



# NASHOBA

Regional School District

## Faculty Recognitions 2012 Retirees

Sheryl Lavigne  
Cheryl Benson  
Marion Raynor  
Grace Rahe  
(January 2012)  
Paulette Prucha

## Class of 2012:

ABIGAIL ADAMS  
76 RECIPIENTS

STANLEY KOPLIK  
186 Eligible

Non School Dates  
May 25—ER PK-12

Graduation  
June 10, 2012  
DCU Center  
Worcester, MA  
12:30 p.m.

Eighth Grade  
Ceremonies  
June 18, 2012  
(Check local web-  
sites for times and  
locations.)

Check the school calendar  
at [www.nrsd.net](http://www.nrsd.net) for more

## Graduation—Sunday, June 10, 2012 at 12:30

We are graduating 231 students. The ceremony is at the DCU Center in Worcester. This venue was chosen because of the size, parking availability, and comfort. The field worked well for numbers, but on real hot days was simply too difficult for some family members to stay for long periods in the heat. Our auditorium and gym are too small as single venues and it is too complicated for joint use. Parking continued to be an issue as well. The DCU Center allowed students to invite larger numbers, the parking is endless and the comfort of the room is very reasonable.

## NASHOBA Best Buddies “BEST in State”

Our local chapter of the Best Buddies Organization won the award for being the best in the state. The group is dedicated to partnering with students with disabilities and sharing the high school experience with them. In many cases it means engaging with kids during the school day, after school and on weekends in school, athletic and social events. Recently the high school held its Best Buddies Prom in which over one hundred students participated. This year the Best Buddies club was instrumental in helping the high school launch its first ever Unified track and field team and they went on to be District Champions.

## Track and Field Renovation and Reuse Project

The track and field project is moving along. Despite the rain this week it has stayed on schedule and is moving along nicely. Earth work is continuing and the community will begin to see Mount NASHOBA being created. This material will be used in all aspects of the field project at a later date.

## School Bus Incident

On Friday, May 11, a student assaulted a spare driver on the afternoon run home from Luther Burbank Middle School. The student allegedly was pounding the window, was asked to stop and the driver pulled the bus over and asked the student to come to the front of the bus. The student lunged toward the driver swinging at him. When the driver was able to unbuckle and get out of his seat the student ran to the back of the bus, opened the rear door and jumped out. He got into a car in back of the bus, traveling to the end of the road where police were able to apprehend him. The driver was able to compose himself and drive the bus for the remainder of that run and his second run. Charges have been brought against the young man. He is no longer attending LBMS while an evaluation takes place as to our ability to educate him in our schools and whether his impulsivity makes him a risk for self or others. Our school administration and district staff are working closely with state and local officials to assist this young adult and to work with our students who may have been traumatized by the incident.

DARE  
Graduation  
2012  
Fifth Grade  
The Center  
School  
Congratulations!

End of Year  
Eighth Grade  
Recognition  
Nights

June 18, 2012

6:00 p.m.

Luther Burbank

6:30 p.m.

Florence Sawyer

7:00 p.m.

Hale

## Tri Town—June 6, 2012

Tri Town was held in Stow on Wednesday, June 6, 2012. The topics included NRSD field project update, the Statement of Interest Status for the science labs, and general budgetary questions. A conversation took place regarding the hazmat event on May 6, 2012, at the high school.

### HAZMAT Update

There has been a debriefing among school officials and public safety officials and Town Administrator Don Lowe. The meeting focused on how to plan for future events of same or similar incidents. Everyone agreed continued training for all on the seriousness of finding material of this nature and proper protocols to follow to handle it. It was also agreed that advanced questioning to determine appropriate actions to take is necessary to ensure that events don't escalate out of proportion to what's known. It was recognized that there needs to be more attention given to the comfort of those involved, and to determine more quickly who needs to be detained. After the meeting I received a letter from the Fire Marshall, Steve Doan, who concurred that much training needs to occur and that as a matter of protocol with incidents of this magnitude, decontamination is not necessary. The Fire Chief was to meet with the Fire Marshall's office and begin looking at training for his staff, and the town has set a priority for training all staff but especially to hire female staff. I will be working with our administrative team to train them, who in turn will train our staff on proper handling protocols.

### The Center School Construction Project

The rain this past week is certainly difficult to complete site work, but to their credit work did continue inside and outside. Phase II, the renovation of the existing Center School has not missed a beat. Rough plumbing and electrical are almost complete. The floor in the gymnasium was poured. The new wall where the old kitchen was located is being bricked and almost completed. The roof work has been stalled, but there is a vapor barrier in place. With days like today ahead they hope to capture some time on weekends to finish the new roof. Permission has been given for interior work to be done on Sundays. They are ready to install wall board throughout the renovation area.

There still is some site work to be done for Phase I and that is being scheduled. Most of it entails repairs to work already done but not sufficiently acceptable. Most of Phase I punch list work will be completed after June 19th. We need to finish wood working in the cafeteria, molds around columns in the front and rear of the building and to finish ironing our mechanical systems.

As we use the building we are learning that some aspects of the design limit the full use of certain areas. For example, the lighting and sound systems work out of a small room with no visual or sound access to the platform. Also, the air cooling system does not work as specified. These things are being addressed and are common for the first months of a new building.

The move out of Pompositticut has been slated for the week of July 23rd. We may decide to do this in phases depending on the actual completed date and the availability of spaces. We are now looking at a July 12 substantial completion date and July 30 completion of the punch list.