Congratulations to the new retirees

The Retirees’ Corner wishes to welcome this year’s newest retirees.

Robert Biddy       Whittemore       Custodial Staff
Patricia Cummings  Stanley         Kindergarten
Diana Mahoney      Plympton         SPED aide
Miguel Negron      Plympton         Custodial Staff
Barbara Walsh      McDevitt        Media aide
Rosanna Zottola    WHS             Food Services

Thanks for the Feedback

Our thanks to the retirees who took a few minutes to email their positive feedback on our last newsletter! Nice to hear from you about how we are doing! Let us know what you might like us to include in future newsletters. Email us at retireescorner@gmail.com

On a sad note, over the past few months, we have lost more former friends and colleagues –

Leona Curhan       Hill            Grade 5
Leo Hill           Fitzgerald, Bright, Newhall  Principal
Jim Johnson        Central, Kennedy   Physical Education/SPED
Joanne Monagle     WHS             Food Services
Shirley Regas      Central Office    Secretary
Clint Rumrill      Waltham High School CTE
Josephine Russo    Plympton         Grade 4
Jane Sprogis       Waltham High School Biology
What Can We Do for You?

For several years now, we have informed you of the deaths of our colleagues, showcased our successful students, and reported on legislative matters which are pertinent to you. Now we wonder what Retirees’ Corner next step should be.

Are there any other needs you have that we can meet? Maybe you are seriously ill and/or confined to home and would love to receive cards and notes or a phone call from former colleagues. Or maybe you need resources for some issue.

We have formed a “benevolence” subcommittee (Judy Ferolito and Regina Pacitti) to address potential requests. Of course, all situations will be handled with discretion to protect people’s privacy. If a need is forwarded to us by your friend retiree, we must still check with you directly to be sure you want our attention and response.

Please let us know as soon as possible what you think of this idea by contacting us at retireescorner@gmail.com
Graduates in the News

Brian Bolio

Generally speaking, as former employees of the Waltham Public Schools, we are all interested in the accomplishments of graduates of our system.

Colonel Brian Bolio is one of the many graduates of whom we can all be extremely proud. After graduating from Waltham High School in 1991, Brian matriculated at West Point and upon graduation in 1995 was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the Army Aviation Corp.

Over the years, Brian has served in Korea and Afghanistan as well as various locations in the United States. He is currently in command of the Army’s lone space unit. The Space Brigade is in charge of the payload of “a global satellite Constellation” and provides theater missile-warning across the world.

On a personal note, Brian is married and the couple has three daughters. (His mom is our own Sally Bolio, MacArthur)

Brian stated that “our job depends on maintaining trust in each other, and, as importantly, the citizens that we serve. They deserve no less.”

We are all very proud of Colonel Bolio’s service, commitment, ideals and dedication, and his service to the American people.

(note: The media has predicted Brian will be among the next officers promoted to General.)

Interview

We are asking for your help.

We do not have current emails for the following retirees or former employees. Some we never had, some have most likely been changed as they bounced back as unknown, some we never got before they recently retired, some may be receiving emails under a spouse’s email (who may also be a retiree) and some may have been automatically gone to the recipient’s junk folder, and, unfortunately, some may have passed and we were unaware. We also understand that some may not have an email address at all and rely on a spouse’s or other relative’s email when necessary.

If you are in touch with any one on this list, might you ask them to forward a working email to us at retireescorner@gmail? It is our belief that everyone below is living, but we could be in error. Any updates would be most appreciated. Thank you.

Patricia Adolph  Jeannette Amiano  Marian Anthony  Lynne Arico
Joseph Arsenault  Lillian Arsenault  Marie Arsenault  Pamela Aucoin
Debra Auld  Djalai Babazadeh  Eileen Benoit  Marcia Benson
Robert Biddy  Rosemary Bonica  Bernadette Bourque  Margaret Boyajian
Charlotte Brown  Frank Buczek  Janet Buczel  James Buell
Mary Burke  Phyllis Caci  Zita Callahan  Marion Campbell
Margaret Cannon  Grace Carney  Micheal Carrafiello  Clifford Chase
Stephanie Childs  Helen Clancy  David Class  Mary Cochran
Ron Colachicco  Ann Coleman  Erin Collings  Robert Cook
Joseph Connolly  Joseph Corbett  Jerry Cormier  Lois Crandell
Joanne Crowe  Patricia Cummings  Donna D’Allesandro  Joseph D’Amico
Joseph Dayton  Joseph Defillippo  Karen DeMeo  James Dempsey
Barbara DeVito  Beverly DiVaio  Michelle Dolitka  Lawrence Doxsey
Jeanne Driscoll  Kathy Dufromont  Diane Dupuis  Roger Dupuis
Lawrence Enos  Anne Faulstich  Leonard Fay  Diane Fischer
Mary Fobert  David Gautreau  Micheal Gledhill  Debbie Grimes
Deborah Guelli  David Hachey  Louise Hague  Linda Hanley
Update as of early November

**Cost-of-living adjustment update**

**FY2021 COLA still not approved**

In mid-October, the Governor submitted a revised FY2021 budget proposal, which includes a 3% COLA on the first $13,000 of your MTRS benefit, retroactive to July 1, 2020.

As a reminder, the MTRS cannot pay a COLA unless it is included in the final state budget approved by the Legislature and signed into law by the Governor. Your October benefit payment **will not** include a new COLA as the FY2021 budget is not yet finalized.

If a COLA is ultimately approved in the final FY2021 budget, it will be payable to those retirees whose retirement date was on or before 06/30/2019.

Please know that the MTRS is closely monitoring the state budget process, will continue to keep you updated and will work to pay the COLA as soon as possible if it is approved.

For more information on the COLA and your benefit payment please visit [Your benefit payment - Cost-of-living adjustment eligibility and history](https://www.masstouch.org).

Please stay safe,
Erika M. Glaster,
Executive Director
Massachusetts Teachers' Retirement System
Rules of the Schools!

At the last meeting of the School Committee it was voted to add the following to the list of “Rules and Regulations of the Public Schools of Waltham.”

Teachers are expected, both from inclination and from a sense of duty, to abstain from all course or otherwise improper expressions in the school room. The use of nicknames and of all opprobrious or degrading epithets applied to the pupils is strictly forbidden. Violations of this order will be regarded by the committee as good cause of removal from the school.

Per order of the Committee,

R. B. THURSTON, Chairman.

Waltham, Nov. 21, 1862.

Best wishes for a wonderful and safe holiday season!