



Wareham Public Schools

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August 15, 2011

Dear Staff:

I am pleased to welcome you back for the 2011-2012 school year. Education is one of the few occupations that allow us to end in June and begin again in September. Even though many of us work all year, there is still the optimism that comes when beginning a new school year.

Our Strategic Plan has four goals that we will continue to work on during the year. Student Achievement is the first goal as it should be. Please remember that each and every one of us is responsible for helping students achieve. The youth of Wareham depend on our efforts. I challenge all of us to challenge each student in each class, every day. Our students have the ability to achieve at high levels and therefore we must rededicate our efforts for this important goal. Our second goal involves Technology. Technology should be a tool that helps students learn as well as help staff do their jobs. We have upgraded our infrastructure and will continue other improvements this fall. Our third goal relates to Community. Part of this goal involves communication with and from the community and building partnerships with the community. We all need to remember that we all want the same thing and, therefore, we need to work cooperatively to achieve our mutual goals. The fourth goal is Resources as they relate to funding, facilities and resources. If you haven't been active in Town Meeting maybe this is the year to begin participating. I look forward to your participation in making our School District the best in Massachusetts. Remember the power of positive thoughts and actions.

All new teachers and mentors will begin the mentor program on Wednesday and Thursday, August 24th & 25th at the Wareham High School Library at 8:30 a.m. A postal mailing will go out to all mentors and protégés.

Paraprofessionals will report on Monday, August 29th from 8:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

The school year for other staff will begin with a variety of activities on Monday and Tuesday, August 29th and August 30th. "It's all about the Learning" will continue as the theme for the professional learning community of the Wareham Public Schools.

A full guide to these in-service days, times, locations, and subjects is enclosed. Also included is information relative to personnel items. Students in grades 1 – 12 are to begin on Wednesday, August 31, 2011.

I look forward to working collaboratively with all of you in continuing our efforts to make this the best school system in Massachusetts.

Sincerely,

Dr. Barry Rabinovitch
Superintendent of Schools



Wareham Public Schools

Dear Colleagues:

Welcome to the 2011 - 2012 school year! Our opening days of In-Service will be filled with opportunities to discuss, plan, and start the year working together, focusing on our continuing theme, "It's all about the learning!"

Once again there will be just two full In-Service days. Monday will begin with principals' meetings for teachers in their respective schools. District administrators will visit these meetings. District grade level and school-based meetings will continue after lunch. At 2:15 on Monday, teachers will be released from their schedules to attend the WEA informational meeting at 2:30 PM at Wareham High School.

On Tuesday, there will be concurrent workshops and curriculum-based meetings at the individual schools, with some noted exceptions. Additional details regarding locations and workshops will be available at the principals' meetings.

All faculty members are expected to attend every session. Sign in sheets for meetings and each day will be used to confirm attendance for cumulative PDP's.

I am looking forward to seeing you on Monday morning.

Jan Rotella
Director of Curriculum & Instruction

"...to educate all students for life's responsibilities, challenges and opportunities."

FOCUS ON INSTRUCTION

It's All About the Learning in a Respectful Environment

**In-Service Days
August 29 & 30, 2011**

8:15am - 3:15pm

Office of Curriculum and Instruction
Janice E. Rotella, Director
Everett Educational Center
15 Gibbs Avenue
Wareham, MA 02571
(508) 291-3540

Monday, August 29, 2011
Morning Sessions

8:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.
All Faculty and Staff

Report to Assigned school for Principals' Meetings in each school building (East and Hammond report to Minot)

11:15 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.
Lunch on your own

Monday, August 29, 2011
Afternoon Sessions

12:15 p.m. to 2:15 p.m.
Preschool – NAEYC Accreditation with Mary Morgan at East

K-5 Elementary – Introduction to new WPS Literacy/ELA Curriculum Plan at the WMS

WMS, WCS, & WWA – Building-based Curriculum and Instruction Meetings*

WHS – NEASC Committees

2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
All Teachers

WEA Informational meeting with MTA representative at the WHS Auditorium

* - Building-based and/or Classroom Work

Tuesday, August 30, 2011
Morning Sessions

8:15 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.

