

Operational Report – May 2010
Dr. Ron Farrar, Principal

Overview of Activities for April

- Whitin School Monthly Faculty Meeting on May 3
- Whitin Middle School PTO Monthly Meeting on May 6
- District Curriculum Day on May 7
- Whitin Drama Production on May 14
- Whitin Spirit Week May 24-28
- Grade 6 Science Fair on May 26
- Whitin School Council Meeting at 1:00PM on May 26
- Flying Squadron Memorial Day Assembly on May 28
- Grade 5 Whale Watch Field Trip on May 28
- Whitin Band Marching in Memorial Day Parade on May 31

Subject/Course/Classroom Activities

Monthly Faculty Meeting: The monthly meeting for Whitin School faculty was held on Monday, May 3. The faculty meeting agenda included attention to the following topics: curriculum planning projects, MCAS testing, report card timeline, and an update on the budget. A copy of the complete faculty meeting agenda is attached.

May MCAS Testing Completed: Whitin students completed Multiple MCAS sessions in Mathematics and Science & Technology during the month of May. Students in grades 5-8 participated in Mathematics MCAS sessions 1 & 2. Students in grades 5 & 8 also participated in the MCAS Science & Technology testing sessions 1 & 2. There were 18 different testing sessions completed by middle school students from May 11 - 26. Whitin Faculty did a wonderful job communicating with each other during this time.

Community Bus Tour: 11 Whitin students attended a community bus tour with the Superintendent and other community leaders to conduct a needs assessment of the town. We are very proud of the student students who willingly participated in this event.

Grades 5 & 6 Social: On May 27th, students in grades 5 & 6 were treated to their last social of the school year. PTO assisted by providing popcorn, water and adult supervision during games and activities. Thank you to our Whitin Faculty members who volunteered to be with our students during this event.

Whitin Drama Club: Over 60 students from grades 5,6,7,8 performed a musical titled The Royal Bachelor. Two performances were held on Friday May 21, 2010 at 3:00 and 7:00 P.M. We are very proud of our middle school drama club members and Mrs. O'Brien for their hard work and dedication making this event a success.

PTO Reports and Parent Information

PTO Monthly Meeting: Whitin School PTO held its monthly meeting on Wednesday, May 5, 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:

June 1 Grade 8 Trip to Six Flags New England
June 2 Whitin PTO Meeting @ 6:30
June 4 Great East Festival for Band Members
June 7 Whitin Faculty Meeting @ 1:50
June 7 4th Grade Move Up Day
June 7 4th Grade Parent Move Up Night @ 7:00
June 8 Spring Concert A
June 9 Spring Concert B
June 10 Grade 6 Teambuilding Field Trip to YMCA
June 11 Grade 7 Trip to Patriot's Place
June 17 Grade 8 Debates Finals @ 6:00
June 21 Grade 8 Dinner Dance @ 6:00
June 22 Grade 8 Promotion Night @ 6:00



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NELMS Spotlight School

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

Date: May 3, 2010
To: Whitin School Faculty
From: Mr. Farrar & Ms. Puliafico
Re: Faculty Meeting

Faculty Meeting Agenda for May 3, 2010

- Carrots
- Lockdown/Evacuation Report
- Teacher Appreciation Activities
 - Monday, May 3 Fruit Bowl
 - Tuesday, May 4 Staff Appreciation Breakfast
 - Wednesday, May 5 PTO Catered Luncheon & Gift
 - Thursday, May 6 Gift from Student Council
 - Friday, May 7 Calendar from PTO
- MCAS Testing Schedule May 10-27
 - Schedule Attached
- Curriculum Day: May 7th (1-2-3-4)
 - Math Placements
 - MCAS Planning
 - Other Curriculum Projects (Maps, Storytown, Key 3, etc.)
- Progress Report Timeline
 - May 18 Grades Close
 - May 20 Enter Grades into IPASS
 - May 24 Progress Reports Go Home
- School Council Update
- Agenda Cover Contest
- Community of Caring Update
- Kelly Poulin: Health Insurance Update

