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Dear Parents and Families,

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As you know, parent conferences will begin tomorrow. November, along with cool fall weather, reminds us how quickly the holiday season arrives. It is also the time of year for parent teacher conferences. With report cards for the first term in hand, 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, reaps academic rewards for years to come. Parents and teachers can be powerful allies in student achievement. 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.

As you walk through the school, take note of the student artwork displayed throughout the building. Enjoy the displays on the bulletin boards in the hallways as you wait for your appointment with teachers. Take a look at the "**Fall into a Good Book**" display in the cafeteria.

Due to the short school week coming up, there will not be a Principal's Communication next week. We wish all our school families a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday filled with family, friends, and the creation of happy memories.

HALF DAYS FOR CONFERENCES:	November 18th, 21th, 22nd
HALF DAY for staff and students (no conferences):	November 23rd
DISMISSAL TIME – all days:	12:00 noon – no lunch served

GENEVIEVE MERCHANDISE PICK UP: Will be during conferences as follows:

ALL MERCHANDISE MUST BE PICKED UP BY TUESDAY – NOVEMBER 22, 2011

Friday	November 18 th	1:00 – 4:15 p.m.
Monday	November 21 st	6:30 – 8:15 p.m.
Tuesday	November 22 nd	6:30 – 8:15 p.m.

COCO KEY PASSES: The passes for Coco Key will be sent to the PTO in 3-4 weeks. If you qualified for a Coco Key pass it will be given to your classroom teacher to distribute to your child upon its arrival.

SURROUND CARE: Surround Care registration forms for the early release days this month were sent home and were due back on Monday, November 14th. Our surround care program will be available on Friday, November 18th; Monday, November 21st; and Tuesday, November 22nd. On these days our program will be available from 12 noon to 6 p.m. **THERE IS NO AFTERNOON SURROUND CARE PROGRAM ON Wednesday, November 23rd.**

FIRE SAFETY DEMO TRAILER: On Monday, November 21st, the West Bridgewater Fire Department will be presenting Fire Safety at the Rose L. MacDonald School for grades 1-3. As part of the program, they will bring the SAFE trailer, which the students will enter for a hands-on demonstration of fire safety. This trailer contains model rooms inside with a fire escape off the back and is used to recreate evacuation procedures. Please note that harmless theatrical smoke will be used in the trailer to provide a realistic demonstration. This is the same SAFE trailer that you may have seen at WB Park Day throughout the years.

OUTSIDE PLAYTIME: Just a friendly reminder to check your children and pets for ticks after they have been outside.

KIDS STUFF: **This book is NOT a sample book for you to keep.** If you choose NOT to take advantage of this opportunity, please immediately return the KidStuff book in a bag labeled with you child's name to your child's teacher. If you have any questions, email Mrs. Bonnie Campbell at jbcampbell1993@aol.com.

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SAVE THE DATE - SANTA'S BREAKFAST: Santa Claus is coming to the Rose L. MacDonald on Saturday December 3rd! Join us for a fun morning filled with crafts, raffles, face painting, breakfast & pictures w/ Santa, sponsored by the PTO. **Items for our raffle table are needed!** If you have any unopened items you would like to donate, or if you can obtain a donation from a local business, it would be greatly appreciated! Volunteers are also needed to help setup on Friday evening to decorate the cafeteria with holiday ornaments made by the students. If you can help, please email Mrs. Destrampe at aiden625@msn.com."

FEASIBILITY STUDY INFORMATIONAL MEETING: The MSHS Feasibility Study Informational Meeting is Nov. 17th. There will be a tour of the building at 6:00pm and a meeting in the cafeteria at 6:30pm.

DISTRICT LUNCH PLAN: Payment of lunch is expected at the time of purchase. A student may borrow up to 3 lunch purchases. Student accounts that have more than 3 outstanding lunch charges will not be denied lunch, but will have limited choices to purchase. Negative balance reports are sent home every two weeks and students are discretely advised at the time of the purchase of low balances. Borrowing after June 1st will only be permitted with approval from the building Principal.

PTO SAYS: "We want to hear from you!" Take a moment and send your comments on the new book to PTO president Darcie Fisher at mdjf@comcast.net. Remember, it's important to share not only negative feedback, but positive, too! Thank you for your constant support of the WBPTO.

FALL 2011 ENRICHMENT PROGRAM: The last Tuesday enrichment class ended on November 15th with the last Thursday enrichment class ending today, November 17th.

PTO MEETING: There will not be a PTO meeting in the month of December. The next meeting will be January 10th at the Howard School in the cafeteria at 7:00 p.m.

EMERGENCY FORMS: Remember to return your child's ***emergency form signed and dated.***

SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEETING: The next School Committee meeting is on Monday, December 12th. It will be held at the MSHS in the Media Room at 6:30 p.m.

PICTURE RETAKE/MAKE-UP DAY: November 22, 2011 – Tuesday. This is for children who were:

**Absent on picture day *forgot their envelope *not satisfied with their picture.*

Life Touch will be at the school the morning of November 22nd. **If your child was absent** the day photographs were taken (Oct. 12th, Wednesday), e-mail Mrs. Everett at peverett@wbridgewater.com or call her at 508 894-1240 x200. She will send you an envelope to fill-out for November 22nd and put your child's name on the photographer's list. **If you are unsatisfied with your child's picture**, you may return the package by November 22nd to your child's classroom teacher, and your child's portrait can be taken again. Please e-mail Mrs. Everett or call. She will add your child's name to the list for retake/make-up day.

ELE SHOPPE: Your child will have the opportunity to do some holiday shopping at the RLM School. The dates for shopping will be the mornings of December 6th, 7th, and 8th. The PTO is looking for volunteers in the mornings. Duties may involve setting up the merchandise, assisting students with the purchasing of books

ELF SHOPPE 2010 TIME	RLM Tuesday – Dec. 6	RLM Wednesday – Dec. 7	RLM Thursday – Dec. 8
8:45 – 9:15	Keating	Enos	Hyre
9:15 – 9:45	Alves	O'Loughlin	Dyer
9:45 – 10:15	Llanes	Green	Collins
10:00 – 10:30	All School Recess	All School Recess & Absent Students	All School Recess & Absent Students
10:35 – 11:05	Williams	Kwan	Mahoney
11:05 – 11:20		Absent Students	Last call

and other tasks that may be needed. Please contact PTO president Darcie Fisher at mdjf@comcast.net if you are interested in volunteering.

HAVE A WONDERFUL THANKSGIVING WITH FAMILY AND FRIENDS.

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