

Danbury Elementary Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

With us being about half-way through the school year, we are asking parents to take a minute to update phone, work and emergency information. If any of this information has changed, please call or send in a note with your child. It is imperative that we have the latest and easiest way to reach you during the school year. Our nurse needs to be able to reach you when your child is ill and needs to be picked up. Thank you in advance for sending in this information.

I had the opportunity to spend some time at Ragged Mountain this week. I want to thank all of the faculty, staff, and parent volunteers for making our 5-week Winter Activity Program a success. I love to hear that our students are trying new things and persevering through learning new skills. I enjoy seeing the smiles on our students' faces as they are having fun, cooperating with friends, and learning a life-long sport. We have one more week of fun to go!

To help celebrate the New England Patriots making it into the Superbowl, on Friday, February 3, we ask all faculty, staff and students to wear Patriots gear or their colors - red, white and blue. Let's have some fun and kick off Super Bowl Weekend by showing our DES spirit!

Lastly, I want to remind you that next Saturday, February 4, is the district's Deliberative Session at Newfound Regional High School, starting at 10:00 a.m. Over the past several months, both the School Board and Budget Committee have met to discuss and debate next year's school budget. While few citizens attend School Board and/or School Budget Committee meetings, these committees do listen to input and encourage you to provide it in the future. Your most important opportunity in affecting any desired change lies in attending the First Deliberative Session where *interested voters* determine what ends up on the ballot *for all voters*. It is at this meeting that you, the taxpayer, may accept, lower, or raise the budget. If a motion is made to amend or to accept the budget, discussion will follow, after which time a vote will be taken. Childcare is available at the high school while parents attend this meeting. Voting day for the district will be on March 14. If you have any questions regarding this process, feel free to give me a call.

Have a great weekend!



Fantastic Third & Fourth Grade

Happy New Year from the Third and Fourth grade! As we start the new year, we have been coming up with a positive daily mantra (a statement or slogan repeated frequently) to focus on throughout our school day. "Taking care of me," has been a common one. Growth Mindset is still a focus of our everyday and we are understanding how to learn from ~~mis~~mistakes.

We watched some of the inauguration of our 45th president, President Donald Trump, and had great discussions about how fortunate we are to live in a Democratic nation. The strong opposition of sides helped guide the topic of fact vs opinion, one of our literacy skills this month.

In Language Arts, we are on Unit 3, week 5, preparing for our third benchmark next week. Some topics we are currently working on are include generalizing, summarizing, past, present and future tenses, and using context clues in text. We have had Dibels testing this week and have shown tremendous growth since the beginning of the year. Our math fact goal is going great! We are continuing to practice our math facts daily and are on to our 4's with automaticity in our Multiplication Challenge. We will be ready to master those facts and meet our school goal! Please continue to practice at home nightly. Having a strong foundation of math facts will greatly help us grow as mathematicians.

Reminder:

February book project "Ten items in a Bag" is due Tuesday, February 21st. The instructions, as well as the rubric, have already been sent home. Please let me know if you need another copy. Be sure your student is reading nightly so they're prepared. They're loving these projects and this one is really fun. I love to see their creativity. :)

I love that my job includes fun experiences such as our Winter Activity Program at Ragged. Being able to just have fun with my class has brought us together and made us successful in the classroom! One more week to go!



Lunch Menu Jan 30 – Feb 3, 2017

Monday

Rib a Que Sandwich
Carrots
Garden Salad
Fresh Fruit

Tuesday

Rotini & Meatballs
Breadsticks
Garden Salad
Fresh Fruit

Wednesday

Fish Nuggets
Chick Pea Salad
Garden Salad
Fresh Fruit

Thursday

Chicken Burger
Sweat Peas
Garden Salad
Fresh Fruit

Friday PATRIOTS DAY!

Pizza
Celery Sticks
Garden Salad
Fresh Fruit

Breakfast \$1.25
(reduced \$.30)
Lunch \$2.75
(reduced \$.40)
Milk \$.35

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Patriots Day
Friday, February 3rd
Wear Pats gear or
Red, White, & Blue!

The Bertha Brown Prize Speaking Event

Today, our students were courageous and knowledgeable as they each stood in front of their peers and parents to recite their poems. Every student tried and every student succeeded!

The finalists for The Bertha Brown Prize Speaking Event are...(drumroll please!)

First Grade

Farrah Cross
Brooklyn Maviki-Walver
Tessa Overlock
Margaret Roberts

Second Grade

Matthew Moran
Curtis Seymour
Tucker Sumner
Jillian Wagner

Third Grade

Abigale Chase
Maddie Henriksen
Kason Knight
Janet Peterson

Fourth Grade

Hayden Colburn
Sarah Ford
Tess Sumner
Devon Towne

Fifth Grade

Brenna Boisvert
Trent Fouts
Abby Stubbs
Makenna Tullar

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January 31st 6:30pm

