

## Colonial Park School News



November 9, 2009

### NOTES FROM OUR PRINCIPAL:

**November 11th is Veterans' Day... there is No School**

**Picture retake day is Thursday the 12th.**

Thank you to parents who have been very cooperative keeping students who are sick home. We have done well so far with a small number of flu cases reported. Students who have a fever must be "fever free" for 24 hours before returning to school.

We are asking parents to send in a water bottle for students to use during the day. Students will be asked not to use the water fountains in the building which could be a source of germs. Every little bit helps!!!!

Students are asked not to share snacks sent from home so please check to be sure that your child has a snack since there are no food supplies in the school.

There has been a steady stream of primarily fourth or fifth grade students returning to school in the late afternoon for homework etc.

Very often there is not going to be anyone at the office after 3:30 to answer the door since I may be at meetings with teachers or out of the building. Please remind your child to check for homework materials BEFORE leaving school for the day.

**Reminder...**Music students who come for lessons in the late afternoon may need to enter through the cafeteria door where after school staff will be available. Music students are dismissed out the Front Door to meet parents outside.

Scouts are also dismissed by leaders out the front door to parents.

### Family Literacy Month:

November is Family Literacy Month...we are looking for guest readers who would be willing to read a book to students during Education Week which is November 16th-20th. This might be a great time to invite grandparents or other relatives or friends who would like to come to school for a visit. Please email Ms. Burke at [mburke@stonehamschools.net](mailto:mburke@stonehamschools.net) if you have a volunteer!

American Education Week is November 16-20. Open House for classroom visits will be Thursday, the 19th from 9:00-11:00. We will be having special activities during the week co-ordinated by Mrs. Ellen Levine. More information to follow.

It is November!!! A number of students are coming to school in sweatshirts or jackets. The students are wearing these clothes all day in school. Children need to put on a coat or a jacket to go outside for recess.

Children will not be allowed to go outside wearing only what they have been wearing in the classroom.

### Recycling Pays Off!



**Have you seen me? I am located at the end of the school parking lot. Everyone is welcome to use this bin. You may throw all your papers, magazines, mail and catalogs but no cardboard, plastic, glass, metal or trash. The school receives a small amount of money for every ton of recycled paper collected. Thank you for recycling!**

### Dismissal

Dismissal time for students is 2:30. Teachers have after school responsibilities that begin immediately after school. Parents of K-2 students need to pick up children promptly at dismissal time.

### Report Cards

Can you believe it? Our first term is almost over which means that 1/3 of the year is over. Report cards will be distributed on November 30th with conferences December 2 & 3.

### GRADE 2 SAFETY PROGRAM

A Huge THANK YOU to Mrs. DiTullio, Mr. Sheehan, Mrs. Vaughan, Mr. Petrillo, Mrs. Fung, and Mrs. Daly for volunteering to lead the grade 2 safety program. They did a terrific job helping students learn to identify and adjust to areas of concern around the school and in the neighborhood.

Thank you also to Mrs. Cohen who acted as facilitator.



### **HOLIDAY FOOD DRIVE**

Our holiday FOOD DRIVE is taking place now.

Please send donations to the classrooms.



### **ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE SCHOOL NURSE:**

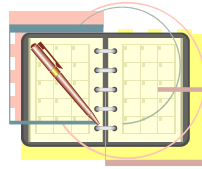
All news was sent home by e-mail last week.

Thank you! Katie Lavery

### **IMPORTANT INFO:**

- THERE ARE STILL A NUMBER OF PARENTS WHO CONTINUE TO PARK IN THE FIRE LANE AT DISMISSAL AND LEAVE THEIR CARS TO PICK UP STUDENTS. THE STONEHAM POLICE WILL BE GIVING TICKETS FOR CARS PARKED IN THE FIRE LANE.
- Students should not be dropped at school before 8:00 in the morning.  
**There is no supervision on the playground or in the gym.**
- If you come to school to bring snacks, sneakers, etc. please DO NOT PARK IN THE FIRE LANE!
- Please notify the office of any change in telephone numbers so that we can have current information to contact you.

- Children should never be left in a car in the parking lot unattended.



### **DATES TO REMEMBER:**

November 11<sup>TH</sup>-Veteran's Day-**No school**

November 12<sup>th</sup>-picture retake day

November 25<sup>th</sup>- Early release day- 12:15-no lunch will be served

November 26<sup>th</sup>-Happy Thanksgiving  
November 27<sup>th</sup>- **No School**

### **DECEMBER**

December 2nd- **Early release 12:15-no lunch will be served-conferences 4-7 P.M.**

December 3<sup>rd</sup>-**Early release 12:15-no lunch will be served-conferences 1-4 P.M.**

December 24<sup>th</sup>-January 3<sup>rd</sup>- **Vacation**