



Governor Winslow School

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

The month of February offers many exciting opportunities for everyone at Governor Winslow School. Students celebrated the 100th day of school on Friday, February 5. From preschool to grade five, teachers planned creative projects and math activities highlighting skills acquired during our first one hundred days of school. The remaining eighty days of school will be academically challenging and quite eventful. Your continued support with punctuality, attendance, and homework assignments during this busy time of the year is appreciated.

Students in grades three and four have completed their half year of formal technology instruction with our Instructional Technology Specialist, Mrs. Vaughan. This year, technology classes are held in the new computer lab which is equipped with a SMARTBoard. Grade three students have been exposed to a variety of software and applications such as: MS Word, Kidspiration, Graph Club, Kid Pix, and Type to Learn 3. Grade four students have gained levels of proficiency using the following software and applications: MS Word, PowerPoint, Type to Learn 3, Kidspiration, and the GWS Online Library Database. Internet safety is always an important topic discussed throughout the eighteen weeks of technology instruction. The main focus is cyber bullying. Students learn what a cyber bully is, how people cyber bully, and what actions should be taken when cyber bullying occurs. Students in grades two and five will enjoy technology instruction for the remainder of the school year.

Approximately 170 students in grades three, four, and five have signed up for our After School Enrichment Program which is scheduled to begin on Wednesday, February, 24. Students and staff look forward to the exciting courses being offered under the direction of Mr. Talacci.

While reading students' report cards this term, the hard work of teachers and students was quite evident. Preparations have been made for the challenging MCAS assessments that lie ahead. Be sure to check our website for important testing dates.

Have a safe and relaxing February break!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Hubbard, Principal

Please visit the Information Board on the GWS homepage for current school and community news.

www.mpsd.org/governorwinslow



GWS WEEKLY NOTICE

February 5, 2010

IMPORTANT DATES:

Fri. 2/5	100 th Day Of School
2/15 – 2/19	February Break
Mon. 2/22	Classes resume
Tues. 2/23	School Committee Meeting, 7:00 PM
Wed. 2/24	After School Enrichment begins Offered to grades 3, 4, & 5
Wed. 3/3	Kindergarten Registration 9:00-12:00 PM

IMPORTANT KINDERGARTEN DATES

Kindergarten Registration will be Wednesday, March 3, 9:00-12:00 PM
Kindergarten Parent Orientation will be Thursday, April 8

REMINDER TO PARENTS

HEARTS FOR HAITI: Thank you to the GWS community for its continued generosity. To date, we have raised **\$903.71** in our Hearts For Haiti collection. Our cafeteria is beautifully decorated with special hearts dedicated to the earthquake victims.

SCHOOL BUS CHANGES: Change of bus requests will only be honored on a permanently defined basis; (i.e., same day(s) every week, monthly, or for the year) or for emergency purposes only. *Please refer to the GWS Student Handbook for our complete Bus Policy.*

ABSENCES: When your child will be absent from school, **please call the school at 781-834-5060 in the morning before 9:00 AM.** If we do not receive a call, we will try to reach the parent or guardian via the Connect Ed System. A note explaining the absence should be brought to the classroom teacher by the student upon return to school.

FEBRUARY SCHOOL LUNCH MENU is available online. Click the "Lunch Menu" button at the top of the GWS home page or click on the "Food Services" button on the left-hand toolbar for point of sales forms and school menus.

A+ BONUS BUCKS PROGRAM AT STOP & SHOP – Governor Winslow School is participating in the Stop & Shop A+ Bonus Bucks Program. Please go to the Stop & Shop website at www.stopandshop.com/aplus to register online. Or call 1-877-275-2758 to register your card over the phone. Enter Governor Winslow **ID# 08322**. After you register your card, each shopping trip at Stop & Shop using your Stop & Shop Card earns CASH for our school!

Spring 2010 MCAS Test Schedule for March and April

Monday March 22:	Grade 3 Reading Comprehension (1 of 2)
Tuesday March 23:	Grade 4 Long Composition
Wednesday March 24:	Grade 3 Reading Comprehension (2 of 2)
Monday March 29:	Grade 4 Reading Comprehension (1 of 2)
Tuesday March 30:	Grade 4 Reading Comprehension (2 of 2)
Monday April 5:	Grade 5 Reading Comprehension (1 of 2)
Tuesday April 6:	Grade 5 Reading Comprehension (2 of 2)
Wednesday April 7:	Long Composition Make Up

May test dates to follow

FROM THE NURSE

H1N1 FLU SHOTS: The Partners Home Care, Inc., in association with the Marshfield Board of Health, will administer H1N1 Flu shots to Marshfield Residents on Saturday, February 6 from 9:00 to 11:00 AM at the Marshfield Senior Center, 230 Webster Street, Marshfield. Please remember to wear short sleeves or very loose fitting clothing when attending a flu clinic.

H1N1 flu shots will be offered to Marshfield residents age 1 and older. The VNA cautions that anyone who has had an allergic reaction to eggs, gelatin or a previous dose of influenza vaccine should not get a flu shot. People who have a fever and those who have a history of Guillain-Barre Syndrome should talk to their doctor before getting a flu shot. For additional information call Partners Home Care, Inc. (781) 681-1000

FROM THE PTO

Thank you for all the support during our bake sale this week! We sold out of just about every yummy treat! Thank you to Lori Goodsell for donating her wonderful homemade cupcake cake for the raffle. We'll keep our eyes out for more treats from *The Adorable Cupcake* in the future! Thank you to Michelle Collins for her beautiful head wraps. If you did not get a chance to purchase a head wrap and would like to, please call Michelle at 781-296-3727. She has been kind enough to donate a portion of her proceeds to the PTO.

