



# Birch Grove Primary School



March 2018

## Mr. Swanson says.....

Hello Families,

Here's to a great month of learning and Kindness. We are hoping Spring is right around the corner and sunny warm days are ahead.

The students celebrated Read Across America Day and Dr. Seuss's Birthday on March 2! The café served green eggs and ham and the students enjoyed having special readers in the building.

A rescheduled March conference date is March 9. We are looking forward to seeing everyone. The Report card Portal Opens on March 22nd at 4 pm.

Preschool applications are due March 10. There are available screening dates on March 16.

Kindergarten registration begins this month. On March 8 at 7:00pm we will hold a parents meeting to review the process for Kindergarten registration. Inclement weather date is March 12 at 7:00pm. The registration week is March 13. Please share this information with any families whom might have a child of kindergarten age.

The TEPTO book fair is this month. It will be in the media center and open everyday for the week of March 1-9. This year, TEPTO wants to ensure as many children as possible receive books and have access to books. One of the ways we can do that is through the All for Books program. With your help, all of the money collected will go to purchasing more books for the Birch Grove Library and Reading Department. Be sure to visit the Book Fair online at <http://bookfairs.scholastic.com/homepage/birchgroveprimary> if you can't attend the book fair in person.

Be sure to stop in and purchase a book after the Kindergarten Registration Night. Late night hours for the book fair will be March 8 until 8:30pm, provided after school activities are not cancelled due to weather.

Our Reading Hall of Fame is off to a great start. We encourage all students to demonstrate their reading abilities, read a wide variety of literature, and help us promote the joy of reading! Students are encouraged to complete the Reading Hall of Fame and join the Reading Hall of Fame Wall in the hallway. Students will be recognized over morning announcements and receive a new book in May. <http://www.bgp.tolland.k12.ct.us/> for more info.

Thank you to TEPTO for the tasty treats last month. We are thankful of all the support.

The reading department and math intervention will start the third session of reading and math support.

Reminder— March 8—Principal Breakfast 9:15am-10:15am. This is a great way to share and discuss a variety of topics relevant to your child's education at Birch Grove.

March 21—Silly Sock Day and World Down Syndrome Day

March 23—Early release day—12:45pm

March 30-No School Contractual Holiday

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. Suzanne Guglietta (x30904).

## Grade Level News!

Each grade is working on the following...

### Preschool

- Community helpers, Bears, feelings, emotions and Zoo animals.
- working on the following concepts; same, different, next to and around, letters, last names and counting.

### Kindergarten

- Developing sight word vocabulary
- Weather and Seasons
- Math—2-dimensional and 3-dimensional shapes
- Writing—narrative stories with 3 parts

### Grade 1

- Social Studies—Geography Unit– Maps/Globes
- Language Arts—comprehension skills problem solving, sequence of events, fantasy and Vowel pairs and long I
- Math - Place Value, money-quarters, and basic facts

### Grade 2

- Language Arts—vowel teams, cause and effect, comprehension, drawing conclusions, cause/effect, text organization, summarizing, evaluate and questioning, R controlled vowels
- Math— 3 or more addends/addition, subtraction strategies, coins
- Social Studies—Japan unit
- Writing—adding details and elaboration

## Health Center Update

- Please remember that sick children need to be fever, vomiting, and diarrhea free for 24 hours, without the use of medication, before returning to school. Please refer to your Student Handbook for more information.
- Remember to call the Nurse to report your child's absence and to report communicable diseases.
- Please be sure that your children are appropriately dressed for recess. The weather can be quite unpredictable and the children will go outside everyday when the temperature is above 20°.
- Please do not forget to return borrowed clothing after laundering to the Nurse as soon as possible.
- The Nurse's office appreciates donations of gently used girls and boys clothing (size 5-8) and boots. Thank you!

Theme of the month is ~~~ Kindness ~~~



