# Home School Connection

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# **Principal News**

As usual, the last month has flown by. It is hard to believe we passed the half way point of the school year. With the second half of the year under way, we want to thank everyone for your continued support of our special school, students and staff as we collectively strive to provide optimal learning opportunities.

We hope you will join us on Thursday, March 1<sup>st</sup> for a fun Family Literacy Night. The Dr. Seuss themed evening will begin with a Reader's Theater performance, followed by a variety of specific book related activities around the school, a photo booth opportunity, and a read aloud. The Cat in the Hat was invited! We believe one of the most important things we can do for our children is to foster a love of reading. Let's experience the magic and power of reading together.



### Have You Heard That...

- we have welcomed 7 new students since December?
- the last day of school is now Thursday, June 21<sup>st</sup>?
- next school year we will add a third full day kindergarten class?
- the lost and found bin is filled with clothes and Tupperware?
- we received a check from Terracycle for \$100.00 for the latest Upcycle collection?
- The Fletcher Library is having a book sale this Saturday (10:00-5:00PM) and Sunday (2:00-4:00PM)?



# **Upcoming Events**

February 7 Early Release -12:20PM for Professional Development

February 9 Rescheduled Community Meeting

February 13 100<sup>th</sup> Day of School

February 15 First Grade Star Lab Enrichment Presentation

February 16 Field Day Meeting – 8:00AM

February 19 – 23 Vacation Week

February 26 Star Reader Program Begins

February 27 Advisory Council Meeting – 4:30PM

Please be aware that an events calendar is posted on the Nabnasset School website (opening page on the right hand side).



# **PTO Update**

- We have changed our name to the Nabnasset Parent Teacher Organization (from Parent Teacher Council). Our new email address is <a href="mailto:nabschoolpto@gmail.com">nabschoolpto@gmail.com</a>.
- Kindergarten Math & Science Night is on Monday, March 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:15PM. Thank you to Mrs. Andresen for facilitating the evening. Please let us know if you can help set up or clean up.
- We purchased a double brick (\$125.00) to support the Day School playground. The message on the brick will read: In a world where you can be anything, be kind. Love your friends at the Nabnasset School.
- We teamed up with the Abbot PTO to offer Red Sox and Lowell Spinners baseball tickets. The flier went home on Monday. The Red Sox tickets are for the May 14<sup>th</sup> game against the Oakland A's. The tickets are \$17.00. The Spinners vs. the Staten Island Yankees game is on Wednesday, June 20<sup>th</sup>. The tickets are \$6.00.
- A Box Top check (\$763.20) was received for the last submission period (March 2017- October 2017).
- We received a check from Square 1 Art in the amount of \$1,425.96.
- The Shoebox Recycling initiative continues. Thank you to Mrs. Nevits for monitoring the shoe collection, boxing up the shoes, and notifying UPS.



### Communication

Please be sure that you are staying connected, informed, and part of your child's learning experience. Check out updates and pictures on Facebook (Nabnasset Elementary School) and Twitter (@NabSchool). In addition, please subscribe to the group email by going to <a href="www.westfordk12.us/subscriber">www.westfordk12.us/subscriber</a>. The weekly emails and periodic messages provide up to date information on news around the school and the district. Cancellations and urgent messages are often communicated through email. The Nabnasset website (ns.westfordk12.us) also provides information.



# **Superintendent Open House Gathering**

Mr. Olsen invites you to join his monthly gatherings. This is a time to get together and share information with no set agenda. The schedule includes both morning and evening opportunities. Please note the Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup> date changed:

Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup> at 8:30AM in the Millennium's Conference Room B Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00PM (same as above)



# **Spread the Word**

Kindergarten and First Grade registration (for those currently enrolled in a private kindergarten) for the 2017-2018 school year will be on Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup> from 6:00-8:00PM and Tuesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> from 9:00-noon. Registration will take place in all three schools. Parents must register at the district school with the following information:

- Birth certificate
- Proof of residency (3 pieces of current documentation as outlined on the district website)
- Proof of medical examination, immunization records, and a lead test

The WPS policy states, "A child who is 5, on or before September 1<sup>st</sup>, is eligible to enter kindergarten." "A child who is 6, on or before September 1t, is eligible to enter first grade. Please plan to spend 30 minutes completing paperwork, and meeting with different staff members to review paperwork.



### **Absentee Line**

It is important for us to know when your child is going to be absent from school. Please call the absentee line at 978-392-9618 to report absences and late arrivals. Mrs. Webster checks the absentee line at 9:30AM and 1:00PM. Please don't rely on sharing the information with your child's teacher via email, as the teacher may be absent or unable to check their email in time.