



Uxbridge Extended Day

Uxbridge Public Schools

Kindergarten Kid's Club, Taft Kid's Club and Whitin EXTRA

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Friday, October 31, 2008

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LEADERSHIP/CULTURE:

We participated in the national afterschool celebration, "Lights On After School" by nurturing our parents throughout the week of October 16th. We served coffee, tea and hot chocolate along with baked goods in the morning for our on-the-go parents and on Thursday, we added goodies after school for the parents. The children made light bulb posters symbolizing the need to "keep the lights on" afterschool so children will always have a safe, enriching place to go to. The posters were sent to the statehouse. We have been working cooperatively with the Community Enrichment program at the Taft and Whitin schools. Space issues are working themselves out as we work together to provide the best possible experiences for our school community. Ten teachers from the Extended Day attended workshops at the statewide NEDDS (Network of Extended Day Directors) Conference. We received valuable training and we had some excellent networking opportunities.

CURRICULUM, INSTRUCTION, ASSESMENT

Clubs and activities are running smoothly. Homework assistance is one of our major components and staff is working together with classroom teachers to make sure students are receiving the best possible assistance and encouragement. Taft Kids Club is doing a unit on the election process and encouraging the children to be aware of the many candidates as well as the numerous parties that are being offered as choices. On Oct 30th, TKC staff, and the Whitin EXTRA students are hosting an "Oktoberfest" for the Taft children.

BUDGET

We had a lot of contract changes and a balance of children leaving (due to job changes/loss) and new children coming in. October tuition is collected except for a few families who have received already received notification. Thus far, the tuition collected this fiscal year is \$ 139,738.51 (as of 10/27). Our expenditures have been very conservative and we believe we are keeping up with our debits as they are presented in the towns accounting system. We will continue to update the school committee monthly on our progress. Mrs. Baldanza will meet with Mr. Sawyer on Nov 5th to review accounts.

TECHNOLOGY

New filters at Taft school have made the lab a safer arena for the afterschool activities. Our children enjoy using Webkins and other learning-oriented game sites. The lab is also used for homework research and theme based activities.



FACILITIES/MAINTENANCE

All requests for facilities matters have been addressed by the head of maintenance. We are very grateful to the custodial staff for all the maintenance and repair incidents they take care of on our behalf. The “school dude” process is a very efficient and fair way of handling unexpected custodial issues throughout the system.

GENERAL OPERATIONS/SAFETY

Talk of early snow has us concerned in advance about conditions on the blacktop walkway to the cafeteria at Taft as well as the parking lot. Maintenance always does a great job in the AM, but with parents arriving well into the evening, snow melts and refreezes and it is often treacherous walking into and out of the building for both staff and parents. We are hoping to have a few preventative measures in place before that first snow arrives.

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Respectfully submitted by A. Baldanza