

Newsletter ~ March 22, 2019

Dear Students, Staff, and Families,

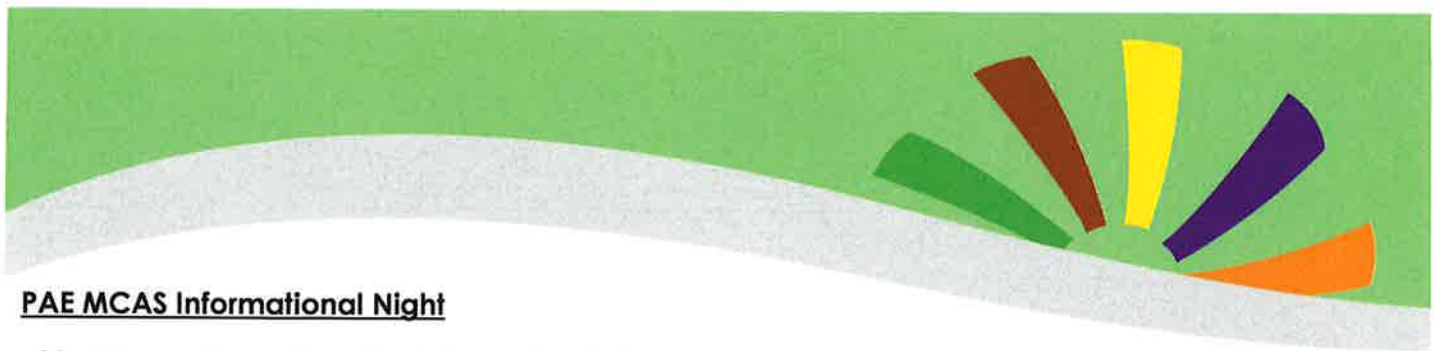
MCAS

We are entering the MCAS season for grades 3 through 10. For the first time this year, high school students will be taking the Next Generation MCAS assessments for English Language Arts and Mathematics on the computer. The 10th grade students will be taking the English Language Arts assessments on March 26th and 27th; the Mathematics assessments on May 21st and May 22nd; the Science, Technology & Engineering assessments on June 4th and 5th; and new this year all grade 9 students taking the operational high school Biology or Introductory Physics test are expected to take the *field test* in the same subject (with the exception of students who require certain accommodations).

Our elementary and middle school students will be taking the English Language Arts assessments during the April 1st - May 3rd testing window and Mathematics and Science, Technology & Engineering during the April 2nd - May 4th testing window. Building principals will be sending home more information about each school's testing schedule and more information related to having students being well rested and to school on time. It is important for us to encourage our students to do their best on these state mandatory assessments.

Dates to Remember

- ♣ March 26th ~ PAE
Parent Informational Evening
- ♣ March 26th + 27th ~ BHS
Next Generation MCAS ~ ELA
- ♣ March 27th ~ 6:00pm
College Admissions Night @ BHS
- ♣ March 27th ~ 5:30pm
ELL Parent Advisory Group
- ♣ March 29th ~ 1:30pm
First grade will be performing
their spring concert "Round and
Round the Seasons Go"
- ♣ April 1st - May 3rd ~ WMS
Next Generation MCAS ~ ELA
- ♣ April 2nd - May 4th ~ WMS
Next Generation MCAS ~ Math,
Science, Technology & Engineering
- ♣ April 30th ~ Time TBA
WMS Math Evening
- ♣ May 21st + 22nd ~ BHS
Next Generation MCAS ~ Math
- ♣ June 4th + 5th ~ BHS
Next Generation MCAS ~
Science, Technology & Engineering



PAE MCAS Informational Night

109, 3rd and 4th grade parents have RSVP'd and signed up to attend the upcoming **PAE MCAS Parent Informational Evening on March 26th**. Thank you to Susan Ricard, Jill Recchia and Principal Parmley for organizing this important event that will include learning more about MCAS assessments and enjoying a dinner from Mexicali!

