



# Sprague Elementary School Newsletter



## MARCH ~ 2019

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### Vision Statement

Our vision is for children to learn in a caring environment in which they are held to high expectations and supported academically, behaviorally and socially so all students can reach their greatest potential.

### Mission Statement

Our mission at Sprague School is to provide each student a high quality education that supports the development of lifelong learners. We support student achievement as we focus on student performance data to continually improve upon teaching to meet the needs of all children. We value the importance of parental involvement as we strive to maintain a safe environment that fosters respectful and responsible students who will become productive members of our community.

### MARCH Calendar of Events

Friday, March 1	Read Across America Day
Monday, March 4	Pennies for Patients collection begins
Tuesday, March 5	PTO Spring Fundraiser due
Friday, March 8	NO SCHOOL
Tuesday, March 12	Governance Council Meeting 2:35 pm
Tuesday, March 12	PTO Meeting 6:00 pm school library
Friday, March 22	Pennies for Patients collection ends
Wednesday, March 20	Distribution of PreK and Kindergarten report cards



### School Hours

Regular Day 8:05 am - 2:20 pm

Early Dismissal 8:05 am - 11:30 am

2 Hour Delay 10:05 am - 2:20 pm

### **Congratulations to**

**Dara Cabrera and Janvi Patel!**

**They were recognized for their outstanding artistic ability in performing or visual arts by the CT Association of Schools at the Annual Celebration of the Arts Banquet held at the Aqua Turf on February 5th.**

Sprague School is PEANUT FREE due to an increasing number of students with food related allergies. Please do not pack a lunch or morning snack (kindergarten students) that has items containing peanuts. This includes but is not limited to peanut butter, peanut butter crackers and nutter butters. In order to provide a safe environment for all students, food items may not be sent to school to celebrate birthdays or holidays. Instead, you can send in items such as pencils, stickers or small novelty items.

## PTO NEWS

**Hello from your PTO!** As you have probably noticed we are running a school wide fundraiser. Money raised from this event will help fund field trips, school events and other educational opportunities. If your child registers online they can boost their sales through online orders to non-local relatives and friends. All online orders are shipped direct so you don't have to deliver! The last day for orders is March 5<sup>th</sup>. Please help support our school. If you have questions, suggestions or would like to find out more about the Sprague School PTO you can visit our Facebook Page and join our group - Sprague School PTO.

*Our next meeting will be March 12, 2019 at 6:00PM. Hope to see you there. We will be finalizing plans for a fundraiser at Roller Magic.*

## News from the Parent Liaison

Thanks to all the families that attended our **Family STEM Night** on Wednesday, February 6<sup>th</sup>. Everyone enjoyed the hands on Science/Math activities especially the House of Cards and the Snowball Structures. Thanks to Title I funding we were able to provide all the material for the activities as well as lite refreshments.

Kindergarten parents please save the date - **Foundations Show and Tell** on Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> @ 8:45 am. Please join us to learn more about what we are doing here at school and what you can be doing at home to support your child's learning and receive free dry erase board, marker and activity ideas to take home.

If you need information or any questions on how to enter the Power School's, please don't hesitate to contact me at: [vdemirali@waterbury.k12.ct.us](mailto:vdemirali@waterbury.k12.ct.us) or call me at: (203) 346-3916

Our Next Governance Council Meeting will take place on Tuesday, March 12<sup>th</sup> 2019 @ 2:35pm in the main office. PTO Meeting will take place every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of each month. Please save the date March 12<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00pm come join us with your ideas for a successful school year.

Our school collects Box Tops. Please make sure you cut them out and send to school with your child.

# Attendance News



Mr. Davis, Sprague Attendance Counselor, is available to speak with you if you have any questions regarding your child's attendance. Please feel free to call him at 203-574-8189.

**\*\*Please remember students may not advance to the next grade if they miss more than twenty (20) days during the school year. Please note that, even though a doctor's note excuses the absence, it is still counted toward the 20 day maximum. Doctor's notes are required for documentation purposes.**

## Around the School



### **Pre-K – Mrs. Baker, Mrs. Hanas, Ms. Lokites, Mrs. O'Leary**

We are finishing up our Construction Zone theme. It was so much fun. During the month of March our students will be learning a new theme. In the City, In the Country. The students will enjoy working on a farm with cows, pigs, horses, ducks and chickens. They will build a skyscraper, apartment buildings: explore a subway and public transportation.

