

New Braintree Grade School News October 23, 2009

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Message from Mrs. Worthington

New Braintree Grade School has implemented something new this year. Progress reports will be sent home to all students in Grades K, 2, 3, 4, 5, & 6. These progress reports will be sent home on November 4th for the first trimester.

The first School Council meeting for 2009–2010 will be held on Monday, October 26 at 6:30 p.m. in the Media Center. We are looking for another parent member. If you are interested in being part of the School Council please call Mrs. Rousseau at 508-867-2553. Of course, all parents and community members are welcome to attend these meetings.

Mrs. Bristol and Mrs. Tremblay began their Walking Club on Tuesday with 11 students signed up to enjoy this after school program. Please note that on Tuesday, November 3rd there will be no school due to a Curriculum Day, therefore there will be NO WALKING CLUB.

Congratulations to Adam Lee for being the Country Bank drawing winner on October 20th.



Calendar of Events

October 26: School Council Meeting at 6:30 p.m. in the Media Center

October 31: Trick or Treating in New Braintree from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

November 1: Day Light Savings Time Ends

November 3: Curriculum Day – No School

November 11: No School – Veteran's Day

November 17: School Banking with Country Bank

November 18: Nutcracker Performance at NBGS. Parents and community members are welcome to join us. Performance will begin PROMPTLY at 12:45 in the cafeteria.

November 25, 26, & 27: No School – Thanksgiving Recess



Thanksgiving

IMPORTANT REMINDER TO PARENTS WHO DROP OFF AND PICK UP THEIR CHILDREN

PLEASE remember that you must **park in the parking lot** when dropping off or picking up your children. We **MUST** leave the area in **front of the school open for the vans and the bus to be able to pull in to drop off and pick up students.**

Thank you for your understanding and support.

FIRE SAFETY PROGRAM

On Thursday, October 15th, Fire Chief Dennis Letendre, Jr. and Assistant Chief, Dennis Letendre, Sr. visited the New Braintree Grade School for a very special Fire Safety Program. The students were split into two groups. The first group was students in Grades K, 2 & 3 and the second group were students in grades 4, 5, 6 & Project Create. Each group was shown a video appropriate for this age/grade level. The children were allowed to see and try on the firemen's apparatus. In the afternoon the children were allowed to view the fire truck and a few lucky children were even allowed to blow the horn! Each child was given a bag filled with a red fire hat (by far the most popular item), coloring book, crayons, pencil, Smarties, and a check list and tot finder sticker for parents. The teachers and other staff members felt this was a wonderful program. Thank you very much Chief Letendre!

Remember to practice your safety plans and check your smoke detectors. Ask your children about fire extinguishers.



Fire Safety Day by Second Grade Reporters: Morgan Whitney, Kimberly Moores and Thomas Wisnewski

Last week we saw the fire chief and fire truck. We watched a video and we learned about being safe in a fire. If we're in a fire always stay on your knees and crawl. When you see a fire across the street always call 911. We tried on some of their fire gear. We got a chance to go on the fire truck.



Nature by Reporters: Lukas Anderson, Hannah Perron and Jenna Lindhorst:

The Second Graders decided to explore nature at the playground and our backyard. We found living and non-living things. We found some pinecones and we found some leaves. We found a big nest and a little nest. We found rocks and soil. The rocks have so many minerals. We found some grapes from some vines.



Getting Ready for the Play by Reporters: Gabe Blaisdell, Madison Babij and David Pina, Grade 2

The Second Grade is getting ready for a play. We are making scenery for our play. There are props and scenery for each part. There are 14 characters in the play. The title is "A World Record Pumpkin". We are practicing our lines for the play almost every day.



PTO Notes: At the PTO meeting on September 30th the following things were discussed:

- PTO past events 2008 – 09 reviewed. These events included: Christmas in New Braintree, Spring Pocketbook party, Spring Spaghetti Supper and Auction, Field Day goodies, MCAS healthy snacks, field trip expenses and classroom assistance for supplies.
- Christmas in New Braintree Craft Fair will be held on Saturday, December 12 and a snow date of Sunday, December 13.
- Accounting of funds.
- Money for classroom teachers for needed supplies.
- Money for transportation for field trips.
- Playground needs.
- Election of Officer at next meeting on October 22nd.