Curriculum & Instruction Updates:

As you know, we are implementing a new researched-based Mathematics programs K-12 this year. Along with providing new resources to our teachers and students we are providing ongoing coaching and professional development from Looney Math Consultants and our Director of Curriculum for Mathematics & Science, Ms. Jill Chapdelaine.

If you follow my tweets (<https://twitter.com/WebsterSuperrg>) there have been a number of Saturday Math Learning Sessions for our teachers this year! This past Saturday, Curriculum Director Jill Chapdelaine, Principal Parmley, Assistant Principal Mackay, and many PAE teachers attended a half day Ready Math Workshop. Here are a few of our teacher's comments:

"I enjoyed the time we had to explore i-Ready and some of the Ready Math lessons. It's time we don't typically get during the school day because it's so busy, but it was nice to explore what was offered"

"Excellent job- need more team decisions made for pacing lessons for next year."

"I appreciated time to work with my team for planning. I definitely learned how to navigate i-Ready. I like that I learned how to preview lessons that the students are seeing."





Parents spoke...we listened...

1. After hearing feedback from our ELL Parent Advisory Group we have moved the time of our meeting on March 27th from noon to 5:30 p.m. Flyers will be sent home with all ELL students and are also attached to this newsletter. This event will be held at the North Village Community Room, **Wednesday, March 27th at 5:30 p.m. and a light dinner will be served.** We urge parents of second language learners to come to our meetings to discuss your ideas or concerns and meet some members of our ELL Department.
2. After hearing some feedback from parents of middle school students, the Webster Middle School administrators and mathematics team will be hosting a **WMS Math Evening on April 30th.** More information will be forthcoming from Principal Zajac!
3. We are in the process of hiring a School Community Liaison to work specifically with our ELL parents/guardians to assist us with building a stronger partnership! Stay tuned!



Student Activities

Webster Middle School

Project 351 and members of the Webster Middle School National Junior Honor Society will be hosting a clothing drive for the organization Cradles to Crayons that benefits children and adults throughout Massachusetts. Collection boxes are being placed at Webster Middle School, Bartlett High School and Park Ave Elementary School next week, March 25 - 29. We are looking for new or gently worn clothing and shoes, with a particular request for children's pajamas. Please take a moment to look for any unwanted, like-new condition items that may be laying around your home.



As a community, we can make an impact on families in need.



Park Avenue Elementary



Grades 3 and 4 listen to the story "Be Kind" during Kid College led by Mrs. Wojnarowicz, Principal Parmley, and her team!

Polar Bear Pride is built upon random acts of kindness!

Above and Beyond at North Village

Students practiced their math skills with fractions and measurements through cooking. They worked together in figuring out how many teaspoons are in a tablespoon and how many tablespoons make up a cup. In the end, students had to use their knowledge of fractions in dividing a cookie recipe in half. The students enjoyed eating their baked cookies!



Bartlett High School

A Harvest of the Month competition was held at BHS ... **March Mashness!**

Students and staff participated in a mashed potato competition during the March 20th lunches. Four different variations of mashed potatoes were tasted. Congratulations to senior Ognjen Milosavljevic who came in 1st place for his delicious mashed potato recipe!



BHS students enjoy collaborating as they learn! Here we have a group of students reading and discussing, *Catcher in the Rye*.

Congratulations again to NEW ATTITUDE and IMPRESSIONS on their performances at the Central Massachusetts Junior High Show Choir Festival last weekend! A BIG SHOUT OUT & THANK YOU to our Music Booster Volunteers and Peter Carney and Peter Twiraga for their INCREDIBLE efforts in supporting our students!

Congratulations to New Attitude for their fourth place finish at the Central Mass Junior Show Choir Festival held at Bartlett High School. Way to go! Keep up the great work and good luck at your next competition on **April 5 in Waltham**.



