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Principal News

We know the rewards of reading are immense. The Star Reader program was created years ago to help motivate students to read. We are excited to see the coupons turned in each day. Please be sure your child's name is legible and on the correct grade level coupon: kindergarten – blue, pre-first – pink, first grade – reeen, second grade – yellow. The Friday afternoon drawings begin tomorrow and continue through Friday, March 23rd. Coupons are randomly pulled from the grade level canisters. Then, the names are announced, and those students choose a book from the large display on the conference room table.

We hope you will join us this evening for a fun Family Literacy Night. The Dr. Seuss themed event will begin at 6:30 PM with a Reader's Theater performance in the cafeteria, followed by a variety of specific book related activity stations around the school, and a photo booth opportunity. The evening will culminate with read alouds by staff members. Keep your eye out for the Cat in the Hat!

When entering the building, once you are buzzed in, please do not hold the door for anyone behind you. The office staff must be aware of everyone entering the building by buzzing them in.



The Field Day dates have been changed to Tuesday, June 12th and Wednesday, June 13th (rain date). Please save the dates if you want to volunteer. Volunteers must have an approved CORI on file with the district. Look for the Google link sign up on our website in April. The link will be available April 2nd – 13th.



Believe it or not, the second trimester ends next Friday, March 9th. Please be sure your calendars are marked for parent/teacher conferences on Thursday, March 22nd and Friday, March 23rd. March 22nd is a no school day for conferences between 2:00-8:00PM. The following day there will be a two hour delay. This trimester, the conferences coincide with the report cards. Report cards will be available on the Parent Portal on Wednesday, March 21st after 4:00PM. In preparation for your conference, we ask that you review your child's report card before arriving. Now that the report cards are online, we no longer have copies available unless requested ahead of time.

The online scheduling sign up link for parent/teacher conferences will be posted on our website and will be available from Monday, March 12th at 3:30PM to Monday, March 19th at 3:30PM. If you would like a student support teacher, a related service provider, a guidance counselor, the ELL teacher, or the literacy specialists to attend your conference, please notify your child's teacher before signing up for a conference. Teachers need to coordinate the larger group meetings, and will set the conference time for you. If you do not have access to a computer, contact your child's teacher to schedule a conference. If your child's teacher does not hear from you, and your name is not on their schedule by March 19th, she will assume you chose not to participate in a conference.



Have You Heard That...

- Mrs. MacKinnon, Mrs. Reynolds, and Ms. Keele (guidance intern) are piloting lessons on mindfulness in several classes?
- the Museum of Science traveling program visited before vacation? They set up two portable planetariums in the gym. First grade classes continued their study of the sky in the amazing star labs.
- more club opportunities are coming up between March, April and May? Please look for sign up forms for the Yearbook Club, Fun with Literacy Club (grade 2), Fitness Club (k, pre-1, grade 1), Nature, Animals and the Environment (grade 2) and Book Clubs (by grade level). Can you help us increase the choices? Please let me know if you are interested in facilitating a club (possibly gardening, yoga, science...).
- last year we raised nearly \$1,000 for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society? This year the Pennies for Patients collection will be March 12th-April 9th. Thank you for supporting another compassion project, as we continue to teach our students to help those in need, to give without the need to gain anything in return and to choose kindness.

PTO Budget

Thank you for supporting the PTO fundraisers (Race for Education, Square 1 Art, School Apparel and the Scholastic Book Fairs). The money collected funds the following enrichment presentations:

Kindergarten – Rhythm Kids -----	\$925.00
Force and Motion (Acton Discovery Museum) -----	\$1,000.00
Pre-first and First Grade – Wingmasters -----	\$550.00
Star Lab (Museum of Science) -----	\$865.00
Second Grade – Engineering Bridges (Museum of Science)-----	\$1,130.00
This Shining Earth: Tales from Mexico -----	\$650.00
Whole School – Bubbleology -----	\$925.00



Upcoming Events

March 1	Dr. Seuss Themed Family Literacy Night 6:30 - 7:30PM
March 2	Community Meeting First Star Reader Drawing
March 5	Kindergarten Registration 6:00 - 8:00PM
March 6	Kindergarten Registration 9:00 – noon
March 8	PTO Meeting – 3:30PM
March 9	End of Second Trimester Second Star Reader Drawing
March 12	Kindergarten Math and Science Night 6:15 – 7:15PM
March 14	Scholastic Book Fair Begins
March 15	Early Release 12:20PM for Professional Development Second Grade Math Night – 6:30 – 7:30PM
March 16	Third Star Reader Drawing
March 22	No School, Conferences 2:00 – 8:00PM
March 23	Two Hour Delay, Conferences Fourth and Final Star Reader Drawing
March 27	Full Day Kindergarten Lottery – 9:45AM Advisory Council Meeting – 4:30PM
March 30	Early Release 12:20PM

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



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 www.westfordk12.us/subscriber. 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.



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.***

