



THE COLE TIMES

Cole School
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NORWELL 20/20 UPDATE

We now have a working draft of Norwell 20/20, the comprehensive strategic plan of the Norwell Public Schools. Our Leadership Team and over 100 faculty and staff have been working since September to author 93 draft Action Plans to chart the course of NPS over the next 5 years and beyond to the year 2020. The 93 plans fall under the umbrellas of 8 strategies. The strategies support our mission and the four major objectives of the 20/20 plan. The 8 strategies address collaboration, community relations, curriculum, data, educators and leaders, technology, organizational practices, and opportunities.

As the Norwell 20/20 project moves forward, our schools will move through a continuum of dreaming to doing in order to accomplish the ambitious goals of Norwell 20/20.

*By 2011, at least 50% of Norwell households will participate in school-based activities and/or community education programs for life-long learning.

*By 2012, 100% of Norwell students will demonstrate the knowledge and creativity required to be academically proficient.

*By 2013, 100% of Norwell students will demonstrate an understanding of current ethical questions and the character traits needed to address them.

*By 2013, there will be a 30% increase over the 2009 rate of graduating seniors academically prepared and interested in pursuing a post-secondary course of study or career in science and/or engineering.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

April 21-25: School Vacation

May 6: Early Release Day - Dismissal at 11:45 a.m. - No Afternoon Kindergarten or Prekindergarten Classes

May 8: Grade 5 Concert - 1:45 and 7:00 p.m.

May 13 and 14: MCAS - Gr. 3 and Gr. 5 Math

May 15: PTO Meeting, 9:30 a.m. in the Cafeteria

May 16: PTO Comedy Night at South Shore Country Club - By Reservation...Only 20 Tickets Remaining

May 20 and 21: MCAS Gr. 5 Science & Tech Engineering

May 21 and 22: MCAS Gr. 4 Math

May 21: Joint Meeting of the Cole and Vinal School Councils, 3:15 p.m. in the Cole School Library

May 26: Memorial Day - No School

May 27 and 28: MCAS Gr. 5 History and Social Science

MENU FOR: April 28-May 2, 2008

Monday

- A. Pizza Maxi Sticks With Dipping Sauce
- B. Caesar Salad Topped With Chix Teriyaki Dippers

Wednesday

- A. Nacho Platter
- B. Chicken Patty on a Bun
- C. Tuna Pocket

Tuesday

- A. Chicken Nuggets
- B. Hamburger/Cheeseburger on a Bun
- C. Turkey and Cheese Chef Salad

Thursday

- A. Teriyaki Chicken Dippers
- B. Hot Dog on a Roll
- C. Buffalo Chicken Caesar Salad

Friday

- A. Galaxy Pizza
- B. Bagel With Cream Cheese

BAND ALL STARS

Congratulations to our latest Band All Stars:

Gold: Devin Chen

Bronze: Charlotte Fitzpatrick, Eliza Gratta, Caroline Nichols



LUCINDA LANDON RETURNS TO COLE SCHOOL

Children's author, Lucinda Landon, will return to Cole School, Monday, April 28, to work with fourth graders, sharing tips for writing and illustrating stories. Ms. Landon is the creator of the Meg Mackintosh series, a collection of mysteries designed with clues hidden in both text and the illustrations. Young readers enjoy matching wits with Meg as they read along to solve the mysteries in the stories. Meg is determined, clever and resourceful. As readers get to know her they come to admire the way she thinks. Our fourth grade students have been reading the solve-it-yourself mystery series in preparation of Ms. Landon's visit. Many students have read the entire set of eight mysteries. Ms. Landon's visit is sponsored by the Cole School PTO.

RECYCLING OLYMPICS

Whether you are traveling or staying at home, there will be many opportunities to complete activity cards for the Recycling Olympics during school vacation week. Remember to turn in your activity cards as you complete them. Cards with multiple days should be checked each week. We will begin posting the names of GOLD recyclers during the month of May. Go for the Gold! Recycle!

on the scheduled days. Please make sure that your child is on time for school. We ask that you make sure that your child is well rested, well fed, and prepared for the testing schedule. Please check the dates scheduled for your child(ren) to avoid conflicts.