

# THE **BORO** PROGRAM

## NEWSLETTER

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### The New School Year Begins!



**Westborough Block Party!**



**Hygge House Books  
Donates to The BORO Library!**



**Pizza Party &  
Birthday Celebrations!**

The BORO Program has had a vigorous start to the school year! Whether in the classroom, the Sugar Shack, or the community the students' days have been rich with opportunities for learning, social interactions and fun!

# Community Internships

Work in the BORO Sugar Shack teaches our students fundamental, transferrable work skills that they can then use and build on at their individual community work sites.



Lydia at Yummy Mummy Bakery



Chris and Laura at  
Boroughs family Branch YMCA



Gia at Westborough Public Library



Nikita at Northborough K9 Rehab



### BORO Students Participate in Lady Gaga's #BeKind21 Challenge

Lady Gaga's Born This Way Foundation hosted #BeKind21, calling on participants to practice an act of kindness each day from September 1st to September 21st with the mission of building kinder, more connected communities that foster mental wellness.

Culminating on the U.N. International Day of Peace, #BeKind21 invited schools and colleges to kick off the new school year by establishing kinder habits and to head into the fall with a spirit of compassion and kindness across their organizations and in their communities.

The BORO rose to Gaga's challenge! Watch Christopher, Hunter, Nikita, Lydia, Ben, Gia and Peter spread some kind sentiments...





# BE SWEET • GIVE SWEETS

## The BORO Sugar Shack is a Dynamic Vocational Learning Lab

*Did You Know...*

Curling ribbon allows BORO Program students the opportunity to develop their manual dexterity, practice safety protocols, and utilize their creativity.



*Did You Know...*

Weighing candy during the packaging process enables BORO students to practice math and measurement skills, as well as develop precision and accuracy.

*Hunter*

*Did You Know...*

Applying price stickers and labels to bags enables BORO students to practice their matching and fine motor skills.



*Did You Know...*

Packaging candy allows BORO students to practice following directions, adhering to a routine, and following the sequence of steps necessary to complete a task.

*Laura*



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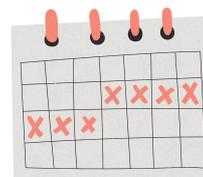
**YOU CAN SUPPORT PAID WORK OPPORTUNITIES!**

**Make donations at: [bit.ly/SupportBORO](https://bit.ly/SupportBORO)**

Visit the BORO Sugar Shack in store or online for Spooktacular treats, gourmet chocolates, nostalgic candy favorites & more!

15 E. Main Street, Westborough  
508.796.2200  
[shop.borosugarshack.com](https://shop.borosugarshack.com)

**UPCOMING EVENTS**



- 10/8 - Early Release
- 10/11 - No School/Indigenous Peoples' Day
- 10/26 - Westborough Downtown Trick or Treating & BORO Monster Mash
- 10/29 - Best Buddies Halloween Dance @ Westborough HS



*Are You Interested in Serving on  
**The Westborough Disability Commission?***

**There's still time to submit letters of interest for appointment!**

Commission members duties include but are not limited to: researching local problems of people with disabilities, ensuring compliance with applicable state and federal laws affecting people with disabilities, and making recommendations about Town policies, procedures, services, activities, facilities and agencies as they affect people with disabilities.

For more information visit [The Town of Westborough online!](#)

***BORO Families...***

**BORO PROGRAM CONTACT INFORMATION:**

REPORT **PLANNED** ABSENCES, TARDINESS OR EARLY DISMISSALS TO:

**ANGELINA MCCARTHY - BORO PROGRAM TEACHER**

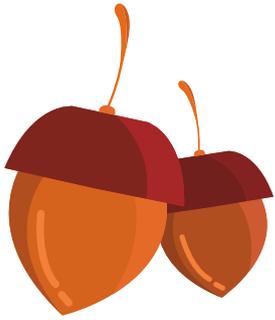
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REPORT UNEXPECTED SCHEDULE CHANGES, OR ANY OTHER  
**TIME-SENSITIVE** OR EMERGENCY INFORMATION TO:

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# OCTOBER AWARENESS



## Dyslexia

International Dyslexia Association: [dyslexiaida.org](http://dyslexiaida.org).

Massachusetts Chapter: [ma.dyslexiaida.org/](http://ma.dyslexiaida.org/)

## Down Syndrome

National Down Syndrome Society: [ndss.org](http://ndss.org).

Massachusetts Down Syndrome Congress: [mdsc.org](http://mdsc.org).

## Rett Syndrome

Rett Syndrome Association: [rettsyndrome.org](http://rettsyndrome.org).

Rett Syndrome Association of MA: [rettsyndromemass.org](http://rettsyndromemass.org).



## Spina Bifida

Spina Bifida Association: [spinabifidaassociation.org](http://spinabifidaassociation.org).

Spina Bifida Association of Greater New England: [sbagreaterne.org](http://sbagreaterne.org).

## Stuttering

National Stuttering Association: [westutter.org](http://westutter.org).

Stuttering Association for the Young: [say.org](http://say.org).

American Speech Language and Hearing Association - ASHA: [asha.org](http://asha.org).



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