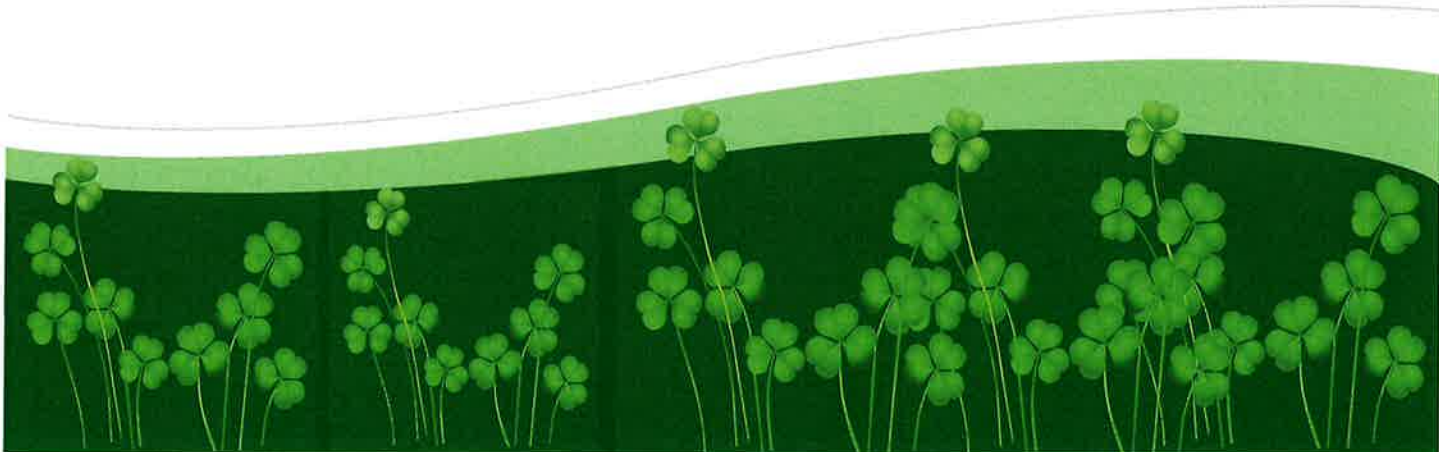


GRANTS

1. Congratulations to PAE for receiving the Healthy Start Award for the second year in a row! On May 9th, the EOS Foundation will be recognizing PAE for their efforts for the Breakfast Before the Bell Program. **Thank you to all our teachers and cafeteria workers for ensuring this program is effective and efficient! Thank you to Food Director Ellen Nyllen and Principals Parmley & Mackay for their leadership!**
2. We have been award **\$5,000 from the The ENDD Grant**. These funds are being allocated through the District Attorney's office to create safe activities for high school students after proms or graduations. A committee has been formed at the high school and **a very special thank you goes out to Gina Nieves for taking the lead organizing this new opportunity for our students!**



Here we are receiving a \$5,000 check from
District Attorney Joseph Early for
The ENDD Grant!





