



Parent Update – June 11, 2007
From Dr. Stella – Superintendent of Schools

Reminder:
Big change in early morning drop-off starts next year

Pay as you go
for new before school program...

Starting next school year, we will run an early morning program under the supervision of the *Extended Day* program. The expectation is that the new program will cost the School District nothing, will be financially economical for participating parents, and will provide a more structured program with more options for children.

This year, approximately 75 children are being dropped off early at Beecher Road School on a daily basis, beginning at 7:30 AM. School opens at 8:20. Over the past several years, the school has had to commit an increasing amount of staff to supervise the children. Currently there are four teaching assistants assigned. For budgetary reasons, we cannot continue with early student drop-off as it currently exists. In fairness to parents, children and the community, we have rethought our approach.

Recently, a flyer with information about the new program was sent to you. Highlights include:

- The **Extended Day Morning Program** provides children with a safe and structured before-school time when students can choose from a variety of options: use of the Library Media Center for homework, research, studying, computer use, or quiet reading.
- Staff will be available to help your child understand their assignment, find resources, and follow through to completion.
- Library staff will be on hand to help select appropriate books for reading or resource.
- A **Kidsfit** program provides children with the opportunity to start the day in a healthy way. Every morning, children will learn how to become more fit using a variety of exercise equipment and activities. Children will also participate in classes and activities to help them make healthy food choices.
- Extended Day activities such as drawing, chess, board games, strategy games, and others will be available. As enrollment and interests grow, additional activities will be added.

How much does it cost?

The before school program runs every school day from 7:30 - 8:20 AM.

- **Cost:**
 - \$50 per month
 - \$40 per month if pre-paid before August 1, 2007 – *Introductory Price*
 - \$5 per day for occasional/drop-in use
 - *Discount for multi-student families*
- **Location:**
 - Parents must escort children to the *Library Media Center*

How do I sign up?

Registration forms may be downloaded from the district's web site (www.woodbridge.k12.ct.us) or picked up at the main office of BRS. If you have any questions, contact the Extended Day Program Director, *Larry Hurwitz*:

- E-mail: eday@Woodbridge.k12.ct.us
- Phone: 823-3347

Remember, starting next school year students must either:

1. take the bus to school
2. be dropped off by car at 8:20 AM
3. **or** be enrolled in the new *Extended Day Before School Program*.



We look forward to providing this beneficial program that will be educational for children and supportive for parents.

Sincerely,

Gaeton F. Stella, Ph.D.