



Birch Grove Primary School



June 2018

Mr. Swanson says.....

Hello Families,

It is hard to believe that we are near the end of a school year filled with learning and growth for all our students. Summer is around the corner.

Thank you for completing the End of the Year Parent Survey.

It was great to see all of you at the Spring Fling. The children appeared to have a wonderful time playing the games.

Children are finishing up the BAS assessments and benchmark assessments. 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 their reading skills. Encourage your child to write in a journal and write about all the many exciting events that happen to them over the summer.

Thank you to all the volunteers who assisted the children at Field Day. It was a great, day filled with a variety of fun, team-building activities.

Class assignment letters will be sent to you in August. We have begun the many meetings to balance the class lists with regard to gender, work habits, behavior, reading, and math. We do our best to send each child with a familiar face to the next class. Research shows that the teacher is key to learning and we strive to match your child with a teacher that we think will be right for him/her. Because of the amount of time and thought that goes into placement and with the constraints of class size, it will not be possible to move children from one class to another this fall. It is a monumental task to place 600 students and we appreciate your cooperation.

Many Thanks to TEPTO for the kindergarten presentation, the second grade Charlotte's Web Presentation, and the Gr.1 presentation and kindergarten science center presentations. The children enjoyed each of the presentations.

All volunteers are invited to join our Volunteer Appreciation breakfast on June 15 at 9:00-10:00. Many thanks for all that you do to support the BGP students.

Many thanks to our wonderful TEPTO team for organizing a special day filled with many treats as part of Teacher Appreciation Week. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped contribute to the Teacher Appreciation luncheon.

June 15—Volunteer Reception 9:00-10:00

June 22—last day of school half day—12:45 dismissal

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(x103) or Mrs. Guglietta (x106). Keep reading!! Have a great summer!

Grade Level News!

Each grade is working on the following...

Preschool

- Working on season of summer, Nursery Rhymes, and the meadow unit.
- Review all concepts, letters of alphabet, and activities related to summer.

Kindergarten

- Theme—"A World of Animals"
- Math—addition, subtraction, number sense
- Writing—narrative writing

Grade 1

- Science—Plant Life Cycles
- Language Arts—Phonics skills long oi, oy, aw, au, suffixes ful, ly, y and r controlled vowels ar,er, ir, ur, or ore, cause/effect, compare and contrast adventures and experiences of characters
- Math - year end review, addition /subtraction with 2 digit numbers, money, fact fluency,

Grade 2

- Language Arts—Family Time theme with compare/contrast stories and chapter book genre. The last them is Talent show with Tommie de Paola study
- Math— addition and subtraction number stories; re-grouping (trade first) subtraction: introduction to multiplication and division
- Science —Insects (visit w/Ms. Tyl)

Health Center Update

The sunshine is here and getting stronger each day as summer quickly approaches! Please help to protect your child by applying sunscreen and/or insect repellent before school. These cannot be applied at school without a doctor's order. We also recommend a hat or sunglasses and having a water bottle to keep hydrated!

Be sure your child wears safe shoes such as sneakers or shoes with straps around the heel. Flip Flops are unsafe and are strongly discouraged.

If your child has medication at the Nurse's Office, please be sure to pick it up by the last day of school. Medication that is not picked up by the parent will be destroyed per State Regulations.

Have a safe and healthy summer!!

Theme of the month is ~~~ Being an Eaglet ~~~

