



# Waterman Newsletter

MARCH 2018

## Notes from the Principal

- Spring is here! It just has not exactly sprung yet:~)!
- The community workshop for Cranston Schools of the Future for Waterman families is Tuesday, March 27 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm at the Cranston West library.
- Park View Middle School is hosting a meeting for parents/guardians for incoming 6th graders for the 2018/2019 school year this Wednesday, March 28 at 6:30pm.
- Thank you for your support in dropping off your child at the glass door entrance to the school. Doors open at 8:10 and class begins at 8:25. Please be here and be punctual because good attendance supports a solid education.
- Surveyworks! Survey is open until March 30. Please take the survey at [surveys.panoramaed.com/ride](https://surveys.panoramaed.com/ride) and enter the code 07110family
- I am very excited about Math Night this Thursday evening! Thank you to the families who have signed up! This should be a fun evening! This event is at full capacity.
- Thanks for your support of Penny Wars!

## Support Staff

This month, during Guidance lessons, we are continuing to learn how to control our strong feelings.

If your child has a doctor appointment. Please send in a doctor's note with your child when they come back to school. It will be an excused absence/tardy.

## Kindergarten

- Congratulations to our students of the month - Blake in Rm. 1 and Jhanmarcos in Rm. 5.
- Kindergarten has been working on opinion writing and is in the process of completing the district writing assessment.
- We are wrapping up our Wonders unit on animals and will be moving on to Unit 8 next week.
- Students are working on word building and sight words. Please keep practicing at home!
- In our math module 4 we have started number bonds which will include addition and subtraction.

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## Grade One

Congratulations to our students of the month: Lyric in Room and in Gabriella in

Room 3

In Wonders Reading we are working on Unit 4: Animals Everywhere. Some concepts covered in this unit are: animals in the wild, animal features, and how animals work together as a team. We will complete Unit 4 the week of March 30th and begin Unit 5: Figure It Out. In Unit 5, students will be learning about our senses and connecting them with the world around us.

In Social Studies we are finishing our unit about Maps and will be working on a unit about Patriotic Symbols.

In Math we are still working on Eureka Module 4 titled Place Value, Comparison, Addition and Subtraction to 40. Please continue to review addition and subtraction facts to 20 for faster recall.

In Science, we are also learning about Animal Characteristics. Specifically, we are learning about how they meet their needs to survive. The students are using research strategies to help them learn.

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## Grade Two

- Congratulations to our hardworking students of the month: Eanna in room 4 and Molly in room 12.
- In Reading, we are on unit 4. We are focusing on the theme Our Life, Our World. We've been enjoying reading some expository texts on earthquakes, volcanoes, rainforests, and Alaska.
- In writing, we have been very focused on writing opinion essays. We are working to write our opinion statement and backing it up with at least 3 good reasons with examples. Our newest prompt: Would you rather visit the Rainforest or the African Savanna?
- In math, we are concentrating on adding and subtracting 2 and 3 digit numbers. We are learning many different strategies like: the arrow method, making number bonds, using place value charts, and the vertical way.
- In social studies, we finished our study on maps and map keys and landforms.
- In science, we are learning about Changes to the Earth and its landforms. This unit has been tying in nicely to our reading unit. We did a fun skittles experiment to learn about weathering and erosion.

## Grade Three

- Congratulations to our Third Grade Students of the Month: Isabella in room 10 and Oziel in room 11. Keep putting your best effort forward!

- We are beginning our fifth module in Eureka Math. We are excited to explore the topic of Fractions as Numbers on a Number Line! Keep practicing those multiplication facts each night.
- Third graders are reading *Mr. Popper's Penguins*. Please ask your student about Mr. Popper and his penguins' crazy antics!

## Grade Four

- Congratulations to Lorenzo in Room 7 and Darius in B1! They are our 4th Grade Students of the Month!
- We are beginning our fraction unit in Eureka! Keep practicing those multiplication facts.
- Science's next topic will be under Earth Science: Changes Over Time to The Earth's Surface (Rock Patterns & Plate Tectonics)
- Continue to look for the weekly overview of our Wonders Reading Program

## Grade Five

- Congratulations to the students of the month: Eduardo in Room B-2 and Zachary in Room 8!
- Grade 5 students are studying living things in science.
- We are in Unit 3 of the *Wonders* reading program looking at "What Kinds of Experiences lead to New Discoveries?"
- Students are multiplying and dividing fractions by whole numbers in math.
- For social studies, fifth graders are exploring early colonial life in North America.
- Reminder: Send baby pictures for yearbook to [jlzisserson@cpsed.net](mailto:jlzisserson@cpsed.net)

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## PTW

- **Penny Wars** - March 12th-March 29th. Bring in your pennies for your classroom buckets and then add silver coins/bills to other classrooms on Thursdays to cancel out their coins! The classroom with the highest total will win a prize.
- **Candy BINGO** - Friday April 6th - notices will be going home soon!
- **Family Dance** - Friday May 18th at the Shriner's Imperial Room. If anyone is able to volunteer for this event please contact Ms. Perra.
- Thank you to all who signed up for Karate...we met the capacity with 50 students signing up!
- We hope to have another after school activity after April vacation.
- Join us at our next PTW meeting on Monday March 12th to see what's happening and how you can help out at Waterman!