

Operational Report – March 2010
Dr. Ronald J. Farrar, Principal

Overview of Activities for March

- Whitin School Monthly Faculty Meeting on March 1
- Whitin Middle School PTO Monthly Meeting on March 3
- Celebrating the Arts and Jazz and Pasta Night on March 9
- Curriculum ½ Day on March 12
- Whitin School Council Meeting at 12:30PM on March 17
- Annual Student vs. Teacher Basketball Game on March 19
- PTO Cookie Dough Pick-Up on March 24
- Community of Caring Community BINGO Night on March 26
- MCAS Tests in ELA Composition and Reading Comprehension from March 22–April 13

Subject/Course/Classroom Activities

Monthly Faculty Meeting: The monthly meeting for Whitin School faculty was held on Monday, March 1. The faculty meeting agenda included attention to the following topics: curriculum planning projects, MCAS testing, bullying, and mid-quarter progress reports. A copy of the complete faculty meeting agenda is attached.

Curriculum Planning Day: A half-day for curriculum planning by all Uxbridge School staff was scheduled on Friday, March 12. Whitin School faculty members worked in small groups on a variety of curriculum and instruction projects including MCAS preparation, Key 3 teaching planning and the school improvement plan.

Celebration of the Arts & Dinner Concert: On Tuesday, March 9th, teachers and students from all schools were involved with activities promoting music and the arts in the schools. The celebration day ended with a meatball dinner concert at Whitin. Student art work from all schools was displayed in the library and bands from the high school and middle school performed before the sellout crowd.

PTO Reports and Parent Information

PTO Monthly Meeting: Whitin School PTO held its monthly meeting on Wednesday, March 3, 2010 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.

Upcoming Events:

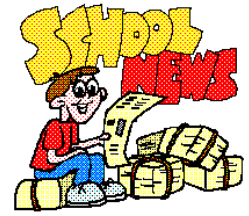
April 2	No School - Good Friday
April 5	Faculty Meeting
April 7	Marks Close
April 7	Whitin PTO Meeting
April 9	Grade 7-8 School Dance
April 12	Report Cards Sent Home
April 13	District Wide Choral Concert

April 14
April 19-23
April 30

School Council Meeting
Spring Vacation
Bike Safety Presentation to Grade 5



WHITIN MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENT NEWSLETTER March 2010



Half-Day for Students on March 12

Whitin Middle School students will be dismissed from school at 10:15 on Friday, March 12. Teachers in all Uxbridge Public Schools will be attending afternoon meetings to work on various curriculum assignments and projects.

Superintendent's Gala sponsored by the Uxbridge Education Foundation

Are you looking to chase away the winter doldrums? Would you like to go out and listen to a great band while supporting a great cause that provides grants and scholarships to the teachers and students of Uxbridge Public Schools? Have you bought your tickets for the Gala yet? Please stop by the office in your building to get your tickets! The theme this year is 50's and dress is casual. This event will be held on Saturday, March 13 from 6 – 11PM. Tickets are \$35 per person or \$60 per couple.

Celebrating the Arts on March 10

The Uxbridge Public Schools presents the 3rd Annual "Celebration of the Arts" event on Tuesday, March 9 at Whitin School. The event will feature an art show in the Whitin School Library highlighting work from Taft, Whitin and UHS art students. The Art Show will be open to the public from 8 AM- 3 PM and 5:30 PM - 8:00 PM. In addition to the artwork displays, there will also be musical performances by students from Taft and Whitin throughout the day. In the evening, the "Celebration of the Arts" events continue with "Music and Meatballs" in the Whitin School cafeteria. The menu will include salad, pasta, meatballs, breadsticks, desserts and beverages. Entertainment will be provided by the Whitin Middle School and UHS Jazz Bands and the UHS Rock/Blues Bands. The dinner concert begins at 6:00 PM. Admission for "Music and Meatballs" is \$8.00 for adults, \$5.00 for students and \$25.00 for a family pass. Tickets are available through the Whitin School office or at the door.

