



# Bucks Hill School



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

March 2013

## A Message from Mrs. Begley



March is Connecticut Mastery Test (CMT) time. Our 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students will be testing throughout the month.

### Help Your Child Do Well On the Test:

1. Make sure your child gets a good night sleep before every test.
2. Provide a light, healthy breakfast.
3. Have your child dress comfortably and arrive at school on time.
4. Send your child off to school with confidence-building words of praise and support: "You'll do great!" "Believe in yourself!" "I love you!"
5. Suggest that your child breathe deeply to relax before and during the test.
6. Remind your child to read directions carefully and look at all the answers before choosing one.
7. Tell your child to check his or her answers before turning in the test.
8. Do not schedule trips, dental or medical appointments, or early pickups for testing days.

Students who are on time and in school **every** day that the CMT is administered will be invited to attend the Rock Cats game in New Britain on May 2<sup>nd</sup>! If you have any questions, please call the school.

When dropping off the children, please do **NOT** have them leave your cars before 8:05am. That is when our doors open.

**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 March 2013 are as follows: 20 days

	Daily Price	Monthly Price
Full Price Lunch	\$1.50	30.00
Reduced Price Lunch	.40	8.00
Full Price Breakfast	.75	15.00
Reduced Price Breakfast	.30	6.00
Milk Only	.50	10.00



March 2013 - LUNCH MENU

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
				3/1:pizza,garbanzo beans & broccoli
3/4:popcorn chicken, sweet potato, cole slaw & fruit	3/5:grilled cheese, fries, carrots & pudding	3/6:burger on roll, broccoli, fries & fruit	3/7:pasta w/meat sauce, broccoli, bread & fruit	3/8:cheese pizza, salad, zucchini loaf & juice
3/11: chicken tenders, mashed potato, greens & fruit	3/12:cheeseburgers, potato salad, cucumber & fruit	3/13:ham & cheese, Au Grain potatoes & fruit	3/14:cheese pizza, carrots, garbanzo beans & fruit	3/15:macaroni & broccoli trees, green beans & orange juice
3/18:chicken patty, squash, potato salad & fruit	3/19:all beef hotdog, hash browns, celery,fruit &pudding	3/20:chicken parm, greens, dinner roll & fruit	3/21: ziti w/meatsauce, carrots, green beans, bread & fruit	3/22: bagel pizza, salad, garbanzo beans & juice
3/25:chicken nuggets, collard greens, squash & fruit	3/26:salisbury steak, burger bun, mashed potatoes, fruit &juice	3/27:cheesy breadsticks, sauce, broccoli & fruit	3/28:Manager's choice	3/29: NO SCHOOL GOOD FRIDAY

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".

Congratulations to:

Bucks Hill School would like to congratulate Arianna Parilla and Tommy Romero for their receipt of the CAS 2012-13 awards in music and art. The receipt of these awards was celebrated with an award dinner on February 6th at the Aqua Turf.

Congratulations! Mr. Tanguay, a Kindergarten parent, was the winner of the goodie basket from Open House. Thanks to all the families who filled out the climate survey that night.

From Mrs. Petteway, Parent Liaison:

**\*There will be a PTO meeting on March 13<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00pm.\***

Websites for Parents to use with their children:  
[www.mathisfun.com](http://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](http://www.ixl.com) - Good site indexed by grade  
[www.aaamath.com](http://www.aaamath.com) - Good site indexed by subject and grade  
[www.mathworksheetwizard.com](http://www.mathworksheetwizard.com) - Make printable worksheets indexed by grades  
[www.onlinemathlearning.com](http://www.onlinemathlearning.com) - click on the grade level on the left  
[www.mathplayground.com](http://www.mathplayground.com) – Good site with a lot of games and puzzles for various levels  
[www.coolmathgames.com](http://www.coolmathgames.com) – Good site for math practice  
[www.wildmath.com](http://www.wildmath.com) - Timed quizzes for all grade levels  
[www.scweb4free.com](http://www.scweb4free.com)- free on line math games  
[www.funbrain.com](http://www.funbrain.com) - Variety of games at different levels

# Bucks Hill School Classroom News



## Kindergarten

Mrs. Brown

We have been very busy identifying middle and ending sounds in words. We have been doing a lot of writing. I am incorporating writing into the weekly homework. Please encourage your child to sound out the words and write down the sounds that they hear. I have a link on the schools website. Please check there often for updates. If you ever have a question, the best way to reach me is by email. [slbrown@waterbury.k12.ct.us](mailto:slbrown@waterbury.k12.ct.us).

