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Principal News

This is the time of the year when I find everything seems to move at high speed!

Thank you for supporting the Pennies for Patients fundraiser. Mrs. Creegan has updated the grand total to \$1,374.28. We are excited to have surpassed the total amount we donated last year (\$719.74)!

The exciting lesson/project that Mrs. Votano and Mrs. Ash created based on the book Only One You by Linda Kranz has been a huge hit with students. Once again, our students reap the benefits of the time and effort many parents contribute to our special school. Thank you to Mrs. Votano, Mrs. Ash, the guest readers, and the project helpers. Tomorrow the volunteers will be back to work with the remaining 9 classes.

When we gather for the community meeting on Friday, we will highlight some of the important messages from the book on positivity, kindness and individuality. We want students to understand we are all in this together and we can make our world (and school) a better place!

Pictures from the project will be posted on Facebook soon. Stay tuned for more to follow on the culminating projects – a sea of unique and kind fish and a rock path filled with one of a kind rocks.

The Westford Academy senior interns (former Nab Stars!) are already half way through their internship. While they get some real world experience before heading off to college or the work force, Nabnasset students and staff members benefit from this partnership. The following five seniors will be with us for three more weeks:

Violet Schroeder – Mrs. Loughman and Ms. Rosenthal
Robert Mc'ANulty – Mr. Weston
Julia Condry – Mrs. Quinn
Katie McKenna – Ms. Barth
Leanne Guilmette – Mrs. Grady

The current CORI forms, mandatory for volunteering, will expire at the end of the school year. We are collecting new forms for the 2018-2019 school year. We need to make a copy of your driver's license when you complete the form. The completed forms will be sent to the superintendent's office next month and processed before the new school year begins. We have found that starting early eases the rush in the fall. Please be aware there are no exceptions to this policy.



PTO News

Tickets are still available for Movie Night this Friday night May 4th. Sales are limited due to capacity requirements, so please let us know if you would like to join the fun. The movie, Paddington 2, will begin promptly at 6:30PM. The cost to attend is \$5.00 per person/family, max \$20.00. Admission includes popcorn, water and a glow stick. Cash or checks are accepted. Checks should be made payable to WEPTO – Nabnasset PTO. This is a family event, siblings are welcome, but all children must be accompanied by an adult. If you have any questions, please contact Jamie Holmes at holmesfamily2014@yahoo.com.

Mrs. Carroll shared the following Box Top update:

- In the month of April we collected 932 Box Top coupons.
- We had contributions from every class!
- 20% of the coupons were sent in without a student name or classroom teacher.
- Congratulations to Mrs. Heller's class for the highest contribution this month and earning an extra recess!
- For the month of May, the extra recess will go to the any class that brings in a total of 75 or more Box Top coupons.
- Our current total for the school year is 14,242. Please help us finish strong by clipping and sending in coupons.

Incoming Kindergarten Parent Information Night



Parents of kindergarten students enrolled for the fall are encouraged to attend our annual presentation on Monday, May 7th at 6:30PM. Invitations were mailed to the families in our database. The purpose of the presentation is to provide an overview of the curriculum and to describe routines, expectations, and school procedures. We look forward to meeting new families, greeting returning families, and answering questions. If you are unable to attend and would like handouts, please call the office.



Have You Heard That...

- today is day 141?
- over 200 orders were placed for the 2017-2018 yearbook?
- the second Distance Learning assignments (to make up for the 3/13/18 snow day) have been shared with families? In order to make up the day, completed assignments must be returned by May 19th at 8:00AM. Thank you for your cooperation on this pilot option allowing us to end the year earlier.
- second grade students will soon receive letters from their third grade pen pals? They will exchange a couple of letters before meeting on Thursday, June 22nd?
- we look forward to showing our appreciation to parent volunteers at a special celebration on Monday, June 4th at 2:00PM. Please save the date!



Upcoming Events

May 3	Pre-first Field Trip to Drumlin Farm PTO Meeting – 3:30PM All are welcome
May 4	Community Meeting PTO Sponsored Movie Night – 6:30PM
May 7	Incoming Kindergarten Parent Information Night – 6:30PM
May 10	Kindergarten Screening
May 11	Kindergarten Screening
May 17	Early Release for Professional Development – 12:20PM
May 18	Second Grade Discovery Museum In-house Presentation
May 28	No School – Memorial Day
May 29	Advisory Council Meeting – 4:30PM
May 31	PTO Sponsored Staff Appreciation Luncheon
June 1	Community Meeting Westford Academy Graduation (You will be there before you know it!)

Please be aware that an events calendar is posted on the Nabnasset School website (opening page on the right hand side).



Communication

Please be sure that you are staying connected, informed, and part of your child's learning experience. Check out updates and pictures on Facebook (Nabnasset Elementary School) and Twitter (@NabSchool). In addition, please subscribe to the group email by going to www.westfordk12.us/subscriber. The weekly emails and periodic messages provide up to date information on news around the school and the district. Cancellations and urgent messages are often communicated through email. The Nabnasset website (ns.westfordk12.us) also provides information.



Absentee Line

It is important for us to know when your child is going to be absent from school. Please call the absentee line at 978-392-9618 to report absences and late arrivals. Mrs. Webster checks the absentee line at 9:30AM and 1:00PM. ***Please don't rely on sharing the information with your child's teacher via email, as the teacher may be absent or unable to check their email in time.***