

*It is no good to try to stop knowledge from going forward.
Ignorance is never better than knowledge.*

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Believe it or not, we are halfway through the school year. Monday marks the end of the second term and parents/guardians should expect to see report cards come home in less than two weeks. Families, staff, and the students themselves should be proud of the great learning that has taken place this year. Hopefully the snow days are behind us and it will be smooth sailing through the rest of the winter.

Parents and guardians, we need your assistance. As many of you know, the west side parking lot (left of the gym) is reserved for staff and handicapped access only. There should not be any non-staff vehicles this area. Periodically, parents and guardians who may not be aware of this have mistakenly used this area for student pick-up, drop-off, and parking. This confusion, while understandable, has led to avoidable congestion and potentially dangerous situations. Please remember that student pick-up and drop off is only allowed in the lower lot off Charter Road. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Over the last few years, Acton and Boxborough students have participated in the Massachusetts Youth Risk Survey. The purpose of this survey, taken by 6th, 8th, 9th, and 10th graders, is to look at the choices our children are making regarding risky behaviors. Topics range from getting enough sleep and maintaining a healthy diet to bullying, teasing and substance abuse. As a parent I can understand the desire to say, "Not my child," but as an educator I know that our children are faced with serious decisions at younger and younger ages. No one's child is exempt.

The results of the 2004 Youth Risk Survey, completed last spring, will be presented on Tuesday, February 15th, at 7PM in the AB high school auditorium and will be available on-line shortly thereafter. Remember, the best advocate for child safety is an informed parent and guardian.