



Westport Middle School ***March 2010***



SPECIAL TOWN MEETING-MARCH 9

On Friday, February 12, 2010, Dr. Colley met with a number of staff members throughout the district to inform them that their positions would be cut as of March 15, 2010 due to a shortfall in the FY10 school budget. The loss of these positions would be devastating to the students and programs here at Westport Middle School. We would have no Spring sports. Class size in grade 8 could go as high as 33 students. The decrease of administrative staff will make the day to day running of the building extremely difficult. To prevent these cuts from occurring, a special town meeting has been scheduled for March 9, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. in the Westport High School Auditorium. The purpose of this meeting is to request that up to \$150,000 be transferred from Westport's Stabilization Fund to the FY 10 School Budget. In order for this to pass, a 2/3 positive vote will be required. Please make every effort to attend this special town meeting on March 9. Your support is crucial to the education of our kids!

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations to the students who participated in the Jr. District auditions. Keren Satkin was chosen to play the flute and Marc Weaver was chosen to sing in the mixed chorus. These concerts will take place on March 6th at Attleboro High school. Chorus is at 1:00 and Band is at 3:00. Each concert costs \$8.00 and tickets may be purchased at the door.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- March 1- Grade 7 ELA Long Composition Simulation**
- March 1- Second Washington Payment Due**
- March 4-Winer Sports Banquet-6:00 P.M. WMS Cafeteria**
- March 5-Dorothy Cox Fundraiser Brochures due**
- March 6-District Concert-Attleboro High School**
- March 9-School Committee Meeting-5:00 P.M. WHS Cafeteria**
- March 9-SPECIAL TOWN MEETING-7:00 P.M. WHS Auditorium**
- March 11-Massasoit League Spelling Competition**
- March 11-WMSA Meeting-6:00 P.M. WMS Cafeteria**
- March 12- ½ day for students-Dismissal at 11:00 A.M. (no lunches)**
- March 12- WMS Band performs at Providence Bruins**
- March 15- MCAS ELA Simulation-Grades 5-8**
- March 16-Term 3 Progress Reports Issued**
- March 18-School Council Meeting-2:10-WMS Media Center**
- March 18- Parent/Teacher Conferences-6:00 to 8:00 P.M.-WMS**
- March 22- MCAS ELA Long Composition-Grade 7**
- March 23-School Committee Meeting-5:00 P.M. WHS Cafeteria**
- March 24- MCAS ELA Session 1-Grades 5-8**
- March 25-MCAS ELA Session 2-Grades 5-8**
- March 26-WMSA Dance/Movie-6:30 P.M.**
- March 27- WMSA Pancake Breakfast-8:00 to 11:00 A.M. WMS Cafeteria**
- March 31- MCAS ELA Long Composition make-up day**
- April-Final Washington Payment Due**
- April 2-No School-Good Friday**

GRADE 8 WASHINGTON TRIP –FINAL PAYMENT DUE

A reminder to Grade 8 students attending the trip to Washington D.C. in June that the second payment of \$130 is due no later than March 1. The final payment of \$100 will be due no later than April 1. All payments should be in the form of a check made out to WMSA with the student's name written on the check. Checks should be handed to Mrs. Rose in Rm. 278 during homeroom time. Roommate assignment will not be accepted until the balance is paid in full. Thank you for your cooperation.

WINTER SPORTS BANQUET

The sports banquet for our boys and girls basketball teams as well as our cheerleaders will take place on Thursday, March 4, 2010 at 6:00 P.M. in the Westport Middle School Cafeteria. Congratulations to all for another amazing season. Both the girls and boys basketball teams were named Massasoit League Basketball Champions for the 2010 season.

MCAS TESTING!!!

MCAS testing in English Language Arts will begin on Monday March 22, 2010. In order for children to perform successfully on the MCAS test it is important that they get proper rest and eat a good breakfast. Please make every effort to see that you child is in school, on time, and well rested. All students present and on time each day of MCAS testing will be entered into a raffle at the conclusion of the May testing period. Through the Horace Mann PASS Program, one student in each grade will be awarded an IPOD. Please note the schedule below:

March 22- Grade 7 ELA Long Composition
March 24-Grades 5-8 ELA Session 1
March 25-Grades 5-8 ELA Session 2
March 31-Grade 7 ELA Long Composition Make-up Day

WMSA NEWS

On Saturday, March 27, 2010, the Westport Middle School Association will hold its annual "Flip into Spring" Pancake Breakfast and Book Sale from 8:00 A.M. to 11:00 A.M. in the Westport Middle School Cafeteria. The menu will consist of pancakes with butter and syrup, sausage, juice and coffee. Tickets, at \$5.00/adult and \$3.00/child, can be purchased in advance at Westport Middle School or at the door. This will also be a great opportunity for you to restock your bookshelves for the unbelievable price of \$0.50 for paperbacks and \$1.00 for hard cover books. Ms. McGuire will also be displaying student art work. What a great way to start a Saturday morning with a delicious breakfast and a good book. Hope to see you there.

The WMSA has invited Dr. Colley to speak at the pancake breakfast. There will be 2 presentations, one at 8:45 A.M. and a second at 10:15 A.M. Please plan on staying for one of Dr. Colley's presentations.

Anyone wishing to donate books for our book sale may do so by bringing them to the Westport Middle School main office M-F from 7:00 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. The deadline for book drop off will be March 26.

The Dorothy Cox Fund Raiser Brochures are due on Friday, March 5th. These chocolates make great Easter gifts. The top 3 sellers will win a \$25 gift card to Best Buy.

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Our final evening of parent/teacher conferences will take place on Thursday, March 18th from 6:00 to 8:00 P.M. This is an opportunity for you to meet with your child's teachers to discuss progress and ways you can support your child at home. Please support the education of your child by attending this parent/teacher conference.