



Bucks Hill School

February 2013

"Success is to be measured not so much by the position that one has reached in life as by the obstacles which he has overcome while trying to succeed." -Booker T. Washington

Mrs. Ann Begley, Principal
Mrs. Angela Razza, Vice Principal

A Message from Mrs. Begley



February is a busy month. Students in Grades 1 - 3 are ending their testing on the Developmental Reading Assessment. This test shows what grade level your child is reading. All students in Grades 1 - 3 will be coming home with a letter stating his/her independent reading level by the end of the month. The students in grades 3, 4, and 5 are getting ready to take the Connecticut Mastery Test. The first day of the CMT will be on March 2nd. You can help your child by making sure he/she gets a good night sleep, eats a healthy breakfast and gets to school on time. Remind your child to take his/her time and try his/her best. Open House is on February 7th! We are half way through the school year. It is very important that you are involved in school and know how your child is doing. Meet with your child's teacher. Get information about your child's progress. Watch for second marking period report cards for grades 1-5.

When dropping off the children, please do **NOT** have them leave your cars before 8:05am. That is when our doors open. The colder weather is here. Please be sure the children are dressed in the appropriate clothing. **PICK UPS:** Anyone picking up children including parents, **MUST BRING ID**. This is extremely important and is for the safety of your children.

Parent Meetings: Parents meeting with teachers is very important. However, it would be appreciated if parents make appointments ahead of time to schedule a meeting to discuss any concerns.

WEATHER ALERT

Channel 16 is an excellent source of information for school closings, delays and early dismissals, including emergency situations. If parents can get into the habit of checking Channel 16 each morning before sending their children off to school, they will always know whether or not an emergency may have occurred to force the cancellation or delayed opening of school. Waterbury also uses an automated phoning system (IRIS Alert) that will call all Waterbury homes in case of any school situations.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Main Office	203.574.8182	Bus Company	203.591.1847
School Fax	203.573.6643	Special Ed. Bus	203.753.8366
School Nurse	203.574.8322	Parent Liaison	203.346.2624
Cafeteria	203.346.2623	Family Intake Center	203.346.3511

Important Information

Children should arrive **NO EARLIER THAN** 8:05 a.m.
Children eating breakfast at school should arrive **before** 8:25 a.m.
All other children should arrive **NO LATER THAN** 8:35 a.m.
Students are dismissed at 2:50 p.m.
If Bucks Hill School has an **early dismissal**, dismissal time will be **1:05 p.m.**
If an **emergency early dismissal** is called, dismissal time will be **12:00 p.m.**



PLEASE NOTE: IF THERE'S A 90 MINUTE DELAY, SCHOOL STARTS AT 10:05AM. IF THERE'S A TWO HOUR DELAY, SCHOOL STARTS AT 10:35AM AND NO BREAKFAST WILL BE SERVED

Did your address or phone number change?



Student's Name _____ Grade/Teacher _____
New address _____ New phone # _____

Cut on the dotted line and have your child return the information above to his/her teacher.

This is needed for EMERGENCY purposes!

ATTENDANCE: Any student enrolled in the Waterbury School System in grades K - 12, whose unexcused absences equals 19 days, will automatically receive a grade of incomplete for all subjects.

EARLY DISMISSAL: Parents who request to dismiss their child early must first report to the office. Pupils are considered "dismissed early" if they are not in their class when the dismissal bell rings. Please keep in mind that it is a disruption to the learning process for an entire class when the teacher must stop a lesson to dismiss a student.

DRESS CODE: For ALL Elementary School students
NO T - SHIRTS OR BLUE JEANS

Boys:
Pants or shorts in solid navy blue, white, black, gray or khaki
Shirts in solid blue, white, gray, black or khaki; button down, pullover or turtleneck style with long or short sleeve and a collar

Girls: jumpers, skirts, dresses, pants, shorts or skorts in solid navy blue, white, black, gray or khaki; no more than 3 inches above the knee
Tops in solid white, black, gray, khaki or blue; button down, pullover or turtleneck style with long or short sleeve and a collar

Gym Day Attire for Boys and Girls: Students may wear sweats in solid navy blue, white, gray, black or khaki.

