

"Every tomorrow has two handles. We can take hold of it by the handle of anxiety, or by the handle of faith."

Anonymous

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Happy New Year! I hope everyone is rested and relaxed and ready to tackle 2006.

This Thursday, January 5th, school will be dismissed at 10:40AM for the third of three parent/guardian and teacher conference sessions. As a reminder, we are distributing a survey to gather information on parent/guardian satisfaction with our conference structure. You can pick up a survey in the lobby on your way to your conference but please remember to complete it and drop it off before you leave for the day. An electronic version of the survey will be made available to parents who are not attending one of our conference sessions.

In the latest issue of *Shades of Grey*, you received information regarding the new CORI procedures. Please remember that from now on, CORI forms for RJG must be submitted in person to Marcia Charter in our main office. I recognize that the changes in the regulations have made the volunteering process a bit more difficult for all of us but we will do everything we can to simplify the process. I should point out that there is one positive aspect of the new regulations: parents and guardians will no longer need to submit multiple forms to volunteer in different schools. Now a single CORI form will cover all Acton and Acton-Boxborough schools.

I am pleased to announce that the December 7th Grade Social has been re-scheduled for this coming Friday, January 6th from 2:30 – 4:30 PM. Ticket information will be announced in homeroom.

Have a great week. Below is a letter from the Superintendent regarding Title 1 services.

Superintendent's Office

Acton Public Schools - Acton-Boxborough Regional School District
16 Charter Road
Acton, MA 01720

To: All Parents in Schools that Receive Title I Funding

From: William Ryan, Superintendent, Acton Public and Acton-Boxborough Regional School District

Date: January 3, 2006

Subject: Notification to Parents of Teacher Qualifications – Compliance with P.L. 107-110, Section 111(h)(6)(A)

The Federal No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 requires school districts that receive federal Title I funding to notify parents of their right to know the professional qualifications of the classroom teachers who instruct their child.

As a recipient of these funds, Acton Public and Acton-Boxborough Regional School District will provide you with this information in a timely manner if you request it. Specifically, you have the right to request the following information about each of your child's classroom teachers:

- Whether the teacher meets the state qualifications and licensing criteria for the grades and subjects he or she teaches;
- Whether the teacher is teaching under emergency or provisional status because of special circumstances;
- The teacher's college major, whether the teacher has any advanced degrees, and the field of discipline of the certification or degree;
- Whether paraprofessionals provide services to your child and, if so, their qualifications.

The Acton Public and Acton-Boxborough Regional School District is committed to providing quality instruction for all students and does so by employing the most qualified individuals to teach and support each student in the classroom. If you would like to receive any of the information listed above for your child's teacher, please contact George Frost, Deputy Superintendent of Schools at 978-264-4700, x3209.