

February 2, 2018

Full day Wednesdays will continue through March 21st.

Thank you to ALL who came out to play bingo last Friday evening. What a fun night!! A special thank you to those who helped organize such a successful family event!

As you know after this school year PRS will be relocated to the former OH building. We will still be PRS, the only difference will be our address and building. The students, staff and families will remain a community. Below please find transition activities and their dates to help make this move easier for everyone.

We are hosting our second Annual Multicultural Night on Tuesday, March 27th! See the flyer attached for more information about this fun event!

As I mentioned earlier this year at a PTO meeting and at the Room Parent meeting, we do have a Valentine's Celebration in classes each year. I strongly encourage keeping the celebration very simple with the exchange of valentines as well as a snack. The reason I recommend a simple celebration is because our parking can be very limited when there is snow and/or mud on the ground covering the front field where our overflow parking is. In addition, to follow our district's wellness policy I do ask that Valentines do not have candy attached to them. A popular alternative is a Valentine's theme pencil. Thanks for your help!

Grade 3-5 Parents, please join Mrs. Rataczak our Math Coach on February 6th for information on how you can support your child in the area of math. Attached is the flyer she is sending home.

From the Child Care program at South Windsor high school...the hours of the program are Tuesday/Wednesday from 11am-12pm and Thursday/Friday from 11am-1pm. The fees are \$90 tuition, a \$20 non-refundable registration fee, and a \$30 late fee that is returned to the parent(s) if their child is picked up on time. Interested parents can contact Ann Wolff at awolff@swindsor.k12.ct.us. Email is preferred but you can also call (860) 474-1814. Thank you, SW Business Committee Ann Wolff awolff@swindsor.k12.ct.us

From the PRS Health Office...as you have all been hearing on the news the flu is widespread throughout the country. So far I have no confirmed cases of flu diagnosis at PRS. I have been seeing an increase in vomiting and fever in my office over the last few days. My goal is to keep everyone healthy. We would like to reduce the amount of illness and spreading of illnesses and especially the flu. We appreciate you keeping your child home if he/she has flu like symptoms to reduce the spread of germs/illness. The best prevention is the flu shot and also washing your hands constantly! I have pulled some articles for a quick review. Please look them over. Remember to follow the guidelines in order to keep everyone healthy!

PLEASE keep your child(ren) home with fever, body aches, sore throat and respiratory symptoms. They are not allowed to come back to school until they are fever free for 24 hours with NO fever reducing meds given for 24 hours as well. I have comprised several articles from the CDC. Please look over them for your questions and concerns. Please feel free to call at any time with questions and concerns

Many of you know that each year we use the spring parent survey results to select a focus for the upcoming year. Last year we have 90% positive feedback on the survey question: **"teacher/staff share student's strengths with parents."** While 90% positive response isn't bad at all, it was actually the lowest rating we received. As a result, we set our goal at increasing from 90% to 94% on this spring's survey as it relates to sharing student's strengths with parents. My hope is that you have been receiving positive communications about your child(ren) this year and if you have not, please don't hesitate to reach out to staff.

Beginning on February 1, we are collecting toiletries for Syrian refugees. If you would like to donate anything like soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, or shampoo, you can drop those off in the lobby during the month of February. The items we collect will help refugees in the greater Hartford area. Thank you.

Here are the Tiger Time dates/times for the 2017-2018 school year. Monday, February 26th at 2:30, Monday, March 19th at 9:00, Tuesday, April 24th at 2:30, Monday, May 21st at 9:00 and Friday, June 8th at 2:30.

Each year I like to include the South Windsor Public Schools Bullying language which is adopted by the Board of Education. We have worked hard to change the climate in the building to one of kindness and acceptance. It is true that children can be unkind and mean toward each other at times, typically it is rarely an act of bullying. That said we take reports to unkind behavior very seriously, do a thorough investigation and put action steps in place to make sure that those behaviors do not continue.

For purposes of this policy, "Bullying" means the repeated use by one or more students of a written, oral or electronic communication, such as cyber bullying, directed at or referring to another student attending school in the same school district, or a physical act or gesture by one or more students repeatedly directed at another student attending school in the same school district, that:

- 1) causes physical or emotional harm to such student or damage to such student's property;
- 2) places such student in reasonable fear of harm to himself or herself, or of damage to his or her property;
- 3) creates a hostile environment at school for such student;

4) Infringes on the rights of such student at school; or

5) Substantially disrupts the education process or the orderly operation of a school.

Bullying shall include, but not be limited to, a written, verbal or electronic communication or physical act or gesture based on any differentiating characteristics, such as race, color, religion, ancestry, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, socioeconomic status, academic status, physical appearance, or mental, physical, developmental or sensory disability, or by association with an individual or group who has or is perceived to have one or more of such characteristics.

For purposes of this policy, "Cyberbullying" means any act of bullying through the use of the Internet, interactive and digital technologies, cellular mobile telephone or other mobile electronic devices or any electronic communications.

For purposes of this policy, "Teen Dating Violence" means any act of physical, emotional or sexual abuse, including stalking, harassing and threatening, that occurs between two students who are currently in or who have recently been in a dating relationship.

Upcoming Dates...

February 6th Math Mornings for gr. 3-5

February 15th through February 19th Winter Recess/No School

Fondly, Michelle