

**Wachusett Regional School District
Early Childhood Center
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September 12, 2011

Dear Parents and Guardians:

We all survived the first week of school! Most families agreed that the *Orientation Day* was a good introduction to their child's new classroom and a good opportunity to meet old and new friends. The children are settling into their routines with relative ease and appear to be enjoying their new placements.

You will see a few new faces at the Early Childhood Center as we have had some staff changes. Please welcome Carolyn Beaumier, the special education teacher assigned to the Orange Room. We have a few aides on leave and have hired substitutes. Please welcome Barbara Ann Burch, Joni Maloney-Kelliher (Green Room), and Nancy Hilton (Blue Room). Regretfully, we had to say good-bye to Linda Wyatt, SLP who is now assigned full-time at the high school and to Cathy, Amy, and Deb, classroom aides that have been reassigned throughout the District.

We will hold a '*Know Your School Night*' on Tuesday, October 4th from 7:00-8:00 p.m. **The event is for parents and guardians only.** After a brief group introduction in the curriculum center downstairs, you will be invited to your child's classroom to gain further information and insight into your child's day. The therapists and school psychologist will be available as well.

This year we are combining *Know Your School Night* with our *Second Annual Scholastic Book Fair and Shopping Night*. Parents and guardians will be able to 'shop' from 6:00-9:00 before and after a visit to the classroom. *Start making your list for the upcoming holiday season!* Proceeds from the book fair will go toward the purchase of books for the library and the classrooms. You will get more information from the *Friends of ECC* parent group after their first meeting scheduled for Monday, September 12th at 7:00 p.m. here at the ECC. All are welcome to attend!

Just a couple of reminders...

- Please refrain from wearing cologne or perfume while in the building. We have staff that are allergic.
- Please proceed through the parking lot with extreme caution. We ask that you keep your speed to 5 mph and park only in designated parking spaces.
- Pick up time is 11:20 a.m. and 2:50 p.m. Please be prompt as the teachers have to clean their classrooms and plan for the following day.
- Tuition is due on the first of each month. Please be prompt and place your payment in the mailbox across from the office above the water fountain OR you

can pay online. For more information regarding online payments, please go to the District website at www.wrsd.net.

- If your child brings a lunch, please use cold packs in the lunch bag as we do not have enough refrigerator space for the lunches. Please use a thermos for hot foods as we are unable to heat up the lunches.

I am looking forward to a productive year for all students. I encourage you to contact me if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child or his/her program at the Early Childhood Center.

Sincerely,

Patricia Ottaviano
Special Education Administrative Specialist