



WHITIN MIDDLE SCHOOL

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NELMS Spotlight School

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Monthly Report – November 2009 **Ronald J. Farrar, Principal**

Overview of Activities for November

- Whitin School Monthly Faculty Meeting on November 2
- BVT Tour for Grade 8 on November 2
- Whitin Parents PTO Monthly Meeting on November 4
- End of 1st Quarter Report Card Period on November 6
- Whitin Middle School Bands March in Parade on November 8
- PTO Town Loop Challenge on November 15
- Report Cards Sent Home to Parents on November 16
- Scholastic Book Fair on November 16
- Whitin Crisis Team Meeting on November 20
- After-School Dance for Grades 7-8 on November 20
- Parent-Teacher Conferences Held on November 23

Subject/Course/Classroom Activities

Hats for a Cause: On November 18 students and staff were encouraged to participate in hats for a cause. Students who brought in a canned food item making a donation to the Uxbridge Food Pantry were allowed to wear a hat of their choice for the day.

Band Notes: The Whitin Middle School's Intermediate and Advanced Bands marched in the Uxbridge Veterans' Day Parade on Sunday, November 8. Whitin students, Luke Hogan and Abigail Sawyer delivered a speech on the Town Common.

Study Island:

Whitin students have continued to benefit from their ongoing participation in Study Island. Study Island provides students with additional academic support based on state standards. Attached are statistical reports for each grade related to Math, Science and ELA for your review.

PTO Reports and Parent Information

PTO Monthly Meeting: Whitin School PTO held its monthly meeting on Wednesday, November 4 at 6:30PM in the school library. A group of parents have been attending PTO monthly meetings. Copies of PTO meeting agenda and monthly Parent Newsletter are attached for your review.

Whitin PTO Magazine Drive: The Whitin PTO sponsored a magazine drive to support Whitin teachers and students. PTO fundraising supports Whitin Middle School class trips, school trips, school events, and student activities. Students in grades 5-8 were encouraged to participate. The magazine drive began on Tuesday, October 20 and ran through Monday, November 2. Both classroom and individual awards were provided. Daniel Page, grade 5 student from Mrs. Lavigne's homeroom, was awarded Principal for the day.

General School Information

Whitin Whalers Climate Committee: The Whitin Whalers supported a staff member who walked for autism during the month of November. This committee has been a great asset to our school.

Faculty Meeting: The monthly meeting for Whitin School faculty was held on Monday, November 2. A copy of the faculty meeting agenda is attached.

Scholastic Book Fair: The Scholastic Book Fair was held in the Whitin Library from November 16 – 23. Scholastic Book fairs have a wide variety of current, quality books and exciting accessories that educate and motivate children to read.

Upcoming Events:

December 2	PTO Monthly Meeting - 6:30PM in Library
December 7	Whitin Faculty Meeting - 1:50 in Library
December 10	Grades 5 and 6 Winter Social 2:00 – 3:30
December 11	Curriculum Half-Day
December 14	Mid-Point of 2 nd Quarter: Progress Reports
December 14	Grade 8 Boston Museum of Science Presentation at Whitin
December 16	School Council Meeting – 1:00PM in Library
December 22	Grade 7 Trip to Worcester for “Christmas Carol”
December 14	Whitin Basketball Season Begins
December 15, 16	Band and Chorus Winter Concerts – 7:00PM at Whitin



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First Quarter Report Cards

Last week marked the end of the 1st quarter report card period for students at Whitin Middle School. Teachers will be busy correcting tests, evaluating projects, and averaging grades this week. Report cards will be sent home to parents on or about Monday, November 16. Parents are asked to sign report card envelopes and return them to the homeroom teacher. Parents are reminded that conference sign-up forms will be enclosed in report card envelopes. Information about parent-teacher conferences is listed below.

Parent-Teacher Conferences

Parent-teacher conferences are scheduled to be held at Whitin School as follows:

Monday, November 23 Afternoon Conferences from 11:00 AM to 1:40 PM

Evening Conferences from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM

Parents are required to sign-up for scheduled conference times with individual teachers. Conference sign-up forms will be sent home to parents with report cards on or about November 16. Parents must return completed conference forms to homeroom teachers as soon as possible, since conferences will be scheduled on a first come – first serve basis.

