

March, 2017



CENTER SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Lora Monachino, Principal



The Nurse's Corner

Dates to Remember

March

- 2 Read Across America - and - Dr. Seuss Birthday
- 8 PTO Meeting—7:15 pm
- 9 Early Release—11:15 am Kindergarten dismissal
10:45 am Preschool dismissal
- 12 Daylight Saving Time—spring ahead
- 14 School Council - 2:30pm
- 17 St. Patrick's Day

FYI—there is still time to register your child for preschool for the school year 2017-2018. If your child is 3 or 4 years of age as of August 31, he or she is eligible for preschool. Please call us at 781-982-2195 for more information and registration packets.

FYI—Kindergarten registration is coming up on the following dates from 10:00am to 2:00pm:

- March 7th Last Names A-G
- March 8th Last Names H-N
- March 9th Last Names O-S
- March 10th Last Names T-Z

Packets can be printed from the BBES or Center School website and are available for pick-up at BBES, Center School, Abington Town Hall or the Abington Public Library.

If you have any questions, please contact BBES main office at 781-982-2185.

Just a quick reminder about outdoor wear. We are hoping that the weather will continue to improve and we'll be able to get back outdoors. With that being said, it still is cold and windy on our playground. Students need to be prepared to go outside for recess every day.

Many students have not been coming to school dressed appropriately to go outside for recess. The following items are needed for a student to go out for recess

1. A winter jacket (a sweatshirt is not warm enough)
2. A hat
3. Gloves or mittens

If you should need assistance in obtaining these items for your child please let the school know ASAP.

We would gladly accept donation of hats, mittens /gloves to the school for those students who may have forgotten a pair.

We are still in need of donations of boy undies (new) for those occasions that an accident might happen.

We are trying to encourage our students to learn to tie their own shoes in preparation for first grade.

Please see the video link below for useful information on the easiest way to learn to tie shoes.

<http://www.bing.com/videos/search?q=shoetying+vieos+for+kids&view=detail&mid=35F16B249023C67E1D9935F16B249023C67E1D99&FORM=VIRE>

It will take a lot of practice but once it is mastered they will be so proud.

If you have an old shoe around the house they can practice on that while watching the video on tying shoes and follow right along.

A reminder as you see the new spring clothes and shoes in the stores, for safety reasons we do not allow flip flops at school. Closed toe shoes are required for gym days.

Thank You for Keeping our School Health and Safe.

DEBRA AMBROSE RN, RTR, BSN, NCSN

Parent Teacher Organization

The PTO meeting was held Wednesday, February 8, 2017. Topics covered were Box Tops, Square One Art fundraiser and other future enrichment programs.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 8, 2017 at 7:15 PM. Parent participation is always welcome and encouraged.

School Council

School Council meeting was held Tuesday, February 14, 2017 at 3:30pm. In attendance were Jennifer Nesti, Deirdre Zaccardi, Aimee Kelstrand, Catherine Spaziani, Amy Fedrick and Lora Monachino. The council began drafting a School Improvement Plan for the Abington Early Education Program for the 2017-2018 school year.

The next Meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at 3:30pm. We welcome and encourage parent participation.



Read Across America

NEA's Read Across America is an annual reading motivation and awareness program that calls for every child in every community to celebrate reading on March 2, the birthday of beloved children's author Dr. Seuss. Motivating children to read is an important factor in student achievement and creating lifelong successful readers. Research has shown that children who are motivated and spend more time reading do better in school.

This year, Wednesday, March 2, 2017 has been designated as Read Across America Day and principals, teachers, parents and other community members will be volunteering time to Read Across America in the schools. Check your child's folder for the week's special spirit events.

Center School Literacy Challenge

We received a few participants in January, 2016: **Caitlin Neely, Dylan Devereux, Patrick Minnehan, Sadie O'Neill, Colton Brink, Benjamin Foley.**

The book picks for our Reader's Choice List is; **Rhyming with Dust Bunnies, Puff, Pete The Cat Show Daze, A Mountain of Mittens, Snowmen at Night, Lego Dino Safari**

Participants of the February reading challenge were **Sallie Hernandez, Benjamin Foley, Dylan Devereux, Patrick Minnehan, Sadie O'Neill and Colton Brink.** Their Reader's Choice books were **Have You Seen My Trumpet?, Lego City Calling Cars!, Train, Dig Dogs Dig, Pirates Love Underpants and The Best Thing about Valentine's.** Any additional February participants will be included in our April Newsletter along with the book picks for our Reader's Choice List. Keep up the great work!

FYI

The Abington High School Drama Club will be presenting Disney's "High School Musical" on March 9th and 10th at 7:30pm and March 11th at 2:00pm in the Frolio Auditorium. Tickets are \$8.00 for students and \$12.00 for adults.



Daylight Savings:

time to spring your clocks ahead one hour on Sunday morning March, 12, 2017



"There is nothing like a dream to create the future".

Victor Hugo