Optional:
Solid white, gray, black, blue or khaki sweater, blazer, suit jacket, vest, or fleece sweater must be without a hood, in a v - neck, crewneck, or with a zipped collar style

Footwear: Shoes or sneakers must be worn at all times.
NO flip-flops, open toe, or open back shoes.

If your child is out of dress code, you may be contacted to bring appropriate clothing/shoes to school that day.

EARN CASH FOR BUCKS HILL SCHOOL: Bucks Hill School will participate in 3 different programs this year:

1. **Box Tops for Education:** A new collection has begun. Please send all box tops to school ~~ Remember, each box top is worth ten cents! The class with the most Box Tops will get a pizza party in June!
Each time a student brings in 5 Box Tops, he/she will receive a Bucks Hill buck for being responsible from Mrs. Labbe.
2. **Stop & Shop A Plus Program:** Submit your Stop & Shop card # to the school. Each time you shop, Bucks Hill will earn money for school supplies.
3. **ShopRite:** Sign up by submitting your Shop Rite card # at the store or on the form sent home.
4. **Cool School Rewards:** Save all of the receipts from your shopping at the Brass Mills Mall and the Toys R Us Plaza. Send them to school with your child. Bucks Hill School will earn points toward educational supplies.

Any questions about these programs, please ask Mrs. Petteway, Parent Liaison at Bucks Hill School.

NURSE'S OFFICE: The school nurse is a public health nurse employed by the Department of Health. Our nurse is Mrs. Caron. Please call her at 574-8322 if you have any questions.

MEDICATION POLICY: In order to comply with state regulations giving medication to children in school, new policies and procedures have been adopted. These include:

- Medication must be brought to school by a person responsible for the child's care.
- Medication must be in original container with label stating how the medication is to be given.
- Medication must be accompanied by a written order from the physician, signed by the person responsible for the child's care. The school medical advisor must approve it before the medication is given to the child. The school nurse will facilitate this procedure.

CAFETERIA NEWS:

Kindergarten Parents: Your children started entering their lunch identification numbers on a keyboard. Many of them are having a difficult time recognizing their numbers. Please practice with them to help make the process go quicker. Thank you for your cooperation!

Breakfast and Lunch prices for February 2013 are as follows: 18 days

	Daily Price	Monthly Price
Full Price Lunch	\$1.50	27.00
Reduced Price Lunch	.40	7.20
Full Price Breakfast	.75	13.50
Reduced Price Breakfast	.30	5.40
Milk Only	.50	9.00



February 2013 - LUNCH MENU

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				2/1: pizza, tossed salad, garbanzos
2/4: chicken tenders w/oven fries & greens	2/5: Meatballs w/sub roll &broccoli	2/6: burger w/bun, carrots & over fries	2/7: penne pasta w/sauce, fruit & bread	2/8: pizza,cucumbers & garbanzo beans
2/11: sweet n sour chicken w/brown rice	2/12: turkey on roll w/au gratin potatoes	2/13: fish on bun w/oven fries & carrots	2/14: pasta w/sauce w/broccoli & apples	2/15: pizza,cucumbers & garbanzo beans
2/18: NO SCHOOL	2/19: NO SCHOOL	2/20: hot dog on roll w/potato salad	2/21: pasta w/sauce, green beans& bread	2/22: bagel pizza w/salad & garbanzo
2/25: chicken nuggets w/roll & green beans	2/26: Salisbury steak w/mashed	2/27: surprise day	2/28: beef chili, tortilla chips & fruit	

PLEASE NOTE: Pork products are never used in school meals.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOR INTERVENTION SUPPORT: Also known as PBIS, this is a positive and systemic approach of teaching children expectations in all areas of the school. At Bucks Hill School, the students are RESPECTFUL, RESPONSIBLE, and SAFE. Students are taught what the expectations are and what they look like throughout the building. They are praised and rewarded with Bucks Hill bucks. Students are expected to STAY ON THE GREEN. Ask your child to explain what that means. At the end of each month, students attend the school store to redeem their "bucks". At any time, a class may be praised for being "All Stars" by any adult in the building. At the end of the month, the class that has the most All Stars, one class from Pre - K through 2 and another class from grades 3 - 5, will get a visit from the school mascot, "Lucky".

