

*"In the realm of ideas, everything depends on enthusiasm; in the real world, all rests on perseverance..."*

**Johann von Goethe**

# Grey Matters

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On Thursday it was warm enough for me to play a round of golf in the morning and rake the final leaves off the lawn with my daughters in the afternoon. Twenty four hours later we had a blanket of snow. You just gotta' love New England! I hope everyone had a chance to enjoy the early snow.

As many of you may now be aware, the parent conference form was not included in the November issue of *Shades of Grey* as promised. In an effort to resolve this problem, we are mailing a copy of the form home today and sending a copy home with the students this afternoon as well as posting a copy on our website. I apologize for any inconvenience or anxiety this oversight may have caused.

Each year, a small group of parents talk to me about the need for a late bus (perhaps around 3:45) for students who stay after school to meet with their teachers and/or for clubs and activities. Accordingly, I intend to investigate the feasibility of a late bus.

Please be aware that this has been looked at in the past, was found to be cost prohibitive, and is likely to be just as unrealistic today. With that said, it is worthy of further study. I will look at the results of the last investigation and the current cost of a late bus and then report back to everyone in a few weeks.

Below is an excerpt from the next *Lamplighter* regarding communication from Central Office:

We have three methods to inform you of important announcements:

- 1) **"What's New"** is a link on our web site (<http://ab.mec.edu>) for timely announcements regarding our schools.
- 2) **"ABNotify"** is an email list which is used to distribute information about emergency dismissals and weather-related school closings. To join the list, send a message to "[ListManager@ab.mec.edu](mailto:ListManager@ab.mec.edu)" with the following text in the body of the message: "subscribe ABNotify"
- 3) **"Connect-ED"** is a new telephone notification system which will be used to distribute a variety of school related announcements (i.e. emergency dismissals, weather-related school closings, community events, etc.). **We will be making an introductory phone call on Monday, December 20th at 6:30pm to your home phone number(s);** you should receive a recorded message from Superintendent Bill Ryan at that time. If you do not receive this message, please contact your child's school and provide your home phone number(s) so we can update our records.