

February 9, 2018

Full day Wednesdays will continue through March 21st.

Please check out the link to the January PTO meeting. [http://prs.southwindsorschools.org/UserFiles/Servers/Server\\_242320/File/PRS%20PTO/PTO%20Meeting%20Notes%2001\\_09\\_2018.pdf](http://prs.southwindsorschools.org/UserFiles/Servers/Server_242320/File/PRS%20PTO/PTO%20Meeting%20Notes%2001_09_2018.pdf)

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 looking forward to the upcoming PRS Annual Movie Night on February 23. Attached is more information.

Please keep fidget spinners at home. Surprisingly they can be quite a distraction here at school and on the bus.

The 5th graders will participate in the Invention Convention Saturday, February 10th 9:00 a.m. Timothy Edwards Middle School.

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!

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.

The Student Leadership Team is 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 15th through February 19th Winter Recess/No School

Fondly, Michelle