



Wellfleet Elementary School Principal's Newsletter - November 2020



CONFERENCES & PROGRESS REPORTS

Virtual Parent-Teacher Conferences were scheduled the evening of October 29th and the afternoon of October 30th.

Marks for Term I will close on Friday, December 4th. Progress Reports will go home with students on Wednesday, December 9th.

TURN YOUR CLOCKS BACK THIS WEEKEND

We return to Eastern Standard Time at 2:00 AM on Sunday, November 1st. Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour before you go to bed on Saturday night.

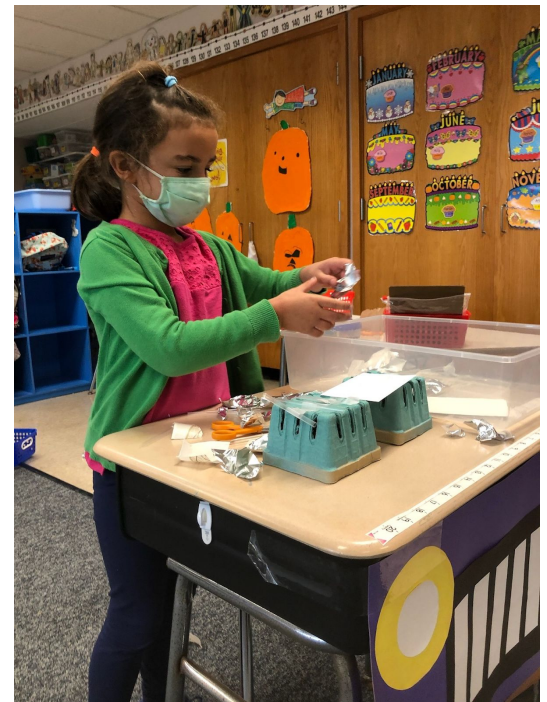
NOVEMBER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Please note on the WES November calendar:

1. School is **CLOSED** on Veterans' Day: Wednesday, **November 11th**.
2. School is **CLOSED** for the Thanksgiving Recess: **November 25th - 27th**.

NOVEMBER EARLY RELEASE DAY

Students will be dismissed from school at **11:00 AM** on Wednesday,



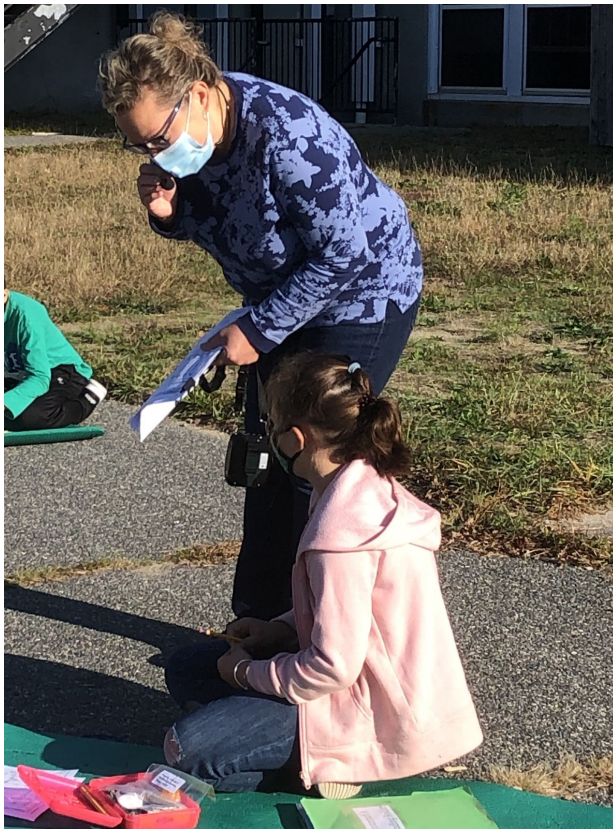
November 18th for staff training.

