Thurston Middle School Update

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October 22, 2010

Dear Thurston Families,

Parent-teacher conference information was sent out this week via listserv and regular mail. Our conferences give parents a chance to meet briefly (each conference lasts for seven minutes) with **three teachers** to discuss performance. Remember that **online sign-ups begin Monday**, **October 25 at 8:00 PM**. Please note that online sign-ups will be **shut down temporarily** for **24 hours prior to each conference session** (November 3, November 10 and November 17), so that teachers have the chance to gather materials and prepare effectively for the meetings.

This past Thursday was **Picture Day** at Thurston, and all students in attendance had their pictures taken. If you would like to order portraits, but did not send in your order form and check this time, your child will need to participate in **Picture Retake Day**. The date for retakes will be announced ASAP.

Also on Thursday, some Thurston students who met magazine drive sales goals had the chance to see a **BMX bike show**. Not only were the riders were amazingly skilled, they shared important messages about the importance of bicycle safety and choosing a substance-free lifestyle.

Thurston's school menus will now be part of this update each week! See the S**chool Lunch Calendar** section below for daily offering and specials.

We have **two spirit days** this week! On **Tuesday**, we hope everyone will turn out in their **Celtics gear** to celebrate the season opener against the Miami Heat. (Fans of other teams are welcome to wear their gear as well.) **Friday** will be **orange and black day** in honor of Halloween weekend. Please note that students may not wear items that distract from teaching and learning (e.g., masks, props, full mascot costumes), and any face paint or hair coloring must be applied at home with parent permission.

Have a great weekend!

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PTO News

Thank Yous…

A big thank you goes to our PTO gardening committee and along with their student helpers for planning 100 daffodils in the beds behind Thurston. The planting crew included: **Jake and Andrew Antonucci**, **Matthew and Michelle Berluti, Michaela Forde, Kendra and Harvinder Miller, Dot O'Connor, and Sandra Ramolins**. Their hard work and enthusiasm will hopefully make the building just a little bit brighter come springtime!

Westwood Merchandise For Sale At THURSTON
THE DEADLINE TO ORDER THIS FALL LINE IS COMING SOON! TUESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2010 is the last day to turn in orders. Apparel will not be available again until spring. Simply complete the **online order form** and attach it to a check payable to: THURSTON PTO, for the total amount of the merchandise. Send the form and check in an envelope marked 'merchandise' to school with your child.

These items will no longer be available after October 26, 2010, so please do not delay!

Orders will arrive within three weeks of the deadline and be sent home in your child's backpack unless otherwise specified. If these items are gifts, please specify that on your order form, and you will be contacted when your order is ready.

Any questions regarding the fall merchandise, please contact Joanne Ouellette, jbomarketing@comcast.net or 781-320-0036.

SAVE THE DATE: First PTO Meeting of the New School Year
Our first general PTO Meeting will be **November 16th at 7:30**. More details are coming soon. We hope to see everyone there!

School Announcements

2010-2011 Middle School Girls Hockey
Registration for the Middle School Girls Hockey is underway. If you have not registered for the 2010-2011 please do so using the on-line registration system located on WYH web site www.wyh.org.
If you have any questions please email Lynne or Tom Sweeney @ sweenz5@verizon.net

School Site Council
Our **School Site Council** met on Thursday, October 14 for the first time this year. A list of Site Council Members and Meeting Dates can be found on our web site. Meeting minutes, once approved, will be available on the web site as well.

MIT Splash Program
For one weekend each November, thousands of students of all types flood to MIT just for ESP's Splash program to learn anything they want. From music theory to Hungarian history to aircraft analysis, Splash participants are introduced to a huge variety of topics in over 400 classes taught by undergraduates and other members of the MIT community. Want to take a class on Egyptian mythology? Origami? Chemical sensors? All are possible.

