



Wendell Cross News

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FEBRUARY/MARCH/APRIL 2018

CALENDAR

Apr 3-Field Trip-4th & 5th
Bridgeport Sound Tigers
Apr 6-Movie Night-6:00pm
Pancake Bar-Gym
Apr 10-Gym-9:30am
Student of the Month
Apr 11-Early Dismissal
12:00pm
Apr 11-Parent Conferences
5:00pm to 7:00pm
Apr 16-Apr 20-NO SCHOOL
Spring Vacation
Apr 23-Classes Resume
8:35am
Apr 25-Early Dismissal
12:00pm
May 4-Book Fair
Buy One Get One
May 9-Gym-9:30am
Student of the Month
May 28-NO SCHOOL
Memorial Day
May 30-5th Grade
Field Trip to Hartford

OFFICE NOTES

Parents may request, and the district will provide, information regarding the professional qualifications of the student's teachers and paraprofessionals.

Please make sure that your child arrives at school on time. Routine

doctor appointments and dentist appointments are not considered excused tardys or absences. School starts at 8:35am and the doors to the building open at 8:10am. Coming in late interrupts the routine for the day and children miss important announcements. If your child has 21 absences, whether they are excused or unexcused, he/she will be retained in their present grade. We appreciate your efforts in getting your child to school on time. Please remember that if you do bring your child in late, they MUST report to the office to receive a late pass.

We ask that all parents dropping off students in the front of the building have patience. We are getting students into the building as quickly as possible. Please do not try to pass a car that is in front of you or try to pass busses that are dropping off. Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated. It is a matter of safety for every child and adult entering or

leaving the building that you take your time and use caution when driving in and out of the school grounds. You may walk your child to the front doors but no parents are allowed inside the building. Please do not park your car in the middle of the driveway as this hinders other parents from leaving the area. Please park your car in a designated parking spot so that all vehicles are able to come and go. Thank you for your consideration.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

A quick overview, the attendance policy is the same as last year. The most important things to remember are that when a student reaches four (4) unexcused absences in a month or ten (10) days in a year, an attendance meeting is required. Also, the **20 day limit** includes excused and unexcused absences. When a student exceeds 20 absences, they may be retained. Please contact the attendance counselor, Stacey Irizarry, with any

questions or concerns. The attendance counselor is in the building on A Day.

SCHOOL NURSE

MRS. CICCARELLI

As the cold and flu season progresses, please be aware of your child's complaints of illness before he/she leaves for school. If your child has symptoms of illness, please keep them home from school until they are fever free for 24 hours, without the aid of fever reducers.

If your child becomes ill in school, it is necessary that they be picked up in a timely manner. Please make sure the school has updated and working telephone numbers at all times.

Thank you for your cooperation.

To the Parents of all Kindergarten and 1st grade students, due to Public Health restrictions, I am not able to keep extra clothes in my closet. I am strongly urging all parents of children in these two grades to keep a change of clothes for your child in their backpack. The clothes will be available to your child in the event of an accident, food spill or nose bleed. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

PRE K

MRS. ANTONIOS

MRS. CRESPO

MRS. ZAPPONE

MRS. PHOTHISARATH

MRS. ZHUTA

During the month of February, our theme focused on the Construction Zone. We learned how buildings, houses, highways and roads are made. We also learned about the trucks and equipment that are required in construction zones.

In March, we learned about City Life and Country Life. We compared and contrasted the similarities and differences of living in the country and the city.

In April, our theme will be Let's move. We will discuss and learn about exercising and how exercising helps us to stay healthy.

In May, we will focus on growing and changing. We will have a butterfly garden in our classroom so we can observe how a caterpillar grows and transforms into a butterfly.

Our final unit in June, will focus on getting ready for Kindergarten. Please continue to practice letter and number recognition, counting, letter sounds and parts of a book. Try to read to your child everyday.

On May 18th, we will go on a field trip to Patterson Park in Wolcott.

We are always in need of Kleenex, paper towels, and hand soap. We thank you for all of your support at home. We appreciate your generosity.

KINDERGARTEN

MRS. BOSCO

MISS GENDRON

MRS. MARSHALL

We are trying to welcome spring but the weather won't cooperate! We are moving into the final push for the year as we prepare for first grade. It is going by very quickly.

Please help at home with adding and subtracting within 10, all our sight words, and reading small books. Have your child tell you all about what they read to you or you read to them. Discuss the story parts – character, setting and events.

