

Roberta G. Doering Newsletter



FROM THE MAIN OFFICE

October 1, 2011

OCTOBER CALENDAR

- Oct. 10—Columbus Day
School closed
- Oct. 11—Primary Day
School closed
- Oct. 13—Honor Roll Breakfast—Grade 6 students

SNEAK PEAK AT

NOVEMBER

- Nov. 1—Picture Retakes
- Nov. 8—District PD
No school for students
- Nov. 11—Veteran's Day/No School
- Nov. 23—District 1/2 day
- Nov. 24/25—Thanksgiving Break



REMINDERS:

HOMEWORK REQUESTS

When your child has been absent for 3 consecutive days, you may call the Main Office to arrange for makeup work to be sent home.

DROP OFF/PICK UP

LATE BUSES

If you drop off your child or need to pick up your child occasionally or on a daily basis, please do so in the front of the building. The buses are the only vehicles that are allowed in the back of the building.

Please remember late buses are available on Tuesdays and Thursdays with late dismissal at 3:40 p.m.

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Attendance

Hopefully everyone has adjusted to being back at school. Please remember that daily attendance is important to your students success. It is vital that students arrive on time and prepared to learn. This means completing homework, getting a good nights rest, and arriving to school by 8:20. Students entering the building after 8:30 will be considered tardy and miss out on pertinent daily information. Be sure to contact your school counselor if you have any questions or refer to your student's agenda for the district attendance policy.

FROM THE NURSE'S OFFICE



VISION AND HEARING TESTING

I have been testing both grades 5 and 6 for vision and hearing. Letters will be sent home with those students who have failed these tests and must be returned to the nurse signed physician after being seen.

Parents need to stress good hand washing at home and in school due to the upcoming flu season. Hand dispensers are always full and in use in school and in classrooms.

If a student is not feeling well they should stay home in order not to spread germs to other students and staff.

HOLIDAY SEASON

The holiday season is fast approaching us and to avoid allergic reactions, we ask all parents to avoid sending in any food without an ingredients label. At no time will homemade baked goods be distributed in our school.

FROM OUR PTO

Our next meeting will be held on Oct. 17th at 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria.

FALL FUNDRAISER

The fundraising kits have been distributed and we encourage all students to participate in this school event. The deadline to

submit your orders is Friday, October 7th. If you are in need of additional order forms, please have your child stop in the office. Your check may be made payable to Doering School PTO.

A reminder to sign up for Bonus Bucks at Stop & Shop. **Our school code is: 05200.** Every dollar counts!!



VETERAN'S DAY AT THE DOERING SCHOOL

On Wednesday November 9, 2011 we will conduct our second 'Take a Veteran to School Day' here at the Roberta G. Doering School. Veterans related to some of our students as well as others from Agawam and surrounding communities will spend time in each home room talking to students

about their experiences serving our country, as well as what it means to be a veteran. Last year we had veterans from every branch of the service, men and women alike participated in the event. Their service experiences covered every major conflict from WWII

We are looking forward honoring our Veterans again!



THE COUNSELING CORNER

Classroom Lessons

In **September** all 5th grade students received a lesson about organization and the 6th grade learned about study skills. During the month of **October** we will be presenting a lesson called Stop, Walk, and Talk. The goal of this lesson is for students to be able to identify situations in which they feel uncomfortable, unsafe, threatened, or harassed. Students will be able to distinguish when peer support is enough, or if help from an adult is needed. Please contact your student's counselor if you would like additional information as to how this lesson will be taught.

Group Counseling

As in years past we will continue to offer small group counseling to students throughout the school year. Grief group will begin on October 4th. This group is for students who have experienced the death of a parent, family member, or friend. If you feel your child would benefit from grief group please contact the counseling department at 789-1400 ext. 455.

Counselor Coffee Hour, October 18th from 8:30am to 9:15am.

At this coffee hour we will be discussing about upcoming programs for the year and what services we have available to both parents and students.

Custodial Concerns

Please contact the counseling department if there are any custodial concerns or issues the school needs to be aware of. This information needs to be updated annually.

School Counseling Staff

Richard Cowles, Adjustment Counselor

Donna Mendonca, 5th grade School Counselor for homerooms 104,105, 201-207

Megan Metz, 5th and 6th grade School Counselor for homerooms 210-213, 308,314, 320, 321

Dawn Winiarski, 6th grade School Counselor for homerooms 301-307, 311-313

Stacy Wieners, Secretary

Counselors may be reached at 413-789-1400 ext. 455