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Whitin Parent Newsletter May 5, 2017

Whitin Warriors Are:

- **RESPONSIBLE - RESPECTFUL - READY**

Congratulations April Bus of the Month

Congratulations to Bus #15 for earning all thumbs up during the month of April. Bus driver, Lisa Nestor and Monitor, Marie Marcotte are proud of how the students follow bus safety rules.

Go Green Week

Thank you to Mrs. Sanches's third grade class for collecting 150 items of either peanut butter, jelly, and/or crackers from students to staff. Your generosity was in exchange for seeds. These items will benefit the Uxbridge Food Pantry. Other environmental themes our Whitin Warriors were involved in were: conserving reminders, protecting our wildlife, reduce-reuse-recycling, reusing empty egg cartons to design art creations (check out the display in the WES foyer), decorating Hannaford's bags with Earth Day Tips, and being kind to our planet.

Our ECOMAGIC show has been rescheduled for May 30th. The performer had the flu and had to postpone. We have rescheduled with him and the students will get to see an Awesome show all about being green.

The highlight of the week was the Go Green Grade 4 Chorus Concert under the direction of Mrs. D'Andrea, music teacher, and Lauren Hammer, student teacher. They performed for both the entire student body and parents/guardians in the evening. Besides singing environmental songs, students gave lots of go green tips to their audiences that they had researched during computer classes with Mrs. Jansson. Special thank you goes out to Mr. David Worden, science teacher at UHS, for helping with the videography background of nature scenes to go with the music. Take a bow, Grade 4 Chorus members!

Math Website from Mrs. Bazzett

- The Mathematics website below has links to Computer based tests from both MCAS and PARCC for students in Grades 3-5. The site also has links to math websites, articles, and games.
- <https://sites.google.com/uxbridge.k12.ma.us/mathematics-k-5/home>
- Sum Dog Contest -Sumdog is having a statewide contest, beginning tomorrow morning (Friday) at 8 AM and running until next Thursday, May 11th at 8 PM. Please encourage your

students to log in and practice their skills as we gear up for MCAS and the end of the year. The contest lists daily winners, both students and classrooms.

Home School Connection

Vocabulary Boosters - A large vocabulary can turn your child into a better reader and writer. Try these everyday ways to help her learn new words.

Keep your ears open. When you and your youngster go places, point out words that people use. Maybe a waiter describes an *entree* or the dentist talks about *molars*. Encourage your child to figure out what they mean by the way they're used.

Go beyond nouns. Help your youngster add verbs and adjectives to her vocabulary. Sports and games offer opportunities to use action words. Let your child hear you comment on the softball that *soars* or the runner who *sprints*. When she sends thank-you notes or greeting cards, suggest descriptive words (a *polka-dot* shirt, a *fantastic* birthday).

May Technicians

Grade 5:

Fraine	MaKayla Holzman
Larsen	Savannah Brodeur
Lavigne	Phaedra Sjogren
Martin	Gavin Hallfelder
Mulderig	Braden Cammuso
Simonds	Mia Wood

Grade 4:

Harcourt	Cadence Murzycki
Ledoux	Hunter Levesque
Michalewski	Danielle Olson
St. Germain	Aidan Nolan
Silbor	Julia Esposito
Yukna	Gianni Casasanta

Grade 3:

Carpentier	Zachary Turcotte
Dupont	Grady Walsh
Hansel	Luke Lewandowski
Lukowski	Haylee Romasco
Mannka	Daniel Pimentel
Sanches	Arianna Figuerido

Upcoming Events

May 5, 2017	Cinco de Mayo Half Curriculum Day - Dismissal @ 11:30 AM
May 5, 2017	Teacher Appreciation Luncheon sponsored by the PTO
May 6, 2017	Clean Up Uxbridge Day
May 8, 2017	Grade 4 MATH Day

May 8, 2017	MCAS Math Session #2 Grades 3 & 5
May 9, 2017	MCAS Math Session #1 Grades 4 Harcourt/St. Germain
May 10, 2017	MCAS Math Session #1 Grades 4 Silbor/Ledoux
May 11, 2017	MCAS Math Session #1 Grades 4 Michalewski/Yukna
May 12, 2017	MCAS Math Session #2 Grades 4 Harcourt/St. Germain
May 15, 2017	MCAS Math Session #2 Grades 4 Silbor/Ledoux
May 16, 2017	MCAS Math Session #2 Grades 4 Michalewski/Yukna
May 17, 2017	Science Day
May 18, 2017	MCAS Science Session #1 - Grade 5 only
May 19, 2017	MCAS Science Session #2 - Grade 5 only
May 22, 2017	Grade 5 Make Up Day
May 23, 2017	MCAS: Last Call for Math & Science Make Ups
May 23, 2017	Grade 3 Field Trip to Providence, RI - Veteran's Auditorium to play their recorders
May 26, 2017	Flying Squadron Assembly - 10:00 AM
May 29, 2017	Memorial Day - No School
May 30, 2017	ECOMAGIC SHOW
May 31, 2017	PROUD PATRIOT SPIRIT DAY



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