

# HUSKIES' HEADLINES

October Newsletter

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## Principal's Pages

Dear Parents and Guardians,

These past three weeks have been most rewarding for me. I have enjoyed every aspect of being here at the North Street School. The staff has been most welcoming and I have found them to be most professional and caring. But I have especially enjoyed the children.

They know, as do the staff, that my important job here is to keep them safe. With that in mind we will be able to accomplish a great deal.

Summer has officially passed according to the calendar. Fall has arrived with its beautiful colors and the Red Sox are still playing well! Many thanks for a smooth beginning to the school year. An extra special thanks to the Lunch and Recess Monitors for their tireless efforts.

Bus safety instruction will be completed in all classrooms in the coming weeks. **Please remind your children that there should not be any standing on the bus until the driver stops at their bus stop.** I continually board the buses and remind them but need your continued cooperation in this matter.

Each family should have received a copy of the North Street School Handbook. I will be sending home an addendum to this handbook as there are some very important areas I feel you and your child(ren) should be aware of. I would ask that you read it and review it with your child(ren). Many important topics and policies are mentioned in both. Please take time to share it with them. I will be asking you to sign a form stating that you have read the handbook along with the addendum and reviewed it with your child(ren).

School begins here at North Street at 9:00. There will be a change in the time students should arrive at school, the time we enter the building, and the time school begins. This

will be addressed in the Handbook addendum. There will be plenty of notice as to when the start date will be.

Our North Street Improvement Plan is available in the office for anyone who would like to review it.

Individual school pictures will be taken on Monday, October 6<sup>th</sup>. Picture packages will be returned in time for the holidays. Makeup day is Monday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>.

A request has been made for tennis balls. They will be used in a classroom to muffle the noise level. Donations will be greatly appreciated!

Thank you for such a warm and cooperative welcome. If you should have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call.

GO RED SOX!!!!



## Notes from the Nurse



I have begun the state mandated eyes and ears screening for the entire school. If I have concerns for your child I will contact you.

Remember, if your child has a temperature, he or she **NEEDS TO STAY HOME** until they are fever free for 24 hours.

State mandated physical exam for kindergarten and fourth grade are due now. **PLEASE** get them to me as soon as possible.

Believe it or not.... the holidays are just around the corner! Ever year we collect things for the Tewksbury State Hospital patients. Please keep them in mind when you are out shopping. More information will be forth coming.

We are having a coat drive in conjunction with Anton's Cleaners. You can drop them off at the school anytime.

I am in need of a few pairs of small sized jogging pants for those emergency situations at school. Just drop them by my office anytime.

*As Always thank you,  
Monica M. McBrine RN CSN*



## PAC News

**2 Hour Power Hour:** If you haven't gotten your pledge sheet in please consider doing so. We will use this info to update our database so as to keep you as well informed as possible. We also want to be sure that we are providing the programs needed to enhance our curriculum as well as provide the needed improvements to our playground. Just think of what we could accomplish with the majority of us donating just 2 hours of our time as opposed to just a few of us. For those of you who have already taken the pledge - thank you. We are looking forward to working with you. Aside from the wonderful feeling that goes along with helping out the kids, all people who donate their time will receive a small reward. The winners of the drawing were:

**Chuck E. Cheese Night:** October 6th. 3-9pm. All kids receive free tokens. We'll see you there! Look for more North Street School Family nights out in the coming months by visiting our website.

**Shoppers' Night:** In the past the North Street School has hosted a Shoppers night the 2nd Thursday in November to benefit the 4th graders. Shoppers' night is where local vendors gather in the North Street school cafeteria to sell their wares. Vendors vary from folks selling handmade crafts such as American Girl Doll clothes to sales of sports related merchandise or home décor. This year the 4th grade committee opted to do a towel fundraiser instead. I have had some calls from vendors interested in doing it but have no one to run the event. If we were to do it we would vote at the October meeting as to where to allocate the money. I have greatly enjoyed attending this each year and would love it if someone could step up to run it. I have all of the information from last year. However, without a volunteer by end of Sept we will not hold this event.

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade Committee:** There is a meeting of the 4th grade committee this Thursday night at the town library. If you would like to find out more please contact Lori Piracini at 978 851-9260.

**Meadow Farms Fundraiser:** Thank you to all who participated in this.

**Script Gift Cards:** If you are considering purchasing gift cards for Holiday presents or are a regular at Dunkin Donuts, please consider purchasing pre-paid gift cards through our school. You pay the same amount but our school receives a small percentage of the sale similar to a commission.

**Playground Equipment:** We are looking into getting a grant from Loews to use to renew our playground including the area outside of the equipment, which is in desperate need of a new surface as it is currently primarily dirt.

**Any suggestions, questions or ideas? Please send them along to one of us. We appreciate all the assistance we can get.**

*Sincerely, Sharon Pierce, Nancy Cappiello, and Ellen Roane*

## SPED PAC News

The Tewksbury Special Education PAC will be meeting on Monday, October 20th at 7:30pm in the Ryan School Library. On Saturday October 25<sup>th</sup>, we will be hosting the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual “Families Striding to Help Families Fun Day” from 9am-2pm at the Livingston Street Recreational Center. This year we will be featuring a Bounce-a-thon for the kids. There will be train and hayrides, a variety of vendors, field games and a giant raffle. To volunteer or just learn more about this event, please contact Kelly Preble at 978-640-8860.

*Thank you, Kelly Preble, Special Education PAC Rep*



### Ongoing Fundraising Opportunities

I want to tell you about a new and easy way you can help us raise thousands of dollars for our school throughout the year:

- Whenever you shop at any **Foot Locker, Kids Foot Locker, or Lady Foot Locker** location, present your Foot Locker School Rewards Key Tag and 5% of your purchase will be earned by our school. Enter our School Code **VR 22** when shopping at [www.footlocker.com](http://www.footlocker.com) and 5% will come back to our school.
- Whenever you shop for a wide variety of items at [1-800-FLOWERS.COM](http://1-800-FLOWERS.COM), use our School Code at check out—just enter SCHOOL and then our School Code **VR 22** in the "Promotional ID" field—and you will earn 8% for our school.

The great thing about this program is that you can raise money every time your family shops throughout the year. You can send extra Key Tags to friends and family, and share our School Code with them, too. The more people who shop, the more money we can raise for the special programs, equipment, and events that enrich our children's learning experiences.

This is an easy way to help our school without having to add yet another "to-do" item to your busy schedule. So get your free Foot Locker School Rewards Key Tag, go shopping, and help raise money for our school today!

Remember to use our school code VR22 whenever you shop!

Just a reminder, we are **collecting the pull-tabs from the top of cans** to be donated to the Aleppo Shriners in Wilmington. The Shriners recycle the tabs and use the money to provide transportation for needy children to one of the Shriners Hospitals. Please start collecting your pull-tabs and put them in the bin next to the box tops outside the cafeteria or give them to Mrs. Enos. You can still return the can itself to get your deposit back after you've removed the tab. This will be an ongoing collection, so remember to save them over the summer and bring them back to school with you in September. This is one very easy way that our children can help other children in need!

## Newsletter Submissions

Let's strive to make the **North Street Husky Newsletter** the place to go for information about our school



Please feel free to send us questions, concerns, and/or suggestions at any time. If you would like to submit articles, announcements, and/or news, please submit to Karen Nordstrom at [kenordstr@comcast.net](mailto:kenordstr@comcast.net) by the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month.