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Dear Parents & Families:

The following is a partial excerpt from a Department of Education notice to school Principals:

"In recognition of the role parents play in their children's school success Governor Deval Patrick has declared November 2007 as Family Literacy Month. Students of all ages do better in school when they are reading, writing and participating in literacy and other learning activities with their families."

Help your kids get hooked on the habit of reading everyday. Take some additional time this month to enjoy reading as a family. Read aloud to someone you love! Choose from different genres to spice things up. Reading fiction, nonfiction, poems, and even jokes books can add a new dimension to enjoying books. For those long trips in the car, try books on tape!

VETERAN'S DAY: In recognition of VETERANS' DAY: November 12th - Monday - NO SCHOOL In acknowledgment of Veterans' Day. The tri-town parade will take place Nov. 11th (Sunday) and is hosted by the town of W.B. this year. This is a day to thank and honor those who served in the military. Please note the parade will begin at 1:00 p.m. which is a change from the usual time.

NOVEMBER PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES: We are quickly coming to the time of year for Parent Teacher Conferences. Teachers will be sending or may have already sent out appointments for Parent Teacher Conferences. Please return your appointment form as soon as possible.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE CONFERENCE DAYS ARE *HALF DAYS*:

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16, MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19, AND TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 20 WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21 IS A HALF DAY - DUE TO THANKSGIVING

JUST A REMINDER, THE MORNING STUDENTS IN MRS. WALSH'S CLASS WILL BE RIDING HOME ON THE HALF DAY BUS WITH THE HOWARD SCHOOL STUDENTS. THIS MAY MEAN THAT THESE STUDENTS WILL TAKE LONGER TO ARRIVE HOME THAN IT DOES NORMALLY.

PTO INFORMATION: *Remember to support the PTO.* The next Parent Teacher Organization meeting is December 4th, Tuesday. The meeting will be held in the cafeteria of the Howard School at 7:00 p.m. **Mark your calendar.**

BUS EVACUATION DRILL: We will be having a bus evacuation drill for Kindergarten students on Nov. 5th. The drill allows students to practice what to do should they need to exit a bus quickly during an emergency. All students, even those who do not ride the bus to and from school will participate, since they will ride the bus on several occasions this year to Rose L. MacDonald for special events.

PICTURE RETAKE DAY: Thursday, November 8th will be the day for picture retakes. Any student absent on the original picture day, or those only attending Tuesday and Thursday will have their picture taken on that day.

PLEASE NOTE THAT WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH IS A HALF DAY FOR **GRADES 7-12 ONLY**. GRADES PK-6 WILL HAVE A NORMAL SCHOOL DAY.

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