



Waterman Newsletter

JANUARY 2018

Notes from the Principal

- Happy New Year everyone! Congratulations to the PBIS Students of the month! Thank you very much to Mrs. Kristie Cipalone her effort and hard work in preparing the award certificates and photographs each month for students of the month!
- Thank you to Miss Perra and the PTW for organizing the excellent motivational speaker Chris Poulos. Mr. Poulos did an excellent job sharing great advice with the children about being a respectful person all while doing exciting bicycle tricks! We all loved it; especially the children!
- Thank you to the entire Waterman school community, faculty, staff, parents, and students for your great generosity in support of another Waterman family whose home was damaged by fire!
- I know it is quite early, but mark your calendars, Waterman Family Dance is Friday, May 18 and Field Day is Friday, June 15. Currently, the last day of school is Wednesday, June 20 because we have three days to make up.
- It is mid-winter, so we can certainly expect more inclement weather. You can always check for cancellations at www.ribroadcasters.com.

Support Staff

- Spring photos will be on Thursday, March 22nd, in the library.

Kindergarten

- Cheers for our students of the month! rm. 5 - Noelle rm. 1 - Anieze
- The mid-year math assessment was administered this month.
- We will soon be celebrating the 100th day of school with fun, challenging activities.
- Literacy mid-year assessments will soon be administered.
- Continue to read at home with your child, practicing letter sounds and sight words.
- We will go outside for recess as much as possible. Please ensure your child has outdoor weather gear.

Grade One

- Congratulations to our Students of the Month: Olivia from Room 2 and Aurora from Room 3.
- In Reading we are currently working on Unit 3 titled “Changes Over Time”, in the Wonders Reading Series. We will finish Unit 3 before February vacation. At that time students will be taking the Wonders Mid Year Assessment.
- In Math we have begun Module 3 titled “Ordering and Comparing Length Measurements as Numbers”. Students will be learning about measurement.

- During Teddy Bear Week we will have a lot of fun activities while the students learn about bears. Stay tuned for more information!
- We have started experimenting with light waves in Science!

Grade Two

- Congratulations to our Students of the Month: Amber in room 4 and Oliver in room 12.
- In Spelling the students are learning long vowel combinations.
- We are working in unit 3, Live and Learn. We are reading a variety of Narrative Non-Fiction stories and we are focusing on author's purpose.
- In writing, we are learning the steps to help create and develop an opinion writing piece.
- In Math, we are working in Module 4 and our focus is adding and subtracting with regrouping.
- In Social Studies, we are learning about landforms and using maps.
- In Science we are focusing on changes in the land we live on. In addition, how weather affects the land we live on.

Grade Three

- Students of the month are Joel in room 10 and Alayna in room 11.
- In Eureka math we are finishing our module in multiplication and will be starting a new module which focuses on area.
- We are ending our study of Jamestown in social studies, and will be moving onto environmental changes and effects in science.
- All students need to continue to learn the multiplication facts 0-10.

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- In Wonders we are on unit 3, one of a kind. We will continue to read new stories and practice the skills.

Grade Four

- Student of the Month is Gwendolyn in Room 7! Great work!
- Wonders Reading Program Unit 3: That's the Spirit! - friendship, community, world
- Grammar focus is on verbs.
- Science: Animal Unit of how animals adapt to their environments
- Social Studies: Southeast Region
- Eureka new module covering topics of Geometry: Angle Measures, and Plane Figures

Grade Five

- Congratulations to students of the month, Isabella in Room B-2 and Lacie in Room 8.
- In math, fifth grade is beginning to multiply using fractions.
- For social studies, we are continuing our study of colonization in the Americas.

- Fifth graders are studying living things in science.
- We are finishing Unit 2 in Wonders Reading which focused on putting plans into action.

Guidance

In December, during bi-weekly Guidance lessons, each grade focused on being mindful when completing school work or other tasks. Mindfulness is something that both kids and adults can greatly benefit from. Personally, I find December to be the month where mindfulness is most needed and yet the hardest month to use it! Along with mindfulness comes self-awareness. In January we are focusing on being self-aware. In Guidance lessons, we are working on setting realistic New Year's Resolutions. Being self-aware of our strengths and weaknesses can help us set goals that are realistic to achieve. Often when we set goals, we take the "reach for the stars" approach. While I always encourage students to always work up to their potential, often when they have an unrealistic view of what their potential is, they set goals that are impossible to achieve and can walk away from it feeling completely deflated. We are working on starting small, and building skills so that larger goals can be more possible to achieve in the future. I encourage you to talk about your own self-awareness with your children and help them set goals for home and outside of school.

PTW

- The next PTW meeting will be Monday February 12, 2018. Meetings start at 6:30.
- We have started the Schoolstore.com fundraiser. This is an ongoing fundraiser. Parents can shop online at numerous stores and the school will receive a percentage. The more people you tell, the more money we earn...so spread the word!
- The Family Dance will be held on Friday May 18th at the Shriner's Imperial Room in Cranston.

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- The Spring Raffle will be held in June. We will have a silent auction as well as a ticket raffle. If you know of any businesses that would like to donate items, please contact the PTW.