



## West Bridgewater Public Schools

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# Howard News

## Upcoming Events

Thursday, May 29, 2008

- Thursday May 29<sup>th</sup> – Grade 6 Chorus presentation of “Americans All” at 7:00 p.m. in the gym. Performers should arrive at 6:30 p.m. and be dressed appropriately.
- Friday, May 30<sup>th</sup> – Grade 6 DARE graduation at 1:30 p.m. in the gym.
- Wednesday, June 4<sup>th</sup> – Half Day of school, dismissal at 11:30 a.m.
- Friday, June 6<sup>th</sup> – High School Graduation at 6:00 p.m. at the Town Park (weather permitting)
- Monday June 9<sup>th</sup> – Annual Town Meeting at Middle/Senior High School
- Tuesday, June 10<sup>th</sup> – Grade 6 visits the middle school for a tour.
- Thursday, June 11<sup>th</sup> – Savings Makes Cents ice cream party for grade 5.
- Tuesday, June 17<sup>th</sup> – Last day of school, dismissal at 11:30 a.m.

**Congratulations Howard School Band** – The band students did a wonderful job last night at the concert. Mr. LeMarier did an excellent job getting them ready to perform!

**Grade 6 Graduation** – For the 6<sup>th</sup> grade graduation ceremony (June 17<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m.) there will be expectations on what the students should be wearing. This is a very nice ceremony and the administration feels that the students should be dressed appropriately. There should be no jeans, shorts, t-shirts, or beach flip flops. Boys should wear dress pants and a shirt and tie. The girls should wear a dress, an appropriate length skirt, or pants and an appropriate top. Students who are not dressed appropriately will not be taking part in the ceremony. If a parent has any questions or concerns please feel free to contact Mr. Bodwell.

**Howard School Orientation** - On June 11<sup>th</sup> the 3<sup>rd</sup> graders will be coming to the Howard School for a visit. Mr. Bodwell went to the RLM this week to speak with each 3<sup>rd</sup> grade class. Parents will have an opportunity to visit the school with their child on August 28<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Bodwell will be sending information about this orientation to parents during the summer.

**Art Show** - The Elementary School Art Show will be held on two days - June 11<sup>th</sup> and June 12<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at the Rose L. MacDonald School. In order to avoid overcrowding and problems with parking, we are requesting that MacDonald School parents and students attend the show on June 11<sup>th</sup> and that Howard School parents and students attend on June 12<sup>th</sup>. Spring Street School students and parents may attend either evening.

**Coffee Hours** – The last Coffee Hours with Mr. Bodwell will be on June 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. and June 13<sup>th</sup> 9:00 a.m. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

**Parent Surveys** – Last week we sent home a parent survey. We would appreciate it if you could take the time to fill it out and return it to the school. The results are very helpful as we finish the school year. The survey is also posted on the school website [www.howardschoolwb.com](http://www.howardschoolwb.com)

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**Final PTO Meeting** – The final PTO meeting for 2007-2008 will be on June 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Howard School. They will be holding elections for secretary and Vice President.

**Fall Soccer Registration** - The WBYAA is currently holding sign ups for fall soccer at the club house. You can register your child on Thursday 5/22 and 5/29 from 6-8pm, Friday 6/6 from 6-8pm and Saturday 5/24, 5/31 and 6/7 from 10am-12pm.

**Boston Public Library** – The website is [www.bpl.org](http://www.bpl.org) which is a fantastic research and homework helper site. For \$1, any Massachusetts resident can get a library card, and access a wealth of information. There is also a live homework tutorial available from the afternoon until the evening.

**Surround Care Parents** - Please note that the Surround Care Program for grades 1-6 will relocate to the Howard School on Wednesday, June 11th and Thursday, June 12th due to the Art Show at the Rose L. MacDonald Elementary School. If you have any questions regarding this change, please either email Mrs. Hoadley at [vhoadley@wbridgewater.com](mailto:vhoadley@wbridgewater.com) or call our cell phone at 774-218-0936.

**Student Information** – The school will be updating the database information over the summer on the students and would appreciate that Parents/Guardians please make the necessary updates to the emergency forms that have been sent home with their children. Please return forms by June 5<sup>th</sup>.

**DARE** - The 6<sup>th</sup> grade students at the Howard School completed the elementary DARE Curriculum. Officer Thaxter conducted approximately 17 classes throughout the school year focusing specifically on tobacco, alcohol, and marijuana education. Additionally, issues of peer pressure and making safe decisions were also addressed. In addition to the core DARE program, they addressed issues of dangerous inhalants, prescription and over the counter drug abuse, internet safety, bullying prevention, and finding positive role models. The classes were conducted using interactive exercises which focus on self directed learning rather than traditional lectures. They also incorporated role playing, multimedia and hands on education. In addition to education, another goal of the DARE program is to build relationships with the police department and to reinforce the police as a resource to help kids make positive and healthy decisions.

**Thank You** - Officer Thaxter has done a wonderful job working with our students this year and in the past. The relationship the students build with Officer Thaxter is one that can continue throughout their education here at WB and as they get older. He has gained their confidence and trust. It is a nice break for the students to have a different teaching experience during the school day. Thank you Officer Thaxter for all that you have done for the Howard School.

**Soccer Achievement** - Congratulations to Reed Crowley and Mark Hamalian as they are heading to the US Club Soccer Nationals. Mark and Reed, along with their MPS Crusaders teammates, qualified to compete in the finals by winning the New England/New York regionals this past Memorial Day weekend. 1400 club teams around the US and Canada were entered in 9 regional tournaments in order to earn a spot in the Virginia Beach finals this summer.

**Golf Tournament** - West Bridgewater Athletics Association (W.B.Y.A.A.), is conducting a Golf Tournament on June 2nd at River Bend Country Club on Route 106, to benefit the WBYAA Scholarship fund. Please contact Glenn Corbett @ 508-232-1442 or Vanessa Sharkey @ 508-588-5387.

**Summer Theatre Program** - Kathryn DePaola graduate of West Bridgewater High School is running a new theatre program this summer, called KD Dramatics. From July 7th to July 31st, Monday through Thursday, from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm at the Rose L. MacDonald School for students presently in Grades 4-8. If there are any questions please email her at [kathryndepaola@yahoo.com](mailto:kathryndepaola@yahoo.com).