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Message from the Principal

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Dear Families,

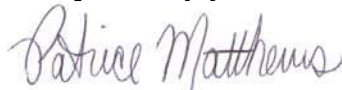
Happy spring! As adults we often see spring as a time to *spring clean* our lives whether it be reorganizing a closet, emptying a cluttered space, or preparing our gardens for the warmer weather. The upcoming months are often quite busy for children both in and out of school. In school, we are encouraging students to strive for that next level of organization, independence and ownership of their own learning experiences. For some this can become overwhelming without appropriate organization tools/strategies in place. Below is a list of ideas adapted from an article on the Scholastic website entitled 12 Ways to Help Your Child's Organizational Skills. I encourage you to share them with your child(ren) and discuss which ones they might find to be beneficial for them.

1. **Keep a family calendar.** Track everyone's activities on a prominent and accessible calendar, encouraging your child to write his/her own entries and reference the calendar when making plans. You also might consider checking schedules and updating the calendar as a family.
2. **Introduce checklists.** Whether it's as simple as "3 Things To Do Before Bed" or "What To Take On Vacation," creating and referring to lists together will develop your child's ability to strategize tasks and organize his time.
3. **Assign chores that involve sorting or categorizing.** Grocery shopping, emptying the dishwasher, sorting photos, cleaning out a closet, and other tasks that involve pre-planning, making lists, or arranging things are great choices.
4. **Get ready the night before.** This one can be tough but it does work if your child(ren) can get into the habit.
5. **Use containers and closet organizers.** If there's a place for everything, they will find it easier to find items, keep neat, and clean up. Build "pick up" time into the daily routine.
6. **Buy your child a planner for at outside of school activities.** Ask your child to help you pick it out or choose one that will appeal to him/her. They will then be more excited to use it. Having his/her own planner will show that you consider the time valuable. Be sure to routinely coordinate the information with your family calendar to avoid conflicts. Also include school-related assignments and projects.
7. **Organize schoolwork.** Make sure your child is keeping notes, homework, handouts, and graded assignments in folders/binders. Try to check the backpack nightly and set a time aside each week to go through materials and get things sorted.

8. **Maintain established a homework routine.** With busy schedules it's easy to fall out of routines. Continue to maintain a study/homework schedule. Encourage your child to stick to the schedule even when he/she doesn't have homework (read, review notes, practice facts).
9. **Create a homework supply box.** Check homework supplies and replenish any that may be worn or missing.
10. **Cook together.** Cooking teaches measuring, following directions, sorting ingredients, and managing time — all key elements in organization. Involve your child in meal planning too, challenge him/her to help you put together a shopping list.
11. **Cultivate an interest in collecting.** If your child has a particular interest, encourage him/her to create and organize the collection.
12. **Reward and provide support with organizational tasks.** Your child may find organizing a challenge, so help develop a routine and offer praise for a job well done!

I hope you and your child(ren) will find some of these ideas worthwhile and meaningful.

Respectfully yours,



Patrice Matthews

February 2015 TRUST Core Value Winners

Grade 5

Mrs. Desmond – **Kiera Matulich**
Ms. Eicholz – **Max Stone**
Mrs. Garry – **Cory Abrams**
Mrs. L. Lebowitz – **Jordan Levien**
Mrs. J. Leibowitz – **Steven Fingeroth**
Mrs. Mascia – **Summer Renck**
Mr. O'Brien – **Sophia Warren**

Grade 6

Mrs. Acevedo – **Salianne Chiu**
Mrs. Goldfarb – **Samantha Leicht**
Mrs. McClenahan – **Gianluca Caravello**
Ms. Neu – **Jeremy Cardenas**
Ms. Panella – **Olivia Sabino**
Mrs. Popielaski – **James Bodendorf**
Mrs. Taub – **Ryan Zaslansky**

March 2015 RESPECT Core Value Winners

Grade 5

Mrs. Desmond – **Param Nagpal**
Ms. Eicholz – **Ben Iskols**
Mrs. Garry – **Aidan Grimes**
Mrs. L. Lebowitz – **Jamie Heffez**
Mrs. J. Leibowitz – **Michael Romeo**
Mrs. Mascia – **Ann Marie Cabrera**
Mr. O'Brien – **Nora Eisenstein**

Grade 6

Mrs. Acevedo – **Moshe Nahmias**
Mrs. Goldfarb – **Lien Collings**
Mrs. McClenahan – **Cameron Montalbano**
Ms. Neu – **Jenna Becker**
Ms. Panella – **Brian Dorn**
Mrs. Popielaski – **Anna Bolles**
Mrs. Taub – **Stamatia Papazis**

Health and Safety

Many parents are scheduling physicals for students. Please note that the New York State Department of Health has revised the immunization requirements for students.

Students entering Grades 1-5 in September 2015 require:

| <u>Vaccine</u> | <u># of Doses</u> |
|---------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| • DTap (Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis) | 5 * |
| • Polio (IPV/OPV) | 3 |
| • MMR | 2 (required by age 7) |
| • Hepatitis B | 3 |
| • Varicella (Chicken Pox) | 1 |

* If 4th dose received at age 4 years or older, the 5th dose is not necessary.

Students entering Grade 6 in September 2015 require:

| <u>Vaccine</u> | <u># of Doses</u> |
|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| • Tdap (Boostrix/Adacel) | 1 (required by age 11) |
| • Varicella (Chicken Pox) | 2 |
| • Polio (IPV/OPV) | 3 – 4 |

Additionally, vaccines must be given at the correct intervals based on age that is in accordance with the ACIP schedule.

Please check with your child's doctor to make sure he/she has all the required immunizations and send **proof** of immunizations to the Nurse's Office **by September 4, 2015.**

A letter will be sent home regarding these immunization requirements.



Janet Gannon
School Nurse

Looking Ahead!!

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| April 20 th | - | Art Gallery Exhibit, 6:45 – 7:45 PM, Winthrop Avenue |
| April 21 st | - | Board of Education Meeting, 8:00 PM, Winthrop Board Room |
| April 22 nd | - | Earth Day |
| April 28 th | - | PTA Founder's Day |
| April 29 th | - | PTA Two for One Book Fair |
| May 1 st | - | 5 th Grade Trip to Jones Beach State Park |
| May 4 th | - | 6 th Grade NYC Trip to Intrepid |
| | - | PTA Installation Dinner |
| May 5 th | - | 6 th Grade NYC Trip to Intrepid |
| | - | Board of Education Meeting, 8:00 PM, Reinhard School |
| May 6 th | - | 5 th Grade Maturation Night |
| May 7 th | - | PTA Plant Sale |