



Bucks Hill School

November 2012

I find that the harder I work, the more luck I seem to have.
~ Thomas Jefferson

Mrs. Ann Begley, Principal

Mrs. Angela Razza, Vice Principal

November 2012 Calendar

1	Picture Day - UNIFORMS REQUIRED 3P & 4C to Mattatuck Museum
2	Student of the Month Ceremony 1:30pm 3M & 5G to Mattatuck Museum
5	Pre-K field trip to Stew Leonards 9:30am - 12pm Book & School Supply Sale begins 8:05am - 8:30am
6	NO SCHOOL - Professional Development
7	PTO meeting 11:30am
8	DRA & CMT Parent Workshop 6pm - 7:30pm
9	Starbase for Grade 5G
12	NO SCHOOL - Veteran's Day Grade 4 Science Buddies
14	Starbase for Grade 5G

15	Visitation Day 8:30am - 11am "Walk in Your Child's Shoes"
16	Book & School Supply Sale ends Starbase for Grade 5G
19	Distribute Report Cards for First Marking Period (grades 1 - 5)
21	1:05 Dismissal
22	No School - Happy Thanksgiving!
23	No School
26	End of Marking Period 1 for Pre-K and Kindergarten
27	Grade 4 Science Buddies
30	Family Movie Night sponsored by PTO

A Message from Mrs. Begley

Parent involvement is critical for every child's success. At this point you should have received your child's progress reports for children in grades 1 - 5. Kindergarten progress reports will be coming out soon, as well. This is one way to know how your child is doing in school. Please make an appointment with your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns. We are all here to ensure your child's success.

Please remember to encourage your child to complete his/her homework daily. We want to instill good work habits. Your child must also read at least 20 minutes each night. Your child's reading log must be signed daily.

I would like to congratulate the top selling class for our first fundraiser: Mrs. Gilmore's Fifth Grade Class! All of the sellers in the class and Mrs. Gilmore will have a chance to go in the money booth to win some money! The students that participated in this fundraiser include:

Daniel Canfield, Guisbel Pagan-Ortiz, Amarae Mattei, Laura Copp and Luis Melendez. Congratulations!!!

If you pick up your child early from school, please bring identification with you. This is for your child's safety. Please try to make your child's medical appointments after school.

Remember to dress your child in layers since the weather is constantly changing during the day. Coats and jackets should be worn daily.

Once again, Bucks Hill School is participating in the Shop Rite Educational Program and Stop & Shop A + Program. Please send in your card number to help the school earn school supplies.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!



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 is 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.**



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 November 2012 are as follows: 18 days

	Daily Price	Monthly Price
Full Price Lunch	\$1.50	\$27.00
Reduced Price Lunch	.40	\$7.20
Full Price Breakfast	.75	\$13.50
Reduced Price Breakfast	.30	\$5.40
Milk Only	.50	\$9.00



November 2012 - LUNCH MENU

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			11/01: chili with beans	11/02:cheese pizza
11/05: fish sticks/ mac&cheese	11/06: NO SCHOOL	11/07: hot dog	11/08: philly cheese steak stuffer	11/09: penne pasta with meatsause
11/12: NO SCHOOL	11/13: chicken tenders	11/14: turkey with gravy	11/15: chicken parm on a roll	11/16: pizza stuffer
11/19: chicken patty	11/20:Shepard's pie	11/21: turkey pepperoni cheese pizza	11/22: NO SCHOOL	11/23: NO SCHOOL
11/26: beef cheese burger on bun	11/27: cheese omelet bagel	11/28:orange chicken brown rice	11/29: pasta with meatsauce	11/30:cheese pizza

PLEASE NOTE: Pork products are never used in school meals.

FUNDRAISER: Thank you for all of your help with the school's first fundraiser. Funds raised will be used to help pay for field trips during the year. Our frozen pie fundraiser has begun. Please return all orders by Friday, November 2nd. The anticipated pickup date for all orders is December 11th. Even if every child sells one or two items, it will benefit the students. Your participation is greatly appreciated. Remember, everyone that sells an item gets a prize!



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".

From Mrs. Petteway, Parent Liaison

For Parents/Guardians/Caregivers: "A Parent Informational/Educational Workshop"

*Learn Ways parents can help their children prepare for upcoming tests

Connecticut Mastery Test (CMT) Grades 3-5

Developmental Reading Assessment (DRA) Grades K-2

Thursday, November 8, 2012 from 6:00 - 7:30 pm *Light dinner will be served at 5:45 pm

*Visitation Day: Parents "Walk in the Shoes " of Students

Thursday, November 15, 2012 from 8:30 am-11:00 am

Websites for Parents to use with their children:

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 - Good site indexed by grade

www.aaamath.com - Good site indexed by subject and grade

www.mathworksheetswizard.com - Make printable worksheets indexed by grades

www.onlinemathlearning.com - click on the grade level on the left

www.mathplayground.com - Good site with a lot of games and puzzles for various levels

www.coolmathgames.com - Good site for math practice

www.wildmath.com - Timed quizzes for all grade levels

www.scweb4free.com- free on line math games

www.funbrain.com - Variety of games at different levels

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Student of the Month

Celebration for October 2012



CONGRATULATIONS!!!

