



Waterman Newsletter

MARCH 2017

Notes from the Principal

- Congratulations to all of the students of the month winners! You are doing a great job giving your best effort every day.
- Thank you for your response to taking the SurveyWorks Parent Survey for parents of students in grades 3 to 5. Our survey window runs until March 31. If you are a parent of a student in grades 3 to 5 and would like to take the survey, please go to the website surveys.panoramaed.com/ride and enter the code for our school, which is 07110family.
- For the safety of the children, please drop off your child next to the right hand side curbstone of Mapleton Avenue in the morning. Please do not go around other cars who are on the right hand side of the road waiting to drop off their child. Please remember, it is unsafe to drop off your child from the middle of Mapleton Avenue.
- Happy Saint Patrick's Day!

Support Staff

- **Donna Durigan, School Nurse - “Should juice consumption be limited?”**

The answer is yes! Surprisingly, although juice has some nutrients, it contains a lot of sugar. A 12 ounce glass of apple juice can contain 10 teaspoons of sugar, the same amount in a can of soda, and we have all heard how we should not be drinking soda! Encourage children to eat fruit rather than drink juice, they will obtain fiber and more nutrients from fruit. Try to limit juice to a glass a day. Varieties that say they are 100 percent juice are the best option. Stay away from those labeled “fruit drink” or “fruit cocktail”. Orange or grapefruit juice are also a good choice because they have more natural Vitamin C and less sugar. Your children’s teeth will thank you, too!

- **Kate Flinn - School Guidance Counselor**

During Guidance time in the first and second quarters, your children learned about bullying and bullying prevention. We discussed the difference between “tattling” and “reporting.” Although we covered all necessary bullying curriculum, the topic will still be discussed throughout the year as it is an issue that children face all the time.

We recently began a unit on Emotional Management. We are learning how to recognize strong feelings within ourselves, and how to cope and calm these feelings. We have been practicing how to “belly breathe” with a website called GoNoodle.com. You can also download a GoNoodle app for your ipad or phone. You can create a free account on the site and practice at home with your children. Once you enter the website, do a search for “deep breathing.” This will take you to an activity called “Air Time” where your child can teach you how to belly breathe. Another deep breathing activity we have learned is called the “Rainbow Breath.” This can also be found on the GoNoodle.com website or in the GoNoodle app. As part of our Emotional Management unit, we will also be learning about “mindfulness” and how it pertains to the classroom and home environments.

Kindergarten

- Students of the month room 5: Jackson / room 1: Julianna
- Students have begun Module 4 of Eureka Math: Number Pairs, Addition and Subtraction to 10.
- Children have been reading about and comparing different types of weather throughout the 4 seasons.
- They are in the process of completing a writing assessment pertaining to weather.
- Second trimester report cards will be distributed Friday, March 24.
- Continue reading with your child daily. Remember to have your child take advantage of logging on to IXL at home.

Grade One

- Students of the month is for Room 2 is Rami and Room 3 is Aidan.
- In Science we will be getting a visit from students from Brown University's Engineering/ Science program. These students will be working in centers with the students to explore engineering topics.
- In Math grade 1 students will be completing Module 3 and beginning Module 4 during the month of March.
- In Social Studies we will be beginning a mini unit on Economics: which will include needs, wants, goods, services, consumers, and producers.
- In Science, the students have learned how humans mimic animals and plants to survive. They even created a solution to a real world problem.

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- Reading Log Project: Students in grade 1 will be tracking their reading nightly. Every student will be reading at least 15 minutes a night and writing the title of each book on their Log slip. The more we read the better reader we become!

Grade Two

- Student of the month in Room 12 is Brayden and in Room 4 is Alayna.
- Both classes are on Unit 4 of Reading Street. The theme is Changes Over Time.
- Both classes are working on Module 4 in Eureka Math. We are learning various strategies for adding numbers.
- Room 4 is finishing up the science unit on Matter and Room 12 is finishing the unit on Earth's Changes including weather changes.
- Continue working on IXL and Math Facts in a Flash at home.

Grade Three

- The student of the month in room 10 is Alexandra, and in room 11 is Ezra.
- Room 10 is working on Inheritance and Variation Traits in science.
- Room 11 in working on Communities and Geography in social studies.
- Both classes are on Unit 4, One of a Kind, in Reading Street.
- Room 10 is going to begin a whole class reading of I Survived the Destruction of Pompeii, AD 79, on our NOOKS.
- Both rooms are on Module 3, A Story of Units, in Eureka Math.

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- The students should be learning all of the multiplication facts to help them with math work. Please continue to practice nightly.

Grade Four

- Student of the month in Room 7 is Ta'Layla, and B-1 is Darrell! Congrats!
- Room 7 is working with technology skills implemented in Social Studies.
- We will wrap-up Unit 4 and the Benchmark assessment will be prior to the April Vacation week.
- We are enjoying our new fraction exploration unit in Eureka.
- Our field trip to the Planetarium is scheduled for March 20th!

Grade Five

- Both classrooms have completed the Reading Street unit 4 : Adapting.
- The students are working on writing a persuasive essay on Service Animals.
- In Science, both classes are finishing the Geology Unit: talking about the rock cycle and the layers of the earth.
- Grade 5 continues to explore early American History.
- The students are learning how to adding and subtract fractions.
- The student of the month from B-2 Tyler and Giannah from room 8.