



The Gibbons News

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HATS AND MITTEN COLLECTION

The first grade hat and mitten collection was a great success! They collected 157 hats, mittens and gloves. The students then sorted and counted them by ones, twos, fives and tens. The hats, mittens and gloves were then donated to the Evelyn House, women and children's center, in Stoughton. Thank you to first grade teachers; Mrs. Galanis, Mrs. Donaghy and Mrs. Angelos for organizing this activity!

COATS FOR KIDS

Thank you to all of you for dropping off your coats and jackets! We exceeded our collection from last year with a total of 178 coats collected! Thank you to Suzanne Barrett for organizing the drive. How lucky we were to have our own Gibbons School students on the Coats for Kids poster this year!

MCAS CAMPS

MCAS Camp for English Language Arts will begin this month. These sessions will focus on ELA skills as well as test-taking skills and strategies to help students improve their test score. Students will be given small group, direct instruction. The goal for all students is to prepare them to perform at the proficiency level.

Please dress children for the weather! We try to have outdoor recess whenever possible.



WINTER WEATHER - TRAFFIC

Please remember that the front curb is for drop off only, even on the kindergarten side. This is particularly important during inclement weather with everyone using the front entrance. If you need to walk your child into the building you need to park in a parking space in the parking lot.

If there is a bus in front of the building, we ask that you drive through the parking lot rather than waiting and tying up traffic.

Please pass this message on to anyone who drops off or picks up your child. Our main concern for drop off and pick up is your child's safety. Please plan your schedule accordingly!

Patriots Spirit Day!
Friday, January 20th
Wear red, white and blue!

ON-GOING SCHOOL PROGRAMS



We thank you for your participation and for modeling for your children, how to come together and help out your community.

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

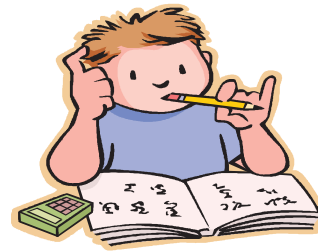
Kindergarten registration will take place on **Tuesday, March 13 from 9-11AM and 1-2 PM** and again on **Thursday, March 15 from 9-11AM and 1-2PM**. You will need to bring the following: [copy of birth certificate](#), [immunization record](#) and [2 proofs of residency](#) (current lease or mortgage payment slip and a current utility bill). Early registration helps secure the number of classrooms and teachers needed for the fall enrollment. If you have friends, relatives or neighbors who live in Stoughton, who will be registering a kindergarten age child, please pass on this information.

SECOND GRADE MUSICAL - Coming Soon ...

This year our second graders will perform “Bugz” a mini musical on Thursday, February 16 at 1:45 PM. All second grade parents are encouraged to attend.

MCAS DATES

TEST	DATE
Grade 3 ELA	March 21, 27
Grade 3 Mathematics	May 9, 16
Grade 4 Long Composition	March 20
Grade 4 ELA	March 22, 28
Grade 4 Mathematics	May 8, 15
Grade 5 ELA	March 23, 29
Grade 5 Mathematics	May 7, 14
Grade 5 Science	May 17, 18



IMPORTANT DATES!

School Council Meeting	1/19 @ 3:00
Early Release 12:20	1/26
Family Bingo Night	2/2 @ 6:30

Help Prevent Illness-

A Note From The Nurse....

In an effort to keep everyone at the Gibbons School (and in your homes) as healthy as possible, I would like to ask your assistance in reviewing and promoting hand washing with your children. **HAND WASHING** is the simplest way to protect you from catching colds, flu, viral and bacterial illnesses.

WHY?

- Many outbreaks of foodborne illness are traced to unwashed or poorly washed hands.
- Sneezing and coughing can spread cold germs into the air, but most colds are caught and spread through germs on people's hands.
- If germs are on your hands, touching your mouth or nose to eat, sneeze, or cough can make you sick.

HOW?

- Washing our hands is a lesson we all learned as children, but when we're busy or in a hurry, we tend to rush or forget to do it. We think our hands are clean, but they're not if we haven't done it right.
- Just rinsing your hands isn't washing them, it's wetting them. To get them clean you need to use soap.
- A quick rub, even with soap, won't get your hands clean, and the few seconds you save could cost you days if you get sick later.
- To make sure your hands are really clean, scrub your palms, between your fingers, the backs of your hands and under your fingernails for at least 20 seconds.
- Use regular soap. Antibacterial soap isn't necessary. These soaps do kill bacteria, but antibacterial soaps may contribute to the growing problem of antibiotic resistance.
- After rinsing, dry your hands with a paper towel. Use the same paper towel to turn off the water and open the restroom door.

WHEN?

Always wash your hands....

Before you:

- Touch, serve, eat food or have a drink
- Put in or remove contact lenses
- Treat a cut, scrape, burn or blister
- Take care of someone who is sick

After you:

- Go to the bathroom, help someone in the bathroom, or change a diaper
- Cough, sneeze, blow your nose or wipe a child's nose
- Handle uncooked food, especially raw meat, poultry, fish or eggs
- Handle garbage
- Touch an animal – especially a reptile – or clean up animal waste
- Take care of someone who is sick or injured
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AND REMEMBER TO COVER THAT COUGH / SNEEZE!

- Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when you cough or sneeze
- If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your upper sleeve, not your hands
- Dispose of your used tissue in the waste basket
- Wash your hands

For your child's welfare and for the protection of others we would like to ask your cooperation in keeping your child home from school if he/she exhibits any of the following symptoms:

- is not feeling well – for example, has a headache or stomach ache
- a fever over 100 degrees within the last 24 hours
- a sore throat with swollen glands
- other contagious symptoms such as diarrhea, vomiting, frequent productive cough, nasal discharge, or red, draining eyes
- undiagnosed rash or skin eruptions