- Upcoming End of Year Events:
 - May 5 PTO: 6:30 pm in Library
 - May 7 Curriculum Day (5-6-7-8)
 - May 21 Drama Performance: 3:00 & 8:00
 - May 26 Grade 6 Science Fair: 6:00
 - May 28 Grade 5 Field Trip
 - May 28 Flying Squadron
 - June 1 Grade 8 Six Flags Trip
 - June 2 PTO Meeting: 6:30
 - June 4 Great East Festival for Band Members
 - June 7 Move-up Day for Grade 4 Students
 - June 7 Move-up Night for Grade 4 Parents
 - June 8 Spring Concert A
 - June 9 Spring Concert B
 - June 10 Grade 6 Field Trip: YMCA Teambuilding
 - June 11 Grade 7 Field Trip: Boston Museum of Science
 - June 17 Grade 8 Debate Finals
 - June 21 Grade 8 Dinner Dance
 - June 22 Grade 8 Promotion Night

Whitin Middle School PTO
Wednesday, May 5, 2010
6:30pm in the Whitin Library

Agenda

- Review April Meeting Minutes
- Review Treasurer's Report
- Calendar of Upcoming Events/ Whitin School News
- Update on Teacher Appreciation Week (May3-7)
- Box Tops Update
- Grade 8 End of Year Activities
- Grade 8 Slide Show Update
- Grade 4 Move Up Day
- Teacher Requests
- New Business

Whitin Middle School PTO
Meeting Minutes
May 5, 2010

Attendance:

Andrea Consoletti, Laura Derderian, Nancy Hanson, Kay Klos, Karen Mages, Anne Maloney, Michaelle Phillips, Amy Puliafico, Kim Rexford, Tracy Wagner

Review of Meeting Minutes:

Minutes from April 14, 2010 PTO meeting were accepted as written.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer's report was approved with a balance of \$18,985.38.

Whitin School News:

- Handbook changes went home.
- Terrific Teacher Coupons started this week and will be ongoing.
- Agenda Cover Contest entries are due by May 14th.

Upcoming Events:

- 4/30 School had lockdown/evacuation drill
- 5/1 Central District Concert, 2-4pm, Bellingham HS
- 5/5 Staff Appreciation Luncheon given by PTO
- 5/7 Curriculum Day/ Half Day
- 5/8 Car Wash/ Can Drive for Community of Caring
- 5/10 & 5/12 MCAS/ Gr. 8 Math
- 5/11 & 5/13 MCAS/ Gr. 5 Math
- 5/14 MCAS Make-up
- 5/17 & 5/ 19 MCAS/ Gr. 6 Math & Gr. 5 Science
- 5/18 & 5/20 MCAS/ Gr. 7 Math
- 5/21 MCAS Make-up
- 5/21 School Play 3:00pm & 8:00pm
- 5/24 Progress Reports Go Home
- 5/24 MCAS/ Gr. 5 Make-up/ Gr. 8 Science
- 5/26 School Council/ 12:30pm in library
- 5/26 Gr. 6 Science Fair
- 5/26 Sad Presentation/ HS in evening
- 5/27 Gr. 5 & 6 Social/ 1:45-3:30pm.
- 5/28 Memorial Day Observance 8:45am

- 5/28 Gr. 5 Whale Watch
- 5/31 NO School/ Memorial Day
- 6/7 Gr. 4 Move-up Day & Night
- 6/19 & 6/22 Election Dates for new HS

Teacher Appreciation Week Update:

- Everything went well. Luncheon went very smoothly as did the rest of the week.

Box Tops Update:

- There will be 1 more drawing this school year
- \$228.89 was made last month
- Monthly Drawing winner for April was Haylee Ouellette Grade 5

Grade 8 Activities Update:

- 6/1 Six Flags Field Trip
- 6/4 Great East Band Trip
- 6/17 Debate (Final round in the PM)
- 6/21 Dinner Dance (6-9pm)
- 6/22 Promotion Night (6pm)
- 6/23 Last Day of School for the rest of the school
- 8th Grade Video- Approx. 9 students missing pictures/ They will be sold for \$5.00 at Promotion Night

Teacher Requests:

- Gr. 6 Science Ribbons reimbursement-\$94.75-APPROVED
- Gr. 8 field trip to Six Flags/ busses \$2227.50- APPROVED
- Gr. 7 bus \$ for field trip to Patriot Place \$906.75- APPROVED

New Business:

- Something will be done for the secretaries and Nurse in honor of Secretary's Day & Nurse's Day
- Karen Mages and Sue Bell have come forward with interest in possibly taking on a board role for the 2010-2011 school year
- Yankee Candle Fundraiser dates have been set for the fall

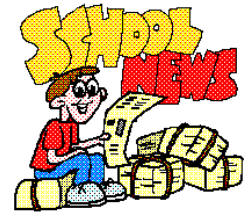
Meeting Adjourned at 7:46pm.