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Nathaneal I., KG
Xander E., KM
Kendal P., KM
Ayat S., KM

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Rayan A., KB
Noah K., KB
Connor P., KB
Jaylienn P., KG
Noel T., KG
Mohammad S., KM

MAY BIRTHDAYS

Hector R., KB
Carlos A., KG
Brianna N., KM
Allison C., KM

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Maya K., KB
Luke L., KG
Bella P., KM

FIRST GRADE

**MRS. CAPOBIANCO
MRS. QUINTANA**

Grade one will be hard at work for this last marking period. Students did an excellent job with their middle of year testing and we predict more progress ahead.

After completing Social Studies units on some famous Americans, we moved to Science units on Animals and will now cover plants. We also look forward to planting and growing our own plants.

1C and 1Q worked just as hard in Math. Students have done well with their progress in fact fluency. Our classes also enjoyed studying time and shapes and now look ahead to measurement and 2 digit addition and subtraction.

Parents, please continue to check folders and practice and study in order to review at home our current content. We appreciate all you do at home and look forward to a successful end of the year.

SECOND GRADE

**MRS. GASPARRI
MRS. SICKLES**

Spring has finally arrived! The second graders have been very busy little bees! We have been working hard on our reading fluency strategies and text comprehension skills. The students are preparing for the last fluency assessment in May.

It is important that your child puts in his/her best efforts in all areas. They must continue to use their reading strategies in their daily reading. They include summarizing story elements, main idea and details, inferencing, creating mental images, character feelings, opinion of story and reasons.

In Math, we will be working on equations up to 1,000! We will continue using base ten blocks, number lines and pictorial drawings as strategies. Students should be well versed with math facts up to 20 including double facts. This will be very helpful when they have timed math fact fluency tests. In Social Studies, we will be learning about the 3 R's-Reuse, Reduce, Recycle! It is important that we take care of our planet.

We urge the children to continue doing their homework, read daily, and practice being a model "Wendell Cross" student that will make us proud! We want to thank parents who sent in tissues and hand sanitizer donations. These items are greatly appreciated. Thank you again for your continued support.

THIRD GRADE

**MRS. GILLIGAN
MRS. NORTHROP**

Greetings from 3rd grade! Happy spring! Just a reminder, as the weather gets warmer, the students

will be going outside for recess. However, it is New England and can still be a bit chilly so please continue to send them in warm coats if necessary.

In Reading, we are wrapping up a unit on informational text. As a culminating activity, the students are conducting a state research project and creating a brochure about their assigned state. We will be starting a unit on poetry and figurative language next.

In Math, we wrapped up our unit on fractions and are now moving onto measurement, with a focus on measuring to the nearest inch, $\frac{1}{2}$ inch and $\frac{1}{4}$ inch and then charting our findings on a line plot.

State testing is also occurring in April. Please make sure your child is getting enough sleep and arriving to school on time each day.

Your child is assigned homework on a weekly basis. Each week, your child will be assigned a Book-in-a-Bag, a Reading Log in which they must read 100 minutes, and a Math Packet. All homework is due on Friday.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us via phone or email and we will gladly set a time to meet with you. Donations of hand sanitizer, liquid soap, and boxes of tissues are always greatly appreciated!

GRADE 4

MR. DORSO

March and April were terrific months. We just finished Area and Perimeter in Math and are looking forward to Capacity and the SBAC test. In Reading, we are discussing the importance of the theme in a story. In Science, we have just finished the different uses of electricity. In Social Studies, we are learning the importance of understanding and utilizing a map.

We had a great time at the Sound Tigers game and have many new hockey fans! We look forward to going back to the Kiwanis Club in May. The students will participate in many various outdoor activities. Looking forward to a nice week off to get rested and make a rigorous final push into summer! Get outside and play! WOOT WOOT!

MRS. MULLEN

Hello from 4M. In March, the students worked on a multitude of skills pertaining to measurement and geometry. In Reading, we concluded our Unit 3 with a culminating activity on "theme". In Science, the students completed lessons on electricity, and in Social Studies, the students wrapped up the unit on map skills.

In April, the students will begin the state mandated SBAC Assessment. Please make

sure your child is in school and on time each day during the testing period. It is also important for the children to get a good night's rest during this time. We want them to be prepared to do their best work.

