



SWIS Newsletter

January

2023

Swanson Road
Intermediate School

From the Principal's Desk...

Happy Martin Luther King Jr. weekend! I wish the entire SWIS family peace, love, and joy!

All of us at SWIS are embracing the second half of the school year with a renewed sense of energy and purpose. Our momentum in preparation for all that 2023 brings will continue as there is a lot to prepare students for; new curriculum, mid-year benchmark assessments, Spring MCAS and new challenging projects. As a team, we will continue our mission of providing each student daily opportunities to develop and grow in all areas. The hard work of educating every child in reaching their full potential is the collaborative effort of all of us at SWIS– teachers, students, support staff, and the administration.

January brings much activity to Swanson Road Intermediate School:

Academics - All students have been taking the Mid-year IReady Reading Diagnostic assessment in both reading and math. Grade three will take part in the DIBELS test which assesses students' oral reading fluency, as well as accuracy. Other tools to monitor progress are in place to ensure we are targeting our instruction to address the specific needs of each child.

As a staff we will be discussing and analyzing all testing results to plan future instruction and interventions/enrichments. These tests, along with all assessments, provide us with information to make informed decisions around student learning and guide us in creating experiences for each student to excel before, during, and after school.

WIDA Testing – During the month of January, English Language Learners will be taking the state ACCESS test. This test assesses comprehension, written language and oral fluency. Parents will receive notification of the dates their child will be tested along with helpful test taking strategies.

Communication – Please maintain continued contact with your child's teacher to seek updates on your child's progress. This is imperative for ongoing growth and success. Teachers use a variety of communication tools to provide ways in which you can stay informed and reinforce/support your child's learning at home.

January's Character Quality focus is: **Responsibility**

Green initiatives, Community Service Learning, and Diversity Projects continue at SWIS. Stay tuned for all of the wonderful updates.

As always, I appreciate your ongoing support and commitment to all of our students' education.

Yours in Education,
Dr. Susan M. Lopez

Character Education- December- Kindness

Grade 3

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| Ms. Benvenuti | George Trudeau |
| Mrs. Caplette | Iilir Aliu |
| Mrs. Chalupka | Jonathan Charron |
| Mrs. D'Agostino | Vivian Morgan |
| Ms. Koziol | Samantha Mitchell |
| Mrs. Murphy | Jonah Daigneau |
| Mrs. Murray | Katerina Slutsky |
| Mrs. Scanlon | Kennedy Tuttle |
| Mrs. Spencer | Arnesa Ferataj |

Grade 4

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| Mrs. Barbour | Cooper Mulryan |
| Mrs. Burbank | Liliana Kubert |
| Mrs. Cody | Joshua Sanchez-Duran |
| Ms. Dyer | Rhyen Higgins |
| Mrs. Frigon / Locke | Isabel Ashby |
| Mrs. Gagne | Caden Simoes |
| Mrs. Nickerson | Samaya Aguiar |
| Mrs. Reno | Laura Harakles |
| Mrs. Vessio | Connor McGrail |
| Ms Kuzsewski | Natalie Dean |

Grade 5

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| Mrs. Bowes | Allie Hanscom |
| Mrs. Connerton | Ellie Galloni |
| Mrs. DeRobbio | Joseph Morgan |
| Mrs. DiMeglio | Daniella Bigelow |
| Mrs. Fontaine | Cooper Tomaszewicz |
| Mrs. Forgues | Elyse Rodriguez |
| Mrs. Kane | Amor Otiato |
| Mrs. Lundy | Joshua McManus |
| Mrs. MacCormack | Jameson Keller |



Music Notes



Music will be kicking in the new year with our Instrumental Night! Both the 5th Grade Band, under the direction of Miss Terlato, and 3rd, 4th, and 5th Grade Strings, under the direction of Miss Corriveau, will be performing for you. Please be on the lookout to reserve your seats, a link will be sent via One Call

Our concert will be January 24th at 5:30pm, at Auburn High School. It will be a fabulous night to showcase the tremendous progress your students have been making over the past four months. Looking forward to seeing you there! More information to come.

PE Notes



In the month of January students are working on volleyball and basketball skills and their ability to work together as a team. Try playing a game of keep it up with a beach ball or other light ball or get outside and challenge your student to a game of pig. Please remember to send students with sneakers every PE day!

Nursing Notes

Please dress your children appropriately – they go outside for recess!

Remember to contact the nurse if your child will be absent.

