

News From The Nest



Principal Update

Happy Spring Parents/Guardians,

I hope everyone is doing well and is healthy and safe. The end of this unique school year is in sight and I am excited that we have some normalcy back in our building.

I am happy to announce that we will be having field trips once again between now and the end of the year. We have booked an all school field trip back to see the Worcester Bravehearts in June. I am also thrilled that we will be having our spring concert in person as we did Pre-Covid. More information will be sent home in the coming weeks.

The last two years have been difficult ones for staff, students, and families. Let's hope that the worst is finally behind us and we can be totally back doing the activities and events that make East Brookfield Elementary School so special.

I hope you all have a great Spring Break!

Best Regards,

Ron Tomlin



CUBS' CORNER

WELCOMES SPRING...and all the joys and wonders of learning that it brings! We see it in the smiles and expressions of our youngest learners (and their teachers!) when they are successful in something new! Our online registration for preschool has been very successful! We are grateful to the many families of current enrollees planning to return next year and any new families looking to join us!

We are excited to announce we will be holding an in-person OPEN HOUSE INFORMATION NIGHT for parents and families interested in our preschool program on Wednesday, April 27 from 6-7 pm! At that time, you will be able to tour the school, explore the preschool classrooms, meet our teachers and staff and learn more about the preschool program and its benefits to early learning opportunities!

Please feel free to call with any questions as we look forward to meeting you soon in person at Open House and also in the end-of-year school events and celebrations that will highlight all the growth our students have made. Their joy and excitement in learning is the best gift spring can bring!

Sincerely,

Linda Stanelun



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Counselor's Nook:



Happy April!

April is National Arab Heritage month and National Poetry Month! This month 1.8 million people celebrate Ramadan, which is the holy month of fasting, connecting with others, building empathy and performing acts of charity. (<https://www.npr.org/sections/pictureshow/2022/04/02/1090441601/ramadan-2022-pictures>). We also celebrate Patriot's Day, Good Friday, Easter, World Health Day and Earth Day!



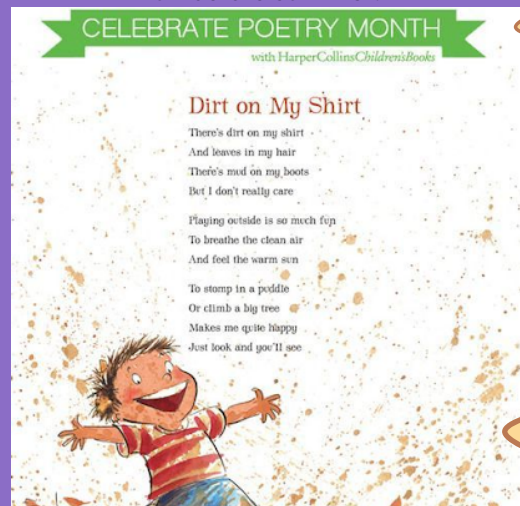
This month I am bringing back positive affirmations while teaching about healthy boundaries. Boundaries are about saying no in healthy and productive ways. Boundaries are the limits we set with other people. It informs them what we will accept from them physically, emotionally and socially by how we react to what they do, what they say and how they act around us. It is hard for young people to be in a situation where they know they don't agree, but they might not know what to say or do to communicate their discomfort appropriately. We will together learn 'back pocket phrases'. It can be super helpful for kids to pre-plan what they might say if they are in a certain situation.



LEVEL UP!



Get outside! One of the best ways to boost our mood and help us re-charge is to do things outside in nature! This is the longest any of us have physically been in school for the last three years. Everyone needs April break. Use Earth day as your inspiration and encourage your children to help you garden, take care of the animals or go on a walk or hike. Put the devices down and use all of your senses to enjoy the world around you. Take in that sunshine and let's get ready for the last two months of school fun before summer!



Second Trimester Honors & High Honors Students



High Honors Grade 4th

Aleena Patchen
Casey Richard
Ryder Bayer



Honors

Addison Bibinski
Wes Obrzut
Victoria Mulrain
Sofia Mozeak
Brayden Roldan
Sophia Starr
Kenzie Berard
Shelby Parsons
Brooklynn O'Brien



Grade 5 High Honors

Jackson Roode



Grade 5 Honors

Macie Cournoyer
Jonathan Dehner
Liam Jenkinson
Tyler Josti
Madelyn McDonald
Lucas Mateucci
Anna Messier
Owen Pattee
Avianna Roberts

Grade 6 Honor Roll

Kayley English
Mason Russo
Logan Spahn
Talon St. George
Parker Starr
Roman Whitcomb



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Notes from the Nurse



Hello East Brookfield Elementary! Spring has sprung and that means allergies are on the rise. Runny noses, coughs, and sore throats are just some of the symptoms being assessed in the nurse's office. It is important to remember that these are also the symptoms of Covid-19.

The current guidelines from the Department of Education and Secondary Education (DESE) states that sick children should not be in school. I encourage you to home test your child for Covid-19 if he/she should develop these symptoms or call your child's doctor. If your child tests negative for Covid-19 and symptoms persist for 3-5 days they should be re-tested. If children present to school with the symptoms listed above parents will be called.



Covid-19 Vaccination

If your child has been vaccinated for Covid-19, please send a copy of the documentation to the school nurse for recording purposes.



Excused Absences

There may be some confusion regarding excused absences. An absence is excused when a medical doctor writes a note excusing the child for the absence. If a child has Covid-19, or is a close contact for Covid-19, their absence is also excused. If the school nurse dismisses any child for illness the child's dismissal, as well as absence for the following day, will be excused. These scenarios should be discussed with the school nurse.

Absences:

Parents are expected to call and report ANY absence to the school at 508-885-8536 before 9:00 AM on the absence day. If you report the absence to a teacher, it is still your responsibility to notify the office. This is for safety purposes, we need to make certain children are safe. If your child is out for consecutive days, you need to call each day to report the absence (unless previous arrangements have been made). Thank you for your help with this matter and your continued support with keeping the children safe.

April Events:

- April 13 Picture Day
- April 14 Half Day PD
- April 15-22 No School Recess
- April 25 & 26 Book Fair
- April 27 Family Night (Book Fair)
- April 27 Preschool Open House 6:00-7:00 p.m.



Happy Spring

