

August 31, 2018

While it took us a little extra time to fall into routines this week, I am so incredibly proud of our students, staff and families for embracing our new building with such positivity and excitement. We had a wonderful first week and with each passing day everyone is settling in to our new procedures.

We had two very successful drills this week. One was a fire drill (evacuating the building) and the other was a lockdown drill (remaining in classrooms with locked doors). I like to practice these important emergency procedures the first couple days of school so that everyone knows what to do in case of a real emergency. The staff and students did an awesome job!!

Wednesday, September 12<sup>th</sup> is an early dismissal Wednesday. Students will be dismissed at 12:45.

If your child completed the summer work pack this summer, please return the signed summer work packet slip.

Please continue to send K/1 students to school wearing their lanyards. We will no longer need them after September 7th.

Car Rider Drop off Reminder...If you are going to get out to assist your child, please park the car. If you are going to let your child out of the car independently you can pull right up to the crossing area and let them out. Please let them out on the side where an adult is and not where there is passing traffic.

Car Rider Pick up...since we are sharing the car rider dismissal space with 4th R I'd like parents who are picking up to remain on the left side of the cafe by the door-there are a couple tables designated for car rider pick up. Remember to sign your child out. Thanks so much!

You may have noticed if you have visited the school this week that we have a Bay State Textiles box with the school logo on it. Please feel free to put shoes, towels, clothing and other textiles in the box. Pick up occurs each month and the school earns money based on the weight of the textiles deposited.

We are planning our Early Dismissal Wednesday after school programs. So far we plan to run a Lego Club, Art Club, Chess Club (grades 3-5). You will be receiving more information regarding these programs soon. Please reach out to Dionna Bellizzi if you have any questions. [dionnadanee@gmail.com](mailto:dionnadanee@gmail.com).

Each year we identify an area to improve upon in regards to our communication with families. This year we are really focusing on updating parents about student progress prior to parents receiving the progress reports. Each grade level will address this in a variety of ways. At Open House you will likely hear more about how your child's teacher plans to share updates throughout the year.

If your child requires medication at school, a parent should bring the medication in asap. Please do not send the medication in with your son or daughter.

From Officer Eckblom: It's back to school time again and our officers will be monitoring school zones for violations. We will be posting mobile speed monitors and message boards as a reminder. We will also be using motorcycles, as well as marked and unmarked cars to enforce the speed limits. Please be patient in school zones, particularly during these first few weeks as everyone learns a new schedule. The fine for passing a stopped school bus is \$50.00. Thank you for your assistance in keeping our students safe at bus stops and school zones.

Have a wonderful holiday weekend!

Upcoming Dates...

No School-Monday, September 3rd

Ice Cream Social-Friday, September 7th We are still looking for volunteers to help. Please go to the link below to help out!

[www.SignUpGenius.com/go/5080A4AADAA29A2FF2-volunteer](http://www.SignUpGenius.com/go/5080A4AADAA29A2FF2-volunteer)

PTO meeting-Tuesday, September 11th 6:00-7:30

Open House-Monday, September 17th 6:30-8

No School-Monday, September 10th and Wednesday, September 19th

Fondly, Michelle