

L.L. Wood News

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Principal's Message

Important Dates in October

PTO 6:30 PM Dr. Baldwin will visit our PTO meeting!	10/12
School Committee 6:30 PM	10/13 10/27
No School	10/11
Building Committee Meeting 6:00pm at East Fairhaven	10/14
Early Release ~ 12 PM	10/21
Bill Harley Evening Concert	10/28
VOCABULARY PARADE 1:00pm	10/29
Fall Picture Day	11/19

Welcome back to the 2009-2010 school year! This year, like every successful school year, has begun with a focus on building relationships and learning routines. This foundation supports the important work of Wood School adults and students as they work together to reach their hopes and dreams.

With the goal of building community and increasing safety at our school we have begun a new morning routine. Each day the children are welcomed at the gym doors at 8:30 and we gather together as a school family. Our morning routine includes:

- Celebrating our community, including birthdays, news and announcement, school visitors, etc.

This new routine has proved to bring a beautiful beginning to each day!

Be sure to see page 2 of this newsletter to read about more exciting initiatives at Wood School. Also, please carefully read the morning drop off procedure.

I hope to see you at our next PTO meeting, Tuesday, October 12th at 6:30pm. Dr. Baldwin will join us at this meeting. Thursday, October 14th is the next building committee meeting. The school building proc-

Coming Soon!

- Southern MA Credit Union is once again partnering with Wood School to promote financial responsibility! On October 5th Miss Rose from SMCU will visit Wood School for our first banking day of the school year. The Finance Club after school program will also be starting this fall!
- Be on the lookout for "The Book it!"

- Music in the Morning, a classical music program in which the student listen to a different piece of music each week.
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Peacebuilders Pledge
- Singing of a patriotic song

Nurse's Corner

By Denise Valois

Avoid Mosquito Bites to Avoid Infection

In order to prevent mosquito bites and the risk of mosquito borne diseases such as West Nile Virus and EEE, the Center for Disease Control recommends the following measures.

Use Insect Repellent Apply repellents only to exposed skin and/or clothing(as directed on the product label.) Do not use repellents under clothing. Use an EPA-registered insect repellent such as those with DEET, picaridin or oil of lemon eucalyptus. Never use repellents over cuts, wounds or irritated skin. Do not apply to eyes or mouth, and apply sparingly around ears. When using sprays, do not spray directly on face - spray on hands first and then apply to face. Do not allow children to handle the product. When

using on children, apply to your own hands first and then put it on the child. You may not want to apply to children's hands. Use just enough repellent to cover exposed skin and/or clothing. After returning indoors, wash treated skin with soap and water. Wash treated clothing before wearing it again. If you or your child get a rash or other bad reaction from an insect repellent, stop using the repellent, wash the repellent off with mild soap and water, and call a local poison control center for further guidance. If you go to the doctor because of the repellent, take the repellent with you to show the doctor.

Wear Protective Clothing When weather permits, wear long-sleeves, long pants and socks when outdoors.

Be Aware of Peak Mosquito Hours The hours from dusk to dawn are peak biting times for many species of mosquitoes. Take extra care to use repellent and protective

clothing during evening and early morning - or consider avoiding outdoor activities during these times.

Mosquito-Proof Your Home Drain standing water. Drain bird baths, small children's pools, tires(drill holes in tires to allow water to drain out). Empty any container in your yard that may contain standing water.

Install or Repair Screens Keep mosquitoes outside by having well-fitting screens on both windows and doors.


H1N1 Update

Please check out the Fairhaven Public Schools website for all the new up to date information regarding the H1N1 flu. The website is www.fairhavenps.org. The information is on the home page of the website. Please call the nurse's direct line when your child is ill (508-979-4074) or if you have any questions.



Volunteers Needed!!!!


- Lunch Monitors: Monday-Friday 11:15-12:00 and 12:00-12:55. Can you commit to at least one day per week? See Ms. Hartley-Matteson if you are interested!
- After School Program Coordinator: Are you interested in coordinating our popular and successful after school program? This is a volunteer opportunity that could be shared! See Ms. Hartley-Matteson for more info.
- Stone Soup Day: October 1st classrooms will be working together to prepare a "Stone Soup" to enjoy on Friday, October 2nd. We need volunteers to work with each classroom. Please sign up at Open House if you're interested!



Parent/Teacher Conferences!

This year Wood School is thrilled to offer all our families parent/teacher conferences in November. Conferences for students in grades 1-5 will take place on November 18th from 3:15-4:30 and on November 19th from 12:15-4:30. This means that Thursday, November 19th will be an early release day for all students. Kindergarten conferences will take place on November 20th from 8:40-3:00. Please be sure to visit the parent/teacher conferences table at open house to sign up!

Music Program Updates



Mr. Bryan Young is now conducting band and band instrument lessons at the elementary level. Ms. Daniela Chirigotis remains our strings instructor. Both Mr. Young and Ms. Chirigotis are at Wood School on Tuesdays. All lessons will be held on Tuesdays as well as band and orchestra. Our winter and spring concerts including band, strings and vocals from all students k-5 this year will be held in January and June!

School Council News

The Wood School Council meets monthly to support the principal in school improvement. We have three parent positions available this year. If you are interested in being a member of the 2009-2010 School Council please return the notice to Wood School before October 1st. The School Council Election will be held at the next PTO meeting on October 6th at 6:30 PM.

Check out the Wood School Website for updates, classroom web pages, newsletters and calendars!

www.fairhavenps.org

Look under the 'schools' tab for Wood School!

