



West Bridgewater Public Schools  
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### PRINCIPAL'S COMMUNICATION

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Dear Parents & Families:

The first official report cards for Spring Street students will be coming home next Friday. Using assessments children have completed, data from daily observations and class work, teachers construct thoughtful, comprehensive comments regarding children's academic and social growth to parents. Academic areas are broken down into parts that reflect the greater wholes of children's math skills, literacy skills and social development. Teachers evaluate progress made at this point to the expectations and benchmarks for the year, and then use that information to complete report cards. However, report cards, by their very nature and length, have limitations in what they can convey. A parent may feel they still have questions regarding their child's progress or the interpretation of the report card. Should you have any questions or concerns, I encourage you to seek clarification from your child's teacher and perhaps arrange a face to face conference if desired.

**SATISFACTION SURVEY UPDATE:** At the next School Improvement Council meeting (February 2<sup>nd</sup>) we will review the survey data and discuss the comments made regarding the input you have provided. If you have not returned your survey, please take a moment and fill it out today.

**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)

**EARLY RELEASE:** February 15<sup>th</sup> – Wednesday – ½ Day – all schools, in-service workshop – dismissal at Spring Street is 11:30 a.m. –No PM PREK & K.

**SCHOOL VACATION:** Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup>, through Friday, February 24<sup>th</sup>.

**PTO MEETING:** The next PTO meeting will be February 7<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday, at the Howard School in the cafeteria at 7 p.m. Please come and show your support. They do so much for our children and teachers.

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING:** February 13<sup>th</sup> at the WBM/SHS in the media room at 6:30 p.m.

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**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.

**ANNUAL WINTER DANCE:** The WBMS Booster Club will be hosting their annual winter dance at the Canoe Club in West Bridgewater, on Saturday, March 3 from 7:00pm. 11:00 pm. To purchase tickets or for more information, please contact Francine Church at 508-580-4398 or email [zofo3@hotmail.com](mailto:zofo3@hotmail.com). The WB Booster Club supports the Middle/Senior High School Athletic Dept. Tickets are \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door.

**SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING:** The Spring Street School will hold its School Council Meeting on Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> at 8:00 a.m. in the teacher's room.

**BOX TOP\$ FOR EDUCATION CAMPAIGN UPDATE:** Keep sending in the Box Top\$. If you want more info visit the site: [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com) and be sure to tell grandparents, relatives and friends to save them and send them into school with your child. Look for the 10¢ Box Tops coupon on hundreds of your favorite products. You can find Box Tops on brands such as Cheerios®, Betty Crocker®, Pillsbury®, Ziploc®, Kleenex®, Hefty® and more!

**CHILDCARE COSTS FOR 2011 TAX PURPOSES:** If you need information regarding childcare costs for 2011 tax purposes, Dependent Care Tax Information forms will be available at each school office. Please complete and return to school or mail directly to Ms. Sarah Smith at Spring Street School, 2 Spring St., West Bridgewater, MA 02379. A form must be completed for each child. Programs that children have attended include: Play & Learn Pre-School, Integrated Pre-school, All Day Kindergarten, RLM Enrichment, Surround Care Spring St, RLM, Howard, Let's Go Program, Ready, Set Go, and Howard After School Enrichment. Any questions should be directed to Ms. Sarah Smith at 508-894-1230 ext. 123.

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