



F. J. Kingsbury School

May 2018

“The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go.”

— Dr. Seuss, *I Can Read With My Eyes Shut!*

Mr. Erik Brown, Principal

Mrs. Inez Ramirez, Vice Principal

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May Calendar of Events

- 1-18 Smarter Balanced Testing (Gr. 3 & 5 - see attached schedule)
- 8 Coffee Hour 10-11 am
- 16 12:00 Dismissal
- 16 Student of the Month Ceremony 9:00 am
- 23 Family Math Night 5-6 pm
- 25 Junior Achievement Day (more information to follow)
- 25 PTO Meeting 9:00 am
- 28 NO SCHOOL - MEMORIAL DAY
- 30 Zumba/Fitness Night 5-7 pm

IMPORTANT
Mark your calendar!
12:00 DISMISSAL – WED. 5/16/18
Teacher’s Workshop

NO SCHOOL: 5/28/18 – MEMORIAL DAY

A Message from the Principal, Mr. Brown

Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

We have a few activities coming up for the remainder of the year:

- Field Day - Friday, June 1, 2018 (Rain date: Friday, June 8, 2018)
- Art Showcase (The Luv) – May 25, 2018. (Details to come)

Looking forward to you joining us on those days. Stay tuned for times and further notification.

At present: Last Day of School is June 21, 2018.

Important Information: Possible Retention Letters have been issued. If you received one in error or would like to protest, schedule a conference at your earliest convenience. The school year is coming to a close.

Don't forget to Check out the Kingsbury School Web Page

KINGSBURY MISSION STATEMENT

In partnership with families and communities, Kingsbury’s Mission Statement is to prepare our students Academically, Artistically, Emotionally, Physically and Socially to ensure that all students Learn, Succeed, Think Independently and Value All People.

MENSAJE DEL DIRECTOR BROWN:

Habra unas cuantas actividades que tendremos durante los proximos meses:

Field day – viernes 1 de junio de 2018 (en caso de lluvia sera el viernes 8 de junio de 2018)

Galeria de Arte (The Luv) 25 de mayo de 2018

Habta mas detalles adelante. Estaremos ancioso de compartir en estas actividades con ustedes.

En este momento el ultimo dia de clase sera el 21 de junio de 2018.

Informacion importante: Hemos enviado notas sis u hijo/a esta en peligro de repetir el grado. Si acaso usted recibio una carta, puede pedir una conferencia con la maestro.

Recuerden de mirar al website de la escuela Kingsbury.

DECLARACION DE LA MISION DE KINGSBURY

En conjunto con los familiares y la comunidad, la declaracion de la Mision de Kingsbury es para preparar nuestros estudiantes Academicamente, Arte, Emocionalmente, Fisicamente, y Socialmente para asegurar que todos los estudiantes Aprendan, Tengan Exito, Piensen por si mismo y valoren a todo los demás.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

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| Main Office | 203.574.8172 | Bus Company | 203.591.1847 |
| School Fax | 203.573.6644 | Special Ed. Bus | 203.753.8366 |
| School Nurse | 203.574.8316 | Parent Liaison | 203.346.2639 |
| Cafeteria | 203.346.3987 | 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.
 The start of the school day begins at 8:35 a.m.
 Students begin dismissal at 2:40 p.m.
 If Kingsbury School has an **early dismissal**, dismissal time will be **12:00 p.m.**
 If an **EMERGENCY dismissal** is called, dismissal time will be **12:00 p.m.**



*Board of Education Attendance Policy

***ATTENDANCE:** Any student enrolled in the Waterbury School System in grades K - 12, whose absences equals 20 days, will automatically receive a grade of incomplete for all subjects. **WE EXPECT STUDENTS IN SCHOOL EVERYDAY!!!**

State of Connecticut law says that every child enrolled in an elementary school must attend regularly.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION: Remember to bring in your Box Tops! Ask friends and family. Each Box Top counts! Kingsbury School earns money for school supplies!



Parent's Corner

DID YOU KNOW.....

TARDINESS/EARLY DISMISSAL

For Elementary Schools: Total unexcused tardy and unexcused early dismissal time accumulated throughout the year will be assessed to the student's academic record. This means that for every tardy and early dismissal, points will be deducted from their grades. School starts at 8:35 am and ends at 2:50 pm.

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION'S POLICY "ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDENTS UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE WITH RESPECT TO TRUANCY, #5113.2, WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED.

