

# PRS-Family News

March 8th, 2024

## Lost and Found

Our lost and found situation is pretty intense. We have clothes in a box, clothes on a table, clothes on a hanging rack...

During the upcoming Parent/Teacher conferences please visit our lost and found areas and claim any items that may belong to your child(ren). We will be donating any unclaimed clothes on April 3rd.



## Grade 5 News

1. Our upcoming 5th grade concert will begin at 6:00 p.m. (this is a change to the program). See the link below for more information.

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1l8evLzRMI\\_29o0F3P0wqC9YWQKLqgR/edit?usp=sharing&oid=110836657515323275564&rtpof=true&sd=true](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1l8evLzRMI_29o0F3P0wqC9YWQKLqgR/edit?usp=sharing&oid=110836657515323275564&rtpof=true&sd=true)

2. Greetings 5th grade families! The transition to middle school at Timothy Edwards is an exciting time. The school and staff will be working all spring and summer to welcome your child. One part of our planning is to recommend a math class for every student for 6th grade. During the spring conference with your child's 5th grade teacher, math placement for 6th grade will be one of the things you discuss together. To help provide information in advance of this meeting, we have gathered several resources about the placement process and the 6-12 math program. To access this information, please follow the link to [Math Placement Information](#).

3. Please see the information below regarding the TE transition.

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### **Materials**

- [Slides from Grade 6 Welcome](#)
- [TEMS March Newsletter](#)

## **Student Leadership News**

The Student Leadership Team is sponsoring a Bus Driver Thank You collection from now through March 22. Please consider donating any small items you think your child's bus driver would appreciate as a Thank You!

We have a **date change** for **Hat Day** due to a packed schedule on March 22. **The new date is Friday, March 15.** Please consider a donation of \$1 or more. The money we collect will go to Heavenly Hats. They provide hats to kids who have lost their hair due to cancer treatments. Thanks for your support.

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1vOcZ5LvY5BOail6puiklmb\\_rLdEVXQ-WWBOI2hQXR4U/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1vOcZ5LvY5BOail6puiklmb_rLdEVXQ-WWBOI2hQXR4U/edit?usp=sharing)

## **District Attendance Policy**

Please see the district's attendance policy. This is found directly in the Elementary Schools Handbook.

Parents are responsible for reporting an absence; however, per Board policy and state guidelines, the school determines whether the absence is Excused.

- Level One - Absences 1 - 9. Absences 1 – 9 are considered Excused for any reason reported and approved by the parent.
- Level Two - Absences 10+. For the 10th absence and all absences thereafter, absences will be considered Excused only for one of the reasons listed below, subject to the school's receipt of the written documentation indicated:

Level Two Absences 10+ may be "Excused" only for the following reasons:

- Documentation required Student illness (verified by an appropriately licensed medical professional) Note from doctor
- Religious holidays None required
- Mandated court appearance Court document
- Funeral or death in the family, or other emergency beyond the control of the student's family Document explaining nature of emergency
- Lack of transportation that is normally provided by a district other than the one the student attends None required
- Extraordinary educational opportunities pre-approved by the principal and in accordance with CSDE guidelines Approval from principal
- Mental Health Wellness Days Parent/Guardian communication

In order for a Level Two absence to be Excused, the appropriate written documentation must be submitted to the school within 10 days of a student's return to school. E-Collect reporting of level two absences does not satisfy the written documentation requirement.

## **Kindergarten Registration Link**

SWPS Kindergarten registration is open. The link to register is below.

[https://www.southwindsorschools.org/district\\_information/registration](https://www.southwindsorschools.org/district_information/registration)

### Other Information

**District K Visits:** <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1JYJvnJdAlOhsa8NrYbTXFrI7BwflYdXN/view?usp=sharing>

### K Information Summary:

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/1pmMZzNBDbJGaBJb8mSIFMqcWctvHSu3\\_/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1pmMZzNBDbJGaBJb8mSIFMqcWctvHSu3_/view?usp=sharing)

**K Family Info:** [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1cnMG\\_dyZc\\_GWpl-iPwVlyXi9e9VNkly2/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1cnMG_dyZc_GWpl-iPwVlyXi9e9VNkly2/view?usp=sharing)

## Universal Stories

We wanted to remind everyone now that the holidays are upon us that we still have the "Universal Stories" link available for students and staff to access. Take a look, it would be great for families to submit your story for our community to enjoy.