Studying the difference between the City and the Country will be very interesting!

### **Mrs. Griffin and Miss Edona's Prek 4 Class**

We had a wonderful time learning throughout our Construction Zone theme. We learned about tools and what they do, saw how different structures are built and enjoyed construction themed stories. One of our favorite stories was The Three Little Pigs, we especially liked retelling it by acting out with character masks. Another favorite thing was watching time lapse video of different structures (house, apartment building, skyscraper) being built. We are excited to begin our new theme, In the City, In the Country where we will learn about the differences between city life and country life.

### **Grade K – Ms. Bedell, Mr. Giammatteo, Ms. Maghini, Ms. Stasaitis**

Kindergarteners are excited to celebrate Dr. Suess' birthday this month! In Foundations we have learned new trick words and how to properly use them in a sentence. We have focused on capitalization and punctuation when writing sentences. In math, we are using simple shapes to form larger shapes. We will also continue to work on adding and subtracting within 10. Please continue to read at home daily and complete Foundations packets!

### **Grade 1 – Ms. Bizatti, Ms. Martinez, Ms. Newman**

Activity: We can't believe that March is here. We want to officially welcome Mrs. Bizati to first grade!! There is so much to be done before the end of the year. In reading we are working hard in our Wonders program. In foundations we are getting ready for words with digraph blends. In math, we just began our unit in geometry. Students will be analyzing shapes, showing halves and fourths and also working with 2D and 3D shapes. We are continuing to work on addition and subtraction fluency as well. We are also working hard on our new science curriculum focused on engineering and technology. Also, please check folders daily for homework and important notices that might be coming home. Please make sure you are taking time each night to read with your child. If you have any concerns or questions, please feel free to contact your child's teacher.

## **Grade 2 – Mrs. Hirbour, Ms. Horan, Miss. Kaminsky**

Welcome back from our mini Winter break! Hopefully, our Snow days are behind us. It is more important than ever, that the children are attending school and arriving on time. We are now working towards getting ready for our big move up to Third Grade. Time out of school is instruction time lost. Students are still receiving Homework Packets on Monday and returning them signed on Friday. Please check their Homework Folders every night for homework, office notes and flyers. Please continue to replenish school supplies, as needed, for the students, pencils, crayons, two pocket folders, and glue sticks. Your cooperation and support is very much appreciated.

## **Grade 3 – Ms. Boucher, Ms. O'Connor, Ms. Sideravage**

Third Graders are being successful!! In Reading we are continuing to practice our Best reading strategies, respond to questions and create constructed responses. In reading we are also focusing on how to determine the structure of a text as well as compose a summary based on main idea and details which also includes the authors point of view. In Math, we are focusing on fractions and partitioning shapes into equal parts. Consistent practice is needed on fluency with our multiplication and division basic facts. Please continue to read nightly with your child and sign and return their planners daily. Please check and complete homework with your child as well and make sure it gets returned to school!

## **Grade 4 – Ms. Goderre, Mrs. Lombardi, Ms. Lane**

As we move through the third marking period, in Reading, Unit 2 will focus on animals in the wild, and animal characters in stories. As students read and reread each week for close reading of text, they will take notes, cite text evidence to support their ideas and opinions, and write responses. In Math, students will add and subtract mixed numbers with like denominators using concrete models, pictorial representations, and equations. In Science, students will explore the internal and external structures of animals and learn how different senses work. Please continue to check your child's homework daily.

## **Grade 5 – Ms. Davis, Ms. Grazhdani, Ms. Perlini**

We are so proud of how hard our students performed on all of their mid-year assessments, keep up the good work! In science students are continuing a unit on Matter. In math we are working on finding unknown variables in a given word problem (be sure to practice those facts at home!). In reading, we are continuing with our wonderful Wonders program! Students have been exposed to a wide variety of texts and activities. Please be sure that your child is reading at home for at least 25 minutes each night. Also, be sure that homework is being completed nightly and turned in upon the teacher's request.