

**Principal's Message,**

The Smarter Balance Testing window is in April and May and will be given to students in Grades 3-5. All testing will be done online.

Students in grade 5 will also be taking the Science subtest as well.

Dates will be published in the April newsletter.



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Mrs. Cullen, Principal



**Attention Parents**

March 28<sup>th</sup> is a 3 ½ Hour Day

School Hours:	Pre-K - Grade 5	8:35 - 12:00
	Special Ed PreSchool	8:35 - 10:35

**NO AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM**



**REMINDER TO PARENTS ON DISMISSAL CHANGES**

It is becoming increasingly difficult to accommodate last minute dismissal changes made by parents. Please remember that you must write a note to the teacher with your dismissal with your dismissal request in the morning. It becomes a safety issue when we are trying to make changes late in the day..

We are also receiving many parental complaints about drop off in the morning. Please do not drop your child off in the middle of the parking lot as it blocks traffic and is extremely unsafe for your children and prevents staff from getting into the school on time. Please park in a space in the parking lot across the street and have your child cross with the crossing guard.

## MARCH CALENDAR

March 1	Dr. Seuss Guest Readers
March 5	Pre-Kindergarten & Kindergarten 2 <sup>nd</sup> Marking Period Ends
March 7	PTO Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Community Room
March 20	Pre-Kindergarten & Kindergarten Report Card Distribution
March 29	Leader of the Month Reception, 10:00 a.m.
March 30	No School, Good Friday



### AROUND THE SCHOOL



**Mrs. Hibbs, Reading** Lots of classrooms are studying and celebrating Black History Month. It is a great time to choose your favorite person and read a biography on them! Happy Reading!

**Mrs. Behlman, Library** We will be preparing for author Dana Meachen Rau's visit on March 20, 2018. She has authored many children's books including several of the very popular Who Was.... series.

**All Grade 4 Classes** Congratulations to all the participants of Black History Night. It was a great evening with family. Please continue to support SQUIRT. Reading at home is important!



### AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION, HOOPS FOR HEART

Children can participate in the annual fundraiser for the American Heart Association, "Hoops for Heart". Maloney School has raised over \$14,000 in the last three years. We were the 4<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> largest fundraisers in the State of Connecticut. Mr. Boland looks forward to any students who wish to participate. He hopes to raise a lot of money for this great cause of research and education, heart disease and stroke.





## FEBRUARY LEADERS OF THE MONTH



### Writer of the Month

Mrs. Egan      Nela Cruz

### Artist of the Month

Mrs. Grumbling      Leah Stewart

### Reader of the Month

Mrs. Hibbs      Kalie Smith

### Mathematician of the Month

Mr. Murray      Emily Lame

### Kindergarten

Mrs. Irizarry      Dante Edosio  
(January)      Eyshila Coelho  
Mrs. Kalnins      Emily Rocha  
Mrs. Sanchez      Maggie Strileckis  
Mrs. Yurchyk      Lucian Morrone

### Grade 1

Ms. Aquavia      Aubrey Feaggins  
Mrs. Crespo      Peter Hernandez  
Mrs. DiGiovanna      Mikayla Waters  
Mrs. Olsen      Zachary Cote

### Grade 2

Mrs. Fabian      Aviana Alziphat  
Ms. Fogarty      Ethan Ruskey  
Mrs. Mancini      Gabriella Feaggins  
Mrs. Smith      Avery Kovacs

### Grade 3

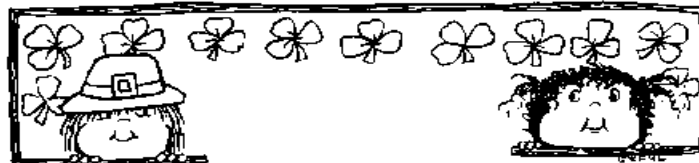
Mrs. Fiore      Olivia DeLong  
Mrs. Maloney      Leah Brenneman  
Mrs. Sasso      Tiago Silva  
Mrs. Strachan      Daniel Monteiro

### Grade 4

Mrs. Arzano      Michelle Amankwa-  
Sarpong  
Mr. Dombrowski      A'liah Jones  
Ms. Doran      Elina Estrada  
Mrs. Silva      William Walton

### Grade 5

Mrs. D'Esposito      Julia Bell  
Mrs. Drewry      Samantha Dean  
Mr. Dunn      Jeremiah Soto  
Ms. Pino      Franceliz Muniz





## Japanese Language and Culture Program



The Japanese Language and Culture Program will invite parents and families of Kindergartners to Grade 5 to our class during Parents Visitation Week, April 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup>. An invitation along with your child's Japanese class schedule will be sent out soon. Please keep an eye out for the notice, and we look forward to seeing you in the class!

March 3<sup>rd</sup> is the Girl's Day in Japan. We will display our special HINA dolls in Room 109. If you have a chance, please stop by to see it between March 3<sup>rd</sup> to 31<sup>st</sup>.

The following students' NENGAJO (New Year's Card) was nominated for the National NENGAJO Contest. Great Work!

### Grade 2:

Ariana Alziphat

Liana Gonzalez (Received Honorable Mention!)

Giselle Gomez

Hailey Kizis

Azaria Thanoni

Daniella Varrone

### Grade 5:

Logan Arroyo

Biontou Diouf

Lidia Fainer

Niona Francillette

Madison Goderre

Savannah Rodriguez

2<sup>nd</sup> graders to 5<sup>th</sup> graders learned the following Haiku in February:

いざゆかむ

ゆきみにころぶ

ところまで

Iza yukamu

Yukimini korobu

Tokoro made

Lets go!

Snow viewing,

Tumbling!



## Developmental School Counseling Program



### A message from Mrs. Cancro, School Counselor

During the month of February I have been and will continue this coming month, speaking with many of the classes about the importance of being responsible. We will discuss how our attitudes, thoughts and actions impact our ability to be responsible. If we have a negative attitude about something (I hate math!), that leads to a negative thought (Math is useless and I don't have to do it), which leads to a negative action (not completing math homework). Positive attitudes, in turn, lead to positive thoughts, which lead to positive actions. We can be more responsible when we are believing, thinking and doing something positive. Please talk to your students about being responsible and having a positive attitude.

Responsible students don't have any one secret to their success....but they do practice some habits that help them.

#### SEVEN HABITS OF HIGHLY RESPONSIBLE STUDENTS

1. They set goals
2. They plan their time.
3. They study every day.
4. They take notes in class.
5. They have the tools they need.
6. They keep their commitments.
7. They get ready ahead of time.



**“Your life begins to change the day you take responsibility for it”**