



Rotella Monthly Montage

Ms. Robin Henry, Principal

Mrs. Dana Wallace, Vice Principal

February 2018

Principal's Message

Dear Family and Friends,

I hope you are all staying warm and healthy in this lovely mix of wintery weather. It is hard to believe it is February! Your child(ren) have just completed the second round of testing for mCLASS and iReady and you should be receiving results soon.

ALL PARENTS IN GRADES K-3 WILL BE getting a letter of **warning** for summer school/retention. We **must** send the warning out this time of year but your child has plenty of time to make growth! :)

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School Hours



Regular Hours:

9:05 a.m.—3:20 p.m. (K-5)

8:45 a.m.—2:15 p.m. (Pre-K)

Early Dismissal: 12:30 p.m. (K-5 & Pre-K bussers)
11:30 a.m. (Pre-K non-bus students)

2 Hour Delay: 11:05 a.m. (10:45 Pre-K)

Morning Drop-Off:

Please understand how important it is to maintain safety and security for all. If you choose to drive your children to school in the morning, you may drop them off **no earlier than 8:35 AM** because staff members are not on duty until that time. You must get in line in the drop off lane on the left side of the school, by the cafeteria, and proceed to the drop-off point, **Door 3**. You must stay in your vehicle and stay in line. Do not pull out of the line and drop your children off on the side of another vehicle. Staff members are stationed at the door to supervise children coming into the building. If for any reason, you find it necessary to enter the building **between 8:35 and 9:05 AM**, you must park your car in a parking space in the lot, walk your child in through the front door, and exit through the front door. Should you need more time or assistance, please report to the **Main Office**, sign-in, give a photo ID, and receive a **Visitor's Pass**. **After 9:05 AM, ALL** visitors must leave the building unless you have an appointment approved by an administrator (this is a policy that has been in place but is being enforced this year due to the increase in Safety). You may not visit a Classroom without setting up a meeting with your child's teacher ahead of time.

School Fundraisers

Shop Rite & Stop and Shop: Sign up your Courtesy Card!

Box-Tops For Education: Clip Box Tops from your favorite products.

iReady & Lexia

Students are encouraged to work through their iReady and/ or Lexia programs at home. The Lexia app will ask for a teacher email. Teachers' email is first initial last name @Waterbury.k12.ct.us

Box Tops

We are so excited to be participating in the Box Tops for Education! Please send in clipped Box Tops to school in an envelope or Ziplock style bag. Rotella will receive ten cents per Box Top. We are trying to reach a goal of \$1,000. When we reach our goal, the students will receive an ice pop. Please help us reach our goal! Thank you for your continued support. Any questions, please email Mrs. Ouellette at

bouellette@waterbury.k12.ct.us

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED to trim Box Tops, please contact Mrs. Ouellette if interested :)

Arts Integration Corner



*"Arts education...is an essential element of a complete and balanced education for students."
-Unknown*

This month, resident artist Tom Lee will be working on storytelling and visual art with grade 4 students. Many arts integration lessons continue to be shared on the Arts Integration Showcase board in the front lobby. Thank you to all of the families that wrote why they chose Rotella as the school for their child. Many of you wrote about the arts and how important the arts are as a part of your child's education. Next month is National Arts Education month. We will be celebrating it by having the annual Family Arts Night. It will be on March 28th. Please mark your calendar!

Counselor's Corner

The counseling team encourages students to use the 'Step It Up' approach for problem-solving as a part of the Harmony Program. S – stop, think, and cool off, T – talk it out, E – evaluate possible solutions, P – pick a realistic solution. Encourage your child to use the 'Step It Up' approach at home as well.

Counseling Tip of the Month

Encourage your child to use good manners and practice being polite every day. Teaching your child to be polite and use good manners will help them learn to respect others as well as respect themselves.

Mrs. Dane, Mrs. Barbieri, and Mr. LaBrecque

PBIS Tip of the Month

Being a Rotella STAR is a daily expectation. It means being safe, a team player, an achiever, and respectful throughout the entire school day. At Rotella, we promote kindness toward one another. Talk to your child about what being kind looks like and sounds like. Encourage your child to be a Rotella STAR every day.

PBIS Incentive: February 23 – Fun Shirt Day (students must still be in dress code bottoms)



*Please refer to handbook—Reminder that there are no snacks/cupcakes for any celebrations.

Safe * Team player * Achiever * Respectful

Dates to Remember...

February 2-16:	Mixed Bag fundraiser
February 6 & 7:	Valentine Smencil Sale
February 9:	First turn in date for fundraiser
February 11:	Bridgeport Sound Tigers; some chorus members will be performing. Money is due Friday, February 2
February 14:	Early Dismissal (Teacher PD)
February 15:	Family Math Night & School-Family-Community Team meeting
February 19:	Presidents Day—No School
February 20:	Lincoln's Birthday—No School
February 23:	PBIS Fun Shirt Day
February 28:	Spring Picture Day

