

INFORMATIONAL PRESS RELEASE FROM WOONSOCKET SCHOOLS

In an effort to inform parents and taxpayers of the activities taking place in our schools, the district will send this information to the media once a month. Following are such activities that have taken place or will take place.

At a recent PAC (Parent Advisory Council) Meeting held on February 16, 2005, Denise Bouley of the Special Education Local Advisory Committee (SELAC) presented minutes of the meeting and information. Special Education issues affecting students from three years old to twenty-one were covered. The meeting is the first Thursday of the month at Governor Pothier School library at 6:30 p.m. Last month the group had a guest speaker on how to financially prepare your special needs child and legalities involved in these issues. Mr. Rick Emerson, Special Education Director, spoke about the legal rights of special needs children at age 18. A question and answer session followed with Dr. D'Acchioli and Mr. Emerson. The meeting on March 3 will consist of an "Autism Fair" and a talk.

At Harris Elementary School, many activities will be taking place during March. All month they will be collecting "Pennies for patients". On March 10, a Sit meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. and a PTO meeting at 7:00. March 17 is scheduled for parent/teacher conferences and March 30 is Family Math night. During February, a "Jump Rope For Heart and Health Fair" raised over \$3,000 for the American Heart Association.

Globe Park School reports the following: Reading Night (no time given) on Tuesday, March 8th; A Spaghetti Dinner on Wednesday the 9th, a PTA meeting on Thursday the 10th, a Book Fair on March 14th through 18th, where you can buy one and get one free! Bingo Night is on Friday, March 18th.

Leo A. Savoie Elementary reports that during the month of February, several exciting activities were held, including a School Spirit/Sports Day on the 10th, a Family Movie Night for Grades K-1 showing "Shark Tale" and on the 17th, Ken Cabral, Storyteller was there. Meetings at Savoie during February included a School Improvement Team (SIT) meeting on the 3rd, and a P.T.O. meeting on the 16th. A Tsunami Relief Fund raiser gathered \$917.50 in seven days and was matched by CVS. In March, a Book Sale will be held during the first week.

At Woonsocket Middle School, a dance will be held from 6 to 8 pm. on March 17th. A SIT meeting will be held at 2:05 and a PTO meeting at 6:00 p.m. will be held on March 29th. Family Reading Night will be held on March 14th at 6:30 in the Library. A Tsunami Relief Fund endeavor raised over \$3,000 which was sent to "Save the children". After School Programs will be new sessions on March 2nd. Students are to see teachers for sign-up sheets. Tutoring is held Monday through Thursday from 2:15 to 4:15 and students can sign up in the Guidance Office. For the benefit of any staff, Mrs. Pauline Papino and her students cook breakfast every Friday from 6:30 to 7:15 a.m.