

Waterbury Weekly

Ignite the Power and Potential of Each Student

February 17, 2020

Dear Waterbury School Community,

Thank you to all of the parents who scheduled a parent-teacher conference last Friday. Please look for your child's report card and winter MAP test scores to come home on Wednesday, March 4. Please remember that report cards are a reflection of your child's progress over the entire trimester. Review the report card and comments carefully with your child being sure to recognize successes, as well as offering support in areas that may need improvement. Emphasize with your child that report cards are personal and private. They are communication between the school and the family and do not need to be shared with friends. If you have any questions about your child's report card, please contact your child's teacher.

We have seen a recent increase in tardies and absences due to illness and other issues. When children are sick, please remember they must be symptom-free (vomiting/diarrhea) and fever-free for 24 hours before they can return to school.

There has also been an increase in the number of students arriving late to school. Arriving at school late disrupts learning for those who have arrived on time. Students should arrive between 8:15-8:25 AM so they are ready to walk into the building with their classmates when the entrance bell rings. Our teachers start their learning day promptly at 8:30 AM. If your child is going to be late to school, please notify the school office. When your child arrives, a parent/guardian needs to come into the office to sign them in.

Attendance and promptness to school are very important to help your child be successful. Our teachers have a lot of curriculum to cover and instruction begins soon after the bell rings. We're starting the third trimester, so we're very focused on our students growing academically, behaviorally, and socially. As always, if you have any questions, concerns, comments or suggestions, please feel free to contact me.

I am looking forward to a great third trimester!

Dr. Debbie Guzan
Principal



Reading Incentive Programs for Students

Ms. Zelman, our Reading Specialist, would like to remind everyone that reading logs for Six Flags Read to Succeed and Santa's Village Azoosment Park reading programs are due no later than Wednesday, March 11. Reading logs for students to record their reading minutes were distributed before Winter Break. If your child needs another log, please have them ask their teacher. When students read for 360 minutes or 6 hours and submit the online reading log for Six Flags Great America or turn in the reading log for Santa's Village Azoosment Park before or by March 11, they will earn one free ticket to the amusement park of their choice!



American Heart Association's Kids Heart Challenge

Throughout February, students will be learning about heart-healthy habits through a variety of jump rope skills and fitness activities with Mrs. Herbers, our PE teacher, as part of the Kids Heart Challenge. The Kids Heart Challenge is a national education and fundraising event sponsored by the American Heart Association. This year's theme is "Heart Heroes," and these heart heroes promote kindness and healthy habits.

Beginning in February, students will receive fundraising materials during their PE classes. Not only do your donations help the American Heart Association, but a portion of the proceeds are given back to Waterbury to purchase new PE equipment. Last year, Mrs. Herbers was able to buy \$300 worth of new PE equipment. **Please know that donating is not required for participation in this PE program. A donation to the American Heart Association is optional.**

Ways to Donate: Use the envelope and make a check payable to The American Heart Association, use Waterbury's donation link <http://www2.heart.org/goto/waterbury> or download Kids Heart Challenge APP. **CASH DONATIONS OVER \$5 WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.**

When students donate, they can receive a "thank you gift" as a token of appreciation, such as a key chain clasp. Key chain clasps get the students excited about being kind, eating healthy, and helping others and are given immediately to the student when a donation is made. Other gifts, for more substantial donations, will arrive in April. Please note that all donations are due on Friday, March 13.

On March 13, Mrs. Herbers is asking the entire school community to support the American Heart Association by wearing red to school. By wearing red, we will be supporting the fight against heart disease.



District 20 Parent Café – Thursday, March 12

On Thursday, March 12, from 6:00-7:30 PM, the District will be holding another Parent Café in the Spring Wood Library. The topic is entitled Keeping Kids SAFE Online: Social Media Safety and Awareness. We hope you can join us to learn from an internet safety expert about how to keep your children safe online and when using social media. Food, childcare, and Spanish and Polish interpreters will be available. Please register for this program by March 4 using this link or the flyer that was sent home with your child.

<https://www.esd20.org/for-parents/parent-groups/parentcafe>

UPCOMING EVENTS **For the other side**

No School – Presidents' Day

Monday, February 17

Trimester 2 Ends

Friday, February 21

PTO Urban Air Fundraiser

Sunday, February 23

140 E. Lake Street, Bloomingdale

3-7 PM

Mention Waterbury or show flyer
and 20% of sales will go to PTO!

Read Across America

Thursday, February 27

Board of Education Meeting

Thursday, February 27

Spring Wood Middle School

7 PM

No School - Teacher Institute Day

Friday, February 28

Report Card Day

Wednesday, March 4

Mobile Dentist

Tuesday, March 10

Six Flags Read to Succeed

&

Santa's Village Azoosment Park

Reading Logs Due

Wednesday, March 11

Kids Heart Challenge

Last day to turn in donations.

Friday, March 13