

Assawompset School
232 Main Street
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“Changing the World One Student at a Time”

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Principal’s Report

November 2008

1. Enrollment as of October 31, 2008:

		<u>Average class size</u>
Pre-K	35	
K	142	21
1	147	21
2	146	21
3	<u>155</u>	22
Total	<u>625</u>	

2. Personnel: We have begun recruiting and hiring for the special education positions discussed at our last meeting: .5 Teacher of the Deaf, .5 preschool teacher and additional reading support for grade 3.
3. PTO: During the October meeting, an overview of Nature’s Classroom was conducted. The Fall Festival was a huge success on October 18. The November meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, November 6 due to the Veteran’s Day holiday. Mr. Berry will present an overview of our personal safety program, Radkids.
4. School Council: The Council met on October 29. We discussed parent survey results as well as the MCAS results. Those results are below. I am very pleased with the continued growth, especially in the academic areas. A survey in regard to attending Nature’s Classroom for both grades 3 and 4 will be created as we have concerns over current interest in both years.

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June 2008	4.375	4.625	4.375	4.375	4.333	4.375	4.375	4.25
June 2007	4.297	4.578	4.297	4.297	4.259	4.297	4.297	4.156
June 2006	4.29	4.19	4.06	4.15	4.07	4.09	4.30	3.84
June 2005	4.31	4.42	3.85	3.92	3.75	3.85	4.36	3.82
	1 safe learn environ.	2 clean grounds & bldg	3 up to date	4 reading	5 writing	6 math	7 communication	8 information

June 2008	4.625	3.875	4.375	4.25	4.286	4.286	3.714	4.286
June 2007	4.578	3.859	4.297	4.156	4.184	4.184	3.531	4.184
June 2006	4.33	3.97	4.12	4.1	4.26	4.18	3.48	4.27
June 2005	4.23	3.81	4.47	3.94	4.20	4.20	3.54	4.24
	9 admin visible & available	10 homework	11 inform problem	12 prepared for higher	13 respect & fair	14 safe to & from	15 adequate funding	16 welcome

5. Activities: The Grade 3 trip to Plimoth Plantation was postponed due to weather. They will be going on Wednesday, November 19. The Kindergarten walked to Elliot Farm on October 30. The school will vote in the presidential election on Tuesday, November 4.
6. Curriculum: The focus at Assawompset this year is on English Language Arts. Approximately 12 staff members participated in a teacher led workshop held on August 27 and 28 on Guided Reading strategies. Our coming work includes: analysis of curriculum maps around the Six Traits of Writing, training in the DIBELS assessment tool, and review of the Sitton Spelling program. In addition, staff have all received resources in the area of instructing in the reading and writing of nonfiction.
7. MCAS: We have preliminary results on last spring's test. Grade 3 did meet goals for AYP although proficiency is down in English Language Arts. We will further our analysis and provide more detail in coming meetings.
8. Kindergarten Projections: In beginning the planning for next year, the town census shows a drop in the number of children eligible for Kindergarten. The numbers for the coming years are as follows:

September 2009	98
September 2010	120
September 2011	125
September 2012	94

This shift provides an opportunity for discussion in terms of staffing, needs, etc.

9. Coming Events:

November 4	Schoolwide Presidential Election
November 5	Lakeville School Committee
	Grade 2 Weather Program with CBS Todd Gutner
November 6	Principal's Coffee 6 p.m.
PTO 7 p.m.	
November 10	Full Curriculum Day- staff only
November 11	Veteran's Day Holiday
November 27-28	Thanksgiving Recess

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