Please continue to review your child's homework nightly. Work with him or her at home to continue what is done in class. All too often, I am seeing homework that is done incorrectly and signed off by a parent. Please make sure you are reading what your child writes and that he/she is handing in an accurate assignment.

We are now in our fourth and final marking period. I know spring fever may be in the air, but we still have much to accomplish before we end the year. Many field trips will be coming up in celebration of the good academic work and behavior your child exhibited during the school year. Please encourage your child to continue to do his/her best each and every day.

As always, thank you very much for all your support. Have a wonderful spring break with your child/children.

GRADE 5

MR. CHASSE

MISS HOLLEY

We are quickly approaching the end of the third marking period! In

Language Arts and Reading, we are at the end of our unit on realistic fiction. In Math, we are working extremely hard multiplying and dividing decimals and preparing for the SBAC test.

We are very excited about all of the upcoming end of the year activities. Please make sure your child is completing their homework every night to ensure they don't miss any of these activities.

LIBRARY

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Thanks to everyone who purchased books at the book fair. The fair was a big success, and we are getting many new books for our library because of your purchases!

Congratulations to the winners of the Library Raffle! The lucky students were: Skye-yen F. in Pre-KP, Sklya C. in KM, Kaiden V. in KM, Bruno O. in 1Q, Alexia R. in 2G, and Payton G. in 5H.

The Silas Bronson Library is holding their Annual Poetry Contest for Waterbury students in grades 1-5. The children have been given the rules and grade level themes during their library classes.

A registration form must be attached to the back of the poem. Students can get the form from me or online at

www.bronsonlibrary.org.

All poems are due to the library by Monday, April 23rd. I will happily deliver

any poems given to me by Friday, April 13th, the day before April vacation. The poems will not be returned, so please remember to save a copy of your child's poem. The winners will be announced in May. Good luck to all students who enter!

PHYSICAL EDUCATION MR. DANZIGER

In the Physical Education Department, we have been improving our physical fitness by performing warm-ups before getting into the heart of the lesson. I try to review the objectives quickly to maximize exercise time for the students. I have seen the students make great strides throughout the year and I hope to continue to see more gains. I know it's not easy to remember which day they have Phys Ed class but proper footwear helps to avoid injuries. Speaking of injuries, I am constantly reminding the students to control their bodies and think of themselves and others. Hopefully the warmer weather is upon us and we will be able to go outside for class. Playing kickball and whiffleball on the blacktop is usually a fan favorite. Looking forward to a great Spring!

STUDENT COUNCIL MRS. MULLEN

The Student Council will once again

this year participate in the Leukemia/Lymphoma Society's Pennies for Patients Campaign. Each child received a box to use to collect coins. The coin box must be turned in by May 11, 2018.

Last year, Wendell Cross School collected \$960.00 and this year our goal is to collect \$1000.00. With your help, we can do it. The children facing cancer need our help so please fill up that coin box and send it back to us. Thank you for your support.

FEBRUARY STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Leyla S., KB; Delina S., KG; Kendal P., KM; Raeille P., 1C; Moriah F., 1Q; Liam M., 2G; Muhammad I., 2S; Lily M., 3G; Kyler B., 3N; Angel T., 4D; Kasandra S., 4M; Jayden S., 5C; Melvin M., 5H

MARCH STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Connor P., KB; Carlos A., KG; Mohammad S., KM; Jacob G., 1C; Romeo I., 1Q; Hailey S., 2G; Vivianna R., 2S; Sierra M., 3G; Leo Y., 3N; Juanna X., 4D; Ahlana S., 4M; Ema L., 5C; Payton G., 5H

HARD WORKERS

Nithilan R., 2G; Tatum L., 2G; Gabriella S., 2S; Roxana C., 2S

GOOD CITIZENSHIP

Xzaivier N., 2G; Zahra A., 2G; Reem A., 2S

MOST IMPROVED

Hailey S., 2G; Luis L., 2S;

ACADEMIC AREAS:

READING

Jezel R., 2G; Yeleina R., 2G; Olivia G., 2S; Ryan C., 2S

MATH

Sameeer K., 2G; Jezel R., 2S

LANGUAGE ARTS

Vivianna R., 2G; Tamar C., 2S

SCIENCE

Alexia R., 2G; Ivelisse N., 2S

SOCIAL STUDIES

Cayden R., 2G; CarlyMay K., 2S