Please note: Whitin students will be dismissed from school at 10:00 AM on Monday, November 23 due to parent conferences. Also, students will be dismissed from school at 10:17 AM on Wednesday, November 25 due to Thanksgiving recess.

Monthly PTO Meeting on November 4

The next monthly meeting of the Whitin Middle School PTO is scheduled for Wednesday, November 4, starting at 6:30PM in the school library. Parents are invited and encouraged to attend monthly PTO meetings and participate in PTO sponsored activities.

The PTO would like to thank students and parents who supported our Magazine Drive. We appreciate all of the fundraising support you give to the PTO, which helps us support class trips, school events and student activities.

The PTO is sponsoring the Uxbridge Town Loop Run/Walk Challenge on Sunday, November 15. Registration is \$10 before November 7 and \$15 after that. Registrations are available through the Whitin Office or online at www.uxbridgeschools.com. Please join the Whitin PTO for a morning of fun & excitement. Proceeds will benefit the Whitin PTO as well as other school organizations.

No School for Students on November 11

Parents are also reminded that Veterans Day is celebrated on Tuesday, November 11; there is no school for Uxbridge students on November 11.

Band News

Veterans' Day Parade: The Whitin Middle School Intermediate and Advanced Bands will be marching in the Veterans' Day Parade on Sunday, November 8th. The parade begins at 2:00 PM at the North Uxbridge Baptist Church and ends on the Uxbridge Town Common. Please come out and support Uxbridge's veterans!

Bake Sale and Quilt Raffle: The Music Department will be holding a Bake Sale and Quilt Raffle on Monday, November 23rd during parent/teacher conferences. Proceeds raised will be used to supplement the Music Department budget and to support Music Department activities including the Great East Festival.

The Scholastic Book Fair is Coming to Whitin Middle School

Students will be coming to shop at the fair with their teachers during the week of November 16 – 23. There will be a wonderful selection of books and fun items for sale.

The Fair will be open on Monday, November 23 for Parent/Teacher Conferences – Books make great holiday gifts and there are many small miscellaneous items that are perfect for stocking stuffers. There will also be an opportunity for you to purchase books for donation to your child's classroom with the Support Our Class Room Wish Board – Hope to see you there!

Dance for Grades 7-8

A school dance for students in grades 7-8 is scheduled for Friday, November 20, from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. Price of admission is \$5.00. Students and parents are reminded that the School Dress Code shall be enforced. Parents are asked to pick up students at 9:00 PM when the dance ends.

Note from the Nurse...

Whitin Middle School Sports: Students who are interested in trying out for the Whitin Middle School basketball team (boys and girls) must have a current physical on file. Please note: **No student may participate in tryouts without a physical.**

Free physicals can be scheduled at the WIC van located in the Hannaford parking lot on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month. Additional locations and times are in the nurse's office. If you are having difficulty getting health coverage, please contact Mrs. Donahue @ 508 278-6361.

There are still several grade 7 students who have not submitted their physical and immunization form. This was due at the start of the school year. Please send this information to the nurse as soon as possible.

**Please see the attachments:
Troops' Holiday in a Shoebox Campaign
Health Update on the Flu**

**For More Information, please visit:
www.uxbridgeschools.com**

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Date: November 2, 2009
To: Whitin School Faculty
From: Mr. Farrar & Ms. Puliafico
Re: Faculty Meeting

Faculty Meeting Agenda for November 2, 2009

- Budget
- Report Card Timeline
 - Grades Due in iPass by November 10
 - Report Cards go Home on November 16
- Health Update
 - Confidentiality
- Call-in Reminder
- Tech Team: Interest Survey on November 6
- Book Fair – Donna Brown
- MCAS Growth Model
- Parent Email List

Team Leaders:

Gr. 5: Sue Dhosi (103)

Gr. 7: Barbara Beane (203)

Gr. 6: Cindy Tanner (106)

Gr. 8: David Halacy (115) U.A.: Lisa Mistler

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Whitin Middle School PTO Meeting
Wednesday, November 4, 2009
6:30pm in the Library

Agenda

- Review October Meeting Minutes
 - Review Treasurer's Report
- Calendar of Upcoming Events/ Whitin School News
 - Update Yankee Candle
 - Update Magazine Drive
 - Update Box Tops
 - Update Spirit Wear
 - Update on Book Fair
 - Update Town Loop Challenge
 - 8th Grade Video
 - Update Teacher Help Requests
- Plans for Parent Teacher Conferences
 - New Business

Whitin Middle School PTO
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 4, 2009

Attendance:

Sue Bell, Deb Blackburn, Andrea Consoletti, Laura Derderian, Nancy Hanson, Sandra Horan, Michelle King, Nancy Lemire, Karen Mages, Anne Maloney, Amy Puliafico, Kim Rexford, Lisa Rooney, Tracy Wagner

Review of Meeting Minutes:

Minutes from October meeting were accepted as written.

