

JUNE NEWSLETTER

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Important Dates in June

- June 2 Eighth Grade Dance 7-10 PM**
- June 5 Spring Sports Recognition Night 6:30 PM**
- June 6 Grade 6 Field Day**
- June 7 Grade 7 Field Day**
- June 7 PTA Academic Recognition Evening 7:00 PM**
- June 8 Grade 8 Field Day**
- June 14 Eighth Grade Trip to Hampton Beach**
- June 15 Rain Date—Hampton Beach**
- June 16 Eighth Grade Graduation 6:30 PM**
- June 17 Rain Date—Graduation 10:00 AM**
- June 19 Last Day of School –Dismissal 11:15**

8TH GRADE NEWS

We have started on our final countdown of activities.

- Picture Day was rescheduled for the 24th of May, due to our 3 days off for the flooding. We lucked out because it was a beautiful day and we could have the panorama picture outside. Everyone looked wonderful all dressed up. It gave us a preview of what was to come on Friday.
- This Friday we are looking forward to the Graduation Dance, a very special occasion for 8th graders. The dance starts at 7:00 and ends at 10:00. There will be drinks and finger food available.
- Field day is on June 8th.
- Grades end June 9th
- Classes end June 12th
- Line up for graduation practice after lunch on the 12th. It is important that everyone attend school for the full day.
- Mandatory graduation practice the 13th
- Hampton Beach the 14th (rain date the 15th).
- Mandatory rehearsal the 15th
- Dress rehearsal the 16th. If students do well, they will be released early. Permission for early dismissal will go home with the Hampton Beach permission slips.
- GRADUATION! Students need to report to the gym at 6:00. Graduation will start promptly at 6:30. (Rain date- Saturday at 10:00)

SEVENTH GRADE NEWS

Reading: Seventh graders are completing the novel Tangerine by Edward Bloor. Mrs. Greenleaf, District Media Coordinator, visited the reading classes teaching the students about Found Poetry. Some very interesting creative work has emerged from this unique way of writing poems. We may continue with constructing Cinquains, too.

Social Studies students are now finishing their study of the Age of Exploration in Europe, resulting in the colonization of the Americas. For the time we have remaining, we hope to briefly review the differences in the 13 English colonies to make sure students realize the difficulty involved in bringing these disparate groups together into one country. We also hope to make connections between the causes of European revolutions of that time, i.e. the English and French Revolutions, with those of our own American Revolution, thus leading students into their study of American History next year. It has been a whirlwind trip this year through thousands of years of history, but we hope we have given our students some understanding of history as it relates to our modern world and the effects of the past on the future.

In Science, seventh graders are finishing the skeletal system. We will continue our study of human body systems with the circulatory and respiratory systems. These are exciting units with so much interesting information!

The seventh grade Math classes and the Pre-Algebra classes will be having a big review test on June 6 and June 8. There will be 33 questions on each day of the test; students have received review sheets and should spend some time working with these sheets. After school review sessions will be held the week of May 30 for interested students. Students or parents who have questions should contact their child's math teacher. Following the review test the Math classes will be working on solid geometry while the Pre-Algebra classes will be graphing linear equations.

In Spanish, we celebrated Cinco de Mayo (the fifth of May) when Mexicans celebrate the 1862 military victory over the French. Students watched a video which explained the holiday's history and showed preparations Mexican people make to celebrate this holiday. At the end, students enjoyed the good taste of some Mexican food.

Internet Safety -

Special thanks to School Resource Officer Steve Moltenbrey for an outstanding presentation on Internet Safety, May 23rd, at Middle School. Sponsored by the PTA, Guidance Counselors and Technology Integration Facilitators at all three schools, and Technology Director Terry Bullard, this evening proved to be a terrific learning experience. From deciphering Chat Lingo to watching a NetSmartz presentation, everyone learned that monitoring children's use of the Internet is imperative. If you were unable to attend, please check out these websites:

www.netxmartz.org
www.cybertipline.com
www.child-internet-safety-com



SIXTH GRADE NEWS

June has arrived and we look forward to a wonderful end to the school year. Social Studies classes are learning about Mexico and Science classes are researching environmental issues. Language Arts classes are writing "How to" essays, then demonstrating the topic, with very interesting results. Mr. Shirley's classes are reading Esperanza Rising, discussing the novel in Literature Circles to make the connection between Language Arts and Social Studies. Math classes are finishing a unit on Geometry and will do some Probability activities at the end of the year. Of course, the final rounds of Super Bowl will be happening, along with Field Day. Sixth graders had a great opportunity to meet with their seventh grade homeroom teacher during Step-Up Day, while sixth grade teachers met the incoming class for next year. Have a terrific summer everyone!!!