Next PTO meeting is **Wednesday, June 2, 2010 at 6:30pm** in the Whitin Library.

Submitted by,
Tracy Wagner
Whitin PTO
Secretary



WHITIN MIDDLE SCHOOL PARENT NEWSLETTER May 2010



Early Dismissal for Students on May 8

Whitin Middle School students will be dismissed from school at 10:15 AM on Friday, May 7th. Teachers in all the Uxbridge Public Schools will be attending afternoon meetings to work on various curriculum assignments and projects.

Mid-Term Progress Reports

May 18th marks the mid-point of the final quarter at Whitin Middle School. Teachers will be spending the following days averaging grades and completing progress reports for all students. Parents can expect children to bring home Progress Reports during the last week of May.

MCAS Test Schedule

All Whitin students in grades 5-8 will be participating in MCAS testing during the three-week period from May 10 to May 27. The complete MCAS test schedule for Whitin students is attached.

Whitin Drama Presentation

Approximately 50 students in the Whitin Drama Club will be presenting *The Royal Bachelor* on **Friday, May 21st, at 3:00 and 8:00 P.M.** in the Whitin School cafeteria. Mark your calendar for this special production that is a clever mix of *Survivor*, *American Idol*, and *The Bachelor* but you've never seen them quite like this! Mix these popular reality TV shows together in a royal setting and you have a hilarious musical! Join us for the fun on May 21st.

Monthly PTO Meeting on May 5

The next monthly meeting of the Whitin Middle School PTO is scheduled for Wednesday, May 5, 2010 at 6:30pm in the school library. There are several openings on the PTO board. Please join us as we begin to look ahead to planning for next year.

Band Notes

The band program is gearing up for a busy May and June. There are extra rehearsals scheduled to prepare for both the Memorial Day Parade (all bands) on May 31st and the Great East Festival (Intermediate and Advanced Bands) that will be held on June 4th. In addition, the Advanced Band and Chorus will be performing at the Memorial Day Assembly on May 28th.

Spring Concerts are scheduled for June 8 (Beginner Band) and June 9 (Intermediate and Advanced Bands). Both concerts begin at 7:00 PM.

Highlight: On May 1st, seventh grade student **Pooja Amin** performed on her violin with the Massachusetts Music Educators Association Central District Junior Festival Orchestra. Pooja was selected by audition to participate in this ensemble. We are all proud of her.

Handbook Changes

The Whitin School Council has made some recent updates to the Student/Parent Handbook. These changes are listed in the attached memo. Please be sure to review these changes as they go into effect immediately.

Calendar of End-of-Year Events

May 5	PTO: 6:30 pm in Library
May 7	Curriculum Day (5-6-7-8)
May 21	Drama Performance: 3:00 & 8:00
May 26	Grade 6 Science Fair: 6:00
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June 22	Grade 8 Promotion Night
June 23	Last Day of School for grades 5-7



WHITIN MIDDLE SCHOOL
PARENT NEWSLETTER
May 2010



INFORMATION FOR PARENTS OF GRADE 8 STUDENTS

Grade 8 Dinner Dance – Monday, June 21st

This year's grade 8 dinner dance will be held at Arrowhead Acres (Pavilion 2) on Route 98 in Uxbridge on Monday, June 21, from 6:00 to 9:00 PM. Dinner will be served at 6:30 PM. There will be music and dancing throughout the evening. Parents are requested to pick up their children promptly at 9:00 PM following the dinner dance.

The dinner dance is free for all grade 8 students. This event represents the last opportunity for 8th graders to meet socially as a class. Students should not come with a date. Every student will be encouraged to socialize with every other student. There can be no outsiders or guests attending the dinner dance.

Students have been reminded that there are: no flowers, no prom gowns, no tuxedos, no dates, no guests, no hats, and no limousines. School rules and regulations relating to student conduct and dress code will be enforced at the dinner dance.

