



**West Bridgewater Public Schools
Spring Street School, 2 Spring Street
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PRINCIPAL'S COMMUNICATION

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Dear Parents & Families:

DRIVE FOR OUR TROOPS: Junior Girl Scout Troop 1111 is holding a drive for our nation's soldiers who are serving our country in Iraq and Afghanistan. Boxes will be located in the lobbies of the Howard School and Rose L. MacDonald School. Items will be accepted beginning tomorrow, Friday, October 26th through Monday, November 19th. Suggested items include: baby wipes, small packages of tissues, Q-tips, playing cards, handheld games, paperback books, "AA" and "AAA" batteries, non-perishable snacks, and individual drink mix packages. Questions can be directed to Darcie Fisher at 508-580-2023.

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 Connect Ed telephone 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, 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

A ***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 Spring Street School 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 # *Mom's Work #
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SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL - Next Meeting November 15th 3:15 - 4:00

FIRE SAFETY: Presentation with Captain Paul Golder for preschool and kindergarten Oct. 26th

SENIOR HALLOWEEN PARADE: On Wednesday, October 31st, members of the WBMSH Senior Class will visit the Spring Street School for their annual Halloween Costume Parade. We look forward to their visit.

We are a school where staff and students excel, parents and community care!