Over the course of 20 hours during Splash, you can get your feet wet with a short introduction to any number of subjects—things you always wanted to learn, or topics you never knew existed. Or you can dive head first into an in-depth seminar or intensive workshop. The whole thing happens over the course of two days on the MIT campus.

The 2010 course catalog is up!

Registration starts a few weeks before the program. This year, there will be a lottery at first, and then registration will be done on a first come, first served basis. During registration, students can apply for full financial aid, which will be given based on need.

Click here for more information about Splash 2010!

If you have any questions, please email us at splash@mit.edu.

Riding the Bus

I have a quick reminder for parents of students who take the **bus**: for safety reasons, students are not allowed to ride buses other than their assigned buses. Many of our buses are at or near capacity, and the addition of extra passengers could pose a safety risk. Starting next week, bus drivers and the bus coordinator will be checking bus passes periodically to make sure all students are on the correct bus.

Sports Schedules

Football, Volleyball, Field Hockey and Cross Country are off and running! To access schedules for all Thurston Middle School sports teams, go to http://www.highschoolsports.net/team/Westwood-High-School-Westwood-MA/ and choose the appropriate team form the pull down list. **Go Bulldogs!**

Lunch Menu October 25-29, 2010

Monday 10/25	**Tuesday 10/26**	**Wednesday 10/27**	**Thursday 10/28**	**Friday 10/29**
Specials				
Cheeseburgers Baked fries Carrots	Mozzarella Sticks	Roast Chicken Rice Green Beans	Pasta w/Meatballs Dinner Roll(Wheat)	Papa Gino's
Grab & Go Specials *Grab & Go items are (1) ea. Day and rotated*				
Chicken Sandwich Hot Dogs Cheeseburgers BBQ Rib Sandwiches	Chicken Sandwich Hot Dogs Cheeseburgers BBQ Rib Sandwiches	Chicken Sandwich Hot Dogs Cheeseburgers BBQ Rib Sandwiches	Chicken Sandwich Hot Dogs Cheeseburgers BBQ Rib Sandwiches	Chicken Sandwich Hot Dogs Cheeseburgers BBQ Rib Sandwiches
Available Daily Pizza (Whole Wheat) Deli/Asst. Chicken Caesar Salad/entree Garden Salad/entree Pasta Marinara Bagel, Cream Cheese & Yogurt Daily House Salad (Caesar) Chicken Nuggets (baked) Daily Special(see above) Bacon, egg, and cheese Sandwiches Chilled or fresh fruit Cold Carrots or Celery sticks Choice of milk Choice of Juice **Please Note:** All of our fries are baked				
Desserts We offer a rotating selection Pudding (Chocolate & Vanilla), Fruit Cups, Assorted Jellos				
**** **Please note:**				

Menus are subject to change without notice due to extenuating circumstances.
**** **“Before placing your order, please inform your server if a person in your party has a food allergy”**

Calendar of Events

Important dates and upcoming events:

Mon	**10/25**	8:00 PM Parent-Teacher Conference online signups begin
Fri	**10/29**	X-Block GHOST Bingo
Tue	**11/2**	Election Day
Wed	**11/3**	1:10 Early Dismissal
		1:15-3:30 Parent-Teacher Conferences
Fri	**11/5**	7:30-10:00 PM WOSC Dance
Mon	**11/8**	2:30 WOSC Meeting
Tue	**11/9**	X-Block WOSC Elections
Wed	**11/10**	Final day of term 1.
		1:15-3:30 Parent-Teacher Conferences
		6:30-8:30 Parent-Teacher Conferences
Thu	**11/11**	Veterans’ Day—No School
Fri	**11/12**	Term 2 begins
Tue	**11/16**	7:30 PTO General Meeting (Cafeteria Annex)
Wed	**11/17**	1:15-3:30 Parent-Teacher Conferences
		4:00 School Site Council Meeting
Thu	**11/18**	7:30 School Committee Meeting
Fri	**11/19**	Term 1 Report Cards sent home with students

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