

## “Week 4 Wrap Up”



### **Important Dates:**

September 26- NO SCHOOL – Rosh Hashanah

October 3- PTA Meeting 7:00PM

October 5- NO SCHOOL – Yom Kippur

October 10- NO SCHOOL Columbus Day

October 19- Half Day Dismissal

October 26- NO SCHOOL- Elementary Parent Visiting Day

The staff at Seth Haley are committed to their own lifelong learning. This year we are working on improving both our math and reading instruction through continual job embedded professional development.

In addition, we are exploring and implementing restorative practices to strengthen our school community. We pride ourselves on a strong school community and are making a deliberate effort to improve in the areas of climate and connectedness. The fundamental hypothesis of restorative practices is that human beings are happier, more cooperative and productive, and more likely to make positive changes in

their behavior when those in positions of authority do things with them, rather than to them or for them. We hope to share more of our new learnings with you throughout the year.

### **Returning Student Registration:**

Thank you to those families that have completed their returning student registration. All returning students will be required to update their demographic information in PowerSchool through your Parent Portal.

Log in to your Parent Portal at

<https://ps.whschools.org/public/home.html>

Locate the navigation menu on the left side and click “forms”

Complete the agreements and forms

Upload 2 new proofs of residency

If bills are not in the parent’s name, you are required to

complete an affidavit of residency form located at

whschools.org, click on forms- this form must be notarized

Click submit

Please note, if your registration is incomplete, you could be subject to a residency check by the WHPD, residency hearing and/or your child could be disenrolled from the West Haven Public School System.

If you need assistance, please call out main office at 203-931-6810.

## **Make time to read!**

Did you know that children who read at least 20 minutes a day are exposed to almost 2 million words per year? Kids who engage in reading 20 minutes per day, statistics show, are likely to score better than 90% of their peers on standardized tests. Typically, children learn to read by age 6 or 7. However, every child develops differently, and creating healthy reading habits is more important than achieving any hypothetical milestones.

Meet and connect with your Seth Haley reading department members!

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## **Story of the Week:**

On Thursday, we had indoor recess. I decided to sit in on a 4<sup>th</sup> grade class for a bit to see how indoor recess was going. Four students were playing a boardgame called “5 Second Rule”. Simply, one player reads a category such as, name 3 things in a diaper bag., and the other player has 5 seconds to answer as a timer counts down 5 seconds. It was so interesting to see what

topics they knew about and what they didn't. For example, Broadway shows 0/3, Former American Idol Winners 0/3, tools 2/3, NFL teams 3/3, occasions to wear a tie 1/3. Right before I left the category was, name 3 people worth retweeting. In my mind I said, they'll have no idea what this even is. Well, I was wrong, the 4<sup>th</sup> grader whose turn it was to answer yelled out, "Elon Musk! Patrick Mahomes! LeBron James!". I was impressed!