



October 2011 Newsletter

Parent Teacher Conferences ~A Note From Mrs. Williams



Rogers School

For the fifth year, Rogers School will continue with Parent-Teacher Conferences at all grade levels. As a school, we are dedicated to your child and do everything possible to help your child reach personal goals and successes. We will again hold the Conferences for grades K-5 in November. Having conferences after the first term presents as a perfect opportunity to sit down with you to review successes and discuss areas of concern to focus on as the rest of the year progresses. Additionally, report cards for grades 1-5 will be going home the Monday prior which will allow you to speak with the teacher about your child's progress.

We understand that the past conferences have been productive but time was short with each conference scheduled for 15 minutes. We want to have as much time as possible to discuss your child so we are making an effort this year to increase the length of each conference. In order to do this, we will need to have 2 half-days. This year's conferences will be held on Monday, November 21 and Tuesday, November 22. Both days will be early-release days for students at the elementary level only. Each conference will be 20-25 minutes in length and will be scheduled between 12:15 and 4:15p.m.

Sign up sheets for your meeting were available at Open House. If you did not get to sign up, please contact your child's teacher as soon as possible. Again, the Rogers School teachers and myself are very excited about this continuing endeavor. Parental involvement is the most important factor in a child's success in school so we are eager to see you.

As you know, my door is always open and welcome to you. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or concerns. ☺

Picture Day is Complete!



We had Picture Day this past Thursday through CoffeePond. The weather didn't hold so photos were taken in the cafegymatorium. Pictures should arrive in 3-5 weeks and the retake day will be announced then. All students will receive a free class photo.

Walk to School Day- Oct. 5



On October 5, we are encouraging all Rogers School students and staff to participate in National Walk to School Day. The purpose of this day is to promote the physical and emotional benefits of walking. Be sure to join us!

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Important Dates:

- ☺ Oct. 7 & 11th—No School
- ☺ Oct. 20th—½ Day
- ☺ Oct. 20th - Building Committee Mtg. @ FHS
- ☺ Nov. 11th—No School
- ☺ Nov. 21 & 22—½ Days Parent Teacher Conferences Gr. K-5
- ☺ Nov. 23rd— ½ Day
- ☺ Nov. 24 & 25th—No School
- ☺ Dec. 15 - Winter Concert

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Building Project Update

As you know, Rogers School is currently identified as part of a building project by the Massachusetts School Building Authority (MSBA). On September 28, 2011, the MSBA Board voted unanimously to approve Fairhaven's Project Scope and Budget for the new model school at the Wood School site.

The Total Project Budget is \$24,655,239 with a reimbursement rate of 63.5%. Based upon the total costs deemed eligible for reimbursement by the MSBA, the total maximum facilities grant to the town from the MSBA is \$14,992,503 (that's the portion the state will pay). The town's share of the project cost will be \$9,662,736.

The approval of the project and budget by the MSBA begins the final stage of this school building process. Pursuant to MSBA regulation, the Town has 120 days to demonstrate local support for funding a school project by passing a ballot question.

The process to seek community approval for this project will be determined at a Special Town Meeting on October 25, 2011, and via a Debt Exclusion Vote scheduled for November 2, 2011.

The current time line for the proposed project

School Council Members Needed

We have an open position for parent members on our School Council board. The School Council meets monthly for approximately 1 hour beginning at 3:10PM. Members of the School Council are responsible for budget development, goal setting and improvement planning. If you have further questions about the School Council or think this might be the right group for you, please contact me.

I hope you are able to join us. Remember, Rogers School is stronger when we all work together!

Lunch/Breakfast Program

Did you know that you can pay ahead on an account for your child? You can put whatever amount you want on the account and as your child purchases breakfast, lunch or ice cream, the money will be deducted. When the money gets low, Ms. Rose will send a note home to you. You may send money in with your child or drop it off to Ms. Rose any day between 8am - 1pm.

Students are monitored during lunch and are not permitted to get ice cream unless they have eaten half their lunch!

Lunch menus are available on the Fairhaven Public Schools website along with access to NutriKids, the online payment system.



looks at construction beginning at the Wood site in June 2012 with completion by approximately Sept. 2013. This means that our current kindergarten students will be in gr. 2 for the opening of the new school.

The next School Building Committee meeting will be Oct. 20 @ Fairhaven High School beginning at 6pm.

There will also be upcoming Informational Sessions where you can find out more facts and ask questions to get a clearer understanding of the proposed project. There is also a day planned where town members will be able to visit and tour all 3 elementary schools.

I cannot emphasize enough how important it is to get the facts and be informed. Try to attend informational meetings or watch meetings you cannot attend on BDTV. Ask questions you may have of Committee members.

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Halloween Parade

On October 31st we will have our annual Halloween Parade beginning at 1:30pm. We will continue with the tradition again this year that students in grades K-3 may dress up in a friendly costume of their choice for the parade! *In all circumstances, costumes should be non-violent or non-graphic in nature. Costumes of this type will not be permitted to be worn, no exceptions.*

The parade will exit from the Pleasant Street door, proceed south down Pleasant Street, down South Street, north on Chestnut Street and back into the school at the playground gate.

All parents and families are invited to join outside along the parade route to watch our event which steps off at 1:30 PM.

