



Broad Brook Elementary School Monthly Parent Newsletter September 2018

Inspiring Growth Achieving Success

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Staff and students returned excited to start a new school year. We successfully completed our first few days of school and are looking forward to more seasonal temperatures. We are revisiting our behavior expectations with students and building positive and nurturing classroom communities. We will continue to share our student data and school news through the parent portal, parent bulletin, school website, School Messenger messages and the school data wall. **During these first two weeks of school as everyone learns the routine buses may arrive at your home 10 minutes earlier or later, please give them extra time. Once the routines are well established the bus arrival times will be firmer.**

We are going paperless! All flyers and notices will be on the parent portal. School based information is under school announcements and community based information is under school notifications. Starting the second quarter in January report cards will be only available on the parent portal. If you have difficulty accessing the portal, please contact Colleen Mayberry at cmayberry@ewct.org. If you do not have access to the internet, please contact the main office at 860-623-2433.

We always need volunteers here at BBS. Please If you would like to be a room parent, volunteer in your child's classroom, help out in the office or chaperone a field trip please access the volunteer form on the parent page of the website or call Laurie Slate, Director of Human Resources, to learn more about completing a background check. Mrs. Slate can be reached at 860-623-2446 or lslate@ewct.org.

I would like to remind everyone about our wellness policy (6142.101(a)). This policy is designed to align with current practices and recommendations at the state and federal level and to ensure that all of our children are healthy. The entire policy can be found on the EWPS website. We want to continue to celebrate special events and birthdays while honoring the policy. "The district strongly discourages the use of food for student celebrations. Parents, students and teachers may not provide food to share in the classroom. In order to ensure allergen safety teachers may contract with the cafeteria to provide food and beverages for student celebrations. If you would like to celebrate your child's birthday, please send in stickers or pencils for the class or a book for your child to share with the classroom. For other special occasions your child's teacher will determine in conjunction with the room parent how best to celebrate the event.

Birthday invitations are not allowed to be sent home through the school. FOI requests for student directory information for a class, grade level or whole school can be made in writing (note or email) to Laura Foxx.

Our webpage and the parent portal are kept up-to-date. Please refer to it for events, schedules and more. As always, if you have any questions or suggestions please contact Laura Foxx, Principal or Matt Ryan, Assistant Principal.

Laura Foxx,
Principal

ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

East Windsor School District School Climate Mission Statement

The East Windsor Safe School Climate Committee's mission is to ensure a safe, caring and supportive environment that encourages students and faculty to collaborate in learning. The Safe School expectations are that students feel close to people at school, are happy to be there, feel a part of the school, believe teachers treat them fairly, and feel personally safe while at school, increasing their success academically and socially. A positive and compassionate school climate is one in which students and adults are physically, emotionally and intellectually safe and free from bullying, harassment and discrimination.

Social Emotional Learning Lesson for the Month of September

Students will be focusing on Self-Awareness this month. Students will have the ability to accurately recognize one's emotions and thoughts and their influence on behavior. This includes accurately assessing one's strengths and limitations and possessing a well-grounded sense of confidence and optimism. Students will have grade appropriate lessons around this focus.

Pre-K: Is working with the concept of Social Awareness while here at school.

Kindergarten: Focus attention involves using eyes, ears and brains. You can focus your attention by just thinking about it, and the more you do it the better you get at it. Using Self-Talk helps you focus attention.

Grade 1: Focus attention involves using eyes, ears and brains. You can focus your attention by just thinking about it, and the more you do it the better you get at it. Using Self-Talk helps you focus attention.

Grade 2: Practicing helps you build your confidence. Feeling confident helps you do your best and makes you proud. Noticing how others feel and understanding that their feelings can change helps you have empathy.

Grade 3: You can have conflicting feelings about a situation. Having empathy helps you notice when others' feelings are the same as or different from yours.

Grade 4: Student's will be able to identify situations that cause anxiety, apply what they learn about calming down to anxiety-provoking scenarios, including academic challenges.

Follow-Up Activity: Students will be given a "I Feel Confident at School" paper with a star. Students will draw when they feel confident at school and Grades 3-4 will write when they feel confident at school.

Matthew Ryan,
Assistant Principal



SUPERINTENDENT'S CORNER

Welcome back! It is an exciting time to be part of the East Windsor Public Schools.

We are all excited about the work we have ahead of us this year and want to thank all the parents/guardians for getting students ready and excited for school.

I am encouraging all families to review their contact information we have on file so that we are able to get in touch with you. It is extremely important that staff are able to contact a parent/guardian or trusted adult in the event we need to call due to illness or other important matters – or to share good news about something happening for your child!

Please join me in congratulating Tamara Hoang, Special Education teacher at East Windsor Middle School, who was named East Windsor Teacher of the Year for 2019. Thank you for your caring and commitment to the students and entire East Windsor community.

Unfortunately, we started this school year with some unusual heat and the resulting early dismissal. It is a bit early, but I wanted to take a minute to share my approach to weather-related decisions. I believe that our students are better off being in school, but my first priority is to the safety of students and staff. I consider multiple factors when making decisions about school being in session – including delays, early dismissals, and cancellations. Some of these factors include the forecast, building/parking lot conditions, and road conditions. I respect, that at times, you may disagree with my decision. In those cases, I encourage you to make the decision you feel is best for your child. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions. I thank you in advance for your support as we progress through the year.

Please keep watching the district website at www.eastwindsork12.org for information about our Strategic Plan initiatives, opportunities for parent involvement, and information about the exciting events happening in all of our schools.

I hope everyone had a wonderful start to their year!

Christine DeBarge, Ed. D.



CHILD FIND

East Windsor Public Schools is responsible for the identification of students with disabilities who may require special education services for children ages 3 to 21. The Broad Brook Elementary School will be holding screenings for students ages 3-5 throughout the school year.

These screenings will take place on the first Friday of each month. Screenings can be scheduled by contacting the special education office at 860-623-3347. In addition, please contact the special education office to schedule an appointment for children ages 5 to 21 that may require special education services or with any questions regarding a child's development.



SEPTEMBER 2018



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8
		→ First Day for Grades 1—4			→ Gr. 1-4 summer learning packet due	
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → 10:30 AM PreK and K practice bus runs. Meet in front circle. → PK meet and greet AM Sessions 9:30 – 10:15 AM and PM sessions 10:45 – 11:30 AM. → 6:00 PM Back to school picnic and mileage club kick off. Bring your supper and join the fun. All are welcome. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> → First Day for Pre-K and Kindergarten → 6:30 PM Gr 4 Band information night in BBS cafeteria. 	<p style="text-align: center;">SPRIT DAY Wear Black and Gold!</p> 	→ PTO meeting, 7PM at EWMS	→ PK and K summer learning packets due	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	<p style="text-align: center;">PICTURE DAY</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">SEE PORTAL FOR DETAILS!</p>					→ EW Heritage Day Visit the PTO booth- Sand candy table for all kids to make one FREE!
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
			<p style="text-align: center;">1:30 PM Early dismissal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → 7:30 PM BOE meeting at EWHS N-4 	→ Open House at BBS 6-7PM, all are welcome!		→ PTO Designer Bag Bingo – \$35 per ticket (pay online at www.myvlink.org/ewpto/)
30	10/1	10/2	10/3	10/4	10/5	10/6
	→ School Governance Council Meeting, 6PM at BBS. All are welcome!				PRE-K NO SCHOOL	