



Birch Grove Primary School



May 2017

Mr. Swanson says.....

Hello Families,

This is a busy time of the year at Birch Grove and it is hard to believe that we have only 30 days left of school.

TEPTO's Spring Fling will be Saturday – May 20, 2017 at Tolland Intermediate School 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM. At the event they have new games & crafts planned, as well as a dunk tank where Mr. Dineen and I are planning to get soaked. The TEPTO classroom raffle baskets are always outstanding and are a great opportunity for families to take a chance on the raffle.

This month we will begin our BAS assessments for the third time this year to identify your child's current reading level. This information is helpful for teachers to monitor progress and evaluate how well your child is performing in their reading. Over the summer you will find this level helpful when you visit the library to take out books and reinforce the reading skills.

More than 208 students entered the Reading Hall of Fame this year. Thank you to everyone for supporting your students reading at home.

We are encouraging parents to register for kindergarten if they have not done so yet. Please share this information with any families whom might have a child of kindergarten age.

Thank you for returning the placement letters. Your comments are valuable and we will use this information as we build classes for next year.

We are looking forward to our Guest author Jerry Pallotta visiting with us on May 23. Thank you to the PTO for sponsoring the Guest Author.

Mileage club has started and the children are excited to get back outside and run again. Children can earn a new style Toe Token. Thank you to all the volunteers who make this happen!

The reading department and math intervention have started the third session of reading and math support.

Reminders—

May 3,4— Second Grade music concert

May 11 – School Spirit Day- Red, White, and Blue Day

May 20- Spring Fling— 10:00am—2:00pm at TIS

May 29—No school

June 1—Field Day

Continue to visit the website <http://www.bgp.tolland.k12.ct.us/> If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to call Mr. Swanson(x30903) or Mrs. Daly- Byrnes (x30906).

Grade Level News!

Each grade is working on the following...

Preschool

- Working on communication unit, experimenting unit, and the meadow unit.
- Working on the following concepts; signing, drawing, telephone, magnifying glass. Wickham park Field trip

Kindergarten

- Theme—The Farm
- Working on segmenting, blending sounds, sight words life cycles and plantings
- Math—2 dimensional and 3 dimensional shapes
- Writing—opinion writing

Grade 1

- Social Studies—North America / Mexico
- Science—Plant Life Cycle
- Language Arts—Phonics skills vowel pairs oi, oy, au, aw and endings, sequencing, compare and contrast, story structure, guided comprehension
- Math - fluency, geometry, fractions and finishing up shapes
- Writing— Fiction and Realistic Fiction

Grade 2

- Language Arts—predict, infer, generalizations, making judgements, homophones, verbs, contractions, evaluate, summarize
- Math— shapes, lines, graphs, multiplication using 3 and 4
- Science —Insects
- Writing—narrative, post ODA, giving readers rest stops, captivating introductions and conclusions

Health Center Update

You may wish to apply sunscreen to your child before coming to school. Sunscreen may not be applied in school without a doctor's order. Encourage your child to drink extra fluids throughout the day as the weather gets warmer. Send in a water bottle with their snack/lunch.

As you know, we live in a tick-prevalent area. Ticks thrive in wooded areas, tall grasses, and thick brush. Ticks can transmit disease. Most common in our region is Lyme Disease, caused by the Deer tick. Here are some ways to protect yourself: 1. wear long sleeved shirts, pants 2. wear light colored clothes so a tick is more visible. 3. use insect repellent 4. stay on trails and away from brush 5. perform frequent "tick checks" 6. bathe as soon as possible after being outdoors

Theme of the month is ~~~ Perverserance ~~~

