



Mackrille School

January Newsletter 2023



Principal's Message:

I hope all families had a wonderful holiday and a Happy New Year. Before the holiday vacation, students engaged in a variety of holiday activities and a sing along which the students enjoyed. The Fourth Grade students also performed an amazing Choral Concert. The Mackrille staff would like to thank all the families that donated to holiday gifts and PJ Day for the Children's hospital.

As we start the New Year, please make sure students are getting a good night's sleep, eating healthy and attending school on time every day. It is also important that they are practicing washing their hands at home and in school. Washing hands is one of the most effective ways to prevent the spread of germs.

With the weather changing, please make sure to review the districts delayed and early dismissal schedules. If there is a delay, it will automatically be a two hour delay. The school day will begin at 10:55 and there will be no AM Preschool. If there is an early dismissal due to weather concerns, students will be dismissing from school at 1:20 and there will be no PM Preschool.

Please make sure you are checking your email and phone messages daily. This is how the school and district will be contacting you with important information. If you change your email or phone number, please make sure to contact the office immediately so we can update your information in our system.

Some families still need to submit proofs of residency and update or create a parent portal. If you have not created an account for your child, please make sure to do this as soon as possible. If you have another child within our district, we can link all students onto one account. If you are having difficulties, please call the office and we can assist you with this process. Proving residency needs to be done in September every year.

Please remember that students will continue to go outside for recess. Make sure your child comes to school with a winter coat, hat and gloves.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please make an appointment, call or email me at Taryn.Driend@whschools.org.

Taryn S. Driend
Principal

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Calendar

**January 10-PTA Meeting
7:30 Zoom**

**January 11-Half Day of
School**

**January 16-No School
Martin Luther King Day**

**January 20-Spirit Day \$1.00
Dress to Impress**



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West Haven Animal Shelter
Collection January 2-28, 2023

Supplies:

Dog Food-Pedigree Wet & Dry

Cat Food-Fancy Feast Wet Pate "No Fish"

Cat Litter

Rugged Dog Toys (No Stuffed Animals)

Paper Towels

Bleach

Dish Detergent

Old Towels and washcloths

Food Bowls



Second Step Lessons

The social worker, Ms. Paolino and I have been going into your child's classroom twice in a ten-day cycle to provide social/emotional learning lessons through The Second Step curriculum that we are so fortunate to have. The Second Step Program is a classroom based social skills program for students that is designed to increase student's ability to understand their feelings and feelings of others, how to show kindness, how to get along with others, how to feel confident to try new things, pay attention in class, and how to handle situations in a healthy way. Also here at school we also follow Mackrille's Big 3- BE RESPONSIBLE, BE RESPECTFUL, and BE SAFE. We instill this by talking about, role-playing, as well as applying these important characteristics and actions in the classroom. We will continue these lessons throughout the year. Please help us encourage your children to apply these valuable skills beyond the classroom and in other settings so your child will continue to find success across many settings.

Faye Marzinotto, School Psychologist

