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### February Calendar

2 Groundhog Day

4 Student of the Month

11 1<sup>st</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> marking period  
report cards go home

12 Early Dismissal-Teacher  
Collaboration

12 Lincoln's Birthday

14 Valentine's Day

17 NO SCHOOL President's Day

18 NO SCHOOL Lincoln's  
Birthday observed

20 Washington's Birthday



Main Office – 203-574-8875

Nurse's Office – 203-574-8885

Miss Tina – 203-574-8881

*Parents,*

*Please make sure your  
child does not arrive to  
school before 7:30 am.*

# Duggan School Newsletter

February, 2014

Dr. Patricia Frageau, Principal

## PARENT LIAISON NEWS

Parents, just a reminder, when the weather is bad please check the news and channel 16 with updates. I would like to thank the Duggan staff and students for their help in celebrating our mascot, Spike's, birthday. Parents please see attached information on Pre-Kindergarten and Kindergarten registration. Waterbury Arts Magnet School applications will be available February 3<sup>rd</sup> and February 8<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am and February 11<sup>th</sup> 6:30pm will be Open House.

## UPDATED STUDENT INFORMATION

It is very important that you keep the office informed of any **change of address** or **change of phone number**. If there is an emergency, or if child becomes your ill in school, we need updated information to get in touch with you. Your cooperation is appreciated!!



## Notes from the Reading Teachers

Marion Ciarlo and Julie Tzepos

Students in grades 3-5 are preparing to take a new assessment called Smarter Balanced. This assessment will replace the Connecticut Mastery Test. These assessments will be administered online and will go beyond multiple choice questions to include performance tasks that allow students to demonstrate research, writing, and analytical skills. This assessment is aligned to the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) in English language arts/literacy and mathematics for grades 3-8 and 11. That means students in all states will be taught the same material. The results of the Smarter Balanced test are more accurate and provide information about what students are learning. Because these assessments are computer adaptive, they will also provide better information about the needs and successes of individual students. This test will give parents and teachers a clearer window on whether students are on track to graduate high school, ready for college and the workplace. Parents and students will receive the results of these assessments from their school system in a readable and easy-to-understand format, most likely online. Also parents can use this information to better communicate with teachers and school administrators about their child's success.

For more information, you can visit the website [www.smarterbalanced.org](http://www.smarterbalanced.org)

## FUNDRAISING

Starting next week, chocolate roses will be sold in the morning, before school. They will be sold in the main hallway and in the gym. They are \$1.00 each and a paper heart with a poem will be available if you would like to buy one for your Valentine!

We will begin selling Avon products for our next fundraiser. Your child will bring home information at the end of the month. We think that you will be delighted by the products, so let's make this our best fundraiser this year!

## **HUMAN GROWTH, DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION POLICY**

Any parent or legal guardian of a Waterbury Public School student may exempt his/her child from any or all lessons dealing with Human Growth, Development and Family Life portions of the Health and Wellness Education Curriculum. This may be done by **written notification** to the Principal of the building that the child attends. Copies of the curriculum are available at the school for parent review. If you would like to read the curriculum, please call the school and make an appointment to come in and review the material.

## **NOTE FROM THE ATTENDANCE COUNSELOR**

- Parents, please call to reschedule attendance meetings if you are unable to attend. Failure to attend meetings can lead to further referrals to outside resources such as Court and DCF.
- Remember, children are only allowed to have a total of 20 absences for the school year. While this number includes both excused and unexcused absences, it is still important to provide notes, especially in the event that an appeal is needed to pass to the next grade.
- School begins at 9:35am when there is a 90 minute delay.

## **NURSE'S NOTES**

Second notice letters were sent home if your child has failed the vision screen. If you receive a letter that your child has failed, please follow thru with your doctor, difficulty with vision may have a negative out come on your child's learning capability. Cold weather causes chapped and dry lips, please apply Vaseline or Chapstick to your child if needed. Notice's for 6<sup>th</sup> grade physicals will be sent home along with the mandated immunization requirements for all 7<sup>th</sup> grade students, if your child already has a 6<sup>th</sup> grade physical please disregard. If your child has not had a 6<sup>th</sup> grade physical please make an appointment with your child's doctor. (ANY 6<sup>TH</sup> GRADE STUDENT WHO DOES NOT HAVE A PHYSICAL BY SEPTEMBER 1, 2014 CANNOT ENTER 7<sup>TH</sup> GRADE PER CONNECTICUT PUBLIC HEALTH CODE.) If you have questions please contact the nurse's office at 203-574-8885.

## **STUDENT OF THE MONTH FOR DECEMBER**

PK-DIORIO/GIUFFRE ~ Jahnii Patrick

5-FIELD ~ Tobias Brown

PK-MCKEEMAN ~ Artana Bablusha

5-HART ~ Jessica Carey

K-MCCASLAND ~ Dominic Gorner and Abigail Herrera

6-BRITTINGHAM ~ Destiny Martinez

K-RIVERA ~ Kayliss Fagan

6-FINKENZELLER ~ Lori Roberts

1-HERONIMO ~ Shylynn Spires

1-SANZARI ~ Aliana Richardson

7<sup>th</sup> Grade ~ Bryan Figueroa

2-BELL ~ B'Yanka Anzivine

2-GAUDIOSI ~ Angel Dones

8-Grade ~ Brittany Rodriguez

3-ANGURIO ~ Zhyon Hobbs

CBL-Kalita ~ Jayden Martinez

3-ST. HILAIRE ~ Victor Romero

4-FIDANZA ~ Megan Herrera

4-MILLER ~ Nathan Tavares

*Congratulations!!!*