If you child has updated physicals or vaccinees, please email or fax us a copy!



Grade 5 News



Happy January! We hope that our fifth grade families enjoyed the holiday break. We are happy to see our students and are looking forward to the second half of the school year.

The second half is a very exciting and busy time of year for fifth graders as they prepare for MCAS and middle school. Academically, students will be working on reading skills from main idea to theme. In writing, we will be focusing on opinion writing. Our historians are learning about the events that lead to the American Revolution. Our scientists have switched to their next topic for science which will be either Earth Science, Life Science, or Physical Science. Our mathematicians are ending decimals and moving onto fractions. If your child is still struggling with his/her facts, please make time to practice at home.

Resources your child can be using at home:

iReady - with the use of their QRcode, students can log into their Classlink accounts to practice reading and math skills through the iReady app. You can find Classlink on the Auburn Public Schools website under the Student and Families' tab.

Math Source - Mr Mathblog (<http://www.mrmathblog.com>) - this website is a great resource for students to use when working on their math homework.

XtraMath - Students can log into their accounts to practice their math facts. This app can be accessed through their Classlink account.

Supplies Needed

It is that time of year when school supplies are running low. Please check with your child to see if he/she is in need of supplies, so that he/she is prepared for class (ie. Dry Erasers, Dry Erase Markers, pencils, etc.) Classrooms are always in need of tissues and sanitize wipes. Donations are truly appreciated.

As always, we are sincerely grateful for all of your support to ensure your child has a successful school year.

Happy New Year! From the Fifth Grade Team

Grade 4 News

It's going to be a busy 2023 for the fourth-grade students at SWIS! Many new and exciting units have begun and students are exploring new strategies and concepts. Read on to discover what your child is learning and start a conversation about it.

Math: We will be wrapping up our unit on factors and multiples and will begin our new unit on fractions. Students will quickly discover how applying the skills from previous chapters will be beneficial for learning fractions. Ask your child how factors, multiplication, division, etc... help them with fractions.

Reading: We have started our third unit entitled *That's the Spirit! Students will be reading selections around the topics of friendship, helping the community, and liberty and justice.* Ask your students how people's words have had an impact on our history.

Writing: Students will be writing personal and fictional narratives. They will draw on their own experiences in order to write a personal narrative and use their imaginations to write a fictional narrative. The students will explore character development, setting, and plot. We can't wait to see our classes get creative!

Science: We have started our unit on energy and motion. Students will learn different forms of energy and how energy is transferred from one object to another.

Social Studies: Students have begun their tour of the United States regions. Ask them to tell you about all the places they have visited. Our explorers will be expected to locate all 50 states. There are many games online to help them practice.

We look forward to kicking off the new year with a positive start! Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

The Fourth Grade Team



Grade 3 News

Happy New Year! We are so excited to be back after break and to see so many smiling faces. Winter is in full swing so be sure your student is dressed appropriately for the weather.

This month students will be focused on Multiplication and Division strategies. Practice Multiplication facts every night to ensure your student's success with both operations.

Social Studies will take students back in time to learn about several Explorers who visited North America in the 15th and 16th centuries.

In ELA, we are studying Theme and Author's Point of View. As you read together at home, ask your student about the details, dialogue, and actions in the story that help to point to the Theme and Author's Point of View.

Thank you for all of your continued support at home!



SWIS Calendar

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| 1-3-23 | Tuesday | Full Day | District PD UDL | Teachers |
| 1-4-23 | Wednesday | 8:30-11:30 | Li Liu Performance-Traditions of Chinese Acrobatics 3-5 | 3-5 |
| *1/5-2/9 | | | ACCESS ELL | 3/5/2022 ELL |
| 1-9 | Monday | 6:30p | PTO Zoom Meeting | SWIS Community |
| 1/9-1/120 | M-F | | iReady ELA and Math MOY Diagnostic | 3-5 |
| 1/16 | Monday | | Martin Luther King Jr. Day—No School | |
| 1/17-1/20 | T-F | | DIBELS | 3 |
| 1-24-23 | Tuesday | 5:30-7:30 | Instrumental Night-AHS | Band and Strings students 3-5 |
| 1/23-1/27 | M-F | | The Great Kindness Challenge | 3-5 |
| 1/27 , 1/30 | Friday, Monday | | Hearing Screening Gr 3 Vision Screening Gr 3-5 | 3-5 |
| 1-31-2023 | Tuesday | 5:30-7:30 | Snow Date -SWIS Instrumental Night-AHS | |