

Windham Primary School
Newsletter
September 23, 2011

LEGO donations: Once again this year, W.P.S. is accepting donations of Lego bricks and accessories to continue to build the collection that is used with the Enrichment Program. Thanks for taking a look to see if you have any to donate! Please contact me at lberry@rsu14.org with any questions.
Linda Berry, Enrichment Teacher

We want to welcome Deb Churchill as our new school nurse. She is looking forward to getting to know more about our students and families. Please introduce yourself to her when you are in the building visiting. If you have clothes in K to grade 3 sizes in good condition, we would appreciate donations of girls or boys pants or t shirts for students to wear when they need a change of clothes during the school day. Also, we want to remind families to send an extra set of clothing in your child's back pack in case accidents occur at school.

One of our new routines this year is our dismissal and parent pick-up location. Students, staff and parents have been working hard to learn new routines and patterns in our school at the end of each day. We appreciate the feedback we have received from you about our changes. The feedback has helped us get better during this busy time of day. Students who ride busses at the end of the day are boarding 5 to 8 minutes sooner overall than in previous years. They are getting to know teachers from other grade levels and houses as they meet for read -a -lounds and other activities with bus groups at the end of the day. Parent dismissal is becoming more efficient too, with the addition of a fast pass for parents who pick-up regularly. You can find an application at our website and in our office. We have now opened the second lane at approximately 2:55 for a few minutes to allow late arrivals for student pickup to drive to the A-house parking lot.

We have had people ask why we have made these changes to dismissal. One goal in this change is to create opportunities for staff to meet together on a more regular basis and discuss and share practices that support student achievement. For example, last week during dismissal, our grade 3 staff discussed the upcoming NECAP assessments. These common times for staff to meet help our school build professional learning community opportunities within our school. We encourage parents and families to be involved and visit our school and communicate with staff regularly. There will be a visitor sign in sheet for parents in the cafeteria to use during dismissal time if you would like to come into the school at that time. At any time during the school day the visitor sign in sheet is in our main office. Please call or email teachers to schedule times to talk or meet with them as needed. Another goal in this change is to keep our hallways and boarding zones open and clear for students to move from the building to busses with shorter lines and less distractions. Thank you for considering this information and bearing with us in the process. We value our relationship with families and community!

Upcoming Events:

Sept 29th: Parent Volunteer Trainings 11:30a.m. and 6:30p.m with childcare.

Sept 30th: Picture Day at WPS

Oct 11-18: Fire Safety Week with Lessons from Windham Firefighters

Oct 5th NECAP testing begins for grade 3 students