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PRINCIPAL'S COMMUNICATION

Dear Parents and Families,

February 15th will be another early release day. What happens on all those early release days? I suspect that is a question that occurs to many parents as they scramble to make child care arrangements, or pick up their children earlier than usual. I thought you might be interested in knowing how the time is spent. When students are dismissed, professional development continues for faculty. Teachers work on predetermined goals that focus on improving student achievement over the course of early release days. Learning and continually improving educational practice is a lifelong endeavor our educators recognize and embrace!

READ ACROSS AMERICA: Our month-long Read Across America celebration continues with the theme 'Reading is Your Passport to the World.' Students should read (or be read to) as many books as possible this month. Keep track of those books on your 'Passport Reading Log'. Return your log to your classroom teacher at the end of February to earn 'stamps' on your 'passport' for all the books you've read! Then mark your calendar for the culmination of Read Across America month on Thursday, March 1 at 6pm in the Rose L MacDonald cafeteria. Storyteller Len Cabral will entertain students and their parents with stories inspired by folk tales from various cultures. As always, every child who attends this PTO-sponsored event will select a free book to take home!

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING: Next School Committee Meeting will be Monday, February 13, 2012, at the WBMSHS in the media room at 6:30pm.

STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE: The Strategic Planning Committee will be meeting on Wednesday evening May 2nd 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.

SCHOOL VACATION: *Mark your calendar.* Winter break: February 20th – February 24th.

EASTER BUNNY BREAKFAST: Mark your calendar for March 31st from 9am-11am. If of you have any NEW children's toys, games, books, crafts, etc... that you'd like to donate to the raffle, please contact Darcie Fisher through the PTO website – go to www.wbridgewaterschools.org – then go to the left side of the screen to find the Quick Links and find PTO website and click.

PTO VOLUNTEER SIGN UP: If you need another signup sheet, please contact Jen Bellody through the PTO website. – go to www.wbridgewaterschools.org – then go to the left side of the screen to find the Quick

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Links and find PTO website and click. The fundraisers help pay for curriculum based programs and items needed for our schools.

PTO MEETING: The next meeting is March 13th in the Howard School library. All parents and staff are welcome!

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME: March 11th daylight savings begins.

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 The WB Booster Club supports the Middle/Senior High School Athletic Dept. Tickets are \$20 in advance or \$25 at the door.

LIFETOUCH INDIVIDUAL SPRING PICTURES: Life Touch will be coming on **March 12th and 13th**. A schedule for classrooms will be forth coming. All students' portraits will be taken. Send No Money Now – Preview before you buy – Portraits, price list and instructions will arrive home later. You will have the option to buy portraits or return them later. **THIS PROGRAM SUPPORTS OUR SCHOOL. LIFETOUCH PROVIDES A DONATION FOR EVERY PORTRAIT PACKAGE PRODUCED.**

CHILDCARE COSTS FOR 2011 TAX PURPOSES: If you need information regarding childcare costs for 2008 tax purposes, Dependent Care Tax Information forms are available at each school office. Please complete and return to school or mail directly to Ms. Sarah Amaral at Spring Street School, 2 Spring St., W. 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. Please call Ms. Sarah Amaral Smith at 508 894-1230 ext. 123 if you have any other questions or need more information.



RECYCLE PAPER AT SPRING STREET SCHOOL: Parents and community members are welcome to use our bin located in the parking between Spring Street School and the MS High School. Popular items dropped in the bin by parents and community members include newspapers, shopping catalogs, junk mail, and magazines. Using the bin will have two benefits. It will teach your child the importance of recycling along with helping our schools receive money for their efforts. Abitibi, the company who will be picking up the paper for us, will cut a check for

each ton of paper recycled. If you would like more information about this program, visit the website:

www.PaperRetriever.com.

*****In our Paper Retriever bin you may put:**

Magazines Office & School Papers

*****DO NOT INCLUDE:** Plastic Glass Metals

Shopping Catalogs Mail Trash Cardboard (no paper towel rolls/toilet rolls, facial tissue boxes)

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