



Celebrate Diversity

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE:

Parents, once again our students in grades 3, 4, and 5 will take the Smarter Balanced Test. The test is given on the computer. The testing period is April and May. We will let you know the testing window for each grade as it gets closer.

Throughout February, we will celebrate and recognize Black History Month with lessons and activities that highlight the accomplishments and history of African Americans. The culminating event will be a Celebration of Remembrance on February 22nd.




Donna Cullen

ATTENTION PARENTS

February 14th is 3½ Hour Day

School Hours: Pre-Kindergarten - Grade 5 8:35 - 12:00

NO AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM

NO SCHOOL FEBRUARY 19th and 20th



EMERGENCY FORMS

Enclosed in this newsletter is a Student Emergency Form. We request that you complete this even if you completed one in September and your information has not changed. If any information has changed, however, please note on the top of the form that a change needs to be made in the computer system. Thank you for your anticipated cooperation.



TEACHER REQUESTS



Parents, please do not make individual teacher requests for school year, 2018-2019. If you have a special circumstance, or want to give input regarding what personality traits your child works best with, feel free to write a note. However, please do not name specific teachers, as we work diligently to place all our students. Thank you for your cooperation.

FEBRUARY SCHOOL CALENDAR

February 2	Report Card Distribution, Grades 1-5
February 7	PTO Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Community Room
February 14	3½ hour day, 8:35-12:00, Teacher Collaboration
February 19	No school, President's Day Observed
February 20	No school, Lincoln's Birthday Observed
February 28	Leader of the Month Reception, 10:00 a.m.



JANUARY LEADERS OF THE MONTH

Writer of the Month

Mrs. Egan Michelle
 Amankwa-Sarpong

Artist of the Month

Mrs. Grumbling Salina Sanderson

Reader of the Month

Mrs. Hibbs Michelle Rodrigues

Mathematician of the Month

Mr. Murray Alex Angal

Kindergarten

Mrs. Kalnins Jacob Santoro
Mrs. Sanchez Jaxson Ganser
Mrs. Yurchyk Kayden Schofield

Grade 1

Ms. Aquavia McKenzie Goslicki
Mrs. Crespo Abbey DePedro
Mrs. DiGiovanna Jaslynn Torres
Mrs. Olsen Angelina Alejandro

Grade 2

Mrs. Mancini Camden Hawkins
Mrs. Fabian Andre Buchanan
Ms. Fogarty Hailey Kizis
Mrs. Smith Ethan Dominguez

Grade 3

Mrs. Fiore Leah Stewart
Mrs. Maloney Alexis Perez
Mrs. Sasso Adrianna Ramirez
Mrs. Strachan Andres Marrero

Grade 4

Mrs. Arzano Olivia Hernandez
Mr. Dombrowski Mya Soto
Ms. Doran Zentavious Ellis
Mrs. Silva Isaias Xavier Rivera

Grade 5

Mrs. D'Esposito Yelsi Vega
Mrs. Drewry Jayden DeGroatte
Mr. Dunn Natalie Aquino
Ms. Pino Jackson Strileckis



MALONEY INTERDISTRICT MAGNET SCHOOL
ROTELLA INTERDISTRICT MAGNET SCHOOL
PRE-KINDERGARTEN - GRADE 5
2018-2019 SCHOOL YEAR APPLICATIONS



Applications for Maloney and Rotella Interdistrict Magnet Schools, Pre-Kindergarten - Grade 5 students will be available February 1, 2018 through February 28, 2018 online only. You may submit an online application for the two (2) Waterbury Elementary Magnet Schools by going on the link <https://waterbury.novuschoice.com/>. **If you do not have access to a computer, please feel free to utilize the parent computers at each school, and someone will assist you to complete your application.**

Citywide lottery will be held on March 7, 2018, at Rotella Interdistrict Magnet School. Lottery numbers will not be issued at this time. Applicants will be notified via mail.

Please note that to apply to Pre-Kindergarten for both schools, your child must have been born in the year 2014. There is **no** transportation provided to Waterbury Pre-Kindergarten students only.



PTO February News



Sports T-shirt Day bring a \$1.00 on Friday, February 2 and wear your favorite sport t-shirt. Participants who return the form will be entered into a raffle to win a book.

Please mark your calendar **1st Annual Black History Night** is on Thursday, February 22, 2018. Signup sheets for students' participation need to be returned by Friday, February 2, 2018. We will be looking for volunteers to help on said date.

Braided Breads Fundraiser starts on February 2, 2018. Please return order forms to school by Friday, February 16, 2018. Delivery date is Tuesday, March 6, 2018. **Very important - You must pick up your orders on that day. We do not have storage area for your orders.**

Box Tops: Please do not forget we are still collecting box tops. We need your help to meet our goal. Thank you.

Please join us at our next meeting, February 7, 2018, at 6:30 p.m. at Community Room. The following meeting is on March 7, 2018 at the same time and same location.



AROUND THE SCHOOL



Mrs. Hibbs, Reading I would like to thank all the students who participated in the Winter Break Reading Challenge. We had a great turn out! Congratulations to all the raffle winners. Keep up the hard work reading at home and getting the logs signed for SQUIRT.



FROM THE JAPANESE TEACHERS



Thank you so much for the fifth grade families who joined us at the Annual New Year's Party (SHINNENKAI) on Friday, January 19th.

Beside the activities we had such as pounding rice, calligraphy, Origami, Skyping with Jimokuji Nishi Elementary School, playing with toys, and Japan Quiz by Kahoot.

Pre-Kindergartens will start Japanese class on February 1st. Each class will have Japanese 25 minutes once in a week. We look forward to seeing you!



Developmental School Counseling Program



A message from Mrs. Cancro, School Counselor

During the month of February, I will be scheduling and delivering my 4th developmental guidance lesson diversity, empathy and kindness. During December and January my lessons centered on tattling. During the week of January 29th, I have asked all students and staff to participate in the Great Kindness Challenge, asking everyone to commit random acts of kindness every day that week! This falls in very nicely with our school-wide initiative to follow the 7 Habits. All students have been working hard to learn and follow them. Please take the time to ask your student about them and how they are being proactive leaders!

My small group "lunch bunch" groups are continuing and will be till the end of the school year in an effort to have every child that has requested to be in one be able to participate. They run for 5 weeks at a time and then new groups of students are selected. I am currently starting my third round of groups and hope to get in 3 more before the end of the school year. If you receive a permission slip home, please sign and return it so that your child can participate.

Be Proactive - You always have a choice!!

"You have control over these things: what you think, what you say, and how you behave. To make a change in your life, you must recognize these gifts, are the most powerful tools you possess in shaping the form of your life."~ Sonya Friedman

