

P'ville Newsletter



Dear Pawtucketville Families,

Learning takes energy! As you all know, the modern world throws many distractions at our kids and our goal as educators is to keep their focus on academics. One way to support your child and the school is set your kids up with a good night sleep on a regular basis. Spring brings the MCAS test to the 3rd and 4th graders. The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) recommends the following sleep hours for elementary school age kids:

- Children 3 to 5 years of age should sleep 10 to 13 hours per 24 hours (including naps) on a regular basis to promote optimal health.
- Children 6 to 12 years of age should sleep 9 to 12 hours per 24 hours on a regular basis to promote optimal health.
- Teenagers 13 to 18 years of age should sleep 8 to 10 hours per 24 hours on a regular basis to promote optimal health.

Research clearly supports that adequate sleep improves attention, emotional regulation, mental and physical health. The AAP also suggests that screen time stop at least 30 minutes before bedtime and to keep all video temptations out of kids' rooms.

We are seeing a rise in tired kids at Pawtucketville. In addition, we know that many of our kids are having a tough time "turning off" their brains for bed. Our social workers are available to assist parents with finding helpful resources or talk to your child's pediatrician if you are struggling with bedtime.

Please help your students learn and socialize by supporting them with a great night sleep!

Sincerely,

Dr. Mathew McLean
Principal

Important Dates

1st ~ PTO Meeting 4:00

8th ~ 4th Grade MCAS

9th ~ 3rd Grade MCAS

10th ~ 4th Grade MCAS

11th ~ 3rd Grade MCAS

15th-19th ~ No School
(Spring Break)

22nd ~ School Re-Opens

26th ~ All School Assembly



Kindergarten

It's hard to believe that it is already April! We are extremely eager to begin our new unit of "Animals Two by Two." Hopefully you will start to hear your child talk about all of the various animals that we are going to observe throughout the next couple of weeks!

In ELA, we are working on blends, continuing to build CVC words, and will introduce digraphs. Please remember that your child needs to return his or her book bag everyday in order to receive new books. Your support at home is greatly appreciated!!

April is National Poetry month. Our kindergarteners are going to learn about many different types of poems and will begin to create their own during writing time.

For math we are working on the second half of Module 4 focusing on subtraction within 10.

Thank you for participating in the robot home family project. They came out great!

~Kindergarten Team



First Grade

Happy Spring!

We are excited about the weather getting nicer, the days getting longer, and all of the spring projects, activities, and learning that is heading our way in First Grade!

In reading, we have been discussing book series, and the elements that go into them. We will be learning about different authors, their crafts, and learning how to compare and contrast books.

In math, we are continuing with place value, and will strengthen our skills in order to solve addition and subtraction with larger numbers through 120.

We are super excited for a new writing unit. We will be exploring Realistic Fiction. Students will be creating their own book series based on a character they make up. We are excited to see their imaginations come to life through their writing!

~First Grade Team

CONTENT LITERACY

The school year is nearly over! In Content Literacy we have been busy learning about new social studies and science topics. 4th Graders have been identifying USA regions and the 50 states and capitals. We had a States and Capital bee earlier in March and completed a test. In 3rd Grade, students learned about biomes and spent a lot of time doing a research project on a specific biome. They presented their work to their peers. By the end of March to early April they will have brainstormed and created a new animal species in class. 2nd graders have been learning about the 6 types of simple machines and reviewing their schema of force and motion. We have done engineering challenges to explore this topic. 1st graders have spent the month of March learning about penguins. They made their own penguins and even designed a shelter for penguins. Kindergarteners have worked diligently on differentiating between "wants" and "needs." They will also continue this topic into April with learning about money and being able to identify USA currency.

If you have any questions, contact me via email at: fchahine@lowell.k12.ma.us

~Ms. Chahine



Second Grade

Eureka Math- We are midway through Module 5, Addition and Subtraction Within 1,000 With Word Problems to 100. We continue to build precision with the addition and subtraction of 2 and 3 digit numbers. We will then move back to Module 2, Addition and Subtraction of Length Units, which focuses on Metric Measuring. Activities are designed to deepen an understanding of measurement and to relate it to addition and subtraction. The students will work with metric units. This is designed to support place value concepts such as one hundred centimeters is 1 “hundred”. Story problems will involve comparing lengths such as “How much longer...?” and “How much shorter...?”

Science- Our insects have arrived. The students are mega excited to be working with live creatures! We welcomed the mealworms last week. The students are assigned to the care of 2 mealworms. We get to observe the complete life cycle from larva to pupa to the adults who lays eggs, and the cycle starts again! It is amazing to be able to watch it all happen. The students also practice responsibility and respect for life through their involvement with the insects. Milkweed bug eggs arrived on March 27. Silkworms and painted lady butterflies are scheduled to arrive over the next few weeks.

Literacy- Our new Literacy Unit is called, “Once Upon a Time: Adapting Fairy Tales & Writing Stories”. The big idea is that students learn about writing stories through the study of Fairy Tales. Fairy Tales are generally short with a clear beginning and an end, which supplies a sense of closure. They follow a sequence of events. They use transitional phrase to help glue the scenes together. The characters are brought to life. The setting is developed, and plays an important part in the stories. The way Fairy Tales create the world of a story is a powerful model for our students to use when they write their own stories. We will read a variety of Fairy and Folk Tales. We will also compare and contrast several “Cinderella” stories.

The students have been writing collections of Poetry. Grade 2 has been chosen to have several students from each class read their original poems at the April “All School Assembly”.

