



F. J. Kingsbury School

October 2016

“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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October Calendar of Events

- 7 NO SCHOOL - PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
- 10 NO SCHOOL - COLUMBUS DAY
- 12 Picture Day
- 12 Student of the Month Ceremony 9:00 am
- 12 Hispanic Heritage Celebration 5-6:30 pm
- 19 PTO Meeting 8:45-9:45 am
- 25 Literacy Night/Family Book Fair 5-6:30 pm

<p>IMPORTANT Mark your calendar! Friday, 10/7/16 - NO SCHOOL Monday, 10/10/16 - NO SCHOOL</p>
<p>Attendance is extremely important! Please send your child to school every day!</p>

A Message from the Principal, Mr. Brown

It has been a pleasure working with your children this year, thanks to you, we have had a great start. Thank you so much for supporting our Meet and Greet this year. It allowed us to get to know those people that have contributed to the well behaved and respectful students that we teach daily. Let's continue to communicate and work together. We are so excited to be a part of your lives. Looking forward to seeing you at report card conferences and the next school function. Have a great year.

MENSAJE DEL DIRECTOR BROWN:

Ha sido un placer trabajar con usted y su/s hijo/s este año escolar. Gracias a ti estuvimos un comienzo magnifico. Gracias por su apoyo en la actividad "Meet and Greet" donde conocieron a los maestros. Este año estuvimos el placer de conocer a la gente que han contribuido a aquellos niños que enseñamos diariamente y que son muy respetuosos. Continuaremos en comunicación y trabajar unidos. Estamos muy excitado ser parte de su vida. Estaremos ansioso de verlos en la conferencias a salir las notas y en la proxima actividad. Que tenga un buen año!

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

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 **1:05 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.

BOARD OF EDUCATION DRESS CODE POLICY: No denim jeans, leggings or T-shirts

Boys: pants or shorts in solid navy blue, black, gray or khaki
shirts must be oxford or polo with sleeves and a collar or turtleneck in solid white, black or blue

Girls: jumpers, skirts, dresses, pants, or skorts in solid navy blue, black, gray, or khaki. (knee length skirts, jumpers, dresses, or skorts)

tops must be oxford or polo with sleeves and a collar or turtleneck in solid white, black, or blue

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

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

Footwear: Shoes or sneakers ...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.**

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.....

Chronic absenteeism can have a drastic impact on your child's education. Missing 2 days in one month of school can be considered chronic absenteeism. Being absent 10 percent of the school year is chronic absenteeism. Children chronically absent in kindergarten and first grade are much less likely to learn to read by the end of third grade. By the sixth grade chronic absence is a proven early warning sign of drop-out from school. By the ninth grade, good attendance can predict graduation even better than test scores. Clearly, going to school regularly matters.

Taken from Parenting Corner K - 12 Edition, Channing Bete Company, Inc

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

We are already soaring in kindergarten! We had a great start to our 2016-2017 school year; and we are excited to keep the learning fun and rewarding. At home, please help by working on writing all upper and lower case letters correctly; as well as their name. Also, please remember that the mornings could be getting cooler, so please be sure to check the weather before heading out the door in the morning! Happy Fall!

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

Happy Fall!!!! Our first grade students have been working very hard in both reading and math. In math we have been working on addition and subtraction facts up to 10. Students have been working on tapping and writing cvc words. It is very important that your child reads every night. Please check their folders daily for homework. Make sure homework is completed, signed and returned in their folders.

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

Happy Autumn! Our second graders are off to a fantastic start this year! In Math, we are studying addition and subtraction strategies, learning how to solve story problems, and learning about graphs. In Literacy, we are working on story elements and character traits. Please remember to check your child's homework each night for completion. Please read aloud with your child each evening, and make sure your child dresses appropriately for the cooler weather.

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

Third grade is off to a great start! The students are busy reviewing the ROARS expectations daily. Positive behaviors are rewarded and allow us to make learning more enjoyable. Please speak to your children about the importance of good behavior so that all children can learn. In math, we are learning different strategies to help us solve multiplication equations. In ELA, we are working on character traits, grammar, reading, and writing skills. Please have your children read 20 minutes every night. Thank you for your support!

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

Welcome back Kingsbury Families! 4TH grade has spent the last few weeks practicing routines, procedures and completing beginning of the year testing! Please be sure behavior calendars are signed daily as they are checked every morning. Continue to have students read 20 minutes (Monday through Thursday), practice multiplication facts and complete math homework. As questions or concerns arise, feel free to contact us with a note or a phone call. We are off to a great start and are excited about the year ahead! ROAR!!!

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

The 5th grade team is off and running and we are well into our Unit 1 lessons for English and Language Arts where we are learning all about the components of mystery stories and mystery writing. In math, we are learning about adding and subtracting fractions with uncommon denominators as well as adding and subtracting decimals. We had our first Science experiments and the kids did a great job learning while having fun. Testing for both Math and Reading are ending and you should expect to see student assessment results to be sent home soon! It is also getting colder and the kids have the sniffles and runny noses. Any classroom donations of tissues and hand sanitizer would be most appreciated. As always, please ensure that your child is reading a minimum of 20 minutes a night to help them meet their fluency goals! We are looking forward to a great year! Many thanks!

