



# Chase Cheetah Gazette

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

- May 6**            Early Dismissal @ 1:05 PM Teacher Collaboration
- May 7**            School Governance Council Meeting @4 PM Community Room
- May 16**           "The Gathering" 11 AM to 8 PM (See flyer for sign-up)
- May 20**           Family Math Night (Flyer to follow)
- May 25**           Memorial Day No School
- May 28**           PBIS Rock Cats Grades 3, 4, 5

## IMPORTANT SAFETY REMINDERS

- All visitors to Chase School must stop in the office upon entering the school.
- All visitors must have photo identification. This is a Waterbury Board of Education Policy.
- Please be sure to update any changes in your phone number/address with the main office. IRIS alerts are sent out regularly so your information must be current in order for you to receive these important messages.
- A new procedure for students dismissed as walkers was recently put in place. Please be aware of the new policy and contact the school if you have any questions.

## SNACKS & BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Chase School is enrolled in a Fruit & Vegetable Program. Every Tuesday through Thursday students are given a fruit or vegetable for their snack. Any snack brought from home must also be healthy. In regards to birthdays and other celebratory events, always check with the classroom teacher before bringing any food items into school. Chase School promotes healthy eating!!



## Parent's Corner

Get support for understanding the common core .....Common core was developed so that teachers, parents and students will have clear guidelines of what's expected of them each year. Connect with others to help your child get most of his or her education. Here are some tips:

- Talk to your child's teachers often. Ask what they are doing in the classroom to help students meet standards, and what you can do to help your child at home.
- Join an online or in-person "Core" network of parents in your school or district. Share resources and strategies that parents can use to help children succeed. If there isn't one for your area consider creating one.
- Ask your school board to invite educated experts to speak to parents and answer questions about Common Core.

### **Congratulations to March attendance Winners!!!**

Kindergarten: Mrs. More

First Grade: Ms. Brophy

Second Grade: Mrs. Pringle

Third Grade: Mrs. Caldarella

Fourth Grade: Miss Whitney

Fifth Grade: Mr. Luchina

***Parents/Guardians thanks for getting your children to school every day!!!***

## Attendance Policy

The Attendance Policy for the City of Waterbury allows a parent to write a note to excuse the first nine absences, after that only a medical note can excuse an absence. When at a doctor visit please remember to ask for a medical note to excuse an absence. Phone calls do not excuse absences. All absences whether excused or unexcused, are counted towards the 20 day limit. If the absences exceed the 20 day limit a child is at risk of being retained in their current grade. \*All children are expected to attend school until the last day of school, June 19<sup>th</sup>.

\* The first day of school for the 2015-2016 school year, is August 26, 2015 and all children are expected to be in school.

\*Please remember to schedule vacations according to the school calendar.

## Dress Code Policy

**Mandatory Dress Code Policy for Elementary Schools:** The following Dress Code Policy is mandatory for all elementary school students. For the complete Dress Code Policy please visit: [www.waterbury.k12.ct.us](http://www.waterbury.k12.ct.us)

### **BOYS:**

1. Pants or shorts in solid navy blue, white, gray, black or khaki; worn completely covering undergarments and no more than three inches above the knee.
2. Tops in solid blue, white, gray, black or khaki; button down, pullover, or turtleneck style with long or short sleeves and a collar.
3. Optional solid blue, white, gray, black or khaki sweaters, vests, suit jackets or fleece may be worn over a dress code top.

### **GIRLS:**

1. Pants, shorts, skirts, skorts, dresses, or jumpers in solid navy blue, white, gray, black or khaki; worn completely covering undergarments and no more than three inches above knee. Note: Leggings, stockings or other

stretch/form fitting leg coverings may only be worn under shorts, skirts, skorts, dresses or jumpers.

2. Tops in solid blue, white, gray, black or khaki; button down, pullover, or turtleneck style with long or short sleeves and a collar; worn completely covering undergarments, cleavage and midriffs.

3. Optional solid blue, white, gray, black or khaki sweaters, vests, suit jackets or fleece may be worn over a dress code top.

## **Classroom News**

### **Kindergarten**

For the month of May our themes will be seeds, plants and insects.

The sight words are: from, or, does, there, when, could, would, one.

For language arts we are working on writing and sentence structure, retelling.

For Math we are working on counting to 120. We are continuing to work on teen numbers as ten ones and some more ones. We will continue to use simple shapes to form larger shapes, and solving addition and subtraction equations within 10.

