

Superintendent Goguen

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

DECEMBER 7, 2018

Dear Students, Families and Staff,

I think the month of December comes in second place as the busiest month of the school year! With May being the busiest! This year is flying by and it's amazing to think we are almost half way through the 2018-2019 school year. Around this time of the year, I think it's important to take some time to slow down and pause, to reflect upon the growth of our students since September. Learning is a process that includes "productive struggles" and students and adults alike in the Webster Public Schools are engaged in a learning process. As you know, we are implementing a new math curriculum in grades K-12, piloting a new ELA program for grades 6-12, piloting new STEMscope science materials, and in our second year of a new reading program in grades PreK-5. All of these new resources were displayed at parent/teacher conferences in November. I want to commend our teachers across the district for their willingness, courage and commitment with implementing a number of new research based curriculum practices/ programs in their classrooms. Our teachers and administrators across the district are demonstrating that they, like our students, are willing to engage in "productive struggles" and are learning too!



Thank you!

**Mrs. Parmley, Mrs. Baggett
and our students for attending
the Webster Town Tree
lighting ceremony!**



On the December 5th half-day, our teachers participated in a wide variety of professional development workshops to support the use of the new curriculum materials we are using. The implementation of any new curriculum resource requires us to provide our teachers with **ongoing support**. Along with our curriculum directors, Ms. Daniels and Ms. Chapdelaine, we have outside consultants coming in to provide our teachers this support and guidance. The amount of support has been plentiful and because, we are a Turnaround District, we are able to sustain this support through grant funding.

We recently received a second year grant from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education for \$200,000 for Park Avenue Elementary School to continue to support the implementation of the new mathematics program and turnaround efforts. As you know, last year, Park Avenue received \$200,000 to begin the turnaround efforts and we implemented a new reading program. In one year's time, Park Avenue Elementary School moved from being in the 1% to the 22% percentile. This represents **GROWTH** and the hard work of our teachers, administrators and **STUDENTS!**

We recently received a \$25,000 grant from the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, to begin the turnaround efforts at Bartlett High School. **Bartlett High School** is in the 6% and these funds will be used to create a Turnaround Plan of **Action for improvement**. This process will include central **office administrators, high school administration, teachers and staff and consultants** from the Department of **Education**. While we have **MANY** great things occurring at **Bartlett High School, our results** on MCAS indicate we must **engage** in a new process of exploring how our instructional programs and practices are impacting student success. This year, we are implementing a new mathematics program at the high school and our math teachers have been supported with ongoing professional development from Looney Math Consulting and **Curriculum Associates**; our mathematics teachers **have even come** in on Saturdays for workshops! We are **also piloting StudySync**, an ELA program for grades 6-12.

Last year, the Webster Middle School received **\$47,140.00 grant** from the Department of Elementary and **Secondary Education** to create a turnaround action plan. **Since they improved** in one years time and **moved** to 12%, **they are no longer** eligible for additional **grant funding**, **BUT that has not stopped** us from **moving forward**. The **Webster Middle School** team is **currently working on their Turnaround Plan!**

Professional Development Day!

Here are some pictures from our recent professional development day! Kudos to our Teachers across the district for their willingness to engage in learning and "productive struggles!"





Professional Development Day!

Here are some more pictures from our recent professional development day!





Our students and staff preparing for the holiday season!



Dates to remember:

1. Come out to support our Music Boosters and our students this Saturday at the Millbury Barnes and Nobles! For every "bookmark" turned in they receive a portion of that purchase. It is Educator Appreciation Day and registered teachers will receive 25% discount on their purchases.
2. Dec. 7th- PAE report cards go home December 7th
3. Dec. 8th -Winter Wonderland in Webster
4. Dec. 14th & 15th- BHS Play, In the Nick of Time – 7:00 p.m.
5. Dec. 17th- BHS Winter Concert @ 7:00 p.m.
6. Dec. 18th- WMS Winter Concert @ 6:30 p.m.
7. Dec. 21st- ½ day of school
8. Dec. 24th- Jan 1st- Winter Break
9. Jan. 2nd – School resumes



Wishing everyone a joyous holiday season with family and friends!

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