

NOTES FROM THE WHITEBOARD

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Opening of School

Cool breezes and blue skies greeted our students on Tuesday for the opening of school. We couldn't have asked for a better day. I know how much work goes into preparing for the first day of school, and I just want to thank all of you for making this a wonderful first week. I also would like to acknowledge the Herculean efforts of payroll specialist, Sandra Rokenetz for providing all of you with a paycheck this week. As always she does a tremendous job!!!

Best,
Joanne

Wilmington Schools are Going Green

In an effort to reduce cost and conserve energy, we are asking all of you to please turn off lights when you are not in your classrooms. Our electricity costs came in \$150,000 more than we budgeted so we need to conserve energy. In addition, we are cutting down on paper costs by not printing our handbooks this year. This will save the schools \$7500.00 in printing costs. The handbooks are on the website and parents can access hard copies in all school offices.



How I Spent my Summer Vacation

We all know that teachers may not teach during the summer but that does not mean they are not hard at work. One example is high school English teacher, Joe Kleponis. Joe is a poet and this summer he received news that his poem printed below (written in the Japanese style of tanka) will be published in Ribbons, the journal of the tanka society of America, in October. BRAVO Joe!

a high hard fastball
cuts under a batter's
chin

a lazy fly ball
caught by the wind clears
the fence-
metaphor or merely chance



Our condolences to high school security monitor Deb Parker on the loss of her mother, the two Bob Mauriellos on the loss of their mother and grandmother last week and to Chris Bucuvalas on the loss of her father this summer.

**Wilmington School
Community expands over the
Summer**

**Congratulations to Kristen
White on the birth of her
daughter Maeve Mahoney
White who was born at 9:49
a.m. on August 5th and to Liz
Guschoy who gave birth to
Katie on July 20th. She
weighed 6 lbs. 14 oz. and was
20 inches**

**Woburn Street Assistant
Principal, Lisa King delivered
her baby, Lillian Jean, on
August 22nd. The baby
weighed 5 pounds and 12
ounces**

**Lastly, congratulations to
Jane and Mike Caira on the
birth of their third
grandchild, Samantha Rose.**



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The Healthy Wilmington Coalition



**Invites You and Your Family
to
Join the Fun at the
First Annual Wilmington Walks**

**Monday, September 1, 2008
11am-2pm
Town Park (775 Main Street/Rte.
38)**

**Participate in the Walk (all levels
welcomed)
Games for the Kids
Music
Free Prizes
Information about Being Healthy
and Green**

**(Rain Date: Saturday September 6,
2008)**

Please check our website
<http://www.healthywilmingtoncoalition.org/>
Or Email tammy@tdbgroup.com
for more information



Announcing the Wilmington School/Business Partnership Innovative Teacher Award Grant Application

The Wilmington School/Business Partnership was organized in 1989 with the mission of bringing business and education closer together. One of the major goals of the Partnership is to provide support for programs in the schools which cannot be funded through the school budget and for which other sources of funds are available. It does not attempt to substitute private dollars for normal school operating expenditures. The Innovative Teacher Program is designed to encourage creativity in the schools, develop alternative or more effective methods of instruction, and reward imaginative education.

Scope and Eligibility

The grants awarded will vary in amounts up to \$500.00. Educators should develop their ideas and budgets with the goal of using the money for the greatest education impact. Grants, in any amount up to \$500.00 will be considered. Applications will be reviewed by a committee of the Partnership on a competitive basis. Applications may be submitted by teams. If entering as a team, one person must serve as a team leader.

Section Criteria

Entries will be judged on the basis of objectives, innovative approach, number of students affected, direct benefits to students, relationship to curriculum,

clear written description, as well as a detailed and reasonable budget. The application form will be sent to all electronically. Please feel free to contact me at 978-694-6000 or at jbenton@wilmington.k12.ma.us if you need assistance with the application. I hope that you will consider applying for an Innovative Teacher Grant. The deadline is September 30th.

Best,

Joanne

A word about *Notes from the Whiteboard*

This bulletin will be posted electronically twice a month on our website. My goal is to provide timely, relevant information about meetings, new staff, professional development opportunities, curriculum and instruction, and other news. This bulletin will also provide a summary of school committee actions. In addition, we will celebrate births and weddings as well as send out condolences to staff members. Please submit materials for inclusion in the "Notes from the Whiteboard" to Marilyn Allard in Central Office.

The Friends of the Library book Store Next Door will be open on Sundays 10 am to 1 pm in September in addition to Wednesday evenings 4 pm to 7 pm and Saturdays 10 am to 4 pm. Thank you for your donations and your purchases. All proceeds benefit the library in numerous ways! For those new to Wilmington, the store is located right next to the Wilmington Memorial Library on Church Street.