As always, we thank you so much for your support each day!

~Second Grade Team

Third Grade

The MCAS exam will begin the week before April break. The dates for the ELA exam are April 9th and 11th. Please make sure your child is well rested and has a healthy breakfast so they will be prepared to do their best. We will be speaking with the students, our hope is that they will not feel any stress regarding the MCAS. Please offer words of encouragement and support. The children have been working hard all year. We are proud of them.

With the weather changing, please send in a sweatshirt with your child. The temperatures fluctuate during the day in the classrooms.

Also, please remember to send your child in with a snack. They are HUNGRY mid morning and ready for a snack!

Wishing you all a happy spring break!

~Third Grade Team

SCHOOL BANKING

Pawtucketville Memorial Elementary School has a partnership with Jeanne D’Arc Bank.

JDCU comes every other Tuesday and makes deposits at the school. The children get a deposit slip at the time of the deposit. In April, the banking days are the 9th and the 23rd.

Any questions with the banking program please email: kmarandola@lowell.k12.ma.us

Thank you,

Kathy Marandola
Bank Liaison



Fourth Grade

This month, our students will have the opportunity to show all that they have learned in Reading and Writing this year as we take our first MCAS test in grade 4. Our ELA MCAS will take place on Monday April 8th and Wednesday April 10th. Please make sure that your child has had a good night's sleep by going to bed early the night before the test. It is also very important that all children are at school ON TIME on testing days. Breakfast will be served to students in the cafeteria after they arrive at school.

We have been working hard on Math Module 5 on Fractions, and will soon begin learning about Geometry and Decimals as well. In Reader's Workshop and Writing, we have been working on reading poetry, MCAS passages, answering multiple-choice questions, and responding to open response questions. This will continue to be our focus to prepare for MCAS.

We have had a successful first round of MCAS Academy for ELA. We will be having Math MCAS Academy starting later this month. If your child receives an invitation to Math MCAS Academy and you would like your child to attend, please be sure to return the permission slip to your child's teacher. The dates of the Academy are April 23, 25, 30 and May 2 from 8:00-9:00 A.M. We hope to see your child there.

As of now, our last day of school will be Friday June 14 where there will be clap out for 4th graders. Our Fourth Grade Farewell/ Graduation is set for Thursday June 13th, and our Canobie Lake field trip will take place on Tuesday June 11th, with a rain date of Wednesday June 12. We will be sure to let you know of other important dates as soon as we know them.

~Fourth Grade Team

Art Room

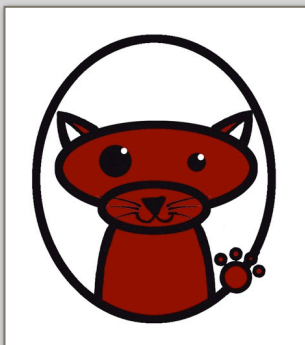
"The worst enemy to creativity is self-doubt." ~Sylvia Plath

We are working with clay and fibers in art right now. Students will practice weaving and stitching with yarn. Building with clay and then firing the clay in a kiln is called ceramics. All students will have an opportunity to build and take home a ceramic piece. Square One Art is at the factory and packages should be coming home in May!

~Ms. Amlashi



PARENT LIAISON



Our end of year events have been scheduled! If you are interested in volunteering for any of these events you MUST have an approved CORI on file. If you have not completed a CORI form and would like to volunteer/chaperone, then please contact me at ecote@lowell.k12.ma.us or 978-937-7667 ext. 11005. CORI forms MUST be completed before May 17th in order to volunteer for end of year events!

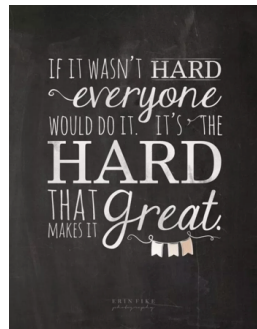
Field Day is Friday, June 7th and the rain date is scheduled for Monday, June 10th. All volunteers MUST have a CORI on file.

Thank you very much for the overwhelming response of donation items for the school raffle baskets. If you attended the Pasta Supper you saw all the great baskets. Thank you for your support in the endeavor and congratulations to all the families that won the baskets at the Pasta Supper.

~Mrs. Cote

Social Worker's Corner

Our students have been busy during the month of March learning and talking all about Perseverance. Our students have been making goals for themselves and working hard all month to fulfill those goals.



Throughout the month of April we will be talking all about Acceptance in our morning meetings. We are currently, kicking off this month's theme of how our students can show acceptance in school in our community meetings. We will continue to teach our students that there are many differences among us, but we should accept these differences and be kind.

~Mrs. Mangion

Acceptance; Is imagining it is you.

Think before you speak. Is this kind?

Don't use mean or nasty word to describe a person.

Would these actions or words make me feel upset or sad?

Can I be helpful here?

What would make me feel good inside?

How would I feel if someone stared or pointed at me?

Talking quietly about someone's difference doesn't mean they can't hear you.

We are all unique in our own way.



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FREE CITYWIDE FAMILY RESOURCE FAIR

HOSTED by Lowell Public Schools Parent Liaisons

DATE: WEDNESDAY, MAY 1, 2019
TIME: 6:00-7:30 P.M.
LOCATION: STEM ACADEMY/ROGERS SCHOOL GYMNASIUM
43 HIGHLAND STREET

CREATE MEANINGFUL AND MEMORABLE MOMENTS THIS SUMMER FOR YOUR CHILD & YOUR FAMILY

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