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Superintendent Goguen

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Dear Students, Families and Staff,

You should be receiving your child's MCAS results in the mail next week accompanied by a letter from myself and the District Leadership Team. Please do not hesitate to communicate with your child's teacher and / or building administrator with any questions. Our teachers and administrators are in the process of analyzing the MCAS data and creating action plans to address areas of concern. One area we need assistance from parents/guardians is with student attendance. Students fall behind quickly when they miss school or repeatedly come in to school late. If your child/children have attendance issues and you are in need of additional supports, please do not hesitate to reach out to your school's guidance counselor or school adjustment counselor for assistance. We are here to help all students be successful. Although, Webster continues to be a district in need of focused/targeted support, we believe the Instructional Strategies for the 2018-2019 school year (front page of our website www.webster-schools.org) contain the necessary steps for ongoing improvement.

I am pleased to share Mrs. Kathleen Baris and I will be starting a Parent Advisory Group with parents of our students who are English Language Learners/ Second Language Learners. An invitational letter is being sent out seeking parent volunteers for this group. We will be meeting at the North Village Community Center on November 7th, February 27th, and May 22nd.

In Webster...
Kindness Matters,



Diversity Week at BHS

Anthony Valentine of
Kulture Magazine sharing
life Experiences



BHS Diversity Tribe
opened up Diversity
Week with sharing their
amazing life stories.



More Important News

We continue to seek new ways to be involved in the larger Webster Community! This past Saturday students from WMS and BHS served as library tour guides and the BHS Chorus sang the National Anthem at the Gladys E. Kelly Grand Opening! I am delighted to share we are building a partnership with Mapfre and today, Friday, October 5th over 20 volunteers spent the day at PAE to do yard work for Global Volunteering Day! Through our partnership with Mapfre, we are in the process of planning ongoing Safety Educational Programming with Boston Children's Hospital's Injury Prevention Department. The Injury Prevention Team from Boston Children's Hospital and Mapfre volunteers will have informational tables set up at the Parent Teacher Conferences at both PAE and WMS. Please take the time to gather important safety information for your homes.

Wednesday October 3rd, we had our first half day professional development for our teachers and staff. Teachers and staff were involved in the following learning activities:

- Training on the new district assessment system i-Ready and review of student data
- Opportunities to work with Looney Math consultants on the implementation of our new math programs
- Educational Testing training for Special Educators
- Safe School Summit sponsored by the District Attorney's office
- Safety Care Training
- Foundation of Inclusive Practices for Bartlett High School staff



To Long Subaru for their recent donation of STEM books to the Webster Middle School



Webster Schools...Events this week....

WMS Staff is the i-Ready Data for Student Success session on October 3, 2018



Community Outreach - Mr. Carney and the BHS Choir sang the National Anthem at the Grand Opening of the Gladys E. Kelly Library on Saturday September 29th.



Congratulation to the BHS Boys Soccer Team who donated \$200 towards cancer research and participated in the UMASS Cancer Walk on Sunday, September 30. The team joined The Jaeden's Superheroes Team from Webster for the 5 mile walk!



WMS Cross Country team ready for a great season!



Park Avenue Elementary proudly displays the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program



In closing, please make sure your phone numbers and emergency contact sheets have been updated at your child/ children's school this year.

Kind Regards,

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