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The Core 4 Chronicle



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Important Dates

| Fall Family Picnic Night – Sheehan Playground | Tuesday, September 15th, 5-6:30 PM |
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| Early Release 11:50 am–NO LUNCH | Wednesday, September 16th |
| Curriculum Night *GR K-2 6-6:45 PM *Welcome Meeting 7-7:30 PM *GR 3-5 7:30-8:15 PM | Thursday, September 17th |
| Picture Day | Friday, September 18th |
| Full Day Kindergarten Begins | Monday, September 21st |
| NO SCHOOL Yom Kippur | Wednesday, September 23rd |
| Principal's Coffee- Sheehan Library | Friday, September 25th at 9:00 AM |
| Early Release I 1:50 am-NO LUNCH | Wednesday, September 30th |
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Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Families,

Welcome all new and returning families to the 2015-2016 school year! We're off to a wonderful start and students have all arrived smiling and ready to learn. Our Kindergarten students are so eager and beaming ear to ear arriving to school!

I have had the opportunity to visit each classroom these first few weeks of school and enjoyed observing the exciting teaching and learning taking place. The students have shared many of their summer reading books with me with much enthusiasm. Please send in your child's Summer Reading Log by Friday, September 18th.

Also, just a reminder, <u>Curriculum Night</u> is Thursday, September 17th and we look forward to seeing all of you. This evening is for parents only. We ask that you please leave your children at home. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause.

I would like to extend an invitation to all Sheehan families to attend our annual Sheehan Fall Family Picnic Night on Tuesday, September 15th from 5:00-6:30 PM. Please bring a picnic dinner. The picnic gathering is a wonderful opportunity to get acquainted with each other as well as provide a variety of organized games for our students outside of the Sheehan School day! We look forward to seeing you all!

Principal's Message

Pledge Leaders

We have started a new tradition of inviting Fifth Grade students to serve as Pledge Leaders every morning. The Pledge Leaders will be invited to help lead the students in the Pledge of Allegience following the 8:50 AM school bell. It is important for all students to make an effort to arrive to school on time to start their day honoring our country!

I would like to welcome some new and talented members to the Sheehan Staff!

Mrs. Lisa Fiore—Literacy Specialist Mrs. Eve Berne—Speech Specialist Mrs. Annie Chisholm—Kindergarten Assistant Mrs. Katy Brooks — Cafeteria Monitor Ms. Christa DeMovellan — Lesley University Intern

We had our first practice Fire Drill last week and we're happy to share that the Westwood Fire Department complimented Sheehan students on their exemplary behavior!

In the weeks ahead the faculty and I will share our goals for this year and the way you can support your child from home. The success of each student is only possible in partnership with you. We look forward to working together to provide the highest quality education in a supportive and respectful environment for each and every child at Sheehan School.

Please note that in the weeks ahead, we hope to be utilizing our new <u>website</u> much more. All of the important dates, forms, and information coming from the Sheehan School will be listed on our main page. We are all very excited and as you will see, it is extremely easy to navigate! At this point in time, we are still writing our *Core 4 Chronicle*.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Evans

Notes from the Office

My name is Eileen Erwin and I'm the Administrative Assistant at the Sheehan School. If you have questions about anything at all, please do not hesitate to contact me at eerwin@westwood.k12.ma.us or 781-326-7500 x7120.

<u>Please sign up to volunteer in our Cafeteria at http://vols.pt/EheoPy (this is case sensitive) follow the directions...it is so easy!</u>

If your child forgets to bring an item to school and you must drop it off, please do not sign in and walk to your child's classroom. The office will deliver the item to the classroom. Teachers have requested that parents do not randomly walk to the classrooms as it disrupts essential learning opportunities. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Please note that **no dismissal requests** will be taken after <u>12:00 PM</u>. I understand that exceptions must be made but I want to ensure that every child arrives at their destination safely!

• If your child's dismissal routine MUST be changed, please notify the main office by 12:00 PM. We understand that emergencies do arise, which could require a change in the dismissal plan, but other than that there should be no reason to change your child's plan. Please keep your child's dismissal plan as consistent as possible. As always, safety is our main concern, and it is critical that ALL children arrive at their after school destination safely. Students are not permitted to take an unassigned bus home to accommodate an arranged play – date.

• <u>Children may arrive on school grounds at 8:30 AM when supervision begins.</u> If your child is driven to school, please park on Pond Street, the same side as the school to allow your child to exit the vehicle onto the sidewalk. When walking onto the school grounds, please be sure to walk <u>inside the yellow fire lane</u>.

- In inclement weather, all grades gather in the cafeteria.
- The bell rings at 8:45 AM to mark the start of the school day.

• Attendance is taken promptly in classrooms. If you child will not be in school, please be sure to call the school office attendance line at **781-326-7500 x7100** before **9:00** AM or **email** Mrs. Erwin at <u>eerwin@westwood.k12.ma.us.</u> This helps us to ensure the safety of all our students. If we do not receive a call, Mrs. Erwin will call home to verify your child's absence.

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