

# WELCOME BACK EDITION

# ROBERTA G. DOERING NEWSLETTER



September 1, 2011

## FROM MR. COSTANZI

To Staff and Students—Welcome back to school! I hope this finds you all rested from a wonderful summer and ready to begin an exciting new academic year. I encourage all parents to visit our website on a regular basis for current information throughout the year. Thank you for sharing your children with us!

*Mr. Costanzi*

### **REMINDERS**

- Please return your child's Emergency Contact packet to the Main Office as soon as possible to keep your child safe at all times.
- School hours: 8:20 a.m.—2:50 p.m. Students may enter the building at 8:15 a.m. and wait in the cafeteria until the 8:20 bell to proceed to homeroom.

- 1/2 Day Early Dismissal time: 11:50 a.m.
- Parents dropping off students in the morning or in the afternoon may do so in the front parking lot of the building. Please drive cautiously during this time.
- **Visitors:** Please ring the doorbell outside door #1 and report directly to the office to sign in. As a visitor, we will ask you for your car keys to remain in the office while you are in the building for security reasons.

### **BUS STUDENTS**

Due to the fact that most busses are at capacity, parents are asked **not** to request a change of bus unless there is an emergency.

- Late buses will be available Monday through Thursdays beginning mid September.
- **HOMEWORK REQUESTS**

When your child has been absent for a total of 3 days, you may call the Main Office to have

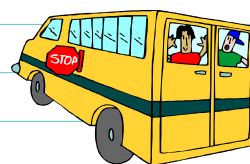
makeup work sent home.

### • **STUDENT'S ABSENCES**

Please refer to page 4 of your child's agenda to review our policies on attendance, tardiness and dismissal. When your child is absent, a note from a parent or doctor is mandatory to excuse the child's absence.

### **LUNCH TICKETS**

Students may purchase **lunch tickets** for the week on Mondays prior to homeroom period in the cafeteria. Checks are accepted and should be made payable to Agawam School Lunch for the exact amount. The price of lunch is \$1.75. Sorry no large bills will be accepted. Applications for Free/Reduced lunch are distributed to all students on the first day of school and upon approval will receive their tickets on Monday mornings from their teacher.



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### **Special points of interest:**

- ✓ Message from Mr. Costanzi
- ✓ Reminders
- ✓ Counselor's Office
- ✓ Nurse's Office
- ✓ PTO

### **SEPTEMBER EVENTS**

Sept. 6 – **Opening Day Assembly** – Gr. 5 @ 9:30 & Gr. 6 @ 10:00

Sept. 14 – **Back to School Night** – 6 – 8 p.m.

Sept. 15 – **Backpack Awareness Assembly** – Gr. 5 A period

Sept. 22 & 23 – **BIG E Field Trips** – 9/22 (Gr. 5) 9/23 (Gr. 6)

Sept. 27 – **Picture Day**

### **SNEAK PEAK AT OCTOBER**

Oct. 10—Columbus Day (no school)  
Oct. 11—Primary Day (no school)

## FROM THE COUNSELOR'S OFFICE

The Counseling Department would like to welcome all new and returning students to the Roberta Doering School. Mr. Richard Cowles is our Adjustment Counselor for both grades 5 and 6 and can be reached at extension 491. Mrs. Donna Mendonca will be our Grade 5 counselor and she can be reached at extension 454. Also, Ms. Dawn Winiarski will be our Grade 6 counselor and she can

be reached at extension 455 for the 2011-2012 school year. We would also like to welcome Mrs. Megan Metz to the Doering School counseling team. She will counsel students from both grades 5 & 6. As the new year begins, we would like to remind parents and guardians to contact the Guidance Department to inform them of any custodial agreements.



*Be Safe  
Be Responsible  
Be Respectful*

**Counseling Office**  
789-1400 ext. 455

**Adjustment Counselor**  
**Mr. Richard Cowles**  
789-1400 ext. 491

## FROM THE NURSE'S OFFICE

### **WELCOME BACK!!**

The height, weight, vision and hearing testing will begin by the second week of school for both grades 5 and 6.

### **PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION**

Parents of students that have a prescription medication are to bring in the doctor's order along with the medication to the Nurse's office. Students are not allowed to transport any medication to school at any time.

### **STUDENT'S PHYSICAL EXAMINATIONS**

According to the Department of Public Health in Massachusetts, all students are required to have an updated physical exam (within 3 years) along with documentation to prove their immunizations are up to date.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that students are to drink lots of water and have

a good breakfast before you begin your day.

### **BACK TO SCHOOL NIGHT**

The nurse will be available during our Back to School Nights. Please stop by her office meet her.

**Denise Nostin**

**School Nurse**

**789-1400 ext. 452**



## PTO

This year's fundraising will include Jeanine Fall fundraiser, WMECO Light Bulb sale (October), Taste Book sale in November.

From our successful fundraising last year we were able to provide field trips to all classrooms, a Boston Museum of Science assembly, aid in the purchase of an instrument for Mr. Scherpa, plus other programs and dona-

Lisa Hoban, President

Lisa Grenier, Treasurer

Lisa Guerette, Vice President

Kristie Luke, Secretary

tions.

We will need volunteers to help make our 2011/2012 year a successful one!! As the PTO president, I would like to again offer field trips to all classrooms and more enrichment programs. A volunteer sign up sheet will be distributed in the near future. Join us to make this year a great one for our children.

### **PTO Meetings**

All meetings will be held on Mondays in the Doering School cafeteria at 6:30 p.m. Please mark your calendars to join us during the year.

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### **MEETING DATES**

9/19/11  
10/17/11  
11/14/11  
12/12/11  
01/09/12  
02/13/12  
03/12/12  
04/09/12  
05/14/12