

Beardsley School News

February 2021

Message from the Principal:

Mrs. Sharon Pivrotto

Dear Parents and Families of Beardsley School,

What a year we continue to have as we begin 2021! As of February 1, I am happy to report that all but four classes have had their in-person learners return to school. We must continue to abide by social distancing rules in terms of the number of students permitted in a classroom. Many of our classrooms are large enough to seat 12 in-person learners.

However, both Kindergarten and Grade 2 classes have larger than most in-person learners so they must continue to follow a hybrid schedule. We do have room in many of our other classes, so I strongly encourage you to send your students back to school for in-person learning. Distance learning has been a challenge for families, students and teachers alike, and it has proven difficult for us to maintain the level of instruction when students do not fully participate.

Many students have risen to this challenge but I must again remind distance learning families that attendance is not optional and students must attend all meetings daily, as well as submit assignments if teachers are to instruct and grade them appropriately. We remind you that although we have returned to four day in person learning that Wednesdays continue to be a full remote learning day for the entire district, with dismissal at 11:30 am. We are still not permitted to welcome parents and visitors into the school building unless they have a previously scheduled appointment. We hope that this will change by the spring so that we can once again offer our Parent and Family Monthly events, as well as our monthly student celebration assemblies.

We continue to address technology issues daily, but please be aware that you may have to wait for one of our teachers to assist you when they are free. Your first call for any technology related issue should be to the Office of Academic Support and they will provide you with directions. Intermittent connectivity issues are often out of our control, and we continue to ask for your patience and understanding. Please make sure that students are caring for their devices well at home and that they are not eating or drinking while using them. They should be charged each night, and then unplugged from the power source to save the battery.

Beardsley Students are resilient, strong and have maintained a positive mindset during this difficult year. It is wonderful to have them back in the school building and we will not be content until our entire student body can return to in person learning safely!

As always, Beardsley School is here to support all of our students and families each day! Si, se puede!

IMPORTANT DATES



Fri., Feb 12, 2021 - No School

President's Day Weekend

Mon., Feb 15, 2021 – No School

President's Day Weekend



Message from Nurse Kim

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Here are some reminders and health tips as we navigate our way through this pandemic;

First of all, you've all been great about wearing masks and social distancing, but please stay vigilant even with the slow roll out of the COVID vaccines. It's important to;

- *Continue wearing masks
- *Social distancing
- *Wash hands frequently
- *Frequently cleaning surfaces
- *Limit any travel across stateliness
- *Avoid socializing with anyone who is not part of your household

For Parents of Pre-K: in order for your Pre-K student to be in the building prior to 4/1/21, they must have proof of a flu shot after 8/1/20.

For Parents of Sixth graders: All Sixth Graders must submit a Physical prior to 4/1/21 showing proof of Meningococcal and Tdap Vaccine.

For all Parents: Please submit any COVID test results (negative or positive) to Main office so I can document it.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me at;

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203-275-3833.

We are all doing our best to keep our students safe during this pandemic. I appreciate all of our staff, students and families in their efforts to maintain a safe transition to in school learning. Hopefully the vaccine will assist us in this process so we can return to pre-pandemic life. Be safe. Nurse Kim 🌸

Art Room – Mrs. Babb



Hello from the Art Room!

In January, 3rd and 4th graders worked on creating bear drawings. They learned how to create texture with repeated lines. The goal was to create a pattern on the bear's shirt and then use repeated lines to create texture on the bear's face.

Alexica Mullings from 305 did a great job with this project. Her bear's face has great texture and I just adore the bear's colorful and patterned shirt.

Grade 2

Second grade is doing great adjusting to our new hybrid schedule! Mrs. Fuchs & Mrs. Behn are so excited to have our in-person learners back!

In science, we are learning about the properties of matter! We are determining the differences between a solid, liquid and gas.

In math, we just finished working on double digit addition with regrouping and are now working towards double digit subtraction with regrouping! In literacy, we are working on our long vowel sounds, and main idea and detail! Keep up the great work second grade!



Third grade has been working very hard to learn how to use Teams, Class Notebook, and the Wonders online portal. They have done a great job adjusting and adapting to in person and remote learning. We are currently covering immigration and different cultures in Literacy and continue to work on writing and typing skills.

In Math we have covered multiplication and division, as well as word problems. We are now covering area and perimeter while we continue to work on our multiplication facts. Please have students practicing memorizing their math facts. The dollar store sells flashcards that they can use to practice at home.

In Science we have been studying Animal groups, and their structures. We continue to focus on a RULER feeling word each week in Social Studies while we also examine different historical periods and influential people.



Grade 4 is looking forward to their virtual field trip to the Connecticut Audubon Society in Fairfield this month. As part of our science unit on the Structure and Function of Living things, we will explore 3 different habitats and investigate how the external structures of both plants and animals allow them to survive.

In Math, Mr. Pacelli is about to lead students on a journey through the world of fractions and in Literacy students will be focusing on the genre of Biography.



Grade 5 has been very hard at work! We are learning all about decimals in math and how to add, subtract, multiply, round and compare them!

In science we are learning all about the states of matter and their characteristics.

In reading, we are learning tons of new vocabulary words, as well as point of view.

Finally, in social studies, the students are creating their own colony in the new world!