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## BACK AT SCHOOL

### Milford students start fall classes

By Alison McCall  
DAILY NEWS STAFF

MILFORD – At Memorial Elementary School, the staff stood expectantly behind the closed front doors yesterday morning, chatting excitedly as they waited for school to officially begin.

At 8:25 a.m., the bell rang overhead and someone reached forward and opened the doors to the first- and second-graders waiting with equal impatience on the other side.

Milford schools opened as scheduled yesterday, despite recent power failures caused by Tropical Storm Irene. Though the majority of the town now has electricity, Stacy Middle School regained power only early yesterday morning, just in time to start school on the assigned date.

Generators at Stacy would have provided everything except the Internet, according to the superintendent's office.

"This is my first day of school, and I've never been to school, except for my kindergarten class," said Bella DelVecchio, 6, at Memorial Elementary. "I go to school because I love learning, even math."

"Every year I take his picture in front of the memorial," said mother Amy Callahan, after snapping one final photo of her son, Jack, before he disappeared into Memorial for the start of second grade. "The summer went by so fast."

New Principal Lisa Burns, along with staff greeted the children as they climbed off buses and parted ways with parents.

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"The summer went by so fast."

Amy Callahan, mother of Jack Callahan, a second-grader at Memorial Elementary



First-graders Ciana Desena, left, and Ava Duffy reunite before heading in for their first day of school yesterday at Memorial Elementary School in Milford. Top left, Memorial first-grader Bella DelVecchio pledges allegiance to the flag. Right, first-grader Matthew Duffy takes a peek in his backpack before heading in to school.

## Storm's effects drag on

Power still out for many

By Morgan Rousseau  
DAILY NEWS STAFF

Officials and residents of area towns are still enduring roadblocks, school closings and a lack of electricity four days after Tropical Storm Irene blew through the region.

Some towns can glimpse an end in sight, but for others, it's a matter of "wait and see."

Public schools in Franklin, Bellingham, Mendon, Upton and Hopedale have all pushed back the first day of school until Tuesday due to power outages in some schools or downed wires blocking bus routes, school officials said.

Mendon and Upton school district Superintendent Joseph Maruszcak said Miscoe Hill Middle School in Mendon was still without power as of last night, and sent a notice to parents alerting them of the new starting date.

Hopedale Superintendent Dennis Breen also made the call yesterday to postpone school until Tuesday. Even though schools had power, there was concern over downed power lines, said a spokesman for Breen.

The towns of Franklin and Bellingham announced on Tuesday that they were delaying school for one week.

In Franklin, about 1,300 people were still without power as of noon yesterday, which is down from about 4,200 on Tuesday.

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## Bids filed on Rte. 16 rehab

Timed lights to improve traffic

MILFORD

By Brian Benson  
DAILY NEWS STAFF

MILFORD – The state Department of Transportation is reviewing bids submitted by eight companies for a Rte. 16 improvement project estimated to cost \$3 million.

Hanover-based P.A. Landers Inc. submitted the lowest bid at \$2.9 million. Companies from Dighton, North Andover, Newton, Plainville, Stov. Worcester and Cumberland, R.I., also applied for the project, with the highest bid coming in at \$3.8 million, according to information on a MassDOT bid website.

The project, to be paid for with federal funds, will include replacing traffic lights with ones that can be timed to keep traffic moving, repaving portions of the road and improving intersections, crosswalks and sidewalks. Work will be done between the Rte. 16 intersection at Water Street and the RTE. 16, Page A12



Andrew Kozlowski  
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### HEALTH CARE INSIDER

## Andrew Kozlowski

• Information systems technical specialist, Milford Regional Medical Center

#### What do you most like about your work?

Problem solving and being involved with cutting-edge systems and technologies in the health care field.

#### What two memories from your career stick with you the most?

Resolving immediate IT related is-

ssues that positively affected patient care and completing large project rollouts.

#### What are three pieces of advice you have for living a healthy life?

1. Wash your hands frequently. 2. Take your vitamins and nutritional supplements daily. 3. Manage

stress effectively.

#### What are three pieces of advice you have for someone considering a career in this field of work?

1. Be able to accept change. 2. Stay informed on the latest technologies and trends. 3. Your professional education never ends.

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#### More about Andrew Kozlowski

AGE: 54

HOMETOWN: Dudley

FAMILY: wife, Barbara

INTERESTS: veterans service organizations including town's Veterans Council

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