From Mrs. Petteway, Parent Liaison

- Websites for Parents to use with their children:
- www.mathisfun.com - Once on the page, click on a topic at the top and then choose a game from the second screen
 - www.ixl.com - Good site indexed by grade
 - www.aaamath.com - Good site indexed by subject and grade
 - www.mathworksheetwizard.com - Make printable worksheets indexed by grades
 - www.onlinemathlearning.com - click on the grade level on the left
 - www.mathplayground.com – Good site with a lot of games and puzzles for various levels
 - www.coolmathgames.com – Good site for math practice
 - www.wildmath.com - Timed quizzes for all grade levels
 - www.scweb4free.com- free on line math games
 - www.funbrain.com - Variety of games at different levels

PTO News

We will be having a PTO meeting on Feb. 13th at 6:00. It is a potluck, so I'm asking everyone to bring their favorite dish to share. We will also be having a Valentine's Day fundraiser on February 12, 13 and 14th as well as a movie night on March 1st.
Mrs. Labbe

Bucks Hill School Classroom News



Kindergarten

Mrs. Brown

February is a very busy month. We will find out if the groundhog sees his shadow or not, we will celebrate the 100th day of school and Valentine's Day. We will also learn about Abe Lincoln and George Washington. We are working very hard on sounding out words and writing sentences. Just a reminder we have snack every day, please send your child to school with one snack and a juice. If you ever have a question, the best way to reach me is by email.

slbrown@waterbury.k12.ct.us.

Mrs. Dejesus

Dear Families, Reminder that Thursday, February 7th is open house from 5:00 7:00pm. I hope to see all of you there to discuss your child's progress in kindergarten. Remember to check folders every day for homework and notices. Students should be practicing their sight words and counting to 100. Thank You. Mrs. DeJesus

Mrs. Biondi's and Mrs. Rua's Kindergarten

Dear Families, Our kids have been working so hard on high-frequency words, decoding, reading and writing skills! We've been celebrating winter by drawing and writing about winter activities, and sipping hot-cocoa in class! We are anticipating the 100th day of school in February, so please look for a note about bringing 100 small items to school on that day. Also, we are in need of tissues for all the little, runny noses. Thank you for all that you do!!!

Mrs. Geddes and Rebenske

All the children have been working really hard. We are learning new letters, sounds, and sight words every day. Keep practicing at home. Please keep working with your children on number ID and counting to 100 and greater and less than. Homework is different for some children. Please make sure that for the sentences the children sound the words out on their own and write the letter that represents that sound. We will be doing a Valentine's Day party, please feel free to bring in Valentine's Day cards for all 23 children. Please make sure that they are already filled out before you bring them in.

Mrs. Wheeler

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First Grade

Ms.Comeau, Mrs.Drewry and Mrs.Federico

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We hope you are all staying warm. The First Grade Team plans to see you all at Open House on February 7th from 5-7p.m. It'll be first come, first served. Each family will be asked to sign in and the teachers will only have 5-10 minutes per family depending on the turnout. Please continue to read daily and check for understanding. The DRA (Developmental Reading Assessment) is currently being given. Results will be available at Open House. Please empty your child's folder out **DAILY** and check for notices. Also have your child practice fastening coats, tying shoes, closing snaps, and belts. As you know, it's been very cold out and they need to be bundled-up! Please put long sleeve shirts, sweaters etc...on your child, if possible.

