p.m. where there will be a greeting from the principal, Mrs. Linda Dubin, and PTO president, Mrs. Helena Manning, followed by presentations on curriculum by Mrs. Collins, Mrs. Sidman, and Mrs. Walsh. After the presentations, parents will move to individual classrooms for a general overview of the Kindergarten daily schedule. We look forward to seeing you.

There is **no school** on Monday October 8th. Enjoy the long weekend.

Fire Safety Program: Lt. Paul Golder will be presenting a **Fire Safety** program to the students at the Spring Street School on October 26th. Do you have a family fire emergency plan? Each year we encourage our families to make their own fire emergency plan. *We hope* you will never have to use it, but we want all of our families to be safe. Put new batteries in your smoke detector each year when you turn the clock back. This is a great way to help you to remember to keep your batteries up to date.

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Strategic Planning Committee: Dr. Oakley is leading the Strategic Planning Committee this year. All interested parents are encouraged to join a committee to work toward the betterment of the West Bridgewater Public Schools. The first meeting is October 24th. The meeting runs from 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and is held in the MSHS cafeteria.

School Council: The first meeting of the Spring Street School Council will be held on Thursday Oct. 18th from 3:15 to 4:00. Future meetings will be set at that time but the time will remain consistent. We have some responses from parents and teacher willing to volunteer already, but anyone can attend the open meetings.

Office Sign In: Just a reminder, everyone **MUST** stop at the Superintendent's Office and **sign in** when they visit Spring Street School. This is for the safety of all students. Please be sure you follow the correct procedure.

System Website: Visit our website at www.wbridgewaterschools.com be sure to check out Spring Street School to see the latest information on our school. We thank Mrs. Kim Collins for keeping the Spring Street School site up to date.

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**.

Boxtops For Education: Clip box tops from participating food items and earn cash for our school! Look for this logo on the tops of cereal boxes, snacks, meals and sides, refrigerated items, baking supplies, and more. Thanks for your help! We are getting ready to send these in. Anyone who would like to help get these ready for mailing, please email Christina Reed at creed@wbridgewater.com

Genevieve's PTO FUNDRAISER: In last week's mailing your child received a catalog and information for the Genevieve Fundraiser. All orders are due by Friday, October 12th. The PTO volunteers will be tallying the orders the following week. **Mrs. Francine Church** is the **PTO Fundraiser Chairperson**. Please make checks payable to **West Bridgewater PTO**. Do Not Add Sales Tax! Merchandise will be distributed approximately 3-4 weeks from the day Genevieve receives the order. Money received from this fundraiser goes towards programs for the children throughout the year. Out-of-towners may order at www.genevieves.com and our school benefits from the order. At check-out please enter our school account number: 2749. Please make sure all of your information is on the order forms and envelopes recheck all math, and add your phone number to your checks in case of needing to be reached. Thank you for your support.

PTO Meeting: This organization (of wonderfully dedicated parents) provides the Spring Street School with many excellent programs and extras. Please volunteer and support their efforts. The next meeting is at 7:00 p.m. on Oct. 9th, at the Howard School. All are welcome.

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