



West Bridgewater Public Schools  
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## PRINCIPAL'S COMMUNICATION

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Dear Parents & Families:

The Governor has proclaimed that the fourth Wednesday in January ( 25<sup>th</sup>) be designated as "NO NAME CALLING DAY" to increase public awareness of the devastating effects of verbal bullying, to encourage students to use positive dialogue and pledge not to use hurtful names, and to promote tolerance and respect for differences. We are asking students at our school to wear our Wildcat colors of maroon and white as a show of support to the cause.

**SNACK CHANGE:** Next Monday, the 23<sup>rd</sup> will bring a change of offerings to the snack selection at the early morning break. **Chips will no longer be sold at the first snack break** which runs from 10:00-10:20 A.M. The selections remaining are:

- Whole grain Pillsbury Mini Pancakes
- Whole grain Smart choice assorted muffins
- Whole grain Single Strawberry/Cinnamon pop tarts
- Assorted Nutrigrain bars
- Jump Start breakfast kit (Is offered as a complete breakfast for \$1.25)
- Yogurt
- Assorted cereal bowls
- Rice Krispy treat
- 100 calorie pack Chip Ahoy
- 100 calorie pack Oreo
- Goldfish cheddar crackers
- Pretzels

**IMPORTANT REMINDER:** Parents please remember that all children arriving late must be walked into the building by their parents or guardians. Children must be signed into the office and then walked down to their classroom. **Please, do not drop them at the curb and watch them walk in!**

**SCHOOL SURVEY:** Our annual School Improvement Questionnaire was sent out a few weeks ago. Our Improvement Council considers the results of the survey in formulating a new improvement plan for the coming year. Please return these at your earliest convenience but the deadline is Jan. 27<sup>th</sup>.

**PTO UPDATES:** The PTO website is up and running - <https://sites.google.com/site/westbridgewaterpto/>. Check it out to see upcoming events and logo merchandise. We are looking for someone to coordinate raffles for the Easter Bunny Breakfast. Please contact PTO through the new website if you are interested. Next meeting will be Tuesday, February 7th in the Howard School library. All parents and staff are welcome!

**STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE:** The Strategic Planning Committee will be meeting on Wednesday evening May 2<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30pm in the Middle/Senior High School cafeteria. Dinner will be served. Please contact Jodi Correia at 508 894-1230, ext. 118 if you need further information.

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**SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING:** Next School Committee Meeting will be Monday, February 13, 2012, at the WBMSHS in the media room.

**EARLY RELEASE:** February 15<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, the students at the Spring Street School will be dismissed at 11:30 a.m. The staff will be attending a professional development workshop.

**REMINDER PM Kindergarten and PK will attend in the A.M. for the half days only.**

**BMI REPORTING:** According to amended State regulations on the Physical Examination of School Children (105 CMR 200.00) enacted in February 2009, school districts are now mandated to calculate and report directly and confidentially to each parent or legal guardian the Body Mass Index (BMI) and corresponding percentile of each student in grades 1, 4, 7 and 10. Notification will be in the form of a confidential mailing and will take place in February. If you have any questions please contact Julie Amaral, Nurse Leader at 508-894-1230 x127 or [jamaral@wbridgewater.com](mailto:jamaral@wbridgewater.com)

**DELAYED OPENING:** In the event that there is a delayed school opening, you will receive a call from the Connect-Ed communication system. In order to receive the call from Connect-Ed, it is imperative that you provide the School Department with your correct information and up to date phone numbers. If conditions are such that the Highway Department appears to need time to plow the road, or sand the streets, the school day will be shortened. The opening of school and all bus pickups will be delayed one hour. This means that the Middle-Senior High School will open at 8:30 a.m. The Howard School will open at 9:00 a.m. The RLM School will open at 9:30 a.m. The SSS will open at 10:00 a.m. The school busses will also begin their student pick-up one hour later than the normal time. Please allow time for the busses due to inclement weather. Pre-K and Kindergarten (**full day**) will all begin one hour later, with the afternoon Pre-K and Kindergarten sessions starting at the normal time. **In the event of a one hour delay, the A.M. half day sessions of preschool and kindergarten will be cancelled.** Schools will be dismissed at the regular time and lunches will be served at the regular time. **NOTE:** *No Morning surround care if school is delayed.*

**SURROUND CARE & WEATHER RELATED DISMISSALS & DELAYED OPENINGS:** **NO MORNING** surround care if there is a delayed opening. Surround Care students **MUST BE** picked within one hour of the early dismissal time. *Parents should have a reliable authorized contact person who can pick up their child within an hour of early dismissal time.* Surround Care will not contact you regarding early dismissal. You will be contacted by the school's Connect-Ed early dismissal calls. Prior notification in writing (note or email) on how your child should be dismissed due to weather related dismissals: pick up, bus, or KinderCare is needed for Surround Care files. You may contact Mrs. Virginia Hoadley at 508 894-1240 x281 or contact her by e-mail at [vhoadley@wbridgewater.com](mailto:vhoadley@wbridgewater.com) for more information.

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