This month we will be talking about good sportsmanship in preparation for Field Day.

This month our character trait is perseverance. We will discuss ways we can be perseverant at school and at home.

### **1<sup>st</sup> Grade**

This month the first grade classes will be going on a fieldtrip to the CT Children's Museum . We will be going in groups of three classes with Mrs. Matthews, Mrs. Keeley and Miss Mantilla's classes going Thursday May 21,2015 and Mrs. Brophy, Mrs. Palmieri and Mrs. Dika's classes going on May 27, 2015. Please look for more information about the cost, trip details and permissions slip. Children are required to wear school uniforms and will be provided with a school lunch.

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

The Second grade team would like to thank everyone who supported our RollerMagic fundraiser! Our field trip will take place at Beardsley Zoo in Bridgeport on May 15.

For English and Language Arts, we have begun our end of the year Dibles and TRC reading assessments. Also, our students will be learning about different types of poems and apply the skill to create their own poem. Students will have the opportunity to explore soil and grow their own plant. Also they will be learning about different layers of soil and understand how plants grow.

Our focus for math will be on place value working with 3-digit numbers. Students will be able to build, draw and write 3 digit numbers.

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

For the month of May we will read and analyze poetry, plays, and both literal and non-literal texts. In math we will be working on mass and volume and then begin to work on place value. Our grade 3 students have been given log-in information to go onto [xtramath.org](http://xtramath.org) to practice basic skills that will help them become more proficient in math. Please utilize this website if possible. On April 27<sup>th</sup> the end of the year reading assessment will begin. Please remind your child to read for at least twenty minutes a day and review their multiplication facts daily. On May 22<sup>nd</sup> the third graders will be taking a field trip to the Peabody Museum.

## 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

In fourth grade the students are learning about Folktale Literature and reading about fables, fairytales, myths, tall tales and porquoi tales. At the end of the unit the students will be writing a short story. In math, the students will be exploring geometric measurements. During the month of May, the students will be tested again on their reading ability. Also, the students will be taking the Smarter Balanced Assessment Consortium starting on the 11<sup>th</sup>. On May 28<sup>th</sup>, the students who earned the incentive for PBIS will be going to the Rock Cats game. We are very excited to inform you of our fourth grade field trip that will take place on June 1<sup>st</sup>. Please keep a close eye out for the permission slips for the above mentioned field trips.

## 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

What We're Learning:

ELA: We are learning about the genre of historical fiction. Students will be studying the Great Depression, American Revolution, Holocaust, and the Civil War.

Mathematics: Our mathematicians are solving word problems using multiple steps and operations.

Science: We will be learning the scientific method and performing various experiments.

Important Dates:

Friday, May 1<sup>st</sup> Eli Whitney Museum Field Trip

Wednesday, May 6<sup>th</sup> Early Dismissal 1:05 P.M

Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup> NO SCHOOL

Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup> Rockcats Baseball Game

CONGRATULATIONS!!!



**Kindergarten**

Argenta: Harmony Chea  
Dempsey: Nyasia Davis  
Medina: Miriam Ahmad  
More: Hayden Ayers  
Raider: Devyona Abney  
Agudo: Amy Barela  
Diaz: Jose Guifarro

**3rd Grade**

Calderella: Kendra Cameron  
Matthews: Joshua Yuja  
Agramonte: Yasmeen Hasan  
Rinaldi: Aliyah Degroate  
Rusi: Ayderi Arendano

**1<sup>st</sup> Grade**

Brophy: Ariana Rivera  
Dika: Taylor Dipaulo  
Palmieri: Makayla Sanders  
Keeley: Irfon Choku  
Matthews: Ansh Timaul  
Mantilla: Justin Casales

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Leo: Yusuf Redzepi  
D'Agostino: Jannelle Hunter  
Lund: Ariana Santiago  
Sheehy: Neyri Fragoso  
Whitney: Yadira Torres

**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade**

Defazio: Keven Arifi  
Guerrera: Leyanna Andrade  
McDowell: Matthew Morales  
Pringle: Donald Myers  
Tutino: Jose Velazco  
Bramble:

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Cavallo: Kaylena Bedo  
Luchina: Jaylani Lopes  
Howles: Joniya Mercado  
Stokes: Jaden Matos  
Velodotta: Marian Cooper-Medina

These students were chosen by their teachers because they always display **FAIRNESS** throughout the day. Thank you for promoting positive character in your children!

