



BULLETIN

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*"How priceless is your unfailing love!
Both high and low among men find refuge in the shadow of your wings."
Psalm 36:7*

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Dear Families and Friends of WBCA:

We have just received the results of the New England Common Assessment Program (NECAP), which were completed in October, 2009, and I am pleased to say, our students *again* did very well.

As most of you know, the NECAP's are administered across the state in all public schools and in those private schools that chose to use them. This assessment is "criterion-referenced" which means that individual students are evaluated on what they should know relative to their grade level. As such these results provide both an indication of your child's performance as well as West Bay's.

Perhaps the simplest way of interpreting the results is to understand that student results are classified into one of four achievement levels that describe proficiency in reading and math:

- 4 - Proficient with distinction
- 3 - Proficient
- 2 - Partially Proficient
- 1 - Substantially Below Proficient.

Obviously, scores of "4" and "3" are good, while scores of "2" and "1" may be cause for concern. *I am pleased to announce that 92% of West Bay students scored in the "3 - 4" ranges in reading, and 83% were in these top ranges in math.* While the test results are very positive, they also provide us with helpful information about those specific areas that we need to address in our curriculum. We also understand that not every child will score in the "4" range, therefore, we want to be supportive and encouraging of those students who may require extra help in order to reach their fullest potential. Helping each child reach his or her potential is a big part of what I consider to be academic excellence.

In the wake of this most encouraging report card for West Bay, I want to remind everyone that it is time to register for next year. We are extremely optimistic about next year, and the business office and Board of Trustees have worked very hard to keep cost increases at a minimum. Although next September seems like a long way off, we need your registration information now in order to prepare an accurate budget and plan appropriately for next year. The NECAP results and the re-registration information will be sent out in the *same packet* next week. Please give it your immediate attention.

As always, thank you for your support.

Rick Clarkson

Once when Jesus was praying in private and his disciples were with him, he asked them, "Who do the crowds say I am?"

They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, that one of the prophets of long ago has come back to life."

"But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?" Peter answered, "The Christ of God"

Luke 9:18-20

Updates and Notes

The **Admissions Open House** held on Sunday, January 31st was a success, with 17 families coming to investigate West Bay for their children. Thank you to all of you who helped with the marketing of the event, by sharing the ad from the last Bulletin with someone that might be interested. Word of mouth is our best advertising!!!

The parent and student tour guides were fabulous representatives of our school - Mrs. Margo, Abby (Class of 2008), and Tim (Grade 8) Gibson; Mrs. Andrea Medeiros; Mrs. Tracy, Dylan Grade 5), and Katie (Grade 1) Moran; Mrs. Christine and Mycarthy (Grade 3) Newton; Mrs. Stephanie and Paul (Grade 2) Pazienza; and Sarah (Class of 2008) Wilson.

The **Chinese Class** offered in January was cancelled due to lack of a sufficient number of participants. Many thanks to Mrs. I-Chien Young for her willingness to offer this opportunity for our students and adults to learn Chinese.

New Afterschool Bible Study begins February 25 here at West Bay. Come join us as we encounter the love of God in *Crazy Love, Overwhelmed by a Relentless God*, by Francis Chan. Each week we will discuss a chapter in the book (no written homework), watch a short (<10min) DVD by Chan, and pray. We will meet Thursdays from 3:30-5:30 for 10 weeks. From the back of the book: "God is calling you to a passionate love relationship with Himself. Because the answer to religious complacency isn't working harder at a list of do's and don'ts - it's falling in love with God. And once you encounter His love, as Francis describes it, you will never be the same. Because when you're wildly in love with someone, it changes everything." Please contact Mary Morrison for more information at 884-5430 or wgarth123@aol.com.

RI School Closing Information: To sign up to receive a text message from the RI Broadcasters Association (RIBA) when West Bay cancels school, go to www.wpri.com and select "Text Alerts and School Closings".