Action Packed Activity Night for your children

A special activity night is scheduled for Saturday March 13th, 2010 from 5pm-12 midnight at the Whitin Middle School. This is an opportunity for adults to have a night out, while the children enjoy an evening of entertaining activities. A group of teachers and paraprofessionals, parents, PTO members, Girl Scouts, student council members, and Community of Caring teams will gather together on this evening to provide top quality care for children from Preschool through grade 8. Children will have an opportunity to bake their own pizza, play a variety of scheduled games and activities in the gym (dodge ball, whiffle ball, sponge ball, tag, etc.), build woodworking crafts, paint, play carnival games, watch movies, eat snacks, relax with friends, and much more all in a safe and secure environment! Advanced registration is not required, drop-ins welcome! Cost is \$15.00 per child or \$40.00 family maximum and includes dinner.

Community of Caring Family Bingo Night

Our first ever Community of Caring Family Bingo Night will be hosted by who other than our very own Dr. Boyaj in the Whitin Cafeteria on Friday March 26th, 2010 at 6pm! Come and enjoy a fun filled evening of raffles, bingo, and food that the whole family will enjoy! One cover

charge of \$5 gets you involved in bingo for the entire evening. Additional opportunities to purchase raffle tickets for a variety of baskets will be made available the evening of the event. We hope to see you and your family there!

Student vs Faculty Basketball on March 19

The annual Student vs Faculty basketball game, known as “March Madness,” will be played in the Whitin gym on Friday, March 19, starting at 2:00 PM. Student members of the Whitin boys’ and girls’ basketball teams will play against members of the faculty. Cost of admission will be \$2.00 per person. Profit from the game will help to fund this year’s school yearbook as well as activities sponsored by the School Climate Committee. Parents are invited to join in “March Madness.”

PTO News

8th Grade Reminder: Please remember to send in your pictures for the 8th grade slide show. You can send in 5-6 group photos and 1 individual picture of your child. Please label who is in the picture and when it was taken. If you have any questions, please email me at nancyhanson@verizon.net Thank you.

**Thank you to everyone for participating in the Cookie Dough Fundraiser
Reminder: Pick up on March 24th from 2 – 7 PM**

Note from the Nurse...

Sign-ups for spring sports at the Whitin Middle School will be soon. Any student trying out for spring track, baseball or girls softball will need a current physical exam on file **prior to the first tryout.** If your child has had a physical exam within the last year, he/she will be cleared for sports. Please contact Mrs. Donahue if you have any questions.

**Please See the Attached MCAS Schedules for March & May
All MCAS Schedules can also be viewed on the school
website:
Uxbridgeschools.com**

Dr. Ronald J. Farrar, Principal
Amy Puliafico, Assistant Principal

March 3, 2010



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NELMS Spotlight School

Dr. Ronald J. Farrar, Principal

Amy Puliafico, Assistant Principal

Date: March 1, 2010
To: Whitin School Faculty
From: Mr. Farrar & Ms. Puliafico
Re: Faculty Meeting

Faculty Meeting Agenda for March 1, 2010

- Student Performance: James Aldrich
- Carrots
- Superintendent's Gala
- Curriculum Day: March 12 (Periods 8,7,6,5)
 - Schedule on Back
- Budget
- State Ethics Training
- Grading Timeline
 - Grades Due by March 11
 - Progress Reports go home March 15
- Community of Caring Update: Nadine Clifford
- Celebration of the Arts: Kathy Penza
- May MCAS Schedule attached
- Bullying Survey
- State of the District Address: Superintendent Zini

Team Leaders:

Gr. 5: Terri Larsen (102) Gr. 7: Barbara Beane (203)
Gr. 6: Kim Mulderig (206) Gr. 8: Diana Daugherty(219) U.A.: Caroline
Zani(216)

Upcoming Events:

