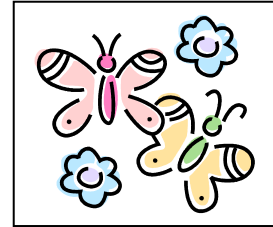


**M.S.A.D. #53
BOARD OF EDUCATION
REPORT
Pre K - 4**



To: M.S.A.D. # 53 BOARD OF DIRECTORS
From: Faye Anderson
Re: Board Report for October 2009
Date: September 30, 2009

CIPS UPDATE

The CIPS team met on September 15th. Members of the committee include Tricia Alley, Asst. Principal, Mike Gallagher, Superintendent, Anne Miller, Curriculum Coordinator, Stacy Shorey, Director of Special Services, Louise McCannell, Literacy Specialist @ Vickery School, Tracy Hallee, Literacy Specialist @ Manson Park and Burnham Village Schools, Jan Rollins, Math Coordinator, Karen Lylis, teacher representative from Burnham Village School, Michelle Carr, teacher representative from Manson Park School, Alicia Estey, teacher representative from Vickery School, Michelle Hodgins, parent representative and School Board member, Fran Farr, State Consultant, and Faye Anderson, Principal. During this meeting we reviewed the format of the plan that we must submit to the state by December. Our first action was to review what we presently do in the area of reading and math. Our next steps will be to develop some short-term goals for our school to participate in. We are presently helping students prepare for the New England Comprehensive Assessment Program, which will begin on October 1, 2009 for students in Grades 3 and 4. Students will be tested on material that they learned last year. Our next meeting will be on October 6. As part of my newsletters I will share some ways that parents might be able to help their child in both reading and math.

OPEN HOUSE

Manson Park had its Open House on Thursday, September 17th. We had 69% of our students attend this special event. On Thursday, September 24th, Vickery School held its Open House and 70% of those students attended. We were surprised by our low turnout. Several staff members have interactive activities for children to complete as part of the Open House. It is always great to meet parents and see the excitement of students.

WALK/BIKE TO SCHOOL

We had several students who participated in our Walk/Bike to School Days. On September 8th we had 25 students walk down School Street 16 of which do not normally walk. On September 15th we had 34 students participate and those that were wearing their bike helmets received a free coupon to **Big Bills** from Chief Emery. On September 22 we had 29 students participate. Congratulations to those that participated and a special thanks to Mrs. Nile for organizing this event.

PTO UPDATES

On September 29th the PTO will sponsor a fundraiser from QFP. All items will be delivered to the schools prior to Thanksgiving.

The PTO had their first meeting on September 14 at 5:30. We had a very small turnout. PTO provides several field trips to all students every year and also makes it possible for them to attend plays, have special assemblies, and some enrichment activities. We are looking for more parental support to ensure that we continue to have a PTO to raise money for our students and support this organization. Their next meeting will be on October 5th @ 5:30 at the Vickery Library. The meetings last only one hour. The PTO will be holding a special contest to see which classroom has the most participation. Students will win a special end of the year picnic and a parent will win a special prize. We are hoping that this will encourage more parents to attend.

BUS EVACUATIONS

The students in all three schools have participated in Bus Evacuations. As part of the drill students evacuate from the front and rear of the bus. Students listened well and followed the appropriate procedures.

READING FIRST COURSE

Several staff members from Manson Park, Vickery, and Warsaw schools are participating in a Reading First Course being offered by the Department of Education. The focus of the course is to look at the five components of reading and activities that help staff collect data and use research based lessons to improve student learning.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct. 2 - Flu vaccine @ Vickery School
Oct. 5 - School Board Meeting @ 7:00 - Warsaw School
Oct. 5 - PTO Meeting 5:30 @ Vickery Library
Oct. 9 - Flu vaccine @ Burnham Village School
Oct. 12 - No School - Columbus Day
Oct. 28 - First Quarter Ends
Oct. 29 - Inservice Day - NO School
October 30 - NO School