VALENTINE HUGS: You still have time to order a Hug to send to a friend! The last day to send in order forms is Monday, February 8. There are order forms in the office or email Nicole Pellegrino at nicolepellegrino@verizon.net. Hugs will be delivered Thursday & Friday of next week!

Need help with dinner? **WENDY'S** is donating a portion of their sales to the GWS PTO on Wednesday, February 10 from 5:00-9:00 PM. Take a night off from cooking, meet some friends!

TRIVIA NIGHT - Friday, February 26 at the Marshfield Elks from 7:00-11:00 PM. Have a fun night out with other adults. Put together a team of 10 or make some friends that night! Flyers/forms are available in the office or contact Tracy DeFreitas beamerdan99@yahoo.com or Lisa Espinoza tupper99@verizon.net.

SCHOOL STORE/VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR OPENINGS: The PTO is looking for parents who are interested in volunteer positions with the administrative side of the school store – ordering supplies, sending out information to families, staffing the school store. The PTO is also looking for 2 people that would like to coordinate volunteers for various activities throughout the year. You would work with teachers to fill their needs with photocopying, preparing for art shows, school performances, reading programs, etc. These are great ways to get to know the teachers at our school, work with the students and be active in our children's' education. For more information, please contact Helen Duffy at hmomsbus@aol.com.

The PTO is also looking for volunteers for some upcoming events: Read Across America in February, school Art Fair in May - please contact Helen Duffy at hmomsbus@aol.com. Pizza Bingo night is approaching. We will be looking for volunteers for the prep work as well as the night of. If you are interested in helping out for this event, please contact Lori Goodsell at lwgodsell@me.com, Yvonne Bridges at ybridges1@marykay.com or Diane Kennedy at dianekennedy4@verizon.net.

We are accepting empty ink cartridges for recycling. You may send them into school, Attn: PTO and we will recycle them to earn money for GWS.

FROM THE LINDEN TREE

UNDER THE LINDEN TREE - Deadline Friday, February 12 There is only one week left to submit to the winter edition of *Under the Linden Tree*! You can submit up to two stories, poems, songs, plays, essays and other creative written works. Extra submission forms are available at the tree in the lobby or at our website www.GWSlindentree.org.

Drop your completed submission in the hollow of the linden tree in the lobby of the school or, even better, submit your entry via e-mail at underthelindentree@yahoo.com. Just remember to still fill out a submission form.

COMMUNITY NEWS

UNRAVELING THE TESTING MAZE: February 10, 7:00-9:00 PM at the Martinson Elementary School auditorium. School Psychologists Mike Fish, NCSP and Alisa Pozner, NCSP will give an overview of the testing process. The discussion will focus on the theory behind observations of the student and different observation formats and tools. We will look at the different facets of evaluations to include cognitive, social/emotional, attention and academic arena.

HELP PLAN MARSHFIELD'S FUTURE: The Town of Marshfield asks all families to participate in a quick online survey from the Marshfield Open Space Committee. This survey will assist the town in a new seven-year open space plan. Please log on www.townofmarshfield.org. Click on Open Space at top right column of page. Click on 'survey' at the bottom of the page. Thank you for your input.

FREE THROW CHAMPIONSHIP: Saturday February 6, 2:00-5:00 PM at Marshfield High School. For boys and girls ages 10-14 (proof of age required). For more information, contact Jack Carrigg at 781-837-3748 or Ed Burke at 781-837-7812.

MASS AUDUBON'S NORTH RIVER WILDLIFE SANCTUARY will be offering daily programs during February Vacation for children ages 5-12. For more information, please call the office at 781-837-9400 or e-mail Amy Quist at aquist@massaudubon.org.

MARSHFIELD RECREATION DEPARTMENT Look for the Winter / Spring Brochure at the following locations: The Town Hall, Chamber of Commerce, Ventress Memorial Library, elementary schools, Denny's Barber Shop, the Recreation Child Care Center, Mass. Bay Associates Realtors and Seaside Homes of Marshfield. The Brochure is also on the Recreation Website, http://www.townofmarshfield.org/Public_Documents/MarshfieldMA_Recreation/index

MARSHFIELD YOUTH CHEERLEADING REGISTRATION 2010 Marshfield Youth Cheerleading is accepting online registration for the 2010 cheerleading season. Girls entering third grade through eighth grade in September 2010 are eligible to register. Returning and new cheerleaders can register on line at www.marshfielddyouthcheerleading.com. The cost for registration is \$150 for the first cheerleader and \$125 for each additional cheerleader. Registration will run through February 19, 2010. An informational parent meeting will be held on Thursday, February 25 at the Ventress Memorial Library at 6:00 PM for all new cheerleader parents.

COUNCIL ON AGING has a shortage of drivers for local and Boston medical appointments, and meals on wheels. Other assistance includes activities hostess, front desk/receptionist, bus escorts, outside grounds assistance this spring, friendly visitors, and personal shoppers. Please call or visit the Senior Center / Council on Aging at 230 Webster Street and ask for Donna Weinberg (781) 834-5581.

Please visit www.mpsd.org for all community news and events.

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