

# Briggs At Large

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"Educating for Success, Now and in the Future"

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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  
26 First day of classes;  
Gr. 1 - 5  
29 No School  
September  
1 Labor Day, No School  
2 Kindergarten First Day

## 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

## LAST DAY: JUNE 19<sup>TH</sup>, 12:00 PM.

Thank you, Everyone!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our students, staff, parents, and community for making this a fantastic year. We had one of our best academic growth years, with students improving as evidenced by MCAS scores. I give credit to our curriculum, teachers, and parent support. This has also been a year in which we have seen less behavior issues; consistent behavior programming, anti-bullying policy, and once again your support is appreciated.

Next year we will implement full day kindergarten for all incoming kindergarten students. We received a state grant to help support this initiative. This is a fantastic opportunity for our young learners.

Our school will look a little different next year, as we re-locate classrooms and staff. We may not have a "new" Briggs, yet, but we are trying to keep it fresh and new for our students.

Thank you for everything you do,  
Mrs. Wright

## 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".

## CATCH ALL THE SOX TOPS

Please save the caps from each Hood Light Block Bottle.

## School Improvement Council Meeting

June 12, 2008

5:45 p.m. - JRB Library

Learn more about the Over-ride vote & Feasibility Study

Make an informed decision!

Vote....June 17, 2008 at JRB

*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.

## COMMUNITY FORUM:

### KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION

**Monday, June 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**6:30 pm**

#### **Overlook Middle School**

**Would you like to know more? Do you still have unanswered questions?**

Further information will be given and additional questions will be answered by: Administrators, Kindergarten teachers, School Committee members, the Superintendent and parent representatives.

Babysitting services will be available upon request (978) 874-7312.

#### **From the Library**

All library books are due back on Tuesday, June 10<sup>th</sup>. Please help your children locate any missing library materials and return them as soon as possible.

Please also encourage your children to do some reading everyday during the summer. It helps them so much to become better readers! Stevens Memorial Library in the center of Ashburnham is also open all summer and there is a summer reading program there for all children. Hope you can participate!

#### **From Technology**

Many thanks to all the families who donated used ink jet printer cartridges during the school year. We raised a little over \$200 this year by sending the cartridges in for recycling. The money will be used to pay for new hardware and software for the school's computer lab. Please save your cartridges over the summer. We will continue the recycling program next year.

## **Fall Fun Family Day Saturday, September 27, 2008**

**10:00 am – 2:00 pm**

We are in the infancy stages of planning this day at John R. Briggs Elementary School. This is a joint venture between AWRSD Extended Day and the JRB Enrichment Program. Below are a few of the events we hope to offer on this day; we are hoping you will consider volunteering to spearhead one of these events. Our next planning meeting is Wednesday, June 25, 2008 – 6:30 pm in the JRB Cafeteria.

“Boot” Sale – yard sale from your car

Chinese Auction

Bake Sale & Coffee

Area Crafters

BBQ – burgers and hot dogs/chips/soda

Kid's Activities- make and take

Carnival – Blow Ups for the gym

Volunteer Coordinator

Parking and Grounds

Farmer's Market

Join us – please consider volunteering to help make this a great family event and raise funds to support Extended Day Scholarship Fund and the Enrichment Fund.

We would love to hear from you...send an email: [cwright@awrsd.org](mailto:cwright@awrsd.org)

## **THANK YOU!**

### **Parent Ice Cream Social Volunteers**

The 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes would like to thank the parent volunteers and all the “yummy” ice cream donations for our year-end Ice Cream Social.

We are planning a great afternoon of making and eating ice cream and some fun local singing and “shillin” with our friends!



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Thanks-  
Mrs. Davis  
Mrs. Pinsoneault,