



The Gibbons News

J.H. Gibbons School
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CLASSROOM VISITS

American Education Week is the week of November 16th. Please join us on Wednesday, November 19, 9–11 AM and 1-2 PM, for a visit to your child's classroom. It is a wonderful opportunity to visit and experience the classroom that your child spends most of their day in. You will see some of the routines of the day, lessons and activities. It can be an eye opening experience!

MATH FACTS

In an effort to prepare our students for the eventual taking of MCAS tests, we are stressing fact mastery in grades 2–5. The students in each grade level are participating in various programs to improve their automaticity of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division facts.

Here's how you can help
take out those flash cards and practice, practice, practice!

Or check out: <http://www.oswego.org/ocsd-web/games/Mathmagician/cathymath.html>

PARENT CONVERSATIONS

Our next meeting is for parents of second graders, December 10 at 8:45 AM. I hope to see you there!

Stoughton Special Education Parent Advisory Committee Presents:

Nadine Briggs, for a program called "Friendships and Social Coaching: Helping Kids Make and Keep Friends on Wednesday, December 3 from 7-9 PM at the OMS Media Center. This is the third in a series of programs for parents. ALL parents are welcome. We hope to see you there!

Cold weather is here! Please send children with coats, hats, and mittens.

PICTURE RETAKES

Picture retakes are scheduled for Friday, November 21st. At that time, pictures will be taken for children who were absent on picture day and students who forgot their money. **Children must have their picture money with them if you wish to receive a package.** Also, students who received unsatisfactory pictures (ie. Eyes closed) may have picture retakes. Please be sure to return your child's picture package, include your child's name, room number and reason for retake.

BOTTLE AND CAN DRIVE

There will be a bottle and can drive on Saturday, November 22 from 10 AM until noon. Drop off is in front of the school.

SECOND GRADE LIBRARY TRIP

On Tuesday, November 18th our second graders will be taking a trip to the Stoughton Public Library. The library offers an orientation, which includes a tour of the library, an explanation of the library catalogs on the computer and a story. This is a great opportunity for the students!

EXTENDED DAY BEFORE SCHOOL PROGRAM

We anticipate a before school program, offered by Extended Day, to begin on December 1st. The program would begin at 7AM. Please return the flier, that was sent home last week, if you are interested.

IMPORTANT DATES

American Education Week	11/16 – 11/22
School Council Meeting	11/ 18 @ 3:30
PTA Meeting	11/19 @ 7 PM
Early Dismissal on Wednesday, Nov. 26 is at 11:45.	
5 th gr. Nutcracker field trip	12/12
5 th gr. Coming to America Projects	12/18
All School Holiday Concert	12/19, 1:30PM
Holiday Concert, Band & Chorus	12/22, 9AM & 10:15AM

PTA BOOK FAIR SUCCESS!

Through the efforts of a wonderful group of volunteers, teachers, staff and the Gibbons School community, the book fair earned a profit of \$3815.00 last month. 100% of this money will be applied directly to purchasing library books for the Gibbons school.

As always, the success of the book fair is the result of a team and community effort. Volunteers found a way to make themselves available to help all week long, and families came in to shop. Teachers changed their routines; made sure their students all made it to the book fair, and somehow kept track of all the cash, checks, and gift certificates flooding the classrooms. We deeply appreciate the support of all the volunteers, including those who may not have signed up in advance, but helped out just because they happened to be there!

We would also like to provide special recognition to a few people who went above and beyond the call of duty for us this year. Mrs. K., Mrs. Marinelli, & Ms. Jardin all bent over backwards to accommodate the book fair, and helped to put out more than one fire. Mrs. K not only gave up her library for the week, but she was there every day helping out. We would also like to extend our gratitude to PTA Treasurer Maria Nazzaro, Co-Vice President Tricia Dembrosky, and President Diane Medeiros for all their help in preparing for the book fair, and for their ongoing support all week long. Thanks for saving us in the copy room and for rallying the troops! We also give special thanks to Marisa and Anne Williams for making it possible for Clifford, the Big Red Dog, to greet students at the beginning and the end of the day all week. Lynne Mitchell made it possible for us to set a new standard in style by providing Gibbons School spirit wear hats to volunteers, and spirit wear tees for committee members.

Again, thank you to all for helping to make this event such a success and so much fun. Same time, same place, next year!

Gibbons PTA Book fair Committee

Cindy Weiner
Kym Havens
Linda Egan
Tina Egan
Sean Tobin

KIDS VOTING

Kids Voting had a turn out of 528 ballots cast in Precincts 4 and 5. The overall total among the 8 Precincts was 1,939! Throughout the month of October the students gained knowledge of the voting process. It was great to see all of our past and present students on voting day! Let's hope they remain active and interested!

BAKE SALE/SILENT AUCTION

The bake sale and silent auction were a huge success. All profits go to our PTA, who provide resources and supplement programs for our students. The total event raised just over \$3,000.00!

RECYCLING

Remember to drop your paper off at our recycling container by the kindergarten playground. Please empty your plastic pages into the container.

GIBBONS SCHOOL FAIR COMMITTEE

There will be a meeting of the fair committee on **Nov. 19 at 6:30** (just before the PTA meeting). If you are interested please attend, all are welcome, all are needed. The fair generates a large profit that benefits our students.

PLEASE NOTE

There will be NO popcorn on 12/12 & 12/19.

Early Dismissal on Wednesday, Nov. 26 is at 11:45. Please make arrangements ahead, to pick up your child.

Happy Thanksgiving !