Ms. Comeau, Mrs. Drewry, & Mrs. Federico

Second Grade
Mrs. Ciccone

Second graders have begun taking the DRA assessment. I'm pleased with the concentration and effort I see them putting into this test. Please continue to read with your child every night. Then discuss the story with them. In math we will continue to work on place value and finding the sum of a number. Students are doing a great job using math vocabulary when they discuss numbers and place value targets. In Social Studies we are currently studying map skills. Your child learned what a map key is and the importance of using a map key to read various places on a map. Please encourage your child to discuss what they are learning at school each day. January has gone by quickly and I look forward to meeting with families at our open house on Thursday, February 7, 2013.
Mrs. Ciccone

Fourth Grade

Fourth grade has been busy identifying the main idea and most important supporting details of selections. After reading log assignments have your child tell you what his story is mostly about and the details that support it. You can do this with the entire selection or by paragraph, especially with non-fiction text. With fictional text, think about the main character and how he feels, the setting, problem, and problem's solution. This skill is needed to create sensational summaries. Please practice it with your child.

Math-Students should continue to practice multiplication facts and their connection to division. We are beginning to explore fractions. You can begin to practice this concept at home by having your child divide whole shapes, like pizza pies, and discussing equivalent fractions. Ex: Divide a pizza into eighths. Eat 4/8 of the pizza. The equivalent fraction would be that you ate 1/2 of the pizza
Mrs. Vazquez

Grades 3-5 Mrs. Parker and Ms. Trotman

Congrats to our student of the month for January-Cartavis Fox. Cartavis has been trying very hard to be respectful, responsible, and safe in the classroom. He has also been doing a great job in his inclusion classroom. Keep up the good work!!! We also look forward to our friends from Home Depot coming next month to build bird houses. Remember that your child has homework every night. Help them to practice their multiplication facts please. Looking forward to seeing you for open house!!:)

Kids' Corner

Send your response on a separate sheet of paper labeled with:
Your first and last name, grade, and teacher and send to the office for Mrs. Razza.
All entries receive a special prize!

FIGURE IT OUT!



Kindergarten: Finish the pattern.

5	6		8		10	
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Grade 1 - 2: Show the number 32 in different ways

Grade 3-5: The numbers below follow a pattern.

4,8,12,16, ____

What number comes next in this pattern? ____

Explain why the number you wrote is the next number in the pattern

What's happening in Waterbury?

Silas Bronson Library: The Children's Services Division is offering several fun and educational programs for the 2013 school year in their series "**KIDS TIME @ YOUR LIBRARY**". Their **programs are free** and they hope to interest the students in not only attending their programs but also in securing a Library card and using the great resources the Library has available. We encourage you to grow a reader. Develop your child's Narrative Skills by reading with your child every day, Phonological Awareness by reading nursery rhymes, rhyming stories and singing songs together, Alphabet knowledge by encouraging your child to write letters and meaningful words, like his or her name, Concepts About Print by making sure that your child knows it is print (and not pictures) that is read in stories and Vocabulary by reading aloud every day. Books are the best source of new words. Encourage your child to talk. It's the ability to use vocabulary (by speaking) that prepares a child to be a good reader. Come join us on Feb 2nd from 9-5 for the "Take your Kid to the Library Day" We will have a contest, crafts and giveaways!!! The Library is located at: 267 Grand St 2nd fl. Their phone number is: (203) 574-8212. Hours: Mon-Thu 9am-8pm, Fri 9am-5:30pm, Sat 10am-2pm. Bunker Hill Branch Library Hours are: Tue 1pm-8pm, Thu 10am-5:30pm, Fri 1pm-5:30pm, Sat 10am-2pm.

Town Plot Sports Association: The Waterbury Town Plot Sports Association is holding city-wide baseball and softball registration for the 2013 season on Saturdays, Feb 2nd 9th, 16th and 23rd, 10am-12pm at Tinker Elementary School gym.