Preschool – NAEYC continued; Meetings with Mary Morgan at East

K-5 Elementary – Cohort 1, Rtl Meeting at classroom to be announced Cohort 2, Rtl Meeting at WMS Library

All other Elementary Teachers – Grade Level meetings by school as announced by Principals*

Grade 6 Math – Everyday Math at WMS with Everyday Math consultant/trainer

Grade 7 and 8 Math – Transition Math and Algebra with Debbie Maxim in Room D123 at WMS

Grade 6, 7 and 8 Literacy – New District Literacy plan Introduction at WMS

Grade 6, 7 and 8 all other Teachers – Curriculum Meeting by subject and grade*

Grade 9 WHS– NEASC Committees

Grades 9-12 District Teachers – E2020 online instruction workshop for assigned teachers in the WMS Computer Lab

Grades 9-12, all other Teachers – As assigned by Principals*

Next In-Service Day 2011-2012

October 7, 2011
District Data Conference:
Using Data to Inform Instruction

Tuesday, August 30, 2011 cont.
Afternoon Sessions

12:15 to 3:15 p.m.

Preschool – Meetings with Mary Morgan at East

K-5 Elementary Cohort 2: Rtl Meetings at WMS Library

All other Elementary Teachers – Grade Level meetings by school as announced by Principals*

Grade 6 Math – Everyday Math at WMS

Grade 6, 7 and 8, all other Teachers – Curriculum Meeting by subject and grade*

Grade 9 WHS– NEASC Committees

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Early Release Days 2011-2012

September 21, 2011

Preschool – NAEYC @ East Building-based Curriculum Training Rtl for Cohort 2

Additional workshops TBA

December 7, 2011

Rtl for Cohort 2

Additional workshops TBA

January 13, 2012

Rtl for Cohort 3

Additional workshops TBA

April 11, 2012

Rtl for Cohort 3

Additional workshops TBA

June 6, 2012

Date will be changed.

**WAREHAM PUBLIC SCHOOLS
TIME SCHEDULE
2011-2012**

	WHS	WMS	DECAS & MINOT	HAMMOND	COOPERATIVE JR.SR. HIGH
Teachers Begin	7:35 am	7:30 am	8:25 am	8:30 am	7:35 am
Students Begin	7:40 am	7:40 am	8:35 am	8:45 am	Gr. 7-9 7:35 am Gr. 10-12 7:35 am
Student Dismissal	2:10 pm	2:02 pm	2:45 pm	2:50 pm	Gr. 7-9 2:05 pm Gr. 10-12 12:30 pm
Teacher Dismissal	2:50 pm	2:45 pm	3:25 pm	3:30 pm	2:50 pm

PRE-K & K	EAST PRE-K	HAMMOND K	DECAS K
Teachers Begin	8:30 am	8:30 am	8:25 am
Students Begin	8:50 am 12:20 pm	8:45 am 12:15 pm HD	8:35 am 12:10 pm HD
Student Dismissal	11:25 am 2:55 pm	2:50 pm FD 11:20 pm HD 2:50 pm HD	2:45 pm FD 11:10 am HD 2:45 pm HD
Teacher Dismissal	3:30 pm	3:30 pm	3:25 pm

West Academy	
Teachers Begin	7:45 am
Students Begin	8:00 am
Student Dismissal	2:30 pm
Teacher Dismissal	3:00 pm



JOHN W. DECAS SCHOOL
508-291-3530

ETHEL E. HAMMOND SCHOOL
508-291-3565

MINOT FOREST SCHOOL
508-291-3555

EAST WAREHAM SCHOOL
508-291-3586

EVERETT EDUCATIONAL CENTER
508-291-3540

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WAREHAM MIDDLE SCHOOL
508-291-3550