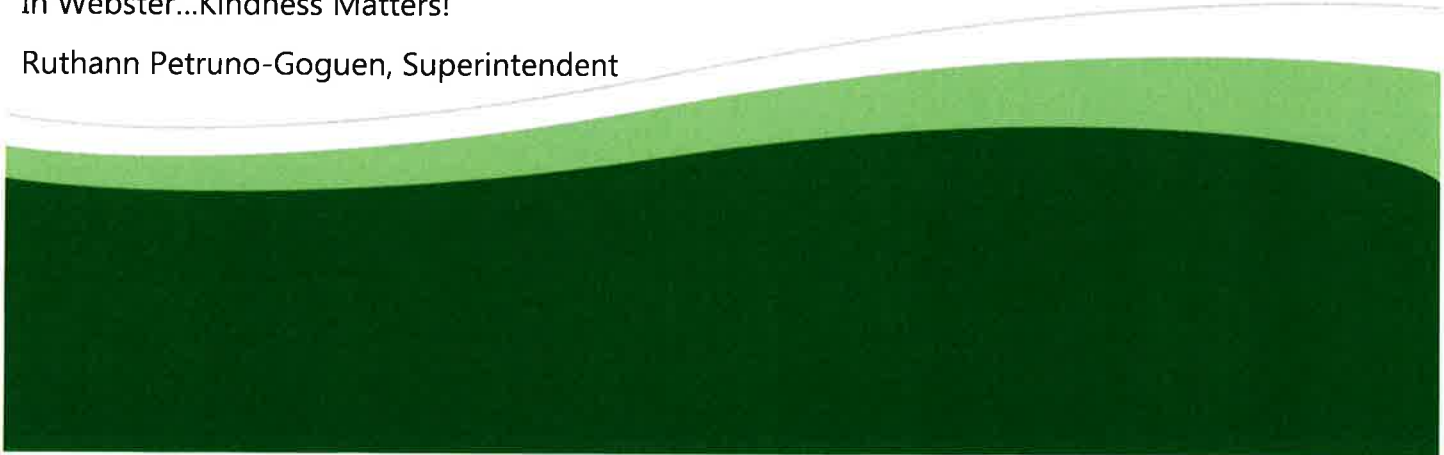
Other news

1. Today Friday March 22nd, the Joint Education Committee is holding a hearing to hear testimony on the school finance bills and the Governor's budget proposal. Testimonies from mayors, legislators, unions, school committees and superintendents are being heard. Many are asking legislators to support changing the existing foundation formula because it does not fully support school districts with special education costs, health insurance costs, and ELL costs. If you are interested in learning more about **Project Equity** and **The Promise Act** and state funding here are some links:
<https://www.massupt.org/project-equity/>
<https://www.boston.com/news/education/2019/01/09/massachusetts-education-bill-promise-act>
2. We are so pleased to have Head Start in Webster and look forward to strengthening our collaboration. Administrators from our school district and Head Start met as a group this week and we will continue meeting to work on sharing best practices, professional development and creating new ways to strengthen the bridge from Head Start to Kindergarten for both parents and students!
3. We have food pantries at each of our schools. If you are in need of additional food please contact your school's guidance counselor or nurse to access these pantries.
4. If you are interested in having your child see an outside therapist, you now have access to a YOU, Inc. Therapist in our schools. Please reach out to your school's guidance counselor to learn more about this service to families/students.
5. Our Adult Education Program, **Webster Adult Basic Education Linkages**, have pathways to earn a **high school degree, college degree and/or certificates in Manufacturing. Please see the flyers attached and contact Webster ABE at 508-949-8282, or stop by their offices at BHS they are open daily!** Share these flyers with any community member who may benefit from these great opportunities.

As always, thank you for your ongoing support of the Webster Public Schools. We are here to help and listen to your ideas or concerns. Together we make our schools strong! Please consider volunteering in our schools!

In Webster...Kindness Matters!

Ruthann Petruno-Goguen, Superintendent



PLEASE JOIN

THE WEBSTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS ELL PARENT ADVISORY COUNCIL!

WHERE: NORTH VILLAGE,
18 VILLAGE WAY
WEBSTER, MA 01570

WHEN: MARCH 27TH, 2019

TIME: 5:30 PM (PREVIOUSLY AT NOON)

CONTACTS:

Chair of Committee, Margarita Nieves

Director of Student Services, Kathleen Baris, kbaris@webster-schools.org

Superintendent of Schools, Ruthann Petrino-Goguen, rgoguen@webster-schools.org



Por favor únete

Las Escuelas Públicas de Webster Consejo Asesor de Padres de ELL!

