

March 28, 2018



Dear Families,

Wishing everyone a nice long weekend!

March 28th and March 29th are important professional development days for our teachers and staff. Here is a brief summary of some of what we will be doing:

- Program of Studies revision and update- BHS
- Safety Care Recertification Training- Selected Staff
- MCAS Preparation – WMS & PAE
- Sheltered English Immersion Workshops- BHS, WMS, PAE
- PBIS Committee Work – WMS
- Power school training – Special Education Team

These professional development days are extremely important as we take new steps towards growth in the Webster Public Schools. I am pleased to share that we have hired consultant, Ms. Bertha Elena Rojas, to conduct Sheltered English Immersion workshops at each of our schools over the next two days. This professional development is designed to provide additional supports to all our teachers in the area of differentiated instructional practices and SEI strategies to be used in all classrooms.

New Registration Packets

We have revised our registration packets and procedures across the district to ensure consistency in our practices. We also have provisions in place for translations.

Great News:

Park Avenue Elementary School has been recognized by the EOS Foundation and will be receiving the Health Start Award at the State House on May 10th. Congratulations to the Food Service Team and the PAE Administrators and Staff for their continued efforts with the breakfast in the classroom program!

On April 27th, the Worcester County Food Bank and Legislators will be visiting PAE to observe the breakfast in the classroom program.



News/Updates:

Mr. Steven Knowlton, Principal at Bartlett High School will be resigning at the end of the school year and I am in the process of organizing the search for the new Bartlett High School Principal. I would like to recognize and thank Mr. Knowlton for his 6 years of dedicated service to our students and families. Should you be a parent/guardian of an incoming 9th grade student or a current high school student and interested in serving on the Principal Search Committee please contact my office for more information, 978-943-0104 x 2. I am looking for 2 to 3 parents volunteers to be included in this process.

SAVE THE DATE AND BRING FRIENDS:

April 6th, 6:00PM to 8:00PM @ Bartlett High School Cafeteria. Students present ***Empty Bowls!*** This is a grassroots movement to help end hunger. Enjoy pottery and food at this casual family-friendly event. Choose a handmade ceramic bowl, sample entrees of soup, bread and dessert from several local restaurants. Keep your bowl as a reminder that your support helps fill all the empty bowls in our community. This year's theme is Honoring Webster's Heroes, the First Responders. All money raised will be donated to the Webster/Dudley Food Share. All bowls have been made by our students and staff. Bowl prices start at \$20.00 for adults and \$10.00 for students and children under 6 eat for free. Also enjoy performances by the Bartlett Jazz Band.

Please join in this wonderful event and bring friends!

For more information go to: <https://www.bartlettartdepartment.com/bartlett-empty-bowls.html>



Pictures from the week:

BHS: 2018 Super Team will be recognized May 1st!



WMS Grade 5 Math Night!



PAE Student of the Month Celebration:



School Calendar:

Unless we have another late snow storm, the last day of school is Friday, June 22nd and it is a 1/2 day of school.

Happy Spring!

Ruthann Petrino-Goguen, Superintendent