



WOODBIDGE SCHOOL DISTRICT

40 Beecher Road – South
Woodbridge, Connecticut 06525

Gaeton F. Stella, Ph.D. – Superintendent

February 8, 2011

Dear Parents:

The current school year has demonstrated clearly that New England weather can be very unpredictable and severe. After a great deal of discussion, and a review of the significant amount of input from the staff and parents of BRS, as well as the unanimous recommendation of the four BOWA Superintendents, the Woodbridge School Board voted unanimously last night to approve adjustments in the district's calendar to address the six (6) snow days that have occurred to date. The calendar changes, as well as an update on snow removal from the roof of BRS, can be found below.

Changes in the School Calendar

- *Presidents' Day** will now be an instructional day.
- The number of student school days will be reduced from 182 days to 180 days.
- The last day of school for students will be June 21st (barring any additional snow days). If additional snow days occur, June 22, 23 and 24 will be used. If more snow days are needed, the April vacation week will be used working backwards from Thursday, April 21.

**Children, who are absent because of previously arranged travel plans, can ask for make-up material when they return to school.*

We realize that whenever these types of changes become necessary, problems and issues may arise. Your input has been of immense help to us in our decision-making. Your cooperation and support of the above calendar changes is greatly appreciated. Thank you!

Snow Removal from the Roof of BRS

On January 29 & 30, a team of 30-40 workers, shoveled snow off of BRS roof and cleared all drains. The team consisted of our custodial staff, Town workers, members of the custodial service and some outside contract workers. They worked from early morning to late afternoon on each day. Beyond lightening the load on our roof, this strategy will minimize the water melting on the roof in the spring. We will continue to monitor any need for further snow removal based on future storms. We are also exploring ways of removing the large mounds of snow from our parking lots, particularly in the North. We encourage you to have patience, flexibility and resilience as we work with the Town to resolve this dilemma in a cost-effective manner.

Best wishes to all for an enjoyable winter vacation!

Sincerely,

Dr. Gaeton F. Stella
Superintendent