

# Waterbury Weekly

Ignite the Power and Potential of Each Student

March 2, 2020

Dear Waterbury School Community,

During February, three grade levels have scheduled in-school field trips. These presentations from the Morton Arboretum and Rockford's Discovery Center Museum provided our students with new opportunities for learning through experience and have reinforced concepts that have already been learned in their classroom.

## Grade 1 - Morton Arboretum – When It Snows

How do animals survive the long, snowy winter? Where do they go and what do they eat when it starts to snow? Our first graders discovered the answers to these questions by observing pelts, shells, and skulls in their classroom on Thursday, February 6. Educators from Morton Arboretum taught them about animal adaptations and seasonal changes with a book, games, songs, and other activities.



## Grade 3 - Discovery Center Museum – Forces in Motion

Our students saw amazing feats come together to weave the story of Newton's Laws of Motion in this fascinating physics program presented by an instructor from Rockford's Discovery Center Museum that focused on third grade Next Generation Science Standards. In physics, force is a push or pull on an object. A force can cause an object to accelerate, slow down, remain in place, or change shape. The students' favorite part of this program was when the instructor demonstrated the physics and forces behind the game Angry Birds.



## Grade 4 - Morton Arboretum – Hands-on Habitats

Our students have learned that a habitat is a home for plants and animals. Educators from Morton Arboretum helped them to discover what plants and animals make a home for themselves in Illinois' woodlands, wetlands, and prairies. The students also learned about the adaptations that animals have developed to live in certain ecosystems. They explored skulls and pelts and used microscopes to get a new view of our local herbivores, omnivores, and carnivores.



We are so lucky to live in an area where these types of educational programs are available to us. If your student has enjoyed these in-school programs, you may want to check out their websites for additional programs, activities, and exhibits open to children and families at their location.

*Dr. Debbie Guzan*  
Principal

### "Reading is Out of this World!"

The week of February 24 was filled with activities focused on reading to celebrate this year's Read Across America! Ms. Zelman, our Reading Specialist, and her reading committee did an excellent job planning space-themed adventures! Staff and students celebrated the week by participating in an all-school kick-off assembly on Monday and dress up/activity days the rest of the week. On Thursday, February 27, Waterbury students were treated to a day filled with reading! **Thank you to all of our guest readers!** You were amazing! At the end of the day, several lucky students were winners of tote bags designed by our staff members.



### 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 class. 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 larger donations, will arrive in April. Please note that all donations are due on Friday, March 13.



## **UPCOMING EVENTS** For the other side

### **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

### **District 20 Parent Café**

Keeping Kids Safe Online

Thursday, March 12

Spring Wood Library

6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

### **Kids Heart Challenge**

#### **Wear Red Day**

Last day to turn in donations.

Friday, March 13

### **5<sup>th</sup> Grade Band Concert**

Monday, March 16

Spring Wood Middle School

7 PM

### **PTO Dine to Donate – Dr. Dogs**

Wednesday, March 18

10 AM – 8 PM

### **PTO Craft Fair & Vendor Fair**

Saturday, March 21

Waterbury Elementary School

10 AM – 4 PM

### **McTeacher Night**

Wednesday, March 25

72 Stratford Dr, Bloomingdale

4:30-7:30 PM

### **Board of Education Meeting**

Thursday, March 26

Spring Wood Middle School

7 PM

**Spring Break**

Monday, March 30  
through  
Friday, April 3

**School Resumes**

Monday, April 6