

# Danbury Elementary

## Newsletter

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### Guidance Corner

Happy Friday! Yes, I am determined to approach this weekend with a positive attitude, despite the predicted snowfall. As a person who is constantly teaching strategies to deal with less than ideal situations, this will be a stretch. I am already thinking about what I can do to keep myself and my family upbeat while we once again shovel the roof, tackle our mile long driveway, and rearrange plans. Between tasks, I am envisioning making homemade cookies, playing a marathon game of monopoly, and writing some long overdue letters. I wish us all luck...this winter seems to simply keep going!

Over the past few weeks, the weather has also played a part in making guidance lessons tricky to be continuous. So, this week we found our selves tying up loose ends. The students did a beautiful job sharing how they wanted to stretch their comfort zones. Each child shared with their class how they wanted to move a condition that was currently in their discomfort zone to a more comfortable place. The students called on classmates to provide suggestions on how to address that goal. Each child's suggestion was thoughtful and occasionally a little humorous, humor is often a great way to move through discomfort!

In addition to the above, we had a few moments to start reflecting on the TIGER program (Theater Integrating Guidance Education and Responsibility) that we watched last week at B-HVS. In all of the elementary schools throughout the district, we work especially hard to deal with social situations that fall apart, feel strained, or are plain and simple unkind. This year we selected the TIGER program called "I've Got Your Back" to help us focus on these tough issues. The performance was designed to teach us strategies for solving negative/unkind interactions in proactive, caring, and effective ways. All of the pre k – 5 children in the district took part in the TIGER program.

For this performance, each letter of TIGER represents a strategy for dealing with the social issue involving unkind actions. T = Take Action, I = I can say NO, G = Get Help, E = Empathy, and R = Respond with Respect. Over the next few weeks, as we explore the qualities that make a friendship so positive and meaningful, we will also explore how to deal with the times when those relationships, and others, are not so rewarding. We will role play and practice the TIGER strategies, and together find ways to keep ourselves healthy and well in all of our relationships.

Mrs. Connor



## Fantastic 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>

Happy Spring from 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>, although Mother Nature may not agree! We have been working very hard during this term. In math, both grades have been exploring fractions and decimals. In 4<sup>th</sup> grade, we're learning about converting fractions into decimals, and how to turn improper fractions into mixed numbers. Please have your students show you this at home. In 3<sup>rd</sup> grade, students have been comparing fractions with alike denominators and numerators.

In reading, we are just starting our 5<sup>th</sup> Unit! The 4<sup>th</sup> grade theme in this unit is Adventures by Land, Air, and Water. We are learning about homophones and homographs, as well as author's purpose (PIE, Persuade, Inform, and entertain). In third grade, our vocabulary strategy is using context clues and our comprehension skill is compare and contrast. We just completed our third book project, Dioramas, and really enjoyed the presentations. For our April presentation, our next project will be really exciting! Details will be sent home today. Please be sure your child is reading nightly to prepare for this. They will be due May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

In Social Studies, we started the American Revolution unit. We have been having wonderful conversations about Patriots and Loyalists and how far our country has come.

### Reminders:

- \*Be sure to send return the slip for Parent/Teacher Conferences scheduled on Friday, April 14<sup>th</sup>.
- \*Reading nightly for a minimum of 20 minutes. Not all Reading Logs have been coming in on Fridays.
- \* Study math facts nightly, automaticity in 6's was today! Our Multiplication Challenge is going great.

## Schedule Change

In the original school calendar, as printed on the magnets, April 5<sup>th</sup> was scheduled to be no school for students. However, the school board revised the calendar in October switching the day off to April 14<sup>th</sup> for conferences. Therefore, there **WILL** be school on April 5<sup>th</sup> and **NO SCHOOL** on April 14<sup>th</sup>. Please make sure your calendars reflect this change. Thank you!



## Kindergarten Connection

The Newfound Area School District will hold its annual Kindergarten Connection for all children who will be entering kindergarten in September 2017 at DES on Thursday, May 11 for those residing in Danbury. If you have a child who will be five years old on or before September 30, 2017 please contact the DES office to sign up for Kindergarten Connection. Please help us spread the word in the community!

## Lunch Menu April 3-7, 2017

### Monday

Chicken Nuggets  
Bread Sticks  
Garden Salad  
Fresh Fruit

### Tuesday

Meatball Sub  
Broccoli  
Garden Salad  
Fresh Fruit

### Wednesday

Tacos  
Refried Beans  
Garden Salad  
Fresh Fruit

### Thursday

Chicken Burger  
Peas  
Garden Salad  
Fresh Fruit

### Friday

Pizza  
Celery Sticks  
Garden Salad  
Fresh Fruit

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

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