



# "M.M. Generali School News"

## SEPTEMBER/October 2019

**Vision:** Our students and staff will employ the mindfulness technique to make positive personal decisions enabling us to mentor responsible citizens.

**Mission:** M.M. Generali Elementary School's mission is to provide opportunities for all students, in partnership with families, to maximize their skills and talents in a positive atmosphere where teaching and learning flourish under the belief that all students can be exemplary students, while becoming respectful, responsible, productive citizens who will be vital to our community.



Dear Parents and Guardians;

Welcome to M. M. Generali School. We are beginning a new and exciting school year! We have planned many activities this year. Please read the newsletters on the Generali website at [www.waterbury.k12.ct.us](http://www.waterbury.k12.ct.us).

Parents are welcome at the school. Please be sure to follow the City of Waterbury Visitor's Policy. It is on our website. To summarize, please make an appointment to see your child's teacher 24 hours in advance. Please always have your ID ready and stop in the office so we can announce you. You are only allowed to go to the location you request.

We have openings on our Student Governance Council. Please let us know if you are interested in joining. We currently do not have a P. T. A. but if anyone is interested in forming one we would be very pleased.

Absences can add up quickly. A child is chronically absent if he or she misses just two days every month? Your child is less likely to succeed if he or she is chronically absent – which means missing 18 or more days over the course of an entire school year. Research shows:

## Did you know???

→	 <p><b>18 OR MORE DAYS</b>        • Excused and unexcused absences represent lost time in the classroom and lost opportunities to learn.        • Missing just one day every two weeks can add up to 18 days in a year. Absences add up before you even know it.</p>
→	 <p><b>10 TO 17 DAYS</b>        • Students who are absent an average of 15 days a year miss a year's worth of school before their senior year.        • When students miss a day of school it actually puts them two days behind their classmates.</p>
→	 <p><b>9 OR FEWER ABSENCES</b>        • Students with good attendance generally achieve higher grades and enjoy school more.        • Children benefit and make the most of their educational opportunities if they attend school regularly and on time.</p>

Clearly going to school regularly matters! We don't want your child to fall behind in school and get discouraged. Please ensure that your child attends school every day and arrives on time.



### September

Welcome back to a new school year. September is a time to build relationships and get back into the school routine. Please speak to your child about appropriate school behavior. Students should always keep their hands to themselves and be respectful towards each other. We are continuing to work on bus behavior. Please speak to your child and make sure they understand that they are to remain seated at all times unless they are exiting the bus at their stop or at school. Children should also keep their hands and feet to themselves at all times. The purpose of the bus is to get your child to and from school safely. With your help we want to ensure that every child at Generali riding a school bus is safe! If we work together we can have a safe and academically successful year.



**Safety first**

**Think before you act**

**Always be kind**

**Respect yourself and others**

## Attendance

As we settle into the routine of school, please remember to have your student in the building by 8:35 to avoid being tardy. We understand absences happen, please follow attendance procedures if your student is absent. Send in a doctor note or a parent note when the student returns. Once your student has missed 4 days in one month, or 10 days in a school year you will need to come in and meet with the attendance counselor. Please feel free to call me with any questions/concerns you have.



# Mark Your Calendar

## » UPCOMING EVENTS

**October 4th**– No School – staff professional development

**October 10<sup>th</sup>** – Student of the Month 9:30

**October 14<sup>th</sup>** – No School Columbus Day

October 16<sup>th</sup> – Picture day

### EARLY Pick-ups

**Early pick-ups of students before the end of the school day are discouraged as students will miss valuable instructional time.** Students leaving a few minutes early often miss important last minute instructions and/or reminders. This is considered the same as a tardy. Interrupting classes to call students to the office also distracts other students and interrupts the end of the day classroom routines. Early pick-ups should occur only in rare circumstances. Please make every effort to schedule appointments outside of school hours. **If you need to pick up your son/daughter during the day or at the end of the school day, you must send a note with your child in the morning. Early release notes must explain the reason for the early pick-up and the time you will pick up. Students will not be released for early pick-ups after 2:35.** This is a very busy time for the school and office personnel as we are preparing for dismissal and the close of the school day, and it is a safety concern to remove children once they begin to move towards their designated dismissal area. Also, due to the safety and security of our students and school building, we would like to remind you that parents are not allowed in the building at dismissal time and will have to wait outside for their children. We kindly ask that you consider the weather and prepare for pickup in advance as you will have to wait outside. Please make sure you prepare for the weather (umbrella, etc.) when picking up students. Thank you for your support and cooperation.

### PARKING



**Parents: Please do not use the bus lane to drop off or pick up your child. This area** is reserved for busses only. All parents must use the parent drop off area in the Odd Fellows parking lot which is the building next door to the school or park in their parking lot and walk over when visiting the school. This is for the safety of our students. Thank you!



### Meeting's with Teachers and Administration

We encourage meetings and communication with your child's classroom teacher. Working together increases student achievement. We do ask that you please provide your child's teacher with 24-hour advance notice when wanting to meet with them. When requesting a meeting with administrator, please see secretary to schedule meeting.



### NURSE'S OFFICE INFORMATION

**Sherry Mitchell, R.N.**

**Jessie Demers, Health Aide**

**Welcome back to school!**

**Just a few important back-to-school reminders**

**Dear Parents/Guardians:**

#### Food Allergies:

All food allergies need to be documented on your child's physical, or written on a note to the School Nurse by your child's doctor. Please make sure to inform your child's Teacher and the School Nurse about any allergies your child may have i.e. food, bee stings.