Here's the link...<https://sites.google.com/apps.southwindsorschools.org/prs-universal-stories/home>

## Dates to Keep In Mind

3/13 Parent/Teacher Conferences Begin

3/19 PTO Meeting

3/22 Sarah Weeks Author Visit <https://sarahweeks.com/>

Sarah Weeks Book Order Form [https://docs.google.com/document/d/1zOZCWhSfr126G5F6INWo\\_-AltH9LGDrPSJC9X3KscTo/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1zOZCWhSfr126G5F6INWo_-AltH9LGDrPSJC9X3KscTo/edit?usp=sharing)

3/18 Grade 5 Concert 6:00 p.m. (snow date 3/21) See link for more information  
[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1l8evLzRMI\\_29o0F3P0wqC9YWQKLqgR/edit](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1l8evLzRMI_29o0F3P0wqC9YWQKLqgR/edit)

4/2 Election Day-No School for Students/PD Day for Teachers

4/18 Tentative Date for our Annual PRS Cultural Celebration

4/26 PRS Night at Yard Goats

SBAC Testing Window: April 29-May 10

SBAC Makeup Window: May 13-17

NGSS: May 16

## New Covid Guidelines

As you may have read the CDC has issued updated guidance surrounding Covid-19. This new guidance moves away from the 5-day isolation period, and uses a symptom-based approach much like other respiratory illnesses such as flu and RSV. See below information from the CDC website on wording for staff and families on what to do if you test positive.

### Per CDC as of 3/1/24:

As the 2023-2024 fall and winter virus season ends, it's clear that the situation surrounding COVID-19 has changed. It is still an important health threat, but it is no longer the emergency that it once was, and its health impacts increasingly resemble those of other respiratory viral illnesses, including flu and RSV.

### Updated CDC Guidance as of 3/1/24:



**If you get sick:** Stay home until you are fever free for 24 hours without fever reducing medications **AND** your symptoms are improved.

When you return to work/school, it is recommended that you take extra precautions in the following 5 days to help prevent spreading the illness to others. Increased hand washing and mask wearing are examples of recommended extra preventative measures.

## POP Role Models

The Preschool Outreach Program (POP) is currently accepting applications for the 2024-2025 school year (attached is the application and the POP flyer). Please submit your application at your earliest convenience as the role model screenings are occurring. More details regarding a date and times for screenings will be sent to you from the POP staff once they receive your application.

[POP Role Model Application](#)

[POP Role Model Flyer 24-25](#)

## Links

**Family Directory** [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1VoK-tQHxlajAilfHB\\_uNoFhpmGID82N/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1VoK-tQHxlajAilfHB_uNoFhpmGID82N/view?usp=sharing)

**Open House Information Slides**

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/18-Ilz6JRKqHNfH86MVPXkACt8nVB92nT/view?usp=sharing>

**Nurse's Blog**

[https://docs.google.com/document/d/1QoYcCkcavl8PIOhe7qdj66idT1cmvLoV9IW4z\\_DQjl8/edit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/document/d/1QoYcCkcavl8PIOhe7qdj66idT1cmvLoV9IW4z_DQjl8/edit?usp=sharing)

**Volunteer Registration:** This is the newly revised Volunteer Registration form-In order to volunteer you must complete this form. If you have already completed it in the past and have been approved to volunteer, you do not need to complete it again. [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeYY-42ZxOAK16oe0\\_MME6uberDFv5P\\_ubEefFX2knqcUmQQ/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeYY-42ZxOAK16oe0_MME6uberDFv5P_ubEefFX2knqcUmQQ/viewform)

**Peaceful Parenting**

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