



## Naquag Elementary School

*The Wachusett Regional School District*

**Fabulous February Greetings!**

**From: Dixie Estes, Principal**

**February 2020**

### **2020-2021 Kindergarten Registration Now Open**

Registration information for the Kindergarten class of 2020 - 2021 is available online on the District's website [www.wrsd.net](http://www.wrsd.net). **All kindergarten registration papers should be brought to Naquag's school secretary, Carleen Smith, at Naquag's front office.** We kindly ask you to pass this information to anyone you may know in our school district with a child who will be 5 years old by August 31, 2020.

### **Valentine's Day / Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup>**

Classrooms & students will be exchanging valentines on Friday, February 14<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is welcome to wear red to school too!

Please note:

- Valentines should be sent for all classroom students.
- **DO NOT SEND FOOD OR CANDY TO SCHOOL.** WRSD School Committee Policy prohibits food/candy to be shared in the classroom (multiple food allergies, etc.). *School Committee Policy 6619 Life Threatening Allergies, "In response to the presence of food-based allergies, parents/guardians may not send outside food/candy/drink to share in the classroom. As part of a District-wide initiative to discourage the use of food as a reward, both teachers and parents/guardians are encouraged to recognize and celebrate students by methods that do not involve food. For this same reason, any projects or classroom activities should also avoid the use of food items. Traditional school-based celebrations (i.e. the 8<sup>th</sup> grade cookout, etc) may be permitted with the permission of the Superintendent's office. Precautions will be taken to ensure the safety and well-being of all students."*
- **All candy and food that is sent to school will be returned home.**

Please contact your classroom teacher with questions or concerns. Thank you for your cooperation and support.

### **Remember To Bundle Up for Outside Recess**

Whenever possible we will continue to have our students participate in outside recess. Fresh air and bright sunshine do wonders to refresh and recharge minds. It is appreciated if you help your child remember to bring boots, hats, and gloves to school for outside recess. *(If your child wears boots to school – please pack extra shoes/sneakers to wear during the day.)* Please "mark" your child's outdoor gear with their name.

### **Free and Reduced Lunch Applications Available**

The Wachusett Regional School District cafeteria offers healthy meals every school day. The cost for lunch at District elementary schools is \$3.25. Your child / children may qualify for free or for reduced price meals if your household income is within the Federal Income



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Guidelines shown on the Free and Reduced Price School Meals Application. You may apply at any time during the school year if your household size goes up, income goes down, or if you start receiving SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program – formerly the Food Stamp Program) or TANF. The application is available in our school office or on the District's website [www.wrsd.net](http://www.wrsd.net) (District Info - Food Services - Food Services Information). All information is confidential.

### **Cafeteria "My School Bucks" Computerized Payment System**

Naquag Elementary Cafeteria's computerized "point of sale" payment system, *My School Bucks*, is available for all school meal purchases. *My School Bucks* is utilized at Naquag Elementary, Glenwood Elementary and Central Tree Middle School. Every student has a personal lunchroom account based on their student ID number. Parents are able to deposit money into their child's account, although they may still pay cash. **Additionally, through the *My School Bucks* website, parents may check their cafeteria balance, as well as what their child chose to have for lunch.** Monies paid into a student account can only be used for the purchase of regular lunch, milk and alternative lunch. All snack items must be paid for with cash. The *My School Bucks* website is accessible through the WRSD website [www.wrsd.net](http://www.wrsd.net) - Food Services link or [www.myschoolbucks.com](http://www.myschoolbucks.com). If you have any questions about this service, please feel free to contact our school office or Margaret Barton, Manager of Food Services for WRSD @ 508-829-1670, x278.

### **Naquag Owl "Wiser" - Share a Vacation or Special Outing**

"Wiser", Naquag's owl mascot (in stuffed animal form), is available to join your child on vacations or special events! Parents / guardians may "sign out" a Naquag "Wiser" small stuffed animal to accompany your family on these occasions. We welcome pictures of "Wiser" with Naquag students to post on our Naquag bulletin board. Let's see how many places our Naquag "Wiser" can visit this year.

### **WRSD - Substitute Nurses Needed:**

The WRSD is looking for Nurse Substitutes! SchoolSpring Posting:

<https://www.schoolspring.com/jobs/job.cfm?jid=3213499&&iframe=1&employer=10550>

### **Important February 2020 Dates to Remember**

Wednesday	2/5	PTO Meeting - Naquag Library @ 6:30
Friday	2/7	100th Day of School! (as of 2/2/2020)
Friday	2/14	Valentine's Day - Wear Red!
February Vacation:		Week of 2/17 - 2/21 (School not in session)
Monday	2/24	School is in Session
		SIMCO Meeting – Front Conference Room @ 4:00
Friday	2/28	"Fabulous Friday - Silly Socks Day!"



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## **February 2020 School Spirit Days**

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Friday 2/28 "Fabulous Friday - Silly Socks Day"!

## **NOTICE - UPCOMING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS**

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

- **Thursday, March 12 is a Professional Developmental Early Release Day.**  
School will be dismissed at 12:30 (dismissal procedures will begin @ 12:15)  
Lunch will be served.
- **April Vacation:** Monday, April 20 - Friday, April 24 (School will not be in session.)
- **Monday, May 11 - NO SCHOOL - DISTRICT PD DAY.**  
School will not be in session in the WRSD on Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup>. May 11<sup>th</sup> is a full day Professional Development Day in the District. *ALSO - Local elections will be held on Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup>. Please plan accordingly*
- **Friday, May 22 is a Professional Developmental Early Release Day.**  
School will be dismissed at 12:30 (dismissal procedures will begin @ 12:15)  
Lunch will be served.