



## West Bridgewater Public Schools

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### **Howard School Newsletter** **February 16, 2012**

*A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops.* -- Henry B. Adams

#### **Grade 5 News**

Watch a video of Mr. Ciullo's Fifth Grade Science class projects. They had to make posters of the Food Chain or research photosynthesis or design a water cycle. The projects came out awesome. Here is the link : [tinyurl.com/7yvfmwx](http://tinyurl.com/7yvfmwx) Craig Dunn's Power Point Slide Show : [tinyurl.com/7utje8h](http://tinyurl.com/7utje8h)  
ENJOY !!!

#### **Dancing In The Gym**

I am happy to inform the parents and guardians that the students at the Howard School will be participating in a Dance Unit. The week after February vacation, during Physical Education class, the 6<sup>th</sup> graders will be taught a Hip Hop routine by Mrs. Annette Sarantopoulos. The 5<sup>th</sup> graders and the 4<sup>th</sup> graders will be learning Folk Dancing and Circle Dancing. Students with jazz shoes are encouraged to bring their shoes to school for class. I am looking forward to working with the students and I know this will be a lot of fun. *Mrs. DePaola*

#### **Student Council**

Tomorrow, February 17<sup>th</sup> is TIME WARP Day. Dress up like it's the 60s, 70s, 80s or 90s. Have fun, be creative, go back in time and remember to keep it school appropriate. The Student Council's next meeting will be held Monday, February 27, following dismissal until 3:05 p.m.

#### **February Food Drive**

Tomorrow is the last day to drop off items for the food drive. The biggest need is for canned or boxed instant potatoes, juice, coffee, tea, baked beans, cake mix, brownie mix, condiments (salad dressing, mayonnaise, ketchup, etc.), soup, canned ravioli, canned spaghetti, macaroni and cheese, pudding mixes, and snacks. The people of West Bridgewater appreciate all of your donations.

#### **Electronic Devices**

The use and/or possession of electronic media or communication devices such as CD players, MP3 players, radios, tape decks, video game players, cell phones, and any other electronic media device is prohibited at the school without the permission of a staff member. If a student possess or uses any electronic media device or communication device during the school day, the equipment may be confiscated, secured in the main office, and returned to a parent. Repeated violations may result in further disciplinary action. If students wish to possess or use electronic video or still-image devices while on school property, they must request permission from the administration. The unauthorized possession and/or use of electronic video devices (handheld video camcorders, cameras, video cellular phones, and other electronic video or still image devices) is prohibited at the school. If any student possesses such devices they may be confiscated, secured in the main office, and returned to a parent. Any unauthorized capture or distribution of electronic video or still images may result in a suspension and/or possible prosecution by the West Bridgewater Police Department.

## **6<sup>th</sup> Grade Homework and Make Up Reminders**

Progress reports are fast approaching. As a reminder students who are absent need to complete make up work for all teachers in the time allotted in the handbook. According to the handbook students have the number of days they are out, plus one to complete all make up work. Extended time to complete make up work will not be given. Students should meet with teachers individually to discuss the appropriate steps necessary to complete the makeup work. This policy applies to all types of absences.

As a reminder we are also no longer issuing PMs. The students can stay after the day of or the day after a missed homework assignment to complete the work for half credit. This is the student's responsibility.

Assignments missing at progress report time cannot be made up in the second half of the term.

Lastly, as a reminder from the handbook regarding the Nature's Classroom trip. We expect that the student will demonstrate a good attendance record, and is expected to be in good academic standing. It goes without saying that because of the type and conditions and responsibilities that the student will encounter while at Nature's Classroom, that his/her behavior in the school setting is beyond reproach. In other words, a student's opportunity to attend Nature's Classroom is based on his/her overall performance and the decision to attend is at the discretion of the principal and the 6th grade staff working with the student.