

# Briggs At Large

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## MAY

30 Early Release 12:00 pm

## JUNE

3 Fine Arts Night

4 PTA Meeting, 6:30

12 School Council, 5:45

19 Last Day: 12:00 pm

## August

1 Class Lists Posted

20 - 21 Visit School, 1

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

## FINE ARTS NIGHT, JUNE 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### Annual 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Costume Parade

The entire fourth grade class will be participating in a book report-based costume parade on Wednesday, June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2008. The parade is scheduled to be held at 8:45 a.m. and parents are welcomed to attend. The 4<sup>th</sup> graders will be making a loop through the lobby and out to the front of the building (weather permitting) and parents may view from there. The children will be dressed in costumes representing a fictional or biographical character. The entire school will be given an opportunity to view the hard work and creativity of the fourth grade students as they complete their final book report project of the year.

Thank you to parents and families for supporting them, as they successfully completed their book report projects throughout the school year. It is our hope that the fourth graders continue their excellent reading habits throughout the summer months.

Thank you,  
The Fourth Grade Teachers

### **Visit School - Aug 20 - 21 10:00 am - 2:00 pm**

For the past few years we have offered students and parents an **informal** opportunity to visit the school before the start of the next school year.

We have designated two days this summer for these visits. This is an opportunity for your child to locate their new classroom and acclimate "back to school". Please do not look for your child's teachers; they will not be available. Classrooms may not be set up and ready, as this is also our opportunity to clean the school. Please understand if some areas are closed off due to classroom moves, painting, or floor cleaning.

Please stop in the office and let us know that you are visiting...we would love to say "Hi".

**Cookie Day  
May 29<sup>th</sup>  
75 cents**

*(after consuming lunch)*

### **Cell Phones**

We collect used cell phones to benefit the Nature's Classrooms Scholarship Fund. We can only send the phone (no chargers, cases, etc.)

**Collection box in the lobby**

### **MOVING?**

Will your child be with us next year? Are you moving? If your child will NOT be attending JRB next year, it would be helpful if you could notify the school office ASAP. Please send a letter or call (978-827-5750).

**6<sup>th</sup> Annual Dan Farrell Memorial  
3 on 3 Basketball  
Tournament  
June 14, 2008**

### **School Improvement Council**

**Congratulations! The following parents will be your representatives on the School Improvement Council for the 08 -09 school year:**

**Donna Michael  
Mary Egan**

**Tammy Johnson  
Carolyn Uminski**

***Lost & Found: the new collection is growing...check out the lobby!***

## Nurse News...

The warm weather is upon us, and with this brings more outdoor activities and fun in the sun! Just a quick reminder though to make sure that you apply sunscreen generously, approximately 20 minutes prior to going out in the sun. Make sure that it is at least SPF 15, and that you reapply after excessive sweating or swimming; making sure to avoid the eyes. The sunscreen sticks make facial application much easier, and less painful with regard to sunscreen getting in the eyes.

Also, after Memorial Day weekend I saw many, many children with an excessive amount of insect bites. Just a reminder to apply insect repellent before going outdoors. Parents can apply some to their hands and then carefully apply to face, ears, neck and hair. Pediatricians recommend using a regular, full strength Deet insect repellent. If your child has a medical issue that you may be concerned about regarding applying insect repellent, please contact your child's physician.

These are just a few recommendations to start spring/summer off on the right foot.

Just a reminder to parents who were notified that their child failed either the Vision, Hearing, or Postural Screenings to please send in completed referrals prior to the end of the school year.

## MUSIC News

### BAND:

Beginner Band Rehearsal: Thursday, 1:50-2:30 p.m.

Concert Band Rehearsal: Friday, 1:50 – 2:30 p.m.

### CHORUS:

All: Tuesdays, 3:00 – 4:00, Select Chorus: Tuesdays, 4:00 – 4:30

**Stay tuned...we are planning a Fall Fun Day  
Saturday, September 27, 2008.**

**Group Effort: PTA**

**Extended Day**

**JRB enrichment Fund**

**We will need lots of help, please contact us  
now as we are in the planning stages.**

**Crafts....."Boot" Sale**

**Fun Activities**

**BBQ**

**Baked Sale**

**Chinese Auction**

**Save the Date!**

### Third Grade News

The third graders will be going on a field trip to the Meetinghouse Cemetery at the end of May. This field trip will enhance our understanding of the Revolutionary War era. The stones feature typical and unusual examples of gravestone artwork.

The published books were recently given out to the children. The books turned out wonderfully and the children are very proud of their accomplishment. We recommend that you purchase the 4<sup>th</sup> grade tool kit. It is an easy way to get the supplies you need without purchasing unnecessary materials. MCAS testing is done for the year. You can expect the results in the fall.

Homework will conclude after the Memorial weekend. Thanks for all your support!

Over the summer review math facts and READ, READ, READ and READ *some more*.

**Have a safe and wonderful summer,**

### Field Day

#### Volunteers Needed!

If you would like to volunteer for Field Day, please contact Ms. Cook. The dates are June 4<sup>th</sup>; K – 2 and June 5<sup>th</sup>, Gr. 3 – 5. email [kcook@awrsd.org](mailto:kcook@awrsd.org) or send a note.

### What are you wearing on your feet?

Remember...no sandals on the playground or in gym. Sneakers are a must!

**Reminder: No electronic devices should come to school, i.e. cell phones, ipods, Gameboys, dvd plays, mp3 players, and the list goes on. Keep them at home!**

**Exception: For Music Classes with Mr. Seeger's permission.**

### Art Show Help Needed

I am looking for some parent/community volunteers to help put up the student art show. We will start at 8:30 on Mon. June 2, it should take just a few hours. If you are interested please call the school and leave a message 978-827-5750, or send me an email at: [mrichard@awrsd.org](mailto:mrichard@awrsd.org)  
Thank You!

Mrs. Richard  
Art Teacher

### Support the China Earthquake Victims

We have a small group of fifth grade students who have organized an effort to help the people in China who suffered from the earthquake. We are raising money for the victims. All donations will be sent to the American Red Cross for their benefit. Stop in and see our donation box in the front office. Drop in your spare change.

Thanks...HG, MW, SL, KN

### CATCH ALL THE SOX TOPS

Please save the caps from each Hood Light Block Bottle.