Guidance

M₂M Mentors mark your calendars for **Thursday, August 24th** for summer training. All executives will meet in the band room from 8:30-10:30. At 10:30 all executives and mentors will meet and continue training until 12:30.

New Student Orientation will take place on August 24th at 1pm. All students who registered during the summer please plan on attending.

Mrs. Lichtmann and Mrs. Jodoin would like to thank Mary Foggo, Maggie Cochrane, and Sammy Goldsmith for reading their 6th grade experience essays to the upcoming 6th grade parents at Step Up night May 31st. Great job !!

Step-Up Day was a great success!! Fifth graders made the trip from Center School to learn about sixth grade. Also, for the first time, students in sixth and seventh grades had the opportunity to meet their homeroom teachers for next year, ask questions and express any concerns. Thank you to Mrs. Lichtmann and Mrs. Jodoin for arranging this wonderful experience for our students.

Band and Chorus News

Windham Middle School's 7th and 8th grade bands and choruses, along with the Select Chorus and Select Jazz Band participated at the 2006 Great East Music Festival at North Andover Middle School on Friday, May 26, 2006. ALL ensembles swept the Gold Category in adjudication. The select chorus and jazz band were mere points away from platinum - the highest rating at the festival. Thank you for all who were able to help out at the event and for the gracious support the music program has seen this year.

French

Gr. 8 - Students are finishing Unit 8 in which they have focused on past tense forms. Eighth graders will finish the year with everyone's favorite lessons - food! Congratulations to everyone for their hard work this year. Best wishes as you move onto high school in the fall.

Gr. 7 - Students have finished their unit on adjectives and have begun learning the vocabulary for places and buildings in a town, rooms in a house, and ways to give directions. It is a fun way to finish the year. Have a great summer everyone!

Windham Middle School Field Days

June 6 / Tuesday - grade 6

June 7 / Wednesday - grade 7

June 8 / Thursday - grade 8

June 9 / Friday - rain date

New highlights for the 2006 field days !

TIE DYED T-SHIRTS

Students need to bring in a 100% cotton, white t-shirt for the tie dyed t-shirt station. Students will be decorating and tie dying their own souvenir for field day 2006. The item to be decorated should be brought in before the field day, so that no one forgets last minute. It can be other items as well, if you are feeling creative, such as sox, a pillow case or boxer shorts (100% cotton / white). Write your name on it in permanent marker.

KARATE !

presented by Joe Costa of Karate International, Windham. This will be a follow up to the first lesson that he taught through the physical education classes. Beyond the listening positions, blocks, strikes and kick that students have already learned - Joe will take it to the next step!

Traditional Favorites - include floor hockey, capture the flag, water games and a call back for the karaoke!

Students are reminded to wear comfortable clothing that will adhere to the school district dress code. Sneakers are needed for safety while playing at physically active areas.

Many students and parents have committed to bring in a snack - thank you very much. Suggestions include: cookies, brownies, rice crispy treats, nacho chips with salsa, cut veggies or fruit with dip, pretzels, cupcakes, and powdered lemonade / punch mix. Food should be brought in the day of the child's field day and brought down to the cafeteria.

Parents who wish to volunteer can contact the PTA at LisaViv@hotmail.com.

Art News

Well, I guess another year has come to an end. I cannot believe how quickly it went by. This was the first year I have had students for a full quarter every day. It certainly went very smooth. The qualities of their art projects were incredible! I am proud of all of you for trying your best throughout the year. I hope you all have a restful and exciting summer to get rejuvenated for next September! If you are looking for something "artsy" to do over the break here is one link:

Currier Gallery of Art Summer Camp Schedule
http://64.140.221.87/artcenter/?show=studio_programs

Message from the Media Center:

Happily, we have had a busy year, with many students checking out many books and magazines. Unfortunately, with the end of the year rapidly approaching, all materials are due on Friday, June 9. Students in 8th grade must have missing materials replaced or paid for prior to the Hampton Beach field trip. Overdue notices will be going home frequently from now until the end of school. Thank you for your cooperation.