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### PRINCIPAL'S NEWSLETTER



Dear Parents and Families,

November, along with cool fall weather, reminds us the holidays are approaching. It is also the time of year for parent teacher conferences. During conferences, parents can discuss areas of strength and areas of concern with their child's teacher. It is during conferences that parents and teachers can jointly work out specific goals and strategies to support students throughout the rest of the year. The effort expended now, to foster good learning habits and social skills, can reap academic rewards for years to come. Parents and teachers are powerful allies in student achievement as both want the best opportunities for each student. Take time to write down a few questions you have prior to the conference, and you'll feel you've gotten the most out of your parent teacher conference time.

**FALL PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES:** Your child's teacher will send out the times scheduled for your child's conference. The dates are:

Friday	November 16 <sup>th</sup>	Dismissal at 11:30 – no lunch served
Monday	November 19 <sup>th</sup>	Dismissal at 11:30 – no lunch served
Tuesday	November 20 <sup>th</sup>	Dismissal at 11:30 – no lunch served

**Specialist Teachers** (music, physical education, library, art, health) available for parent\teacher conferences as follows:

November 16 <sup>th</sup>	– Friday	– 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.	at HOWARD SCHOOL
November 19 <sup>th</sup>	– Monday	– 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	at ROSE L. MacDONALD SCHOOL
November 20 <sup>th</sup>	– Tuesday	– 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.	at HOWARD SCHOOL

**You may e-mail or call the specialist for an appointment.**

<a href="mailto:jenke@wbridgewater.com">jenke@wbridgewater.com</a>	Mrs. Enke	508 894-1240 x200	Music Teacher
<a href="mailto:cmcenaney@wbridgewater.com">cmcenaney@wbridgewater.com</a>	Mrs. McEnaney	508 894-1240 x234	Physical Ed Teacher
<a href="mailto:mdowling@wbridgewater.com">mdowling@wbridgewater.com</a>	Mrs. Dowling	508 894-1240 x235	Library Teacher
<a href="mailto:smoran@wbridgewater.com">smoran@wbridgewater.com</a>	Mrs. Moran	508 894-1240 x233	Art Teacher
<a href="mailto:ddepaola@wbridgewater.com">ddepaola@wbridgewater.com</a>	Mrs. DePaola	508-894-1240 x200	Health Teacher

**HALF DAY:** November 21<sup>st</sup> – ½ day due to Thanksgiving – no lunch served. **No Surround Care November 21<sup>st</sup>**

**BUS EVACUATION DRILL:** The bus drill went well with the students. Children learned how to exit a bus quickly during an emergency. All students, even those who do not ride the bus to and from school, participated in this session as most students at some time use the bus for field trips.

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED - SANTA'S BREAKFAST:** PTO volunteer, Mrs. Galbato is looking for help for Santa's Breakfast set up (November 30<sup>th</sup>, Friday) and for the event (December 1<sup>st</sup>, Saturday). Please consider volunteering for this fun-filled event. It is a day PTO invites Santa to visit our school. The children are able to have their picture taken with Santa and enjoy time with their friends. Volunteers help setup the day before by decorating the cafeteria with holiday ornaments made by the students. Many volunteers are needed the day of the event to help serve the coffee, tea, and donuts and Santa needs a few volunteer Elves to call numbers and set children up for photos. PTO also has many activity/craft tables for students manned by volunteers. You may contact Mrs. Galbato to sign-up to help or for more information at her e-mail address: [carriegalbato@comcast.net](mailto:carriegalbato@comcast.net)

**IN RECOGNITION OF VETERANS' DAY:** November 12<sup>th</sup> - Monday – NO SCHOOL



In acknowledgment of Veterans' Day staff and students have off the day after Veterans' Day. Veterans' Day is observed on November 11<sup>th</sup> each year. The tri-town parade will take place Nov. 11<sup>th</sup> (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.

**PTO GENEVIEVE FUNDRAISER:** Merchandise will be delivered next week. Mrs. Church has informed me she has been recruiting volunteers for pick up times. She hopes to have enough volunteers for the following days:

Thursday - November 15<sup>th</sup>, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.  
Friday - November 16<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
Monday - November 19<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 p.m.– 1:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.  
Tuesday - November 20<sup>th</sup>, 12:00 p.m.– 1:00 p.m. 5:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

**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 Schools. Collection deadline is Monday, November 19<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**PTO FUNDRAISER & MassPass – for South of Boston:** The sale ended yesterday. If you have a MassPass for South of Boston coupon book and do not want to buy it, please return it. If you wish to purchase the book but have not sent in payment, you may send it in with your child tomorrow. Money raised from this fundraiser will go towards the many PTO programs that take place throughout the year. The books are \$20 and the PTO receives \$10.

**WB LOGO MERCHANDISE:** PTO is now accepting orders for holiday delivery! All orders must be submitted no later than **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 16TH** for delivery before the holiday. Order forms are available at the schools or visit [www.howardschoolwb.com](http://www.howardschoolwb.com) and find the PTO link. Please be sure to include all information on the order form and submit with payment to one of the schools. Any questions, contact Sheri Banks @ 508-559-6809 or [bankssheri@yahoo.com](mailto:bankssheri@yahoo.com).

**BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION:** Thank you to those who contributed to the Fall Box Tops for Education Drive. The Spring Street School received \$306.00. Keep those box tops coming!!!

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