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March 4, 2022 Newsletter

IMPORTANT DATES



- 3/11 2nd Marking Period ends
- ~~3/15 Good News Gathering featuring former Norfolk teacher, Mrs. Cooper - **POSTPONED**~~
- 3/14 - 3/18 Spirit Week
- 3/18 Progress Reports go home
- 3/18 Roaring Brook Nature Center - here for Early Primary, Primary & Intermediate
- 3/23 Early Dismissal @ 1:15 for afternoon Parent Teacher Conferences
- 3/24 Early Dismissal @ 1:15 for evening Parent Teacher Conferences
- 3/31 Cultural Event - Art of Inspiration
- 3/31 Little Mermaid Jr. Production - 10:00AM & 7:00PM

PRE-KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION FOR 2022/2023 SCHOOL YEAR

We are compiling a list of children who will be of pre-kindergarten age in September of 2022. Any Norfolk child born in 2018 or on January 1, 2019 is eligible for enrollment in our pre-kindergarten program.

It is important for you to contact the school, so that we can plan for the coming school year and share with you important information about registration & orientation. **Please help us get the word out by telling your friends and neighbors who have a child that is eligible to attend pre-kindergarten this fall.** Please contact the school at (860) 542-5286 - ext. 200 or email mplasko.norfolk@snet.net to register your child.

NEWS FROM NORFOLK LIBRARY

On March 16th at 3:50 pm come enjoy **BADGER MEETS THE FAIRIES**, a puppet show by Margaret Moody. This is a gentle tale based on European fairy lore just in time for St Patrick's Day. Fairy puppets and sets were built by visual artist Sandra Pastrana and Margaret Moody. Alison Plante of Berklee School of Music composed original music for the piece, based on Celtic melodies. Please let the school know if you need to take the bus to the Library.

On March 30th at 3:50pm come see **ANIMAL MENAGERIE** from Sharon Audubon, Sharon CT. Can you guess who will visit? Don't forget your note if you want to take the bus to the Library.

COVID UPDATES


Positive cases in school as of today: 0

People quarantining: 0

Please use the health screening tool daily to determine if your child should come to school.


Covid Protocols

Daily Screening For Parents



Every morning before you send your child to school, please check for the following:

- ⚠️ Does your child have a temperature of **100.4 degrees** or greater?
- ⚠️ Does your child have any other symptoms of COVID 19? *See the below list.*



- ⚠️ Was your unvaccinated child in close contact* with anyone confirmed with COVID-19 within the last 2 weeks?

✖ If the answer is **YES** to **ANY** of these questions, **DO NOT** send your child to school. Instead, **begin quarantine** of your child and contact your healthcare provider. Strongly consider COVID-19 testing.

🛑 If **ANYONE** in your home has been tested for COVID-19 (**excluding routine testing**) or is symptomatic, **DO NOT** send your unvaccinated child to school until the results have been obtained.

- ⚠️ If your unvaccinated child has traveled, CDC Travel Guidelines advise that individuals who have traveled should quarantine for 7 days with a test on day 5.

COVID-19 Parents Screening Tool - **Subject to Change Based on New Data/Guidelines** - REVISED August 16, 2021

Thank you for all you do to keep our school community safe and healthy. It can be difficult to understand the health protocols. Here's a quick list of steps to follow if your child is presenting with any symptoms consistent with Covid.

1. Keep your child home and report the absence to the school nurse.
2. Call your child's doctor and follow their recommendations.
3. Your child can return to school with a negative Covid test and improved symptoms.

OR

4. Your child can return to school with an alternate diagnosis and note from the doctor and no or improved symptoms.
5. Call or email the school nurse to inform us of the return to school plan.

If your child is a close contact of a positive individual or anyone in the household is awaiting test results, please keep your child home and contact the school nurse. If your child is fully vaccinated and we have a record of that, you can inform us of the positive case and send your child to school.

MAKE UP WORK

If your child is home sick or awaiting test results, teachers can send home missed work so your child doesn't fall behind. Please allow 24 hours for our teachers to prepare the assignments, directions and materials. We want the work to be meaningful and doable for your child.

REMOTE LEARNING

Remote learning is only available to students who have a positive case of Covid or are a close contact due to an out of school exposure. Again, please allow 24 hours for our teachers to prepare the assignments, directions, and materials. Google Meets will be set up if the student has adult support available at home during live instruction. Otherwise, work will be available through SeeSaw or Google Classroom with a virtual conference with the teacher. Due to changes in the quarantine recommendations, we can provide virtual instruction if a student will be 3 days or more. If your child will be out for one or two days, teachers can provide students with assignments and will meet with your child upon their return to reteach as needed.

PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

On Monday, Student Council delivered donations collected during our health and hygiene and food drives to the Church of Christ Food Pantry. Our school community collected over 300 hygiene products and over 200 non-perishable food items. Student Council met after school to stock the shelves and saw the impact our drives will have on our community. Thank you for your generosity and supporting those in need.

Later in the week, Student Council met to plan the March project. They brainstormed and voted on ideas for the upcoming Spirit Week. We'll have our traditional Rainbow Day, where students wear colored shirts and we meet in the gym to take our annual Rainbow Picture. There are new ideas too like dress up as your parents or guardians and comfy day. Student Council will be making fliers to alert students and families about how to participate in Spirit Week. Also in March, we are going to spread kindness to the elderly in our community by writing kind notes to the residents of Meadowbrook. Notes will be written on colorful paper in flower shapes to usher in spring - which is hopefully right around the corner!

This project also connects to the One Book, One School selection titled, *The Oldest Student* by Rita Lorraine Hubbard. In this book, Mary Walker, a former slave, has a life long goal of learning to read. She accomplishes this when she's over 100 years old! It's a real-life story that shows them the importance of perseverance to achieve our goals. This book combines our diversity topics of Black History Month, celebrated in February and Women's History Month, celebrated in March. We are very excited to read this book to our students.