Thurston Middle School Update

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December 10, 2010

Dear Thurston Families,

It was certainly an eventful week at Thurston. Two successful evacuations (one drill and one in response a microwave mishap), one glorious chorus concert, a night out at the Chateau, a visiting artist in grade 8 project art classes, a sixth grade student recognition sundae party, a "create your own line dance" assessment in PE classes, and a winter wonderland WOSC dance were just a few highlights.

Our school site council also met this past week and spent some time reviewing, discussing and providing feedback about the draft of the district-wide anti-bullying plan. Our school council's feedback, along with other public comments, will be considered by the superintendent and school committee before the proposed plan is sent to the state Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. If you would like to review the plan and provide feedback, a draft is posted on the district web site at: www.westwood.k12.ma.us.

Believe it or not, term 2 is moving right along and progress reports will be distributed next Friday. As always, if you have questions about comments on your child's report, please contact the appropriate teacher.

All the best,

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PTO News

Calling all Celtics fans...
A reminder, and can't we all use them this time of year...Celtics tickets for Thurston Night at the Celtics will be available until they sell out, but *next week is the last week to order in time for stocking stuffers*. To order the tickets, please complete the form (online in the Forms and Publications section of the Thurston site) and fax it to 617-854-8068. Please remember to order by Decmber 17th if you want them for presents! Thurston Night at the Celtics (Tuesday, April 5, 2011) will be a great game as the Celtics look to finish the regular season strong.

Chateau Night Thank You
Those smiles on the faces of Thurston moms and dads last Thursday weren't just because they were in the holiday spirit...they enjoyed a night out of the kitchen! Thanks to the Chateau for a wonderful fundraising

opportunity. Many families dined in and many had to take-out to accommodate busy schedules. Whatever way you supported this fundraiser, we thank you for helping support our PTO.

Save the Date for Guest Speaker Michael Thompson

Join the Thurston Middle School PTO in welcoming Michael Thompson to Westwood on March 2, 2011 form 7:00 to 8:30. A consultant, author and psychologist specializing in children and families, Dr. Thompson will meet with parents to discuss his book *"The Pressured Child: Helping Your Child Find Success in School and Life."* Please mark your calendars to attend this exciting presentation!

Thurston PTO "Woohoo I'm Not Cooking" Fundraising Opportunities!!!!!!!!!

JAKE 'N JOES SPORTS GRILLE NIGHT: We will have two fundraising dates with Jake 'n Joes Sports Grille in Norwood this school year. Thursday, January 27, 2011 will be the first Thurston Night at the Jake 'n Joes Sports Grille in Norwood where 20% of all purchases of food and beverages from dinner, both dine in and take-out, beginning at 5:00 p.m., will benefit our PTO. Thank you to the Jake 'n Joes for this wonderful fundraising opportunity to help raise money for our school!

School Announcements

Parent Volunteer for Yearbook

Do you use PhotoShop at work or enjoy tinkering with it and have acquired some skill in its use? The Yearbook staff is in need of some PhotoShop help for a project they would like to do. If you can help, please contact Mrs. Santabarbara at 781-326-7500, ext. 2308 or email dsantabarbara@westwood.k12.ma.us Thanks!

WBA Night at the Celtics

Westwood Basketball is pleased to announce that it will be hosting WBA night with the Boston Celtics on Wednesday,12/8/10. Come cheer the Westwood 6th grade girls Travel team as they have the opportunity to play at the half time as the Celtics take on the Denver Nuggets. Watch as Rajon Rondo, The Big Three, and newly acquired Legend Shaquille O'neal take on Western Conference Powers. Tickets are available on a first come first served basis and are $58 each. If you'd like to purchase tickets please contact Paul Leonard at prleonard@comcast.net or 781 762-7102 by 12/4/10. Hope to see you there!

Thurston's Second Scripps Spelling Bee (Improve your vocabulary!)

Thurston students have the chance to participate in our second annual spelling bee! The school spelling champion goes on to compete in regional Scripps Spelling Bee in Massachusetts in March 2011, and possibly the Scripps National Spelling Bee in Washington, D.C. in May of 2011.

> **Practice session(s):** These will take place in the school and dates & times announced soon.
> **Thurston School Spelling Bee takes place on:** Short Wednesday, January 26, 2011 (Short Wednesday, February 9, 2011 will be the snow date).
> **Prizes include:** trophy & one year subscription to Encyclopedia Britannica, second and third place recognition and award
> **Spelling words, definitions & pronunciations can be found at:** http://www.myspellit.com (we're not using the section called "words you need to know").

Please sign up for additional information by emailing your name, grade, and phone number to: schandraker@yahoo.com. **Any questions contact:** Samia Chandraker at 781 571 9582 or schandraker@yahoo.com.

Nursing Substitutes Needed!
Westwood Public Schools seeks substitute nurses at all levels to cover school buildings and attend field trips. Activities include first aid, medication administration, monitoring and assessing students for illnesses. Interested candidates should apply on line at *www.westwood.k12.ma.us*. Please call Leslie Davie, Hanlon School Nurse, at 781-326-7500 x. 7522, if you have any questions.

Updates from WYFS
Friday Night Out on Dec. 17th will be cancelled. We hope to see you at the next one on Jan.28th!

Spots are still available in WY&FS's girls groups! If you have a child in 6th - 8th grade and are interested, please contact Tracy Gabriel at 781-251-2575. A new group will be starting on Monday, January 3rd and will continue for 12 weeks.

Lunch Menu December 6 – 10 2010

Monday 12/13	**Tuesday 12/14**	**Wednesday 12/15**	**Thursday 12/16**	**Friday 12/17**
Specials				
Cheeseburgers Baked fries Peas	Nachos w/Beef,Cheese & Salsa	Roast Chicken Rice Carrots	Macaroni & Cheese 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	**12/13**	2:30 WOSC Meeting
		7:00 PM Band Concert (WHS Auditorium)
Wed	**12/15**	In School Music Concert
Thu	**12/16**	7:30 PM School Committee (WHS Little Theatre)
Fri	**12/17**	Thurston Math League #3
		Visiting artist (project art classes)
		Student Council Elections
Fri	**12/24**	No School—start of Winter Vacation

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