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Dear Community:

Happy Friday! Enjoy your weekend.

Being Bilingual:

**Being Bilingual:
This Is Why I Became A Linguist**

Marilyn Glazer
Director of Intensive
English Institute &
World Language
Institute
Middlesex Community
College

Join Marliyn to learn why being
bilingual should be celebrated in
communities!

March 31
7pm-8pm

zoom

Please register for this
event.
[To register click here](#)

The Jewish Federation
OF WESTERN MASSACHUSETTS
WOMEN'S
PHILANTHROPY

Please join local Worthington resident Marilyn Glazer on March 31 for a zoom meeting about why being bilingual should be celebrated in communities!

MCAS: Students in grades 3-6 will be taking the MCAS ELA test on April 5 and 7. If your child is in those grades, please make sure they are on time and get a good night's sleep!

FY 22-23 Calendar: Next year's calendar was approved by the school committee and can be found [here](#). **The first day of school will be 8/31 for K - 6 with a noon dismissal. Preschool's first day will be 9/7 with a noon dismissal.**

School Choice: The district has openings in the following grades: One spot in Kindergarten, two spots in First Grade and two spots in Third Grade. Applications are due by April 15 and can be found [here](#).

Preschool/Kindergarten Open House: Will be held on **Saturday, March 26 from 9:30 - 11:30.** Flyers were sent home this week.

Scholastic Book Fair: Flyers went home this week with the details. Students will have an opportunity to make wishlists and shop during the week. During Saturday hours, a cup of soup, mac and cheese and a cookie can be purchased for \$5.00.

The Book Fair hours are: Monday, 3/21, 12:00pm - 2:00pm
Tuesday, 3/22, 8:30am - 11:30am
Wednesday, 3/23, 3:00pm - 7:00pm
Thursday, 3/24, 8:30am - 11:30am
Friday, 3/25, 8:30am - 11:30am
Saturday, 3/26, 9:00am - 1:00pm (11:30 - 1:00 lunch can be purchased)

Nurse Sam Update:

Please check out my new website for the most up-to-date information and updates from the nurse's office. <https://sites.google.com/hr-k12.org/rhc-nurses-office/>

★ **Common Illness Reminders:** Please remember to always inform the nurse's office of any illness symptoms. If your child is not feeling well and will not be coming to school, please be sure you are calling or emailing your child out of school due to illness, in addition, please CC me (spease@hr-k12.org) on those emails as well. We are seeing an increase in cold-like symptoms (as expected with the mask mandate being released), and I cannot help if I am not informed.

★ **At-Home Covid Tests:** You may still sign your child up to receive our weekly at-home covid tests. If you would like to begin receiving these tests, please reach out to me at spease@hr-k12.org.

*Covid Test Reporting Form: [At-Home Covid Test Reporting Form](#)

★ **Routine Covid Safety Checks:** If you would like to have your child begin participating in our Routine Covid Safety Check program, please reach out to me at spease@hr-k12.org.

Covid-19 Data Dashboard			
	3/16/22	3/11/22	Trend
Positive Cases at R.H. Conwell	0	0	-

Covid-19 Data Dashboard			
External Close Contacts in Quarantine	0	0	–
BinaxNOW Rapid Antigen Tests Conducted	0	0	↓
Positive Cases in Worthington (last 7 days)	0	0	↓
Positive Cases in Hampshire County (last 7 days)	404	575	↓
Positive Cases in Massachusetts (last 7 days)	9,427	11,176	↓

Weekly Routine Covid Safety Checks		
Date Safety Checks Completed	3/15/2022	3/8/2022
Number of Individuals Participating	44	43
Number of Pools Tested	5	5
Number of Positive Pools	0	0
Number of Negative Pools	5	5
TOTAL NUMBER OF WEEKLY CHECKS COMPLETED: 9		
TOTAL NUMBER OF NEGATIVE POOLS TO DATE: 74 TOTAL NUMBER OF POSITIVE POOLS TO DATE: 1		

Upcoming Events:

March 21 - 26, 2022: Scholastic Book Fair

March 24, 2022: School Committee Budget Meeting at 6:30 p.m.

March 26, 2022: Preschool and Kindergarten Open House beginning at 9:30 - 11:30

April 5 and 7: MCAS testing for grades 3 - 6.

Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns.

Gretchen Morse-Dobosz

Superintendent/Principal