Appropriate dress for boys includes slacks with shirt and tie, collared shirt, or knit crew-neck. Suits are acceptable but don't expect the suit jacket to stay on for too long. Shoes are preferable; sneakers are allowed. Inappropriate attire for boys includes jeans, shorts, sandals, and T-shirts.

Proper attire for girls includes dresses, skirts, or dress slacks. Girls who are planning to wear dresses with "spaghetti straps" should bring a shawl or light jacket. School officials are trying to avoid dresses that are too revealing. Inappropriate attire for girls includes low cut dresses, any skirt/dress finger tip length or shorter and bare midriffs. Grade 8 girls have been told that the rule for proper attire is "better safe than sorry."

Grade 8 Promotion and Awards Ceremony

The Whitin School Grade 8 Promotion and Awards Ceremony will be held on Tuesday, June 22, at 6:00 PM in the Whitin Middle School Gymnasium. This event serves to recognize grade 8 students for their participation and achievement in a wide variety of academic, co-curricular, and athletic activities. Also, members of the grade 8 class will receive Promotion Certificates as part of this evening's ceremony. Parents and relatives are encouraged to attend.

We expect to be able to accommodate the attendance of about 500 parents/guests at the Promotion Night Ceremony. This means that three (3) parents/guests per student may attend the ceremony. Your understanding and cooperation in this matter are greatly appreciated.

Parking will be at a premium for parents and guests who attend the Promotion Night Ceremony. Following are some options and procedures relating to parking on Tuesday evening: (1) autos may be parked only along the school side of Granite Street, (2) early arrivers may find parking space in the rear of the school, (3) there should be plenty of parking at Taft and at UHS, (4) the Whitin School front circle shall be reserved only for handicapped parking.

Refreshments will be served in the Whitin School Cafeteria following the ceremony. Parents are asked to please donate baked goods. These may be brought to the Whitin School Cafeteria on promotion night.

Final Day for Grade 8 is June 22nd

The Promotion and Awards Ceremony represents the final and culminating event for our grade 8 students. For this reason, the final day of school for 8th graders will be Tuesday, June 22nd.

Reminder: Parents Are Asked to Please Donate Baked Goods

A Special Thanks to Parents for Four Wonderful Years

Best Wishes to Students for a Successful High School Experience



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136th ANNUAL MEMORIAL DAY SCHOOL VISITATION

Friday, May 28, 2010

8:45 AM:

Grades 5-6-7-8 (Gym)

Opening Exercises

Pledge to Flag – Dr. Ronald J. Farrar
National Anthem
Whitin Grade 7&8 Band

Welcome Address

Dr. Ronald J. Farrar, Principal

Chorus Selection

“America, of thee I Sing”

Whitin Grade 7&8 Band

“America the Beautiful”

Gettysburg Address:

Carly Alden

Moment of Silence:

Playing of Taps: Melissa Taylor
Verity Hirsch

Flying Squadron:

Jack Cnossen, Captain
Rev. Robert Howard
William Albin
Robert Burbank
John Keeler
Ernest Picard
Keri Robertson
Dennis Seely
KennethTrajonowski

Recessional

“Riders of the Southern Front”
Whitin Grade 7&8 Band



Whitin Middle School

June 2010



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Gr. 8 FT Six Flags	2 PTO Meeting 6:30 Library	3	4 Great East Festival Int. & Adv. Band Gr.6-8 Chorus	5
6	7 Gr. 4 Move Up Day Gr. 4 Move Up Night 7:00pm	8 Spring Concert A Beg. Band & Chorus 	9 Spring Concert B Int. & Adv. Bands	10 Gr. 6 YMCA Team Building	11 Gr.7 Patriot's Place Gr. 5 Spelling Bee 9:00am	12
13	14 Gr.8 Preliminary Debate Flag Day	15 Gr.8 Preliminary Debate	16 Gr. 8 Debate Practice (Day)	17 Gr. 8 Debate Finals (Evening) 6:00pm	18	19
20 	21 Gr. 8 Dinner Dance 6:00-9:00pm Summer Begins	22 Gr. 8 Promotion Night 6:00pm Gr. 7 Field Day	23 Last Day Early Dismissal 10:17am	24 	25	26
27	28	29	30			