

Waterbury Weekly

Ignite the Power and Potential of Each Student

September 16, 2019

Dear Waterbury School Community,

This year, we are continuing to implement the *Second Step* program. The goal of this program is to build your child's social skills and self-esteem by giving her/him tools to solve everyday problems. Children who learn and use the skills presented in this program are more likely to get along with other people and do better in school.



The Second Step lessons are divided into three areas:

- Empathy Training: learning to identify feelings (happy, sad, mad, scared), predict how other people feel (by reading faces and body language), and show others they care (by responding to others' feelings).
- Impulse Control: learning how to solve problems and perform social skills (sharing, taking turns).
- Anger Management: learning how to calm down and redirect their feelings in more positive ways.

Throughout the year, additional information and Take-Home Letters from the program will let you know what your child is learning. Please take some time to try the suggested activities. Talking about the program will help your child to use the new skills at home.

This year, we are also implementing Responsive Classroom practices into our school community. Responsive Classroom is a way of teaching that creates a safe, challenging, and joyful classroom and schoolwide climate for all students. Our teachers understand that all of students' needs - academic, social, emotional, and physical - are important. Elementary teachers create an environment that responds to all of those needs so that your child can do his or her best learning.

The Responsive Classroom approach develops teachers' competencies in four key areas:

- Engaging Academics—Teachers create learning tasks that are active, interactive, appropriately challenging, purposeful, and connected to students' interests.
- Positive Community—Teachers nurture a sense of belonging, significance, and emotional safety so that students feel comfortable taking risks and working with a variety of peers.
- Effective Management—Teachers create a calm, orderly environment that promotes autonomy and allows students to focus on learning.
- Developmentally Responsive Teaching—Teachers use knowledge of child development, along with observations of students, to create a developmentally appropriate learning environment.

Please let me know if you have any questions about either program.

Dr. Debbie Guzan
Principal

New District 20 Attendance Policy

Keeneyville School District 20 has worked to develop new Attendance/Truancy procedures to ensure that all students fully benefit from their education by attending school regularly and on time. All three District schools started the procedures listed in the attached document at the start of this school year. Your child should have brought a packet of information home. After reading the procedures, return the sign-off slip indicating you have read the new procedures.



Couldn't Attend Curriculum Night?

Thank you to all the parents who attended Curriculum Night. During the evening, parents had the opportunity to sign-up for a scheduled conference during our Parent-Teacher Conferences on Monday, November 25, and Tuesday, November 26. If you were unable to attend, please contact your child's teacher to schedule your November Parent-Teacher Conference.



Waterbury Is Recycling Used Markers!

Do you have old, dried out markers at your house? If so, send them to school, and our library will recycle them for you! ColorCycle will accept all brands of plastic markers, including dry erase markers and highlighters which will eliminate placing hundreds of tons of markers into landfills.

Our Pop Tab Collection Supports the Ronald McDonald House!

Little things make a big difference! We are collecting the tabs you pull to open soda, soup, and other aluminum cans to support the Ronald McDonald House. The funds generated from recycling these aluminum gems help offset the Ronald McDonald House's expenses.



UPCOMING EVENTS **For the other side**

Dine to Donate – Dairy Queen on Irving Park Road

Wednesday, September 18

12:00-9:00 PM

PTO Walk-A-Thon

Friday, September 20

Rain Date: Friday, September 27

Dine to Donate – Portillo's on Lake

Wednesday, September 25

5:00 PM – 8:00 PM

State Representative Michelle Mussman to Visit

Thursday, September 26

School Board Meeting

Thursday, September 26

7:00 PM @ Spring Wood

Picture Day

Thursday, October 3

PTO Roller Skating Party

Thursday, October 10

Coachlite Roller Rink

7-9 PM

No School for Students Teacher Institute Day

Friday, October 11

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Columbus Day

Monday, October 14

PTO Book Fair

October 15 - October 17

**Family Reading Night
&**

PTO Evening Book Fair

Wednesday, October 16

6-8 PM