



# Superintendent Goguen

May 23, 2019

## Dear Students, Staff and Families,

The month of May is the busiest month of the year... spring sports, music concerts, MCAS, AP testing, transitional meetings, field trips and various end-of-the-year celebrations are going on across the district!

As we get closer to the end of the year (June 14th half day) we want to remind parents/guardians to ask your child's teacher or school any year-end transition questions that you may have. Moving up to another grade may cause excitement for some students and anxiety for other students. Our goal is to ensure all our students are feeling confident about their own educational progress and eager to face new academic challenges. Step-Up Days are being scheduled and Principals will be sharing this information with parents/guardians soon.

As the year-ends, I want to wish the 2019 Senior Class the very best on their new adventures beyond their high school years! We are particularly proud of how well our students do in life and whether they are heading off to college, the military, or work, we know that our students will carry Bartlett & Webster Pride with them forever! We learn much from our students and want to thank the Class of 2019 for reminding us the importance of teamwork, and giving back to others!

I would also like to recognize and thank our teachers and staff who are retiring this year.

### Congratulations to:

Kim Dobro for **26 years** of dedicated service  
Rita Kelly for **42 years** of dedicated service  
Roberta Craig for **19 years** of dedicated service  
Susan Plasse for **35 years** of dedicated service  
Linda Millet for **32 years** of dedicated service

**May your retirement years be filled with relaxation, good health and much joy!**



This past year, I am pleased to share we have made significant progress across the district. The following is a short list of some of our initiatives that were accomplished through the hard work and persistence of our teachers, staff and administrators:

### **Distributive Leadership:**

- Instructional Leadership teams were put in place at all 3 schools to work on Turnaround Plans/School Improvement Plans
- We increased administrators at WMS & BHS by adding a full time Dean at each school
- We developed a NEW Professional Development Committee
- We developed a New Superintendent's Educators Council
- We expanded our Mentoring Program to include 2<sup>nd</sup> year teachers

### **Curriculum & Instruction:**

- We are in our 2nd year implementing new Reading K-5 Reading Program
- We are completing our 1st year implementing a New Mathematics Program K-12
- We piloted new reading curriculum grades 6-12
- We implemented a new district assessment system
- We Implemented new science resources - STEMscope & Science kits
- We added more time to the students' day at PAE
- A cohesive and comprehensive Professional Development Plan was developed and implemented to support the Turnaround efforts at each school and the implementation of new curriculum resources

### **Supports for Students:**

- We provided new researched based curriculum to our students to support reading, math, and science
- We expanded the Breakfast in the Classroom to WMS and are working to have it at BHS
- We received the Fresh Fruits & Vegetable Grant for PAE
- We continue to provide Before and After School Programming through the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Grant
- We continue to provide students with the Summer Eats program
- We continue to provide Title 1 after-school enrichment programs and we expanded this to North Village this year.
- We developed a New ELL Parent Advisory Group
- PAE developed Kids College
- WMS established Junior National Honor Society
- BHS students established the Black Empowerment Group
- Weekend Backpack Food Program was established
- We developed a partnership with YOU Inc., so students could have access to therapists in schools

### **Community Partnerships:**

- Webster Police, Fire & EMS
- PTO & Booster Clubs
- North Village Community Center
- Title I Tutoring & ELL Parent Advisory Group
- MAPFRE & Boston Children's Hospital & John Hopkins Research
- Webster-Dudley Food Share
- Project Bread
- Parent & Senior Citizen Volunteers
- Blackstone Valley Education Foundation
- Long Subaru
- WB Mason
- National Grid
- Mexicali Restaurant
- Head Start
- Unum
- Framingham State – Student Dietitian Interns
- UMASS – SNAP-ED Nutrition Program
- Worcester Community Action Council-Dental Program
- Nichols College-Nichols Honors Program



## Congratulations!

to the WMS Students who earned an Ice Cream Party for Perfect Attendance and Honor Roll!



## Thank you!

Thank you to Mrs. Jill Chapdelaine, Director of Curriculum for Math and Science for leading the initiative with new math curriculum this year. She has been instrumental in scheduling support for our teachers with Looney Math and CPM Consultants. Thank you to our high school mathematics teachers for their commitment to see the implementation of a new program through! They spent 8 Saturdays this year learning more about the program and how to engage our students in collaborative and problem based learning!



The 1<sup>st</sup> ever Webster Community Fair was a huge success. Thank you to all our vendors and community and school members who participated in making this vision become a reality!

