



November 19, 2009

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FOX HILL SCHOOL

Ellen Johnson, Principal

Important Dates

Parent Conferences – No School	November 20
Early Dismissal – 11:30 AM	November 25
Thanksgiving Recess – No School	November 26 & 27
Professional Development – No School	December 7

From the Principal's Desk

It is hard to believe that all of us will be celebrating Thanksgiving with family and friends next week. For so many of us, Thanksgiving is our favorite holiday. It is our favorite holiday because we have a chance to be with those we love to talk, laugh and catch up with each other. As I reflect during the Thanksgiving season, I am always reminded as to how grateful I am for my wonderful family and friends and the wonderful community that I work in, the Burlington Public Schools. I cannot say enough about how impressed I am with the strong community spirit that describes Burlington and the strong community spirit that exists at Fox Hill. We have wonderful teachers at Fox Hill who care about students and work hard to meet their needs everyday. I am enormously grateful for each and every staff member who makes up the fine culture experienced at Fox Hill. The staff's commitment, passion and positive attitude towards teaching and learning is what it takes to create an outstanding school like Fox Hill. I am also enormously grateful for every Fox Hill student that comes to school each day and practices kindness, compassion and respect. Our students are the nicest children I have ever met and they make it such a pleasure to come to Fox Hill each and every day. Thank you to teachers, students and parents and Happy Thanksgiving!

Dessert and Conversation with the Principal

I will be hosting a parent coffee this evening to talk with parents about our new initiative, catch up and reflect on how we are doing at Fox Hill. Please meet me in the library at 6:30 PM for dessert and conversation.

Principal's Award

Congratulations goes to Ryan. Ryan is always polite, he opens and holds the doors for teachers and classmates, and he greets teachers whenever he sees them. He consistently follows the Fox Hill Code.

Honesty List

The following people are commended for returning lost items to the office: Anjali, Jolene, Julianna, Alyssa, Nicholas, Ariella and Sophie.

Parent Conferences

Please remember that parent conferences are scheduled for Friday, November 20th. There is no school for children.

Food Drive

Fox Hill will be collecting food for the Burlington Food Pantry starting November 30th. Each grade will be responsible for a specific item. Kindergarten will collect Hot Cereal/Oatmeal; Grade 1 – Hot Chocolate; Grade 2 – Hamburger or Tuna Helper; Grade 3 – Mayonnaise; Grade 4 – Baked Beans; and Grade 5 – Canned Tuna, Chicken or Ham. We will be collecting these items until December 11th.

From the Nurse

Fourth Grade Parents: Children in the 4th grade are required by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to have a current physical examination. I am still missing several students' physical forms. Please forward a copy to my office as soon as possible. Also, we will not be giving out cough drops in the nurse's office. If your child is coughing they can come see me and I will assess them. Most of the time a glass of water will help with the cough. Children can easily choke on a cough drop in the school setting. Please do not send cough drops from home. I encourage the children to hydrate with water. You may send in extra water for them to have in school to sip on throughout the day.

Lost and Found

The Lost and Found, located outside the gym at the entrance of Pod 1, is overflowing with items. Please check this area for any items you may have lost. All items will be donated November 25th.

PTO Holiday Shop

This year's Holiday Shop will take place on Tuesday, December 1st and Wednesday, December 2nd. In order to make this event successful, we need the assistance of MANY volunteers. The shop provides students with the opportunity to purchase low-priced holiday gifts for their family during assigned classroom times. This is a great opportunity to work with the children and is lots of fun! We are looking for volunteers for both Tuesday and Wednesday. The shifts are 8:30 AM – 11:30 AM or 11:30 AM – 2:15 PM. If you are interested in helping out with this "spirited" event please contact Julie Quinn to volunteer at 781-229-2851 or quinns@rcn.com.

Burlington Youth Wrestling

Burlington Youth Wrestling is now having sign ups for the 2009-2010 wrestling season. The first practice is held the Monday after Thanksgiving and they continue until the first week of April. Sign ups are open to all wrestlers from grades K-8. Practice will take place on Monday and Thursday evenings from 6:30 – 8:30 in the Burlington High School wrestling room. You can register at any practice. You can try it for 2 weeks, if it's not for you we'll give you your money back! For further information e-mail burlingtonyouthwrestling@gmail.com, visit our website at www.burlingtonyouthwrestling.com or call our Director, John Barrucci at 781-471-4771.

Coats for Kids

Pack 105 Bear Scouts will be collecting gently used **coats (any size), hats, gloves, mittens and boots** throughout November and December. Please bring in these items and place them in the box in the cafeteria. Thank You for your support!

Burlington Boy Scouts

Burlington's Troop 103 will be selling 22" wreaths decorated with a red velvet bow. Please support your local Boy Scout Troop and purchase your wreath for only \$15.00 (cash and checks). Please call Sue at 781-229-2357 and we would be happy to order yours. Additionally, The Burlington Boy Scout Troop # 103 is having a benefit night at Flatbread Pizza from 4-9 PM, Tuesday, December 1st. Flatbread Pizza will donate \$3.50 for each large pizza and \$1.75 for each small pizza purchased that evening (dine-in or take-out) to the Burlington Boy Scout Troop # 103. While there, please enter the raffles or purchase your fresh holiday evergreen decorated wreath in support of your local Boy Scout troop. Flatbread Pizza is located at 213 Burlington Road in Bedford, right on the Burlington line (corner of Network Drive and Rte. 62). Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing you at dinner.

Music Boosters

The Burlington High School Music Boosters Association is holding a Calendar Raffle chock full of prizes! Raffle Tickets are being sold by BHS Marching Band students to fund their Disney trip in April. 31 days of prizes will be drawn from December 7, 2009, through January 6, 2010! Also available at Thanksgiving game, bhsmusicboosters@gmail.com, or 781-270-1860.

Note from PACE

Aloha Parents – Burlington PACE presents its next seminar by a noted psychologist all the way from our 50th state-Hawaii! Monday November 30, 2009 in the School Committee Room at Burlington High School at 7:00 P.M. "Bright Kids with Social Difficulties: Helping Your Child at School and in the Neighborhood" - Don Sugai For children, negotiating the social scene can be one of the biggest challenges of growing up. Dr. Don Sugai, a gifted speaker from the Lahey Clinic Department of Psychiatry & Behavioral Medicine, will share effective strategies parents and teachers can use to help children make and keep friends. Dr. Sugai has over 20 years' experience assisting children with disabilities such as ADHD, OCD, and Aspergers, and is the co-author of Social Skills Assessment and Training with Children: An Empirically Based Handbook. For more information Contact Dennis McCarron at dandmmccarron@hotmail.com

Babysitting Event at Suzanne's Dance Connection

Drop off your child aged 3 and up for activities, crafts, dancing, and snacks while you run your holiday errands. Friday, Nov 27 8:00 AM -12:00 PM and/or Sunday Dec 12 5:00-9:00 PM. \$20 per child, \$10 for additional child with \$35 family max. Small child to sitter/dancer ratio with several moms in attendance. Please contact Felicia Maida for more info at 781-272-6498. Pre-registration and payment due 7 days prior to event.