Dónde: North Village,
18 Village Way
Webster, MA 01570

Cuando: 27 de marzo de 2019

Hora: 5:30 pm. (Anteriormente a mediodía)

Contactos:

Presidenta del Comité, Margarita Nieves

Directora de Servicios Estudiantiles, Kathleen Baris, kbaris@webster-schools.org

Superintendente de Escuelas, Ruthann Petruno-Goguen, rgoguen@webster-schools.org



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For Adult Basic Education Graduates

Has college always been a dream for you?

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Earn 3 College Credits at
Quinsigamond Community College
while exploring what YOUR next step will be

Class runs 3/26/19 through 5/14/2019

Tuesday and Thursday Nights 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Contact Webster ABE Linkages by 3/22/19 to register

508-949-8282

Email: lbaker@webster-schools.org
dferaco@webster-schools.org

**Are you working hard at a job, but would prefer a
CAREER?**



The Webster Adult Basic Education *Linkages*/Bay Path Regional Voc. Tech.

Manufacturing Preparation
program may be right for you!

This 40 hour course prepares adult students for the field of Advanced Manufacturing by introducing them to the fundamentals of machining. Students spend eight Saturdays from 8:00 AM to noon in the classroom learning manufacturing basics and two Saturdays in the shop working on machines. This class will prepare students for the *Introduction to Machine Shop/Manufacturing Technology* class that will be held in the 2019—2020 school year.

Classes are FREE . Please see back of flyer for eligibility requirements.

**Classes begin on Saturday, March 30 and end on Saturday, June 1, 2019
from 8:00 AM—Noon**

Sign-up will be held on the first day of class at 8:00 AM

**Classes are held
at**

**Bay Path Vocational Technical High School
57 Old Muggett Hill Road, Charlton, MA 01507**

**For additional information see reverse side or call Terri Gillardi at 508-949-8282 or
Chris Faucher at 508-248-5971, x 1715/1714**

Eligibility and Program Description

- ♦ **What are the eligibility requirements?** - All applicants must be age 18 or older.
- ♦ **How can this program lead to a career?** This program will introduce students to the field of machining and manufacturing. Students who complete this program will receive first priority for enrollment in the Introduction to *Machine Shop/Manufacturing Technology* 120 hour class that will be offered in the 2019—2020 school year. At the completion of the *Machine Shop/Manufacturing Technology* class, students will be eligible to take the MACWIC Level 1 certification test. This certification is recognized as pre-employment training by the manufacturing industry for entry level workers, is endorsed by Associated Industries of Massachusetts, and has been labeled as a “quality career pathway” by the Center for Law and Social Policy. Ninety percent of Massachusetts manufacturers express a willingness to hire and train workers with the right attitude and basic skills. According to Massachusetts Department of Employment and Training Labor Market Information for Central Massachusetts, an entry level machinist can earn an average annual salary of \$39,698 and an experienced machinist can make an annual salary of \$55,113.
- ♦ **When and where are classes?** Classes will be held at Bay Path Vocational Technical High School on Saturday mornings from 8:00 AM—noon beginning on Saturday, March 30, 2019.
- ♦ **What will be studied?** This course will provide an introduction to basic vocabulary and math related to blueprint reading, shop math, metrology, workplace safety and general work readiness. Students will also be able to spend eight hours working in the shop on the machines.
- ♦ **Are any services offered for job placement?** A job placement Advisor will be available to help students prepare resumes and cover letters, practice interviewing skills, and apply for jobs. This Advisor works with Bay Path Vocational Technical High School staff and local manufacturing employers to help students with job placement.
- ♦ **What other requirements must I consider when thinking about enrollment in this program?** Students are expected to utilize and wear the necessary safety equipment and clothing required for the shop. Safety glasses will be provided. When operating machinery, students with long hair must secure their hair in a manner that is acceptable to the shop teacher. Torn or shabby clothing, sneakers, sandals, slippers or any attire deemed to be not be in accordance with safety regulations are prohibited. All students are required to adhere to the footwear policy deemed appropriate for their shop. Steel toed shoes with laces should be worn when possible.

Your future is in your hands!