

Principal News



September 29, 2009

*Vickery School 487-5575
Manson Park School 487-2281
Burnham Village School 487-5622
Warsaw School 487-5145*

IMMUNIZATIONS

Our immunization clinics at Manson Park and Vickery schools will be rescheduled due to the fact that we were unable to receive the vaccine. Please be sure to check your child's backpack for updates on our clinics. You will be informed when we have the vaccine. Thanks for your patience.

NECAP TESTING

Parents of third and fourth grade students are reminded that the NECAP testing will begin on October 6th. All testing will occur in the morning. Please be sure your child is rested and comes in on time. Thanks for your help!

CIPS UPDATE

The CIPS team met on September 15th. Members of the committee include Faye Anderson, Principal, 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, and Fran Farr, State Consultant. 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 focus on. We are presently helping students prepare for the New England Comprehensive Assessment Program, which will begin on October 6, 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 with you some ways that you might be able to help your child in both the areas of reading and math at home. We look forward to your helping us help your child be successful in reading and math. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at the Vickery School.



PARKING AT THE END OF THE DAY

Please note that if you come to pick up your child at the end of the day and you choose to park in the parking area next to Warsaw that you may need to wait until all the buses have left. If you hope to leave with your child immediately, please use the parking lot behind the Vickery School or park in the Warsaw Parking lot next to their gym.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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www.msad53.org

WALK AND BIKE TO SCHOOL DAYS

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 thanks for Mrs. Nile for coordinating this event.

BUS REMINDERS

PLEASE REMIND YOUR CHILDREN NOT TO EAT ON THE BUS. WE HAVE SEVERAL CHILDREN WITH SEVERE ALLERGIES AND YOUR CHILD'S SNACK COULD CAUSE AN ALLERGIC REACTION.

PTO NEWS

On September 29th your child will be bringing home a fundraiser form from QFP. We hope that you will support your PTO by either donating money to your PTO or selling some items to friends and family. All items will be delivered to the schools prior to Thanksgiving if you are interested in buying presents for the holidays.

The PTO had their first meeting on September 14th at 5:30. We had a very small turnout. I realize how busy we all are but your PTO provides several field trips to all students every year and also makes it possible for them to attend plays, participate in special assemblies, and some enrichment activities. We need your support to ensure that we continue to have a PTO to raise money for our students. Please try to volunteer 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. Help your child's classroom win by attending our meetings on the first Monday of the month. **There was an error on the magnetic calendar from PTO. Wednesday, November 25 is a half-day student day**