March 3	PTO Monthly Meeting - 6:30PM in Library
March 8	Community of Caring Faculty Meeting
March 9	Celebration of the Arts District Wide
March 9	Music & Meatballs @ 6PM: Whitin Cafeteria
March 11	Community of Caring Student Meeting
March 12	Curriculum Half-Day
March 12	Staff Breakfast: Sponsored by Grade 8
March 13	Superintendent's Gala
March 19	March Madness
March 22	MCAS Begins
March 26	Community of Caring Bingo Night @ 6PM: Whitin Cafeteria
April 2	No School: Good Friday
April 5	Whitin Faculty Meeting

Class Schedule for Friday, March 12

7:30-8:12	Period 8
8:13-8:55	Period 7
8:56-9:38	Period 6
9:39-10:10	Period 5 (shortened)
10:10-10:17	Homeroom & Bus Dismissal
10:30 -11:15	Staff Lunchtime (BYOL)
11:15- 1:45	Curriculum Work

Whitin Middle School PTO
Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, February 3, 2010

Attendance:

Deb Blackburn, Andrea Consoletti, Laura Derderian, Ron Farrar, Nancy Hanson, Kris Holt, Sandra Horan, Kay Klos, Nancy Lemire, Karen Mages, Michaelle Phillips, Kim Rexford, Tracy Wagner

Review of Meeting Minutes:

Minutes from January meeting were accepted as written.

Review of Treasurer's Report:

The treasurer's report was accepted with a balance of \$19,781.43.

Calendar of Upcoming Events:

- 2/1 Report cards go home
- 2/3 Assembly Gr. 7 & 8- "Remote Control"
- 2/4 Community of Caring- Sorting Coats
- 2/5 Early Dismissal/ Parent Teacher Conferences
- 2/8 Cookie Dough Fundraiser info. sent home
- 2/8 Variety Show Dress Rehearsal
- 2/10 Variety Show 7pm
- 2/11 Variety Show Snow Date
- 2/15-2/19 Winter Vacation
- 2/22 Classes Resume
- 2/26 Cookie Dough Fundraiser ends

Whitin School News:

- 2/12- Moment of Silence in memory of Dan Stefanilo; also high five Friday (2/21) marks the anniversary of his death.
- More than 600 coats were donated to One Warm Coat
- Student Council is holding a fundraiser (Helping Haiti 1 hand at a time- change is being collected with a goal of raising \$100 a week)

Box Tops Update:

- \$117- collected this month
- Kaylee Olson- Grade 6 was the GC winner this month
- \$202 to submit bringing us to a total of \$750 for the year

Cookie Dough Fundraiser Update:

- Information is going home on 2/4 to start on 2/8
- 2/26 sale ends
- 3/24 delivery
- Each student that sells 3 or more will receive an entertainment book (1 per family)

8th Grade Activities:

- Pictures are still needed for the 8th grade video

Tentative Dates for 8th grade:

- 6/1 Six Flags Trip
- 6/10 Debates
- 6/14 Dinner Dance
- 6/21 Promotion Night
- 6/22 Last Day all students
- If we have more snow days these dates will change

Teacher Appreciation:

- 5/3-5/7 (5/7 is a half day)
- PTO will provide the teachers with fruit on Monday, Lunch on Wednesday, and breakfast on Friday of that week
- PTO is looking for gift suggestions
- Colleen's Catering has been used in the past for the luncheon, however, they have gone out of business and new suggestions for a cater are needed

Gala Update:

- 3/13 at Blissful Meadows
- Tickets are \$35 each or \$60 a couple
- PTO will be donating a basket for the silent auction
- PTO will purchase 4 tickets to be raffled off to staff

Teacher Requests:

- \$2,850 requested for tickets to Six Flags for 8th grade (PTO will be reimbursed)
- Lunch will be provided for 8th graders this year at Six Flags

New Business:

- Taft PTO is looking for volunteers for the ABC Fair on Feb. 6th from 10am-4pm

Meeting Adjourned at 7:13pm.