The Student of the Month Ceremony will take place on Friday, November 2, 2012 at 1:30pm in the school cafeteria for the following students:

Milo Moffett	Pre-KP
Sameer Tariq	Pre-KS
Dakota D'Angelo	KB/R
Amil Garcia	KB
Naveah Dilan-Osborne	KD
Samuel Conde-Garcia	KG/R
Jahmya McKethan	KO
Sofia Franca	KW
Valentine Lebron	1C
Jasmine Howard	1D
Mackenzie Arroyo	1F
Hamid Shahbaz	2C
Travis Snow	2G
Tiajha Pruden	2W
Felimarie DeValle	3D
Jahelys Febles-Roman	3M
James Eady	3P
Louis Santiago	4C
Zhanye Fremond	4V
Laura Copp	5G
Diego Garcia	5S
Andrew Rivera	Bartlett
Devin McCaffrey	Parker
Ixaly Maldonado	Art
Stephan Lengyel	Art
Mikailah Carr	Gym
Jonathan Quinones	Gym
Dianneth Gutierrez	Library
Jade Abdul-Lateef	Library
kelly Bonilla	Music
Crossby Dessalines	Music

Bucks Hill School Classroom News

Kindergarten

Mrs. Biondi and Mrs. Rua

We have been very busy these past few weeks! We've been working on letter sounds, high-frequency words, and even decoding. We've done some very exciting projects in our classroom, including gutting a pumpkin and using the pumpkin seeds to estimate, count and even taste them! Please continue working on math skills at home, such as reciting by 1's to 100, and recognizing and reading numbers 0-10. We will be going outside in the cold weather, so please send coats and hats, (labeled with your child's name), and please send a snack and a drink on a daily basis. Thank you for everything that you do!!!

Mrs. Brown

We have been very busy learning about the Fall season as well as learning our sight words and letters. Please practice counting to 100 with your child every day. Just a friendly reminder to check your child's folder every day. If you every have a question, please feel free to email me at slbrown@waterbury.k12.ct.us.

Mrs. DeJesus

Parents please check your child's folder each day for notes and homework. Students receive homework everyday except Friday. Thank you and enjoy the fall weather.

Mrs. Geddes

We will be learning about Native Americans and Pilgrim's during this Thanksgiving holiday. We have been working on numbers 0-10, counting to 100 and greater and less than. We are also practicing the letters, m, s, r, t, c, p, n, and d, along with their sounds. Please practice the sight words, my, the, like, is, we, go, you, have, on, and to. We will still be going outside for recess, please dress your children in warm clothes and mark all of their coats with their names. Remember to read every night.

Mrs. Wheeler

Mrs. Wheeler's class has had a lot of fun exploring apples and pumpkins! We have made graphs showing our favorite apples, counted the seeds in a pumpkin and read many fiction and nonfiction books about both. Please remember to read every night, practice sight words and return homework on Fridays!



First Grade

Ms.Comeau, Mrs.Drewry and Mrs.Federico

First grade had a fantastic time on their field trip. Thank you to the parents who chaperoned the trip. It was a great day!

Please send in a small snack each day. The first grade lunch period is not until 12:45. Otherwise, your child may be very hungry by lunchtime. Cold weather clothing should be worn since the mornings are becoming chillier. Sweaters and sweatshirts (without hoods or designs) may also be worn in school.

It is important to check and empty your child's folder each night for corrected homework and notes from school. Some of the folders are starting to rip because the amount of paper is too much for them to hold. **PLEASE TAKE OUT ALL CORRECTED WORK DAILY!**

The school expectation is for every student to be reading at least 20 minutes a day. This is extremely important. Please make sure your child is reading and you are asking questions to check for understanding. It's so important to have parental involvement in your child's education. Please let us know if you have any questions or concerns.

Second Grade

Mrs. Ciccone

Second grade has been working hard this marking period. It's hard to believe that the first marking period is nearing to a close. In reading your child has explored the narrative elements of a story. Compared and contrasted characters, setting, and story events, and identified the main idea in non-fiction books. In math we are still exploring word problems and how to use various strategies to solve them. Please continue to read with your child every night. Also have them retell the story to you after they have read it. Thank you for your continued support. It's greatly appreciated.

Third Grade

Miss Damon, Miss Minuto & Ms. Patrick

3rd grade has their field trips to the Mattatuck Museum 10/31: Ms. Damon; 11/1: Ms. Patrick; 11/2: Ms. Mucciaro
Picture Day in November 1st!

Fourth Grade

Mrs. Vazques

Fourth grade has been very busy identifying characters, their traits, and motives. We are now layering this skill with being able to retell a story in sequence using narrative elements. Please reinforce this during your child's nightly reading log assignment. In math, we are continuing to identify place value and exploring it through various operations: addition, subtraction, multiplication, & division. Please have your child practice his multiplication facts nightly.

Please do not underestimate the power you have in being your child's first teacher. If you have any questions on how to reinforce skills/concepts at home, please feel free to contact me.

Fifth Grade

Mrs. Gilmore and Mrs. Sweeney

Grade five has been very busy! We are multiplying double digit numbers in Math, using the distributive property. In reading we have been learning how to summarize. During writing we are learning about writing expository process pieces. We are looking forward to celebrating green day with all of the students that were respectful, responsible, and safe this month.

Kids' Corner

FIGURE IT OUT!



All correct responses will be given a prize.

Send your answer on a separate sheet of paper labeled with your first and last name, grade, and teacher to the office for Mrs. Razza.

GOOD LUCK!

Kindergarten:

Write 10 different letters.

First grade:

Show 5 different ways to make the number 10.

Second grade:

Show 10 different ways to make the number 12.

Grades 3 - 5

Show 10 different ways to make 44.

Show expanded form, multiplication, division, addition, subtraction, number word, etc.