

Good News: October 2, 2017

NHWi

Wixon's Cross Country Team has over 100 runners this year and is off to a good start. The first meet was this past Tuesday against Monomoy and St. Pius. Both the girls' and boys' teams were victorious. The boys' winner was Xavier Pigo-Cronin. His name may sound familiar as his sister Kenyatta, who is now in 6th grade, was a cross country standout last year.

Tomorrow afternoon, seven Chinese exchange students will be arriving at Wixon and staying with their Wixon host family for the next 11 days. The exchange students and families have already begun communicating with us through the app "wechat." We are so excited for our students and school to have this incredible opportunity.

DYRHS

Beginning on September 22nd, Senior Ambassadors visited Grade 8 Seminar Classes to mentor our new eighth graders. This project is designed to improve transition to Grade 8 for new students, and addresses an important component in the DYRHS Improvement Plan. Senior Ambassadors are excited to choose a Seminar to visit 3 consecutive times over the course of this week and next week!

During the visits Ambassadors will encourage and empathize with new students asking how their experience is going, and encouraging them to get involved and to do well. Senior Ambassadors choose their Seminar Periods carefully, in order to have the least impact on their own schedules and duties, staying for 8-10 minutes to offer mentoring to eighth graders. After 3 visits, Grade 8 students will meet Ambassadors during their lunch on Tuesday, October 3, in front of Coach Funk's door in the cafeteria, as a designated meeting place. From there they will sit together in the cafeteria to go over any other questions that Grade 8 students may have for Senior Ambassadors.

A survey will be sent out to the participants, both Grade 8 and Senior Ambassadors, to gain insights in order to improve the planning for next year. With a smoother transition into DYRHS, Grade 8 students will enjoy better success.

On another note, Members of the Class of 1967 enjoyed a tour of the high school Sunday as part of their 50th reunion weekend.

EHB

On Thursday, EHBi rounded out the Open House Season. It was a great evening attended by nearly all of the school community. Many visitors got to see Baker's new entrance and office for the first time. The reviews were overwhelmingly positive...even by the firefighters who made an unexpected visit, due to a faulty smoke detector!

Tomorrow evening Baker's PTAC will hold their first meeting of the year. Our Parent Teacher Advisory Council works diligently to enrich the school lives of our students. They are busy with fall fundraisers, and planning key events, The EHBi Pumpkin Patch and grandparents/Special Friends Breakfast.

The Baker School is currently seeking volunteers to offer classes for the first round of after school

activities, which will begin later this month. Interested parties should contact Mr. Depin or Mrs. Flanagan.

SAE

Kendra Johnson, SAE Grade 1 Teacher, will run in the Chicago Marathon this weekend on October 8 as a Lupus Charity Runner in memory of a former SAE teacher, Mary Nelson.

One of our district-wide initiatives is PBIS which stands for Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports. The PBIS team works to support students and teachers in goals for positive behaviors in class and in the common areas - lunchroom, playground, hallways, etc. We follow the motto: At Station Avenue Elementary we care about being safe, respectful, responsible and caring.

We are working towards infusing picture books that have a positive message into our behavior curriculum. For the month of September, Mr. Spano's grade one class along with Mrs. Ramsay's grade two class read the book, *The Crayon Box that Talked* by Shane Derof. Their responses to the message in the book: "together we can do anything!" are displayed in the hallway outside the cafeteria. Each month there will be a new story and new responses.

MMS

Last Friday at Mattacheese was our first school-wide Walk-Run of the year. All students and teachers participate and may choose to join the runners or walk with their advisory. The top twenty student runners are recognized and receive a t-shirt or other memento. Top runners were:

First.... Tanner Agurkis

Second..... Nick Terranova

ThirdJackson Duarte

First Girl... Kenyatta Pigo-Cronin

Second Girl.. Julia Revinskas

Congratulations to these students and our entire school community for a healthy end to our school day.

This afternoon the members of our Bee University suited up in their protective beekeeping clothing and got bee-zy working with the Mattacheese hive. Thanks to our very own Mr. Beach, a former President and present director of the Barnstable County Beekeepers Association, who keeps our hive healthy and teaches our students basic beekeeping. Now you know what all the buzz is about.

MES

The M.E. Small PTO has been very active so far this year with several new parents joining us for our first meeting. The PTO has already held a Bowling Night fundraiser at Ryan Family Amusements, with over 100 students attending with their families. This Wednesday evening they will be holding an Ice Cream Social in conjunction with Ben and Jerry's and our school book fair. We are anticipating another great turnout and encourage anyone who loves reading and ice cream to join us from 5:30-6:30!

Good News: September 18, 2017

DYRHS

From the D-Y Theater Company: The November black box show will be Thornton Wilder's "Our Town." The April musical will be The Wizard of Oz based on the book. The Theater II ensemble will also develop two short plays, one for Festival in March, and another for school performance in May.