Bunker Hill Sports Association: The Bunker Hill Sports Association is holding 2013 spring sports sign-up for soccer, baseball and t-ball on Saturdays, Feb 23rd, March 9th, and 16th, 10am-1pm at Bunker Hill Elementary School gym.

All Kids Child Care: All Kids Child Care has openings available for their School Readiness Program (quality education and care to 3&4 year old Waterbury children). Call Lori at (203) 754-5141x ext. 255 or Ginny at (203) 591-1814 for a tour.

Family Services of Greater Waterbury, Inc.: Is working to expand their childcare program, to include an Afterschool Program. This program is called SocialWISE For Families; the emphasis will be fostering socialization skills. The idea is to form partnerships where we work together to meet the needs of all children in Waterbury. SocialWISE For Families would serve a maximum of 12 children (Pre-K -3rd grade) who present with social-emotional needs, best served in a small setting--with teachers who are experienced in Behavior Therapy. In a typical setting, these children may be a challenge or they may be that child who is having trouble fitting into the program. They may or may not have a diagnosis; it is apparent however, that they need special help and support in maintaining peer relationships, which is the goal of SocialWISE For Families. This could include children on the Autism Spectrum or in foster care, or those who have experienced trauma. This is just a short list of children who might benefit from the SocialWISE For Families. Another component of the program will be the ample opportunities for family involvement through support groups and educational offerings as well as clinical services including group and individual therapy. If you know a family that may benefit from SocialWISE For Families, or if you have questions about the program, please email Suzanne Remington-Fox at: sremington-fox@familyservicesgw.org. or call (203) 756-8317, ext. 3023.

Waterbury Public Schools 2013-2014 Kindergarten Registration: Registration hours are from 8:15am until 3:00pm Mon-Fri for children who were born no later than Dec 31, 2008 and will only be processed at the Waterbury Family Intake Center at One Jefferson Square on the first floor. If the child speaks another language other than English, the child must be present at the time of registration. Only Kindergarten students residing in the scheduled school district for that date will be registered. Please note: Normal school registrations will continue to be completed during regular business hours. Please call the Waterbury Family Intake Center at (203) 346-3511 for registration dates and documents required for Kindergarten registration.



FEBRUARY 2013



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Book and supply sale begins Student of Month 1:30pm @ Café	2
3	4	5 Imagine Nation Museum, Bristol	6	7 Early Dismissal 1:05pm Open House 5-7pm	8 Book and supply sale ends, Dist 2 nd MP Report Cards	9
10	11	12 PTO Valentine's Day Fundraiser begins	13	14 Early Dismissal 1:05pm, PTO Valentine's day Fundraiser ends	15 Pre-K to Curtis Woodworking 9:30am-12pm	16
17	18 No School	19 No School	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27 School Store, Pre-K to Imagine Nation Museum, Bristol 9:30am-12pm	28 School Store		



Bucks Hill School

Student of the Month

Celebration for February 2013



CONGRATULATIONS!!!

The Student of the Month Ceremony will take place on Friday, February 1st, at 1:30pm in the school cafeteria for the following students:

Sameer Tariq	Pre-KP
Alma Garriga	Pre-KS
Devine Martinez	KB/R
Anthony Ovalles	KB
Miguel Munez	KD
Alan Segarra	KG/R
Melissa	
Dessalines	KO
Amayah Curret	KW
Laniah Moffett	1C
Yanielis Mojica	1D
Kayla Derisse	1F
Gabrielle Hamer	2C
Kaitlynn Vega	2G
Zaenab Mohamed	2W
Ahmed Shahbaz	3D
Elijah Paul	3Mi
Melody Rodriguez	3Mu
Danny Garcia	4V
Daneese Rice	5G
Maliyah Parker	5S
Naji Lawrence	Bartlett
Cartavis Fox	Parker
Angelina Maldonado	Art
Devon McCaffrey	Art
Daniel Garcia	Gym
Cathy Gutierrez	Library
Jeremiah Garcia	Library
Kayla Derisse	Music
Jahelys Febles-Roman	Music