Mrs. Dejesus

Hello Families, Your children are starting to read so remember to read to them every night and let them read to you the books they are bringing home. Practice numbers 0 - 100 and the high frequency words that are sent home. Spring will be here soon! Check your child's folder every day for important messages. Mrs. DeJesus

Mrs. Geddes and Rebenske

March will be a busy month. We will really be buckling down on learning the final important skills for kindergarten. The children will be doing a lot of reading and writing. Please read with your child at home and make sure they read to you the printable books i send home. Homework is due on Fridays. We will probably start going outside in March for recess again so please make sure that your child has warm clothes and jackets for recess.

Mrs. Wheeler

This month students will be working hard on reading and writing! Please take as many opportunities as you can to read to your children and have them read to you. Have children retell the story as well as make connections to the story. They can also tell you who the characters are, what the setting is and what the problem in the story is. For writing you can practice sounding out words and using sight words to create a sentence!

Mrs. Biondi and Mrs. Rua

March will be a very busy month! We will learn about Dr. Seuss, St. Patrick's Day, and about Spring. The kids will continue working hard on reading and writing skills. In math, we are still learning about numbers that are greater than, less than, and equal to. Please read to your child every night, and don't forget to send a snack with your child to school on a daily basis.



## First Grade

Ms.Comeau, Mrs.Drewry and Mrs.Federico

Since digging out from the blizzard First Grade has been hard at work on long vowel sounds, sight-words, retelling, solving math story problems. Please continue to make sure your child reads 20 min. every night. Thank you for checking their folders each night and making sure it is emptied. - Mrs. Comeau, Mrs. Drewry and Mrs. Federico

## Second Grade

Mrs. Ciccone

Second graders are working hard on retell and summarizing skills. It is important that at this young age they understand the difference between a retell and a summary. In math we are continuing to explore various strategies that can help students develop their problem solving skills. Math expressions are a great teaching tool because it allows students the opportunity to choose a strategy that helps them understand how to arrive at accurate answers. February flew by. Spring cannot come soon enough. Melissa Ciccone

## Fifth Grade

Grade five has been working very hard. We are preparing for the CMT's, starting in March. Parents, please make sure that your son or daughter are getting plenty of rest, having a good breakfast, and are on time for the start of the day. The students are ready and prepared. We know that they will do their very best! Good luck fifth graders!!!! Mrs. Sweeney and Mrs. Gilmore

# 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: WRITE THE NUMBERS 1-10.**  
**DRAW A PICTURE THAT REPRESENTS THE VALUE OF THE NUMBER**

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**GRADE 1-2: SHOW AT LEAST 5 NUMBER SENTENCES THAT EQUAL 14**  
**Example:**  $5+5+4=14$   
 $10+4=14$   
 $7+7=14$

Grades 3 -5

**CREATE A BAR GRAPH SHOWING THIS DATA:**

**Title:** Favorite Ice Cream Flavors in Grade 4

Vanilla	7
Chocolate	9
Strawberry	5
Mint	4

### Bonus Prize

- Answer these questions:
- 1. How many students voted in grade 4?
  - 2. Which flavor did not have an odd number of students that voted?
  - 3. How many more students voted for chocolate than strawberry?

# What’s happening in Waterbury?

Boys and Girls Club-Summer Fun Club: The Boys and Girls Club is taking applications for summer fun camp, for youth ages 6-14. Call 203-756-8104.

BW STOP (The Battered Woman Safe Territory): Presents the Family Empowerment Conference, on Saturday, March 23, 2013, 11:00am to 2:30pm at the NOW, main auditorium 232 North Elm Street.

Public Hearing on: Naming of New Career Academy High School will be on Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00pm at the Waterbury Arts Magnet School.

Greater Waterbury YMCA Presents: Winter/Spring Youth Programs. For information please contact Lucas Spellman at 203-574-9622, ext. 116. For information on their before and after school program, please contact Kristen Coburn at 203-574-9622, ext. 125

Rotella and Maloney Magnet Schools Lottery: Due to recent snow days, we are extending the application deadline for the Rotella-Maloney lottery until Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup>.