WAREHAM HIGH SCHOOL
508-291-3510

COOPERATIVE JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL
508-291-3526

WEST WAREHAM ACADEMY
508-291-3534

SCHOOL CALENDAR
2011-2012

August 29, 2011- STAFF ORIENTATION
 August 30, 2011 - STAFF INSERVICE
 August 31, 2011- First Day - Schools Open
 September 8, 2011- First Day - Kindergarten/PreSchool Open

HOLIDAYS AND VACATIONS:

Labor Day – September 5, 2011
Early Release Day – September 21, 2011
 STAFF INSERVICE – Friday, October 7, 2011
Columbus Day - October 10, 2011
Veteran's Day – November 11, 2011
Thanksgiving Recess - Schools Close November 23, 2011 Half-day
 Schools Open November 28, 2011
Early Release Day – December 7, 2011
Christmas Vacation - Schools Close December 22, 2011
 at the end of the school day

August 1 Day
 September 21 Days
 October 19 days
 November 19 Days
 December 16 Days
 76 Days

Schools Open January 3, 2012
Early Release Day – Friday, January 13, 2012
Martin Luther King's Birthday - January 16, 2012
February Vacation - Schools Close February 17, 2012
 at the end of the school day
 Schools Open February 27, 2012
 STAFF INSERVICE – Tuesday, March 6, 2012
Election Day – NO SCHOOL – Tuesday, April 3, 2012
Good Friday – April 6, 2012
Early Release Day – April 11, 2012
April Vacation - Schools Close April 13, 2012
 at the end of the school day
 Schools Open April 23, 2012
Memorial Day - May 28, 2012
Graduation Day – June 1, 2012 (rain date June 2, 2012)
Early Release Day – June 6, 2012
 Schools Close June 22, 2012 at the end of the school day for WHS;
 Half day for WMS and elementary schools

January 20 Days
 February 16 Days
 March 21 Days
 April 14 Days
 May 22 Days
 June 16 Days
 *185 Days

*5 snow days included, deduct for each day not used

MCAS testing in Biology (Grades 10 & 11) – February 1 & 2, 2012
MCAS testing in English Language Art (Grades 3-8 & 10) - March 20 through April 2, 2012
MCAS testing in Math, Science/Technology (Grades 3-8) Math (Gr.10) – May 7-22, 2012
MCAS testing in History & Social Science (Grades 5 & 7) US History (Grades 10-11) May 15-18, 2012
MCAS testing in Science & Technology (Grades 9-12) - June 5-6, 2012

APPROVED by School Committee on 4/20/11

GENERAL INFORMATION FOR 2011/2012

If you have a problem or a question, please use the list below for the correct people to help you.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION

An employee's accident must be reported to his/her supervisor IMMEDIATELY. Accident forms and instructions can be found in packets issued to all Supervisors and Principals.

HEALTH, DENTAL & LIFE INSURANCE FOR THOSE WHO QUALIFY

For further information contact Susan Green, Town Administrator's Office at 291-3100, ext. 3110

CAFETERIA PLAN ADVISORS FOR THOSE WHO QUALIFY

CHANGE OF NAME AND/OR ADDRESS

DIRECT DEPOSIT

PAYCHECKS

PLYMOUTH COUNTY TEACHERS FEDERAL CREDIT UNION

RETIREMENT

See Sharon Correia in the Superintendent's Office, 291-3500, Ext. 5
scorreia@wareham.k12.ma.us

MILEAGE OR OTHER REIMBURSEMENTS

See Lynn Westgate in the Superintendent's Office, 291-3500 Ext. 1
lwestgate@wareham.k12.ma.us

ANNUITIES

See Deidre Day in the Superintendent's Office, 508-291-3500, Ext. 2
ddd@wareham.k12.ma.us

ADVANCEMENT ON SALARY SCHEDULE

COURSE APPROVAL AND COURSE REIMBURSEMENT

See Michelle Ruiz in the Superintendent's Office, 291-3500 ext. 4
mruiz@wareham.k12.ma.us

PERSONAL LEAVE, VACATION, AND PROFESSIONAL DAY REQUESTS

See your building principal.