#### Medication Reminders:

1. A new Doctor's order is required every new school year; for medication administration in school. Medication Authorization forms can be obtained thru the Nurse's office @ 203-574-8318.

2. Medications are not be sent in with the students. Medications need to be brought into school, to the school nurse, by an adult.

#### Kindergarten Parents:

Please make sure there is an extra change of clothes in your child's book bag every day. So that in the event they have a bathroom accident they have clothes to change into after they clean up. Thanks!

Thank you all for your attention to these important matters. Please feel free to call with any questions; I can be reached @ 203-574-8318.

Wishing everyone a very happy and healthy school year!!!

## What's happening around the school???

### Kindergarten:

Your children are settling into kindergarten and learning the expectations their teachers have set. We will be reviewing the letters t, b, f, m, n, l, u, c and o. In October we will move onto the letters a, g, d, s, e, r, p, and j. . Please practice writing names, letters and numbers at home. We have also been working on counting, recognizing numbers 0 to 10 and recognizing 2d and 3d shapes. Please reinforce these skills at home. We have also been working on sight words that need to be practiced at home. We ask that you remind your children to follow school and classroom expectations as well as STAR behavior: Safety first, Think before you act, Always be kind, Respect yourself and others.



1<sup>st</sup> Grade- We're off to a great start this year. In reading, we are reviewing short vowel sounds. We have opened the closed room in our syllable house.

This means we are reviewing CVC and VC (consonant-vowel-consonant and vowel-consonant) words. In Foundations, we are reviewing letter formation. Please practice handwriting at home. In math, we are identifying partners of 2 to 10. Please don't forget that Friday's homework is to read and write it on the reading log. Reading each night for 20 minutes will be very helpful to your child. Also, please sign your child's calendar each night.



2<sup>nd</sup> Grade - Welcome back parents and students! The second grade team wishes us all a happy and productive year. Our first Marking Period project will be on your "Neighborhood." Parent's instructions will be sent home at end of September. Students have a full month to complete the projects. In second grade we assign project each marking period,, either a social studies or science theme. Have fun!

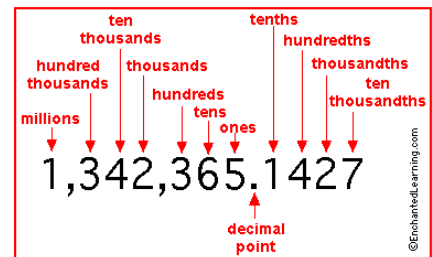


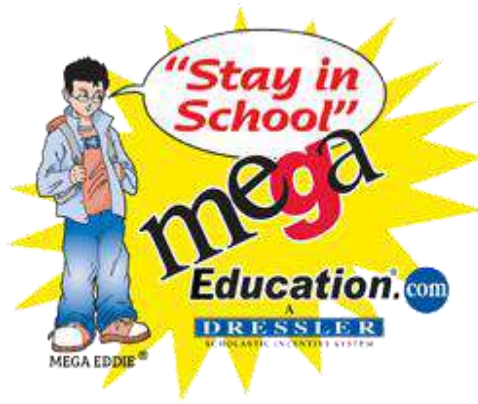
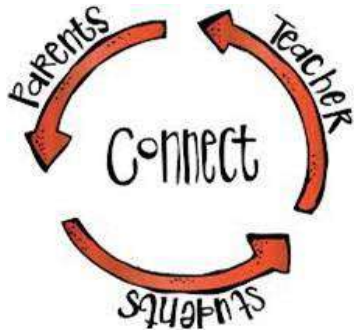
### 3rd Grade-

We had a fantastic start to the 2019-2020 school year here in Third grade. It has been great getting to know all the students and meeting parents at Open House. In the classroom the students have been very excited about learning Multiplication and Division. They have been working hard learning new topics in Wonders and Foundations. We encourage every student to read and complete their homework nightly. Please sign the students' agenda every night as well. We look forward to wonderful year in Third Grade.

### 4<sup>th</sup> Grade -

5<sup>th</sup> Grade- Fifth grade is off to a busy start. We just wrapped up our lessons on fractions and are currently learning about place value with decimals. In Science we are learning about the different states of matter and its properties.





Parents/Guardians,

The **Student of the Month** ceremony for the month of September will be held on October 10th at 9:30 am in the school cafeteria

### September 2019 Student of the Month

Lyla McNerney	KSa
Ella Santiago	KSi
Rayleen Arriola /	KR
Liyah Lovett	KSc
Ellie Stylianios	KG
Aubree Levett	KN
Katia Isufi	1F
Anjali Khandai	1Del
Miranda Contreras	1Des
Stefanie Ortiz	2S
Michael Turrell	2B
Annalise Lowe	2G
Adrian Peguero	3T
Jailene Rodriguez	3R
Jasiris Loveras	3S
Abdieliz Maldonado	3M
Buchizia Mwape	4T
Zion Velez	4N
Taryn Johnson	4M
Leeyaila Montalvo	4F
Brianna Moodie	5I
Jaelyne Vazquez	5Pi
Tavares Anderson	5Po
Gary Tenempaguay	5M
Louis Gonzalez	5Po