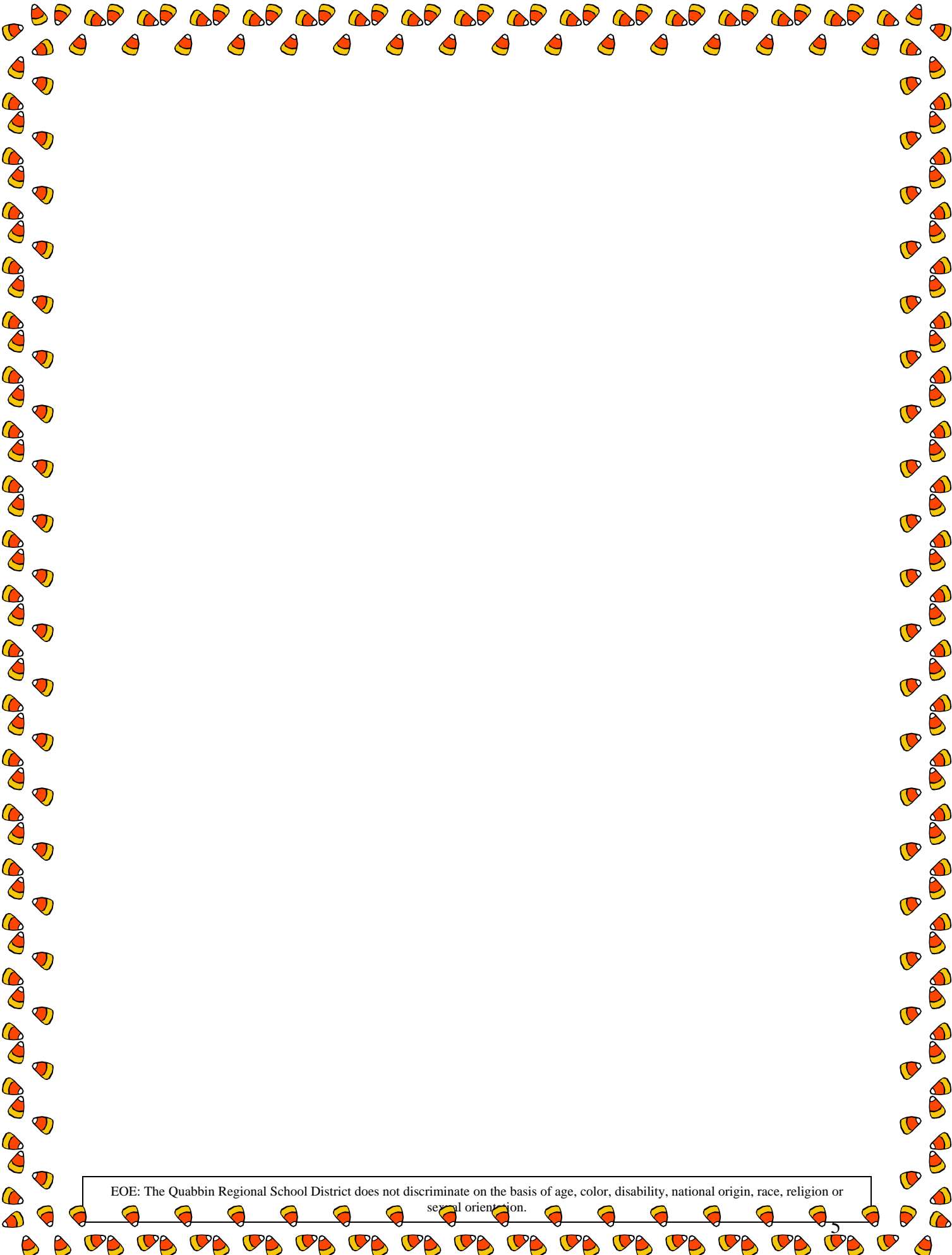
All parents are welcome to join the PTO.

Community Notes:

The Select Board's Office will be closed for vacation beginning on Thursday, October 22 until Monday morning, November 2, 2009.



Think Snow! It's that time again. You and your kids, or just your kids, ages third grade and up, can join the Friday afternoon/evening ski/snowboard club at Wachusett Mountain. Beginning in January 2010, for six Friday nights, ski/snowboard from 4:30 – 8:30 p.m. for \$105.00. Six one-hour lessons can also be purchased if desired for an additional charge of \$48. Equipment rentals are available. Parents interested in chaperoning can ski for free. Century Club passes can be purchased through 11/30/09 for \$199. Call Kay Prentiss for more information 978-355-2560. Registrations must be returned to Kay by November 15th.



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