



"M.M. Generali School News"

November 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:



Please feel free to contact your child's teacher with any question or concern. Parent conferences are December 11th. Please encourage your child to always do their best and to display expected behavior in school and on the bus.

Thank you!
Mrs. K. Stamp

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???

→  **18 OR MORE DAYS**
 • 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.

→  **10 TO 17 DAYS**
 • 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.

→  **9 OR FEWER ABSENCES**
 • 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.

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.



It's hard to believe that November is here. With that comes colder weather, please be sure to send your child in with a jacket, hats and gloves for playing outside at recess. It would be best if their names are in the jacket someplace in-case they get missed placed during the day. We do have a lost and found outside the office door if your child is missing something.

We are continuing to work on cafeteria behavior. Please speak to your child about dropping food and papers on the floor and not picking them up. We are also struggling with students staying in their seats and being respectful to the lunch ladies. We would like for our cafeteria to be a pleasant experience and often it's not due to disorderly behavior.

Students are earning Generali STARS for showing positive behavior and following the Generali School Pledge. Students are entered to win prizes at the end of the week when their star is put into the STAR JAR... Good luck to all!!



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



- Nov 1 - 9:30 Generali School's Parent's Coffee hour**
- Nov 6 - Election Day - No school**
- Nov 12 - Veteran's Day observed - no school**
- Nov 14 - 1:30-2:30 Generali's School's Annual Title I meeting**
- Nov 19 - report cards go home grades 1-5**
- Nov 21 - 12:00 dismissal**
- Nov 22-23 - Thanksgiving recess**
- Nov 28 - 9:30 Generali's Student of the month**
- Nov 29 5:30 Generali's School Governance Council meeting for election of officers**
- 6:00-7:00 Generali' School's Family Math Night**

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

We are asking all Kindergarten Parents to send in an extra change of clothes in their child's book bag DAILY. This will decrease the amount of instructional time lost waiting in the Nurse's office for clean/dry clothing. Thank you for your attention to this matter!

Shoe Lace Safety: Please, parents make sure your children's shoes are tied before they leave for school each morning and practice tying their shoes with them so they will learn how to tie their shoes. Untied laces are a tripping/falling risk- lets all work together to keep our Generali Children safe! Please remember cough drops are not allowed in school without a doctor's order as they are considered medication and a choking hazard as well .

Wishing everyone a very Happy and Healthy fall!

Don't Spread Germs This Winter!

Destroy. All. Bacteria.

Cover your mouth and nose when you sneeze or cough!



What's happening around the school???



Kindergarten:

November



KINDERGARTEN - We are working hard in Kindergarten! Please continue to work on our letters, sounds and high frequency words. We also need to review counting up to 100, adding (using number partners) and number recognition. It is also very important for each child to read for 20 minutes each night. Please also practice segmenting phonemes (sounds) in words. Say cap and the child will say /c//a//p/ (those are the sounds for the letters not the actual letter names) Thank you for your support. Please help your child with putting on jackets and zipping.

1st Grade-

November is an exciting month because we are starting our new reading program Wonders! We are also starting to work with missing addends in math. In science we are still working on our "I am an Engineer" unit. Our students are doing experiments and coming up with solutions to problems. If you have not sent in your Scholastic payment please send it in ASAP. Scholastic is a big part of our Social Studies lessons and our students benefit greatly from these magazines. Please continue to read and practice the spelling pattern nightly!!

2nd Grade - N/a

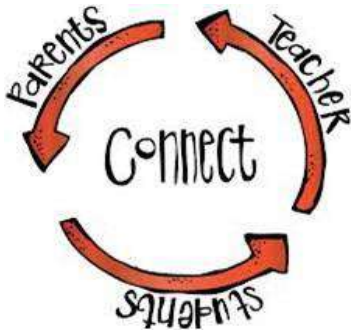
3rd Grade-

This month in third grade we are excited to start our new reading program Wonders and to go our field trip to the Mattatuck Museum. The students will be able to learn some interesting facts about Waterbury's history. In math we have started the new marking period learning about area and perimeter. Please check agendas each night and encourage your child to read at least 20 minutes every day. Students can also go on iReady at home to do math lessons. Thank you for your support!

4th Grade - N/A

5th Grade- Fifth grade is cruising right along. We are starting the second marking period learning about fractions as division and multiplying fractions by whole numbers. The fifth grade is Excited to finally begin our new reading series *Wonders*. In science we have just finished Unit 1 Engineering and Technology and will be moving in to Unit 2 Matter. Please remember to check your child's homework each night and have them read for at least 20 minutes at home every day.





Parent Liaison's corner



Parents/Guardians,
Thank you for supporting our school with our Fall Fundraiser. It was a great success. The **Student of the Month** ceremony for the month of October will be held on November 14th at 9:30 am in the school cafeteria.