From RI Area Operation Christmas Child: "Because you cared; because you were obedient, because you filled shoe boxes with love and gifts, 4018 children ... in North Africa, the Republic of Georgia, Lebanon, Botswana, Zambia, and several countries in Central Asia received the simple gift of a shoebox, showing each one of them that someone from Rhode Island cared about them and loved them. Your time and resources were not wasted ... Your efforts resulted in a 48% increase in shoe box gifts over 2008. Please continue to pray for the children and their families and for our efforts in Rhode Island."

A Shooting Star: Bruce Coppola (Grade 5) will be competing on Sunday, February 14th in the Rhode Island Elks "Hoop Shoot". If Bruce wins the state competition at Feinstein Middle School in Coventry this Sunday, he will compete in the New England contest in Maine. We are rooting for you Bruce!!!

WBCA Writer's Page

The Father/Daughter "Sweetheart Dance" was held on Saturday evening, February 6th. There were 112 participants, who danced the night away. It was clear by the expression on everyone's face that joy filled the air and memories were being made with each passing beat. A special thank you to all of those who helped plan the event, set up, cleaned up, and provided goodies for the dancers.

The Father Daughter Dance

I'm so excited!

All the goodies on the table,
All the clicks of feet on the floor,
And it makes me feel ...

... Happy ...

by Lydia Rousseau (Grade 3)

WBCA Sweetheart Dance

Father Daughter Dance!

Waiting, waiting, waiting some more!

I just can't wait until the Dance!

I already hear the shoes going clickity, clickity, click on the floor!

I already taste those snacks in my mouth!

I also see me in my beautiful gown

I see me dancing around and around!

I'm so excited!

by Blake Coppola (Grade 3)

The second grade has been engrossed in a study of the people of the Arctic, the Inuits. Here is a writing sample from **Mia DeSesto**, a student in Mrs. Mook's class:

I am Angela. I am thirty years old. I won the Iditarod five times. I have one older sister and one older brother. I have a husband and two kids. One boy, one girl. My children are four and three. My husband teaches my little boy Bryan how to hunt while I teach my little girl Alexandra how to sew, knit, and make food. My husband's name is Joshua. I made thirty five coats, mittens and boots with Alexandra. Joshua and Bryan came home late at night with a polar bear, so there was more work to do tomorrow. Early in the morning, Alexandra woke up and looked outside. She saw ten husky puppies. She went back into the house and woke up Joshua. He brought puppies in the house's yard and went back to sleep. Alexandra went back to bed too. We all woke up later then Joshua and Bryan went out to fish. They went out on the kayak then they caught seven fish. Then eight, then nine, then ten. Finally they came home. While they were gone Alexandra and I named the puppies. Their names are Cutie, Tiger, Firefly, Daisy, Sweetie, Jake, Allie, Silver and Ruff. Time has passed and my children grew up and got married and our children told stories about us and the stories kept going on

Happy February Birthdays!

Justin Chaffee	Gr. 6	2/6
Mrs. Koss	Gr. K	2/6
Mrs. MacKenzie	Gr. 3	2/7
Laura Wilson	Gr. 5	2/7
Caroline Tousignant	Gr. 7	2/9
Mrs. Wilkinson	Preschool	2/10
Kalei Delovio	Gr. 3	2/10
Adam Matuszek	Gr. 5	2/12
Isabella Day	Preschool	2/14
Olivia Zeyl	Gr. K	2/15
Sophia Zeyl	Gr. K	2/15
Caroline Ryan	Gr. 4	2/16
Mrs. Castillo	Preschool	2/20
Reese Logan	Gr. 2	2/20
Mrs. Mook	Gr. 2	2/22
Matthew Oxley	Gr. 5	2/27
Laura Kralicky	Gr. 4	2/28
Victoria Muller	Gr. 1	2/28

Mark Your Calendar

Thursday, February 11, 4:45 pm

Boys Basketball at Rocky Hill

Girls Basketball at PCD

Friday, February 12, 8:45 - 9:30 am

Kindergarten 100th Day Museum

Friday, February 12, 3:15 - 5:30 pm

Drama Club

Monday, February 15 - Friday, February 19

NO SCHOOL - Winter Break

Wednesday, February 24, 3:15 - 4:45 pm

Brownies Troop #841 Meeting

Thursday, February 25

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