



Birch Grove Primary School



February 2018

Mr. Swanson says.....

Hello Families,

On February 2 the groundhog Chuckles did not see his shadow and predicted that we will have an early spring.

Children are gearing up for the 100th day of school. Today will be the 93 day and the 100th day could be February 14 weather permitting. This is an exciting time for the children to reinforce number counting and practice various number problems and ways to make 100.

Next month we will begin registering children for kindergarten. On March 8 at 7:00pm we will hold a parents meeting to review the process for Kindergarten registration. The registration week is March 12—16. A free t-shirt will be given to all the children who register during this week. Please share this information with any families whom might have a child of kindergarten age.

The Reading Hall of Fame is underway. Please encourage your student to participate. We are looking to celebrate reading at BGP.

In the event of a school closing please continue to access the district's website, <http://www.bgp.tolland.k12.ct.us/> Additional sites include: www.nbc30.com, www.wfsb.com, www.wtic.com, www.965tic.com, www.wdrefm.com, www.wdrc.com

Mr. Keithan is beginning the Healthy Hearts program this week. Students will be participating in activities and stations to learn all about their hearts. Mr. Gym will be making a guest appearance at the (**GO RED**) school wide assembly on Thursday, February 8th. Parents or Guardians can choose to help their child set up an American Heart Association personal fundraising page. Donations will help the American Heart Association raise money for research and education that saves lives. Ask family and friends if they would like to donate. Donations will also help earn certificates for PE equipment at Birch Grove so we can keep our students moving!

We are still planning to have outside recess on full days of school when the weather is 20 degrees or higher. Children can play in the snow (when it comes) if they have all the proper snow gear.

Reminder: Parent drop off is between 8:30 and 8:50 in the back of the school. Please encourage your child to show you how independent they have become in walking to their class on their own. At the end of the day please continue to send in a note if you plan on picking up your child. Continue to drive carefully and park in the designated parking spot. Please keep the fire lane open. We encourage children to hold hands with the adults in the back when walking.

Valentines day is around the corner. Please remember that we have a food free policy and we ask that children do not bring in any candy with the cards. You are welcome to send in an alternative to food with the cards. Alternatives may include; pencils, stickers, erasers, etc.

Reminder— February 16— Early Dismissal—12:45
February 19—No School

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. Guglietta (x30904).

Grade Level News!

Each grade is working on the following...

Preschool

- Good health, Shapes, community helpers, transportation and Valentine's Day.
- working on the following concepts; round, line, corner and in back of.

Kindergarten

- Theme—Let's Count
- Season of Winter
- Math—Numbers, 100 day, math stories

Grade 1

- Science— Force –Motion Unit–
- Language Arts—Long Vowel sounds, noting details, ee, ea, formulating questions, making predictions
- Math - greater than, fewer than, place value add/subtract, fluency, 2 digit increment of 10d basic facts

Grade 2

- Language Arts—finish Around Town Unit 3- Comparing and contrasting stories about neighborhoods. Skills will focus on sequencing, reader text connections, comprehension and supporting details.
- Math— facts practice 0-19 Addition/subtraction, 3 addend, comparing number stories,

Health Center Update

*February is **American Heart Month!**

Here are some tips to raising heart healthy kids: Get a minimum of 30 minutes of "heart pumping" exercise every day (try exercising as a family!) Eat a variety of healthy foods, and try to eat at least 5 servings of fruits and vegetables daily Limit TV/Video Game time Avoid foods high in saturated and trans fats Avoid sugary drinks (i.e.: soda and fruit drinks made with sugar) When giving gifts, try fitness-oriented ideas such as sports balls, a tennis racket, jump rope, roller skates, etc.

February is also **National Children's Dental Health Month**. Give Kids A Smile® is a program sponsored by the ADA. The goal of the program is to enhance the oral health of children in need. Connecticut dentists are participating in the program, as well, doing their part to assist children in maintaining a healthy smile. Many Connecticut dental teams participate in the program not just on this day, but provide free dental services to children of low-income families throughout the year. ****IMPORTANT REMINDER****:

Please be sure that all phone numbers and other contact information is up to date!!

Theme of the month is ~~~ Being Helpful ~~~