## MARCH 2013



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 SOM 1:30pm Read Across America	2
3	4	5	6	7	8 PreK & K 2 <sup>nd</sup> MP Ends	9
10 Daylight Savings Time Begins! 	11 Faculty Meeting 3:05pm	12	13 PreK to Petco PTO Meeting 6:00pm	14	15 Spring Fundraiser Begins PreK to Naugatuck Valley 9-12pm	16
17	18 PreK & K Grade Submission Ends	19	20 Spring Begins	21	22	23 4 <sup>TH</sup> Grade Science Buddies
24	25	26 Dist. PreK & K Report Cards Family Game Night 6:30- 8:00pm	27 School Store	28 School Store	29 NO SCHOOL Good Friday	30
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# Bucks Hill School

## Student of the Month

### Celebration for March 2013



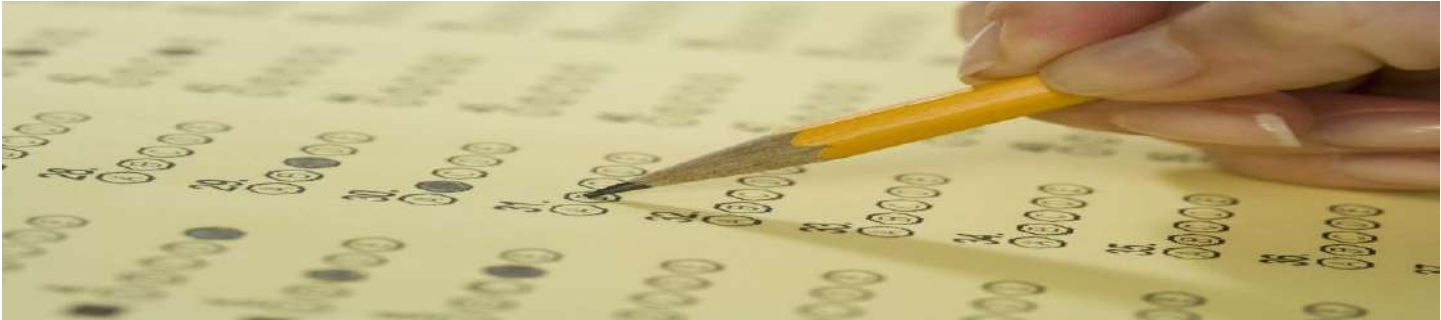
## CONGRATULATIONS!!!

The Student of the Month Ceremony took place on Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, at 1:30pm in the school cafeteria for the following students:

Nathel Lugo	Pre-KP
Ziena Perez	Pre-KS
Mariah Roberson	KB/R
Miguel Munoz	KB
Jesebelle Arroyo	KD
Darwin Guzman	KG/R
Jason Carr	KO
Eliel Ortiz	KW
Delilah Rivera	1C
Anthony Ellis	1D
Jordan Williamson	1F
Mylan Daniels	2C
Jomar Hernandez	2W
Dorina Veliu	3D
Tenly Dessalines	3Mi
Kaylee Pagan	3Mu
Wajiha Shahbez	4C
Ashley Thomas	4V
Luis Gutierrez	5G
Thomas Lengyel	5S
Nyzeah DeJesus	Bartlett
Jordan Medina	Parker
Hamid Shabez	Art
Jahvahn Williams	Art
Jonathan Marroquin	Library
Ashley Thomas	Library
Jashell Jones	Music
Alexus Philoche	Music







# CMT Calendar

## MARCH 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4 Grades 4 & 5 Begin DRP	5 Grades 3,4,5 Writing	6 Grades 4&5 Math	7 Grades 4&5 Reading Comprehension	8 Grades 4&5 Editing/Revising	9
10	11 Grades 4&5 Math	12 Grades 4&5 Reading Comprehension	13 Grade 3 Reading Comprehension Grade 5 Math	14 Grade 3 Math Grade 5 Science	15 Grade 3 Editing/Revising	16
17	18 Grade 3 DRP	19 Grade 3 Math	20 Grade 3 Reading Comprehension	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
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