A Message from the Parent Liaison, Mrs. Hulse

Please feel free to contact me at any time at 203.346.2639 Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Please join the members of the Coffee Hour to discuss events and programs to improve your child's educational future. PTO meets once a month to plan activities and to better the Kingsbury family. Be a part of your child's educational years.... the best years ever!

Notes from the Library Media Center, Mrs. Halloran

Lexia (Reading Practice) Type to Learn 4 (keyboarding practice) and Smarter Balanced Practice Tests are now available for home use through Kingsbury School's website!

- Please visit Kingsbury's homepage at <http://www.waterbury.k12.ct.us/17/Home>
- Under "Quick Links", scroll down to find access to each program
- Instructions for downloading and signing in are given for each

Please enjoy participating in these educational activities with your children.

Also, please explore Kingsbury's website for helpful information regarding the PTO, District News and Educational Websites.

Classroom News



Kindergarten - Mrs. Caligiuri, Ms. Radzimirski, Mrs. Signore, Mrs. Wolff

Already May?! We cannot believe we are this far into kindergarten. We are beginning our journey to the end of kindergarten and getting ready for first grade. We have our field trip to the zoo this month, so be on the lookout for more information. So much fun!! Please continue to work with your child on all of our trick words and decodable words every night. As always, thank you for your continued support.

Grade 1 - Ms. Capaldo, Mrs. Hamel, Mrs. Milkovic, Ms. Porcaro

As we enter the month of May the students will be very busy in both reading and math. Please continue to work with your child every night. As always make sure you check your child's folder every night. We are also looking forward to your field trip to Flanders Nature Center. Information and permission slips will be sent home soon.

Grade 2 - Ms. Cigas, Mrs. Galanti, Ms. Gundersen, Mrs. Scalo

Spring is here! In Math, we are studying numbers within 1,000. We are working on place value concepts, regrouping, addition, and subtraction. In Reading, we are studying poetry and plays. We are learning how to write various types of poems, including acrostic, limericks, haiku, cinquain, sensory, and shape poems. This unit is a wonderful opportunity for our second graders to be creative! In Foundations, we are focusing on vowel teams. We will begin the end of the year MCLASS assessment on May 7.

While spring is here, we are continuing to have some chilly weather. Please make sure your child wears a jacket to school on cooler days. Please continue to check your child's homework for completion each evening, and to check his or her behavior calendar.

Grade 3 - Mrs. Gauvin, Mrs. Kitney, Ms. Marques, Mrs. Rizzo

The end of the year is quickly approaching and we have begun smarter balanced testing. Third grade will be finishing Smarter Balanced Math tests the first week of May. We have been reviewing all of our math skills in the past two weeks. We will also be completing end of year testing in reading and math in May. Please be sure your children have a good night's sleep and breakfast in the morning. Remind your child to read nightly to improve their reading skills. Children should be reading for 20 minutes a night. We have a lot of fun end of year activities planned. Remind the children that they need to follow the ROARS expectations at all times. Good behavior is key to earning these fun activities! Thank you for your continued support!

Grade 4 - Mrs. Cassone, Mrs. Ferrucci, Mrs. Gorman

Spring has sprung! 4th grade has completed our Smarter Balanced Testing. Please be sure to practice on i-Ready and review math facts. Our MATH Unit will focus on Solving Word Problems, Shape Vocabulary, Geometry and the Measurement of Angles. Our Literacy Unit will focus on Fairytales, Myths, Legends and Folktales. Their Culminating Assessment will be writing their own stories with the genre of their choice! How exciting! Ask them what type of story they will choose to write. Behavior charts are checked for signatures daily. Thank you for SIGNING THEIR DAILY COLOR CHART and for your continued support!

Grade 5 - Mr. Bisailon, Ms. Dibella, Mr. Morrissey

The fifth grade is excited to be entering the last quarter of students' elementary career. As the last few months approach, we want to remind you of a few things.

- Smarter Balanced Testing begins for all 5th graders the 2nd week of May (May 7th) and will go for 2 weeks. PLEASE make all efforts to be present and NOT tardy.
- mClass testing and iReady EOY (end-of-year) testing will begin mid-May and end shortly before June.
- Field Day is rapidly approaching. Please remember students are expected to demonstrate ROARS expectations and will be required to "pay" (using ROARS tickets) to participate if they have not earned the "Golden Ticket".