Next PTO meeting will be **Wednesday, March 3, 2010 at 6:30pm** in the Whitin Library.

Submitted by,
Tracy Wagner
Whitin PTO
Secretary



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Amy Puliafico, Assistant Principal

DATE: March 10, 2010
TO: Whitin School Council
FROM: Dr. Farrar & Ms. Puliafico
RE: School Council Agenda

School Council Agenda for March 11, 2010

- Class Placement Letter to Parent
- Bullying Policy
- School Improvement Changes
- Handbook Review

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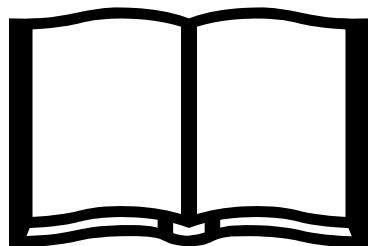
Dear Parents,

Whatever grade your child is in, from 5th to 8th, you understand how quickly time passes as the years go by. Luckily, you can preserve some of these moments of time for your son or daughter in a special way – by ordering a 2010 yearbook today!

Through extensive coverage of academics, activities, student life and individuals, the yearbook promises to provide an informative and entertaining record of the year. No matter how many years pass, your child will always treasure the memories preserved in the 2010 yearbook. This is the only chance to order a yearbook for your child, yourself and perhaps other relatives! And this is the only yearbook we are printing this year...so please fill out the order form below, cut it off, enclose your payment, and return to the Yearbook Advisor.

Sincerely,

The Yearbook Staff

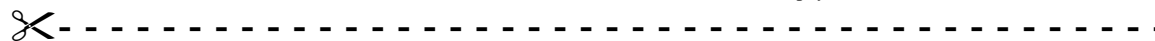


Order the Whitin Middle School Yearbook By Friday, April 30, 2010

*Detach the form below and return with payment to:

The Whitin Middle School Yearbook Advisor

Detach and send in with payment



Student Name: _____ Grade: _____ Homeroom: _____

If payment is for more than one student, please indicate quantity and include additional names

■ 2010 Whitin Middle School Yearbook... _____ @ \$ 20.00 = \$ _____ Check # _____

Total of all items ordered: \$ _____

*Please make checks payable to Whitin Middle School

*Return or Mail to Yearbook Advisor at the Whitin Middle School, 120 Granite St., Uxbridge, MA 01569



Whitin Middle School

April 2010



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 MCAS Gr.7 ELA2	2 Good Friday No School	3
4 	5 MCAS Gr.8 ELA2 Faculty Meeting 1:45 in Library 2:20 Health Ins. Review with Kelly Poulin	6 Drama Club Rehearsal Until 4:30pm	7 Marks Close 3 rd Quarter MCAS Gr.7 Make-up MCAS Gr.8 Make-up PTO Meeting 6:30pm	8 Drama Club Rehearsal Until 4:30pm	9 Dance Gr. 7&8 7-9 pm Drama Club Rehearsal Until 4:30pm Reading Time 9:55am	10
11	12 Report Cards Sent Home Central District Rehearsal 3-7:30 Southborough	13 Whitin/UHS Choral Concert 7:00pm  Drama Club Rehearsal Until 4:30pm	14 School Council 12:30 Library	15 Drama Club Rehearsal Until 4:30pm	16 Drama Club Rehearsal Until 4:30pm Reading Time 1:00pm	17
18	19 Patriot's Day No School	20 Spring Vacation	21 Spring Vacation Administration Professionals Day	22 Spring Vacation 	23 Spring Vacation	24
25	26	27 Drama Club Rehearsal Until 4:30pm	28 Central District Rehearsal 3-7:30 Southborough	29 Drama Club Rehearsal Until 4:30pm	30  Drama Club Rehearsal Until 4:30pm Reading Time 7:55am	