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OCTOBER CALENDAR

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Main Office – 203-574-8875

Nurse's Office – 203-574-8885

Miss Tina – 203-574-8881

Parents,

Please make sure your child does not arrive to school before 7:30 am.

Duggan School Newsletter

October, 2014

Dr. Patricia Frageau, Principal

Important Message from the Principal on the Importance of Attendance

- Your children can suffer academically if they miss 10 percent of school days. This can be just one day every two weeks and can happen before you know it.
- Attendance matters as early as kindergarten. Studies show children who miss too many days in kindergarten and first grade can struggle academically in later years. They often have trouble mastering reading by the end of third grade.
- Excused and unexcused absences represent lost time in the classroom and a lost opportunity to learn.
- Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school-and themselves. Start building this habit early so they learn right away that going to school on time, every day, is important.
- Good attendance will help children do well in high school, college, and at work.
- Too many absent students can affect the whole classroom, creating commotion and slowing down instruction.

IMPORTANT NEWS

Parents, when sending in someone to pick up your child early, please make sure that person is at least 18 years of age. Board of Education policy will not let students be dismissed with anyone younger than 18 years old. Also, please remember that early dismissals are not excused. We have also had many tardy students in the morning. Please remind your student to leave the house on time so they are not tardy. Anyone arriving to school after 8:05 is given a tardy slip.

FYI

The October Teacher Collaboration Early Dismissal Day previously scheduled district-wide for October 22nd has been moved to October 15th to accommodate our first ever SAT day. Please note this change to the school calendar.

UPDATED STUDENT INFORMATION

It is very important that you keep the office informed of any change of address or change of phone number. If there is an emergency, or if your child becomes ill in school, we need updated information to get in touch with you.

HUMAN GROWTH, DEVELOPMENT AND FAMILY LIFE EDUCATION POLICY

Any parent or legal guardian of a Waterbury Public School student may exempt his/her child from any or all lessons dealing with Human Growth, Development and Family Life portions of the Health and Wellness Education Curriculum. This may be done by **written notification** to the Principal of the building that the child attends. Copies of the curriculum are available at the school for parent review. If you would like to read the curriculum, please call the school and make an appointment to come in and review the material.

NEW INFORMATION

Hello. My name is Elizabeth Morales and I am the new Social Worker here at Duggan Elementary School. I am here to help our students learn and grow in a safe, caring and structured educational environment by facilitating groups, connecting families with community resources, and working with individual students. I am available as a general resource person to students, parents, and staff. Please feel free to contact me with any concerns about your child. I am available via phone at 203-574-8882.

NOTE FROM THE ATTENDANCE COUNSELOR

Things to remember...

* Please remember that school starts at 8:05am.

* In order to be considered in attendance for a school day you need to be present in school for 4.5 hours. If you are late you must be here by 10:35am and if you are being dismissed early you have to be in school until 12:35pm for the day to count. This includes nurses' dismissals.

* Early dismissal days are 4.5 hour days. You must be in school on time and be in attendance for 4.5 hours for it to count as a day in attendance. Dismissals can be excused with a note from the doctor, court, funeral etc.

* Students are only allowed to miss 20 days of school (both excused and unexcused).

* PLEASE REMEMBER TO SEND IN NOTES FOR ALL OF YOUR CHILD'S ABSENCES!

NURSE'S NOTES

The Nurse's office will be conducting vision screening beginning early October, until completed. If your child fails the vision screen a notice will be sent home. It would be advantageous for follow through with the eye doctor if your child requires glasses. Smilebuilders Dental Program will be at Duggan School October 23rd and October 24th. Applications were sent home and the deadline for return is October 3rd. The nurse's office does not have any extra clothing for children. Please provide a change of clothes for the Pre-K and K students in the event of an accident. Any questions or concerns please contact the nurse's office at 203-574-8885. Lois Crucitti, RN, MSN

STUDENT OF THE MONTH FOR SEPTEMBER

PK-DIORIO/GIUFFRE ~ Melissa LoVetro

5-FIELD ~ Jarielis Morales

PK-MCKEEMAN ~ Samir Belica

5-HART ~ Amanda Henson

K-MCCASLAND ~ Angelina Dones

6-BRITTINGHAM ~ Stephanie Mena

K-CLASSEY ~ Jadalyn Hollister

6-FINKENZELLER ~ Kayla McLean

1-IERONIMO ~ Amani Cardoza

7th GRADE ~ Myrta Ortiz

1-SANZARI ~ Steven Torres

8th GRADE ~ Jaidelice Arce-Lopez

2-BELL ~ London Lacy-Brantley

2-ST HILAIRE ~ Nisreene Elaabid

CBL-KALITA ~ Jonathan Genoa

3-ANGURIO ~ Michelle Becker

3-GALPIN ~ Naomi Brooks

4-FIDANZA ~ Alexis Cruz

4-MILLER ~ Sheidelly Cordova

Congratulations!!!