### Here are some of the raffle winners:

#### MAPFRE Safety Kits

April Chevalier  
Holly Rekowski  
Jacob Manzi  
Bentley (no last name)

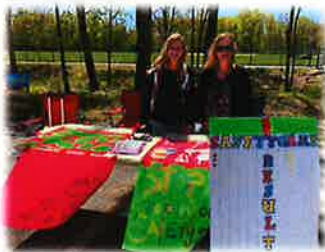
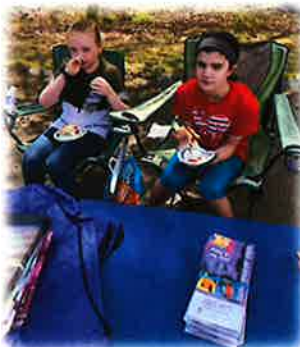
#### Adult Bike

Stephanie Fafard

#### Children's Bike

Stacy MacCormach







# Student Wellness Conference

**Bartlett High School Students are enjoying the 2019 Student Wellness Conference sponsored by District Attorney Joseph Early's Office**





## Safety Updates:

1. We held lockdown drills at PAE and WMS yesterday (May 22nd) in conjunction with the Webster Police Department. These drills are part of our safety preparedness plans that include doing evacuation and fire drills. Our students and staff do a great job during our safety drills.
2. We ask parents and guardians to make sure that we have up-to-date emergency contact information for your children. We like to have three contact phone numbers for each of our students. Please reach out to your child's school if your phone number or selected emergency contact people have changed.

## Upcoming Events...

5/23	WMS	6:30	Spring Concert
5/24	WMS	8am-2pm	Great East Festival
5/24	PAE		Kindergarten to Southwicks Zoo
5/24	PAE		Kids of Character Celebration
5/27	District		Memorial Day (No School)
5/29	BHS	6	Senior Awards Night
5/29	WMS		Washington DC Trip ~ Grade 8 Students
5/31	PAE	9	Student of the Month breakfast
5/31	PAE		Grade 3 to Old Sturbridge Village
5/31	PAE		Grade 4 Memorial Day Program
6/4	WMS		Ice Cream Empty Bowls
6/5	WMS	8-12pm	Forensics Presentations Grade 8
6/6	WMS	10-5pm	Six Flags
6/7	WMS	10-5pm	Six Flags (Rain Date)
6/7	BHS	6	Graduation
6/7	BHS	11:00pm-6:00am	Class of 2019 Post Graduation Event
6/11	PAE	9:15am—2:30pm	Grade 1 to Davis Farm
6/12	PAE	9	Student of the Month breakfast
6/12	PAE	5:30	Art Show
6/14	District		Last day of school ~ 1/2 day for students



# YOU are invited!!!

Webster Middle School

**Tuesday, June 4, 2019**

**5pm-7pm**

Ice Cream "Empty Bowls" Fundraiser

WMS Art Teacher: Denise Portrais ( [dportrais@webster-schools.com](mailto:dportrais@webster-schools.com) )

**Where: Webster Middle School**

**When: Tuesday, June 4, 2019      Time: 5pm-7pm**

Join the students of WMS for an Ice Cream Bowl Fundraiser and Student Art Show! Patrons can purchase one of the many handmade ceramic bowls created by the talented 8th grade artists of WMS Art classes and Art Club. You are invited to come and view all (5th -8th Grade) student Artwork (Free Art Show) and then come to the WMS Cafeteria and enjoy a bowl of ice cream and toppings, all for only \$10 per bowl, the proceeds of which will benefit the Local food bank.

You eat the ice cream and **take home the bowl** for a **\$10.00 donation**.

**Please, RSVP by: May 24, 2019 to [dportrais@webster-schools.com](mailto:dportrais@webster-schools.com)**

or

**return the bottom portion of this notice to Mrs. Portrais, at WMS, so we can plan how many people are attending- YOU can pay at the door!**

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Family/Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade: \_\_\_\_\_



# of people \_\_\_\_\_ Planning to just eat ice cream \$3.00 each (Do not keep bowl)

# of people \_\_\_\_\_ Planning to eat ice cream and buy the ceramic bowl \$10.00  
(ceramic bowl with ice cream included)

\*Family of 4 price just ice cream= \$10.00

\*Family of 4 price ice cream and keep one ceramic bowl= \$15.00

***\$10 per bowl (Keep the ceramic bowl) with ice cream***

*All the proceeds will benefit the Local food bank!*

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***In Webster...Kindness Matters,***

Ruthann Petrino-Goguen