STUDENT ENROLLMENT UPDATE

WES has 90 students attending In-Person Learning and 13 students participating in Remote Learning.

WES PARENT & STUDENT HANDBOOK 2020-2021

The WES Parent & Student Handbook is available on the WES homepage.



EARLY PICK-UP *Gentle Reminder*

If you need to pick your child up from school early (i.e. doctor or dentist appointment), please provide the classroom teacher with a note the morning of. When you arrive for pick-up, drive into the bus circle, remain in your vehicle, call the main office at **508-349-3101, ext. 10** and your child will exit via the lobby double doors.

DROP-OFF A FORGOTTEN ITEM *Gentle Reminder*

If you need to drop-off an item (i.e. lunch box, homework) for your child during the school day, please call the office first, at **508-349-3101, ext. 10** to let us know. A table has been

set-up outside the lobby double doors for you to place the item. Please be sure to wear a face mask/covering when you exit your vehicle.

STUDENT & FAMILY RESOURCE PAGE

Mrs. Francis, WES School Psychologist, has created a resource page on the WES homepage or can be accessed [HERE](#). Resources and supports for Social-Emotional Learning, COVID-19, Mental Health, Special Education, and Community Agencies are available on the page. If you need or wish to contact Mrs. Francis, please either call 508-349-3101, ext. 37 or email at francisk@nausetschools.org.

NEWS FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

Dress for the Weather ~ Your Child NEEDS LAYERS!

Students are spending much more learning time outside. The classroom windows are open for maximum air flow and ventilation. As a result, the building will be cool this winter. Adding a layer when necessary will help children maintain a more comfortable body temperature when the building temperature drops.



Please consider sending clothing to school that can be easily layered and provides good insulation and warmth. Here is a checklist for your convenience:

- Puffer or fleece lined jacket
- Warm vest
- Hats* or ear muffs (**Hats must be knit beanies or other cold weather hats, not baseball or "fashion" caps.*)
- Neck gaiter* or scarf (**Neck gaiters cannot be used as a face covering.*)
- Insulated boots
- Leg warmers
- Thermal long johns
- Sweater/Sweatshirt
- Warm socks

NEW INFLUENZA VACCINE REQUIREMENT K - 12

Beginning this school year, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts is requiring all students to receive the influenza vaccine by 12/31/20. The flu vaccine is always important in reducing the risk of getting sick with flu, reducing the severity of the disease, and reducing its spread to others. During the COVID-19 pandemic, receiving a flu vaccine will be more important than ever to reduce the impact of respiratory illness and protect the more vulnerable in our population, such as grandparents, or those with an underlying health condition.

FLU VACCINE CLINIC ON DECEMBER 4TH

WES will be offering a flu vaccine clinic on December 4th for Truro and Wellfleet families. Pre-registration is required. Please contact Claudia

Cope-Crosen, RN to schedule your appointment. Influenza vaccination is required for all students in grades K-12 by December 31, 2020. During the COVID-19 pandemic, flu vaccination is especially critical to reduce the overall impact of respiratory illness on the population, protect vulnerable populations, and decrease the overall burden to the health care system. If you haven't had your flu shot yet, contact Mrs. Crosen at 508-349-3101 ex. 14 or copec@nausetschools.org

STOP THE SPREAD OF GERMS

Families have been doing a great job keeping their children home even when mildly ill. Even mild symptoms could be a COVID infection. When in doubt, contact Mrs. Crosen or your primary care physician. It is best to err on the side of caution and test using the PCR molecular test. Our goal is to reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission while supporting school attendance. The school has worked to carefully maintain cohorts of students to prevent the spread of COVID-19, and to minimize mixing of grade levels in the hallways, at lunch, and during recess. People are eager to "return to normal" but it remains critically important to socially distance and wear a mask when socializing with friends and family outside of your cohort. Outside play is best to allow airborne droplets and aerosols to disperse.



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