



Chase Cheetah Gazette

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DATES TO REMEMBER

- October 8th School Governance Council Meeting @ 4PM
October 12th No School Columbus Day Holiday
October 13th No School Teacher Professional Development
October 22nd Fall for Reading Festival 5-7PM Flyer to Follow
October 23rd Pajama Day - 1st Grade Fundraiser \$1
October 27th&28th Lifetouch School Pictures Flyer to Follow

NOTE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Thank you to all the families who were able to attend Open House. If you were not, we look forward to seeing you soon at an upcoming school function!!

MESSAGE FROM SCHOOL NURSE

Just a reminder: Please do not send any medications to school with your child. It is a State law that children cannot carry medication to and from school. Every medication requires a doctor's order to be given at school. Feel free to contact the Nurse's Office with any questions or concerns.

LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION

Lifetouch will be here on Tuesday, October 27th and Wednesday, October 28th. Information will be sent home shortly. All payments are due on picture day.

STUDENTS MUST BE IN SCHOOL UNIFORM!!!



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 item into school. Chase School promotes healthy

eating!

ATTENDANCE INCENTIVE

Starting Thursday, October 1, 2015, H.S. Chase will be launching its Attendance Incentive!

1. Each class will post their H.S. Chase Cheetah's "Purr"fect Attendance poster outside their classroom.
2. For each day the class has perfect attendance the classroom gets to stamp a cheetah paw on a letter on the poster.
3. The first class to finish stamping all the letters "PURRFECT ATTENDANCE" will receive a classroom party.
4. Each time a class (or classes in event of a tie) fills in their poster, it starts all over again with a new sheet!

******Perfect attendance is defined as being on time (not tardy), and remain here until school hours are over (no early dismissals)***

In addition to our "Purr"fect Attendance contest:

- Each child that has perfect attendance for the month will receive a perfect attendance certificate
- At the end of the school year, every student with perfect attendance and their parents will be invited to a Perfect Attendance Luncheon here at H.S Chase Elementary School!!

We look forward to your support on helping our Attendance Incentive be a success!!

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.
- For students dismissed as walkers please be aware that students are brought back into the building at 2:55 PM. At that time parents/guardians will need to show a photo ID when picking up a child.
- For the safety of all students, **PLEASE DO NOT DRIVE OR WALK** through the Chase School parking lot during AM arrival or PM dismissal.
- During drop off and pickup please do not "double park" on Meriden Rd. or WoodtickRd.
- All morning drop offs should enter at the Meriden Rd. side of the building. During

this time the Woodtick Rd. door is only for parents/visitors going to the office.

CLASSROOM NEWS

KINDERGARTEN

In Kindergarten we are very busy. We have a very exciting month planned for your little ones. The next few weeks through read-alouds, class discussions and activities we are learning about how to be a good listener, classroom rules and expected behaviors. This year we are using Class dojo as a behavioral system. If you have not logged on yet and need help please contact your child's teacher.

This month:

Letters we are learning: T,B,F,N,M,I,U,C,O,A,G,S

Language Arts: Roles of the author and illustrator, who is the character of the story? Where is the setting? What happens in the beginning, middle and end of the story?

Math- Identifying numbers 1-10, counting 1-20, 2D shapes

Reminders: Check your child's folder daily. Take out any work from the day. Please label all backpacks, lunchboxes, sweatshirts and coats. Please help your little ones become more independent by teaching them how to zip coats and tie shoes.

FIRST GRADE

The First Grade Team has once again chosen Scholastic News as our basis for our Science and Social Studies. Please send in your \$ 6.53 as soon as possible so we may get your child's subscription for Scholastic News and Science Spin started.

First grade will be having a fund raiser on Oct. 23rd Wear your Pajamas to school Day for \$ 1.00 Please wear appropriate PJs and sneakers.

Please continue to send in Box Tops. We will be sending in our first collection on October 23.

Please send your child to school with a jacket as the weather is becoming cooler. Please no Hoodies.

Remember that the healthy snack programs runs Tuesdays - Thursdays so your child will need to bring in their own healthy snack on Mondays and Fridays.

Thank you in advance for your continued support in making your child's education meaningful and successful.

SECOND GRADE NEWS

Second grade is looking forward to another exciting and successful school year. We are beginning a new program called Wilson Foundations which incorporates phonics, spelling, and writing. As a result, spelling tests will not take place on a weekly basis. However, spelling

homework will be sent home for added practice. Contact your child's teacher with any specific questions regarding this program.

Our reading unit theme focusses on character traits and finding evidence to support ideas. We are working on addition, subtraction, and solving one and two-step problems. In science, we are working on the three states of matter.

We thank you for your continued support. Together we make a difference.

THIRD GRADE

In ELA we are studying character traits through literature. We started the TRC reading assessment to determine the students' reading level.

In math we began with telling time to the minute, 5 minutes and half hour. Now we are learning to multiply using arrays, repeated addition, and equal groups.

This year for behavior management we are using the Class Dojo. If you didn't sign up yet, please do so.

FOURTH GRADE

Our fourth grade students are getting off to an excellent start this school year!

In math, fourth grade students are learning to multiply, divide and conquer.

During our ELA block, students are learning how to identify nonfiction text features. Please remind your child to read for at least 20 minutes a day and review their multiplication facts daily.

New to our school this year is a website called Class Dojo. We are using this website to monitor classroom behavior. Please check the website daily (<http://www.classdojo.com>) to view your student's progress.

FIFTH GRADE

ELA: We are finishing up our first ELA unit- Mysteries! Students will soon begin to write a mystery story of their own!

Mathematics: Our mathematicians are learning how to add, subtract, read, write, compare, and round decimals.

Social Studies: Our historians will continue learning about the causes and effects of the American Revolution.

Science: Be on the lookout for a Project on Sound coming home! This Project will be due at the end of October.

Important Dates :October 21st: Field Trip to Firehouse
October 30th: Shakesperience Play at school

PARENT CORNER



Step 1: You have to Have a Plan:

Sit down with your kids and lay out expectations now, when the school year is starting, rather than waiting until problems arise. "Two or three goals is plenty, and you'll get better results if your child helps decide them," says Alexandra Mayzler, director of New York City-based Thinking Caps Tutoring and author of *Tutor in a Book: Better Grades as Easy as 1-2-3*.

Ask: What were your child's stumbling blocks last year? Maybe homework time was running into bedtime, so agree on an earlier start time. Did your child resist reading? Work on ways to make it fun—maybe set up a reading tent under your dining room table. Review your child's homework goals again in October, and perhaps once more in January, says Mayzler. Adjust your plan as you go, letting your child take as much ownership of the process as possible.

**CHASE SCHOOL STUDENTS AND STAFF ARE WORKING
HARD EVERYDAY TO BE RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE, CARING
AND SAFE!!**

