

OCTOBER 2017



OCTOBER CALENDAR

26 Parent Workshop 8th grade

Parents Topic: High school

26 Halloween dance MS

31 Happy Halloween



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, 2017

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.

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.



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

Welcome back! We are excited for a new school year. Here a few tips to help make this a great school year:

1. Please dress your child appropriately for the weather. Mornings can be cool, but temperatures are still rising as the day goes on. Layering is a great option.
2. With the colder months approaching lips can become chapped and dry. Please apply chap stick at home.
3. Please send in a spare set of clothes for Pre K and Kindergarten students in case of accidents.
4. All food items must be cleared with the teacher ahead of time and the nurse the day of the visit to check for allergens. As a precautionary method buy Peanut Free Items
5. Make sure nurse has UPDATED emergency phone numbers!! We cannot alert you if we cannot reach you.
6. All sixth graders are required to have their mandated 6th grade physicals within the 2017-2018 school year. Please send forms to Nurse once completes. Thank-you!

Also: Please do not send any medications to school with your child. Every medication requires a doctor's order to be given at school by the nurse. Please do not send your child to school sick. A child who is excluded from school with a fever of 100.5 degrees or over may NOT return to school until fever free for 24 hours. This policy is implemented for the safety of your child, as well as the health and safety of other students and staff. Any questions or concerns please contact the nurse's office at 203-574-8885. Lois Crucitti, RN, MSN





Duggan Elementary School needs you! The **School Governance Council (SGC)** needs parents to join. This is your opportunity to work with our school to provide valuable input to make sure our children are learning, growing, and thriving. **Join the SGC.**

If interested please contact Miss Tina. 203-574-8881

