Downey Calendar

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February 9, 2007 A Supplement to The Downey Update

February

February 12-15	Grade 5 Changing Bodies Program
February 14	**Early Release at 11:50 AM** *Poetry in Motion* (Presentation sponsored by The PTO)
February 15	School Committee Meeting 7:30 PM @ High School Little Theater
February 19-23	February Vacation
February 28	**Early Release at 11:50 AM**

March

March 6	Kindergarten Parent Night at Deerfield
March 7	Grade 3 Spelling Bee @ Martha Jones
March 8	Grade 4 (4:00) and Grade 5 (6:00) Spelling Bee @ Martha Jones
March 10	WESC Dinner Dance and Auction, Lombardo's
March 14	**Early Release at 11:50 AM**
March 19	**MCAS Grade 3**
March 20	**MCAS Grade 4**
March 20, 21	NO SCHOOL for Kindergartners (Visiting Day for Incoming 2007 Kindergartners and parents)
March 21, 22	**MCAS Grade 3**
March 23	No SCHOOL In-service Day for Staff
March 26, 27, 28	**MCAS Grade 4**
March 29, 30	**MCAS Grade 5**

April

April 6	NO SCHOOL Good Friday
April 11	**Early Release at 11:50 AM**
April 16-20	April Vacation
April 25	**Early Release at 11:50 AM**

Downey Math Challenge

It may be cold outside, but the Math Challenge is heating up! Grades 2, 3, and 4 were in a tight battle, but in the end, one grade managed to squeak into first place. Here is this week's result:

First place: Grade 4
Second Place: Grade 3
Third Place: Grade 2

With just a few more responses in grades 2 or 3, this week's result could have been very different!

Today is the 100th day of school and many of our classrooms are celebrating. So, this week's Challenge will also celebrate with some "100" math activities. Have fun and remember to submit your response before the February vacation.

The Math Challenge- Celebrating "100"

1. Show 3 ways to make 100. You may use any operations you want!

2. The answer is…100. Write a story problem in which the solution is 100.

3. How many hours are in 100 days? How many minutes are in 100 days? How many seconds are in 100 days? SHOW YOUR WORK!

Last Week's Solutions…

We had some great responses to the money problems. Our students found many creative ways (as usual) to solve these problems. An example is provided below:

In problem one, students were asked to find the 6 coins that total 57 cents.
Many students drew pictures to help solve the problem. Students using this strategy included:
Samantha Varkas, Ryan McIntyre, Allie Damren, Harrison Hart, Michael Daniels, Katie Fafara, Owen Hart, Bill Farley, Brandon Moy.
Other students used words:
Andrea Meincke, Derek Nong, Hanna Scher, Peter Firmin, Jack Herndon, Dana Bamford, Alex Haney, Andreas Shako, Stephanie McClure, Eva Orsini, Tommy Lyons, Emma Craine, Jenny Trigilio, Gabby Taghian, Chris Keeler, Kevin Murray, Jacob Powell, Kristin Shipp, Karen Choi, Drew Pfaff, Neiman Melhem, Rachel McClure, Alyssa Haney, Shaye Firmin, Brandon Moy, Bobby Connors, and Anthony Vilmenay.

This week's feature problem was written by Dana Bamford. Dana drew a beautiful picture of Mrs. Moore holding a lovely purse to accompany her word problem.
Mrs. Moore had five coins that equal 31 cents. What are they?

Community News

Lamberts for Our Schools
Lamberts on Rt. 1 in Westwood donates 10% of your purchase to WESC when you mention this promotion to the cashier before checking out.

YOU'RE INVITED TO…
WESTWOOD FAMILY FUN DAY!
Hosted by the Westwood Young Women's Club

When: Sunday, March 25, 2007
Where: New England Sports Academy (NESA)
345 University Avenue Westwood, MA
Time: 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
Admission is between 11:30 and 12:00.

*Please allow adequate amount of time to fill out a waiver if your child does not have one on file at NESA. Waivers can be downloaded on our web site: www.WYWC.org

- Organized activity groups begin promptly at 12:00 p.m. and end at 1:30 p.m.
- Open gym begins at 12:00 p.m. and ends at 2:00 p.m.

Admission: $10 per child ages 3-12; cash and check only please

- Advance tickets can be picked up at High Street Market, the library, or visiting our web site at www.WYWC.org.
- Ideal for children ages 3-12 (parents must be present for the event.)

The children will be grouped by age and rotated through basketball, gymnastics, and "extreme sports" games led by NESA instructors. Open gym and additional activities will also be available. Pizza and snacks will be available for purchase and raffle tickets can be purchased for a nominal fee.
The event is wheelchair and stroller accessible.

EDUCATION411 is pleased to announce the launch of our website www.education411.org. You will find meeting summaries and newsletters as well as upcoming dates of important meetings. On the website, you can join our mailing list and receive information about Westwood Public Schools via email. You may also email us at: WESTWOODEDUCATION411@YAHOO.COM to be added to our distribution list. Please mark your calendars for an important town forum on Monday, February 26th at 7PM at the High School. Come and hear Jeff Wulfson, Associate Commissioner of the Department of Education, speak about State Funding of Education. Westwood receives $885 per student in state aid while Medfield, Acton and Dover receive $1,731, $1,661 and $1,205, respectively. We hope to understand the formula and what, if any, changes are planned.