



Naquag Elementary School

The Wachusett Regional School District

June 2010

To: Naquag Families and Friends

From: Dixie Herbst, Principal

"I wonder what it would be like to live in a world where it was always June." L. M Montgomery

The end of our 2009-2010 school year is rapidly approaching. It has been a rewarding and exciting year, full of new experiences and learning opportunities. We appreciate your continued support and partnership, and look forward to working together next year to provide a solid, cooperative community and learning environment.

June 2nd Curriculum Showcase / Open House

We invite you to visit on June 2nd for our annual Curriculum Showcase, 6:30-8:00. Throughout our school year, teachers and students have collected several samples of different curriculum studies, focuses, and projects that will be proudly displayed in our gymnasium/cafeteria for your viewing and pleasure. Save the Date and Time! We look forward to seeing you on June 2nd.

June Concert, Friday – June 11th @ 10:00 & 2:00

Naquag students will be participating in our June Concert, planned and directed by our music teacher, Mrs. Jean Gough, on Friday, June 11th. For your convenience, we have scheduled two performances: 10:00 (Doors open @ 9:45) Grades 1 – 5, Full and Half Day Kindergarten students
2:00 (Doors open @ 1:45) Grades 1 – 5 and Full Day Kindergarten students

Other than Kindergarten participation, it is the same concert @ 10:00 & 2:00.

Food Drive for Rutland Food Pantry, June 14th – 18th

June 14th – 18th, Naquag Elementary will be collecting non-perishable items for the Rutland Food Pantry, a partner agency of the Worcester County Food Bank. Since January 2010 of this year, the Rutland Food Pantry has assisted 536 people, representing 149 households. (Compared to 226 people and 72 households during the same period in 2009.) Donated items will be collected on tables in the front entry and by the bus entrance. Thank you for your generosity. Suggested items include:

Canned Fruits/Vegetables/Meat/Soups/Sauces/etc.; Pasta/Rice Cereals/Bath Tissue/Facial Tissue
Napkins/Detergents /Cleaners-etc.; Coffee-Tea-Cocoa-Juices; Shampoo/Soap/ Toothpaste/Baby Food

The Rutland Food Pantry is located at St. Patrick's Church (Rt. 122A, Main St. and Rt. 56). The Pantry provides emergency food assistance monthly to households in Rutland, Oakham and Hubbardston. Proof of residency is required. Please contact Paula Stidsen @ 508-886-2206 for additional information. Summer hours: 2nd Thursday evening of each month, 6PM – 7:30PM, and the 4th Saturday of each month, 9AM – 12 PM.

PTO Support and Successes

Thank you to our Naquag PTO for a supportive and positive school year. Their genuine interest and generosity has been a constant factor that has certainly provided additional resources and opportunities for our school community. In addition to organizing and planning, the PTO has provided a multitude of support including but not limited to: Fall Ice Cream Social; Barnes and Noble Naquag Night; Fall Festival; Santa's Workshop; Fool's Fest; MCAS Grade 4 snacks; Classroom support: Teacher Appreciation treats; and many school enrichment opportunities and programs for each grade level. These included Birds of Prey demonstration, puppet performance & students making "famous American puppets", the New England Aquarium, and the Discovery Museum. We encourage all parents and guardians to become involved and participate. With everyone's involvement, large tasks become manageable and successful.

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Conflict of Interest – Tokens of Appreciation and Gifts

Massachusetts recently enacted Ethic's Reform Law, Chapter 28 of the Acts of 2009, imposing new mandatory education and training requirements for all public employees. This spring, all Wachusett Regional School District employees completed Conflict of Interest training through the online training or together with a group in their building. The District contacted the Massachusetts Ethics Commission to seek guidance on the implementation of the new Ethics Law. The following reflects the parameters of the law as it stands to date:

- * Employees may receive gifts valued at less than \$50, either from an individual or from a group.
- * Gifts that are intended for the purposes of supplementing the classroom, school or District, may be accepted in any amount. The policies regarding gifts to the District must be followed in accepting these gifts.

As the 2009-2010 school year comes to an end, we respectfully request that tokens of appreciation / gifts be less than \$50.00. We acknowledge and appreciate the continued support of our Naquag parents and friends. Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter.

Important June 2010 Dates

Tuesday	6/1	Grade 5 Parent Meeting – Spree Day (6:30 in Library) Permission slips go home for Grades 2, 3, & 4 (visit Glenwood on 6/15-16) (Due back Wednesday, 6/9)
Wednesday	6/2	Curriculum Showcase 6:30 – 8:00
Monday	6/7	Grade 4 Field Trip - Old Sturbridge Village Grade 5 Move up Day – visit to CTMS
Tuesday	6/8	Volunteer Appreciation Reception @ 4:00 Grade 5 Parent Meeting @ CTMS 7:00
Wednesda,	6/9	Permission slips Due Back (Grades 2, 3, & 4 (visit Glenwood on 6/15-16) Grade 3 visits Rutland Burial Grounds (Cemetery) Grade 4 - Worcester Art Museum (AM only)
Thursday	6/10	Rain Date for Grade 3 – Rutland Burial Grounds (Cemetery)
Friday	6/11	June Concert @ 10:00 & 2:00

FOOD DRIVE: Monday, 6/14 – Friday 6/18, Bring in a non-perishable item – wear hat on Wednesday, Thursday & Friday.

Monday	6/14	Flag Day Ceremony @ 9:45 – Grade 5 presentation for all students (Front of building around flag pole / Rain: In gym)
Tuesday	6/15	Grade 5 Spree Day School Visits – Glenwood K visits Naquag Naquag Grade 4 visits Glenwood
Wednesday	6/16	Rain date for Grade 5 Spree Day School Visits – Glenwood Grade 1 visits Naquag Naquag Grades 2 & 3 visit Glenwood
Thursday	6/17	Grade Alike Field Day during specials
Friday	6/18	Last day of school Dismissal @ 12:30 PTO Carnival 4:30 – 7:00 (Ball fields behind Naquag)

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