SAE

SAE has received many generous donations. Frank Mirasola & the Howard Lodge donated 75 student ready back to school supplies (packed pencil boxes, single subject notebooks, rulers)... Braxton Huggins and his grandparents', Chris & Paul made a donation of 2 back to school back packs with supplies and a new clothing outfit in each.

The SWAC, Shop with a Cop Program, provided delivery of 4 filled student backpacks. We also received Katelynn's Closet support with back to school clothes and sneakers for 4 SAE students AND our first fire drill was given 2 thumbs up by the YFD!

MMS

Mattacheese is gearing up for another great year of After School Activities. Beginning next Monday the first session of three will be offering 27 activities; some are new with new presenters as well as some popular repeats. What's not to love about tap dancing, cooking, yearbook, guitar lessons, flag football, stage and body movement, and 21 other opportunities and it's all free!

The ASAs occur on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays and 4:00 buses are available.

Our sports programs are also beginning.

Come cheer on our :

Boy soccer

Girls soccer

Field Hockey

X-Country

Volleyball

Teams. Go Mattacheese!

MES

At MES we had a very successful Open House on Thursday, September 14th. It was wonderful to see so many families in attendance! Our PTO also held their first Bake Sale at the open house and raised over \$400.00 to help fund our students' field trips.

EHB

Last Thursday, Baker Innovation School had its first Whole School Meeting. Students attended the NED assembly, an informative, interactive presentation that encourages students to **Never Give Up**, **Encourage Others**, and **Do Their Best**.

Students were enthralled by the show that incorporated magic and yo-yo tricks as well as the powerful message. This assembly was chosen to kick off our year because of its similarity to our Dolphin Way initiative:

Be respectful

Be Responsible

Be Caring

NHWi

On Friday, September 15th, the students of NHWIS culminated their Summer Reading program by participating in discussion groups led by Wixon staff members. Students chose their book in the spring based on interest from a list of pre-selected fiction and non-fiction titles representing a variety of reading levels. Students were loaned a copy of the book to read over the summer.

544 Wixon students participated in this program. 46 different discussion groups met, and the feedback from students and teachers was overwhelmingly positive. The group who read the informational text about service dogs, My Dog is a Hero, was treated to two real life service dogs. One was Jax, who came with his owner Derrick, a Marine war veteran, and the second was Bodo, a K-9 who works with Dennis Police Officer Jessop.

Good News: September 11, 2017

SAE

SAE welcomed 423 students on opening day, Sept. 6, with 98 of those Kindergarten students. A "Buddy Bench" in memory of Mary Nelson, former grade 3 teacher, and Janice Wixon, Reading Teacher, arrived and is ready to be placed at its site.

MES

ME Small students each had the opportunity to take home almost 20 books over the summer to read thanks to the coordinated efforts of the librarian, consulting teacher of reading, and classroom teachers. M. E. Small looks forward to recognizing our summer readers at a special ceremony on September 25.

ME Small is also implementing its Birthday Books wellness initiative this year. Students will be celebrating their birthdays by inviting a special guest reader to their classrooms to share a favorite book, or will create their own in-class birthday books to for their classmates.

EHB

At EHBi, a new year means a new look! This summer, Baker's main entrance and main office were revamped! Thanks to the Town of Dennis, Baker has successfully relocated its main office to provide more security in addition to hospitality. When visitors enter into the bus port, they are now greeted by office personnel and are scanned in before they enter the building.

All our students have done an excellent job with their summer reading. Students have been returning their summer reading logs! When logs are returned, students receive a certificate and have their pictures taken. Those pictures will be presented on the Baker school website. Please check out the Baker website to take a peek at some of our readers!

NHWi

Wixon students and staff are looking forward to Cooperative Game Day on Monday, September 18th. Cooperative Game Day is a school-wide event coordinated by Mrs. Malkasian, a physical education teacher at Wixon. The event gives Wixon students and staff the opportunity to engage in team building and problem solving games, ultimately developing strong relationships across the entire Wixon community.

DYRHS

DYHS students are working with the Town of Yarmouth's Senior Center to build and decorate a time capsule which will contain items representative of our schools and community services. Students

have also been asked by Yarmouth to decorate its new reading room with their art work. The DY Dolphins football team was successful against Barnstable 49-14.

MMS

Despite the rain on September 6th, Mattacheese had a fantastic first day of school followed by two more exciting days.

As a school we look to build relationships with our parents and make every minute count. On Thursday night the 7th, MMS had its **Welcome Open House** from 6:00 to 8:00. All parents received a copy of our **Mattacheese Look Book**, a multi-page color picture handout that features a picture of every adult who contributes to the success of our students. We also provided families with a **Reference Card** that lists the numerous ways MMS provides information complete with the directions on how to access those resources. Twenty student leaders made up of Executive Board and Ambassadors who came to Mattacheese during the summer for training made themselves available throughout the night to give directions and provide tours. Our parents maneuvered their way through their son or daughter's schedule.

Friday was picture day at Mattacheese but every day we are seeing lots of students with lots of smiles.

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