Review of Treasurer's Report:

The treasurer's report was accepted with a balance of \$27,441.21.

Calendar of Upcoming Events:

11/2 BVT Tour
11/4 Gr. 8 Parent Presentation at UHS
11/5 Student Council Elections
11/6 Marks close
11/8 Veteran's Day Parade
11/11 No School- Veteran's Day
11/16 Report Cards go home
11/20 Dance- Grade 7 & 8
11/23 Parent Teacher Conferences 10:00 Dismissal (Whitin Only)
11/25 Early Dismissal (10:10)
11/26-27 No School (Thanksgiving Break)
12/2 PTO Meeting
12/11 Half Day Curriculum Day
12/15-16 Winter Concert

Whitin School News:

- 5th and 6th Grade Social was cancelled because of sickness
- BVT and UHS Presentations went well

Yankee Candle Update:

- Everything went well- There were only a few problems

Magazine Drive Update:

- All Over
- Every order was entered into a raffle for Principal for a day
- Approx. 10 students received T-Shirts, 6 pizza lunches, and 4 Gift Cards were given out
- 2 sixth graders won a \$50 and a \$20 cash prize
- Almost \$9,000 in sales which we will receive 40%
- \$450 in online sales

Box Tops Update:

- \$75.30 was collected for the month of October
- One 8th Grader won a \$25 Gift Card

Spirit Wear Update:

- Went Well
- All orders have been delivered with some extra for the school store

Book Fair Update:

- 11/16-11/20
- Book Fair will be held on 11/23 during conferences
- Parent Volunteers are still needed

Town Loop Update:

- 11:00 am Start Time
- 10:00 Registration Begins
- Beginning and end at Taft School
- 3.4 mile race
- At this time we have 40 pre-registered
- Early bird registration ends on 11/7/09
- 11/5/09 Safety Committee Mtg.
- Shirts have been ordered and ready to go
- Volunteers are still needed

8th Grade Video Update:

- Nancy Hanson is putting together/ looking for someone to do it next year
- Each student may supply 1 single picture and up to 6 group pictures

Teacher Requests:

- None have been received at this time

New Business:

- Bathroom conditions are poor, however, problems are being addressed and are being worked on to fix the problems
- Millville Vendor Fair- We have been asked to join. There is no cost for a table. They are looking for area PTO's to set up craft tables at the fair. Our PTO could charge for the crafts and then we could keep profit. It is next week and we are not sure there would be enough time to organize. We would like to possibly participate next year.

Meeting Adjourned at 7:30pm.

Next Whitin PTO Meeting will be on Wednesday, December 2, 2009 in the Whitin Library at 6:30pm.



Submitted by,
Tracy Wagner
Whitin PTO
Secretary



Whitin Middle School

December 2009



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 PTO Meeting Library 6:30pm	3	4 Reading Time 1:00pm	5
6	7 Faculty Meeting 1:50pm Library	8 Gr. 8 Band Performance Senior Center 11:00am	9	10 Winter Social Gr. 5&6 Café 2:00- 3:30pm	11 Early Dismissal 10:17am Curriculum Day	12 
13	14 Gr. 6 – 9:00- 10:00am Boston Museum Science	15 Winter Concert 7:00pm Beg. Band & Chorus	16 School Council 1:00pm Winter Concert 7:00pm Int. & Adv. Band	17 Winter Concert Snow Date	18 Reading time 7:55am	19
20	21 Winter Begins 	22 Gr. 7 Field Trip 10am “Christmas Carol”	23	24 No School	25 Christmas No School 	26 Kwanzaa Begins
27 	28 Winter Recess No School	29 Winter Recess No School	30 Winter Recess No School	31 New Year’s Eve Winter Recess No School		