



F. J. Kingsbury School

MARCH 2019

“The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go.”

— Dr. Seuss, *I Can Read With My Eyes Shut!*

Mr. Erik Brown, Principal

Mrs. Inez Ramirez, Vice Principal

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March Calendar of Events

- 1 Student of the Month Ceremony 9:00 am - SNOW DATE 3/4/19
- 5 Math Night 5-6:30 pm
- 8 NO SCHOOL - Teachers Professional Development Day
- 11 Spring Portrait Day
- 15 PTO Mtg. 9:00 am

IMPORTANT
Mark your calendar!

NO SCHOOL – FRIDAY, 3/8/19
TEACHERS PROFESSIONAL
DEVELOPMENT DAY

A Message from the Principal, Mr. Brown

Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

Please contact your child’s teacher and ask if your child is at risk for retention. There is still time to make necessary changes to ensure your child is promoted to the next grade. Retention can be due to truancy issues as well as academics.

MENSAJE DEL DIRECTOR BROWN:

Estimados Encargados,

Favor de mantenerse en comunicaci3n con la maestro de su hijola, asi estaran atento como estan haciendo con las ausencias academicamente. Si hay una posibilidad de ser retenido, todavia hay tiempo para mejorar las notas para que su hijola pase al proximo grado. Gracias.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Main Office	203.574.8172	Bus Company	203.591.1847
School Fax	203.573.6644	Special Ed. Bus	203.753.8366
School Nurse	203.574.8316	Parent Liaison	203.346.2639
Cafeteria	203.346.3987	Family Intake Center	203.346.3511

Important Information:

- Children should arrive **NO EARLIER THAN** 8:05 a.m.
- *Children eating breakfast at school should arrive before* 8:25 a.m.
- The start of the school day begins at 8:35 a.m.
- Students begin dismissal at 2:40 p.m.
- If Kingsbury School has an **early dismissal**, dismissal time will be **12:00 p.m.**
- If an **EMERGENCY dismissal** is called, dismissal time will be **12:00 p.m.**



*Board of Education Attendance Policy

***ATTENDANCE:** Any student enrolled in the Waterbury School System in grades K - 12, whose absences equals 20 days, will automatically receive a grade of incomplete for all subjects. **WE EXPECT STUDENTS IN SCHOOL EVERYDAY!!!**

State of Connecticut law says that every child enrolled in an elementary school must attend regularly.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION: Remember to bring in your Box Tops! Ask friends and family. Each Box Top counts! Kingsbury School earns money for school supplies!



Parent's Corner

DID YOU KNOW.....

TARDINESS/EARLY DISMISSAL

For Elementary Schools: Total unexcused tardy and unexcused early dismissal time accumulated throughout the year will be assessed to the student's academic record. This means that for every tardy and early dismissal, points will be deducted from their grades. School starts at 8:35 am and ends at 2:50 pm.

THE BOARD OF EDUCATION'S POLICY "ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR STUDENTS UNDER 18 YEARS OF AGE WITH RESPECT TO TRUANCY, #5113.2, WILL BE STRICTLY ENFORCED.

A Message from the Parent Liaison, Mrs. Hulse

Please feel free to contact me at any time at 203.346.2639 Monday-Friday 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. Please join the members of the Coffee Hour to discuss events and programs to improve your child's educational future. PTO meets once a month to plan activities and to better the Kingsbury family. Be a part of your child's educational years.... the best years ever!

Notes from the Library Media Center, Mrs. Halloran

Lexia (Reading Practice) **Type to Learn 4** (keyboarding practice) and **Smarter Balanced Practice Tests** are now available for home use through Kingsbury School's website!

- Please visit Kingsbury's homepage at <http://www.waterbury.k12.ct.us/17/Home>
- Under "Quick Links", scroll down to find access to each program
- Instructions for downloading and signing in are given for each

Please enjoy participating in these educational activities with your children.

Also, please explore Kingsbury's website for helpful information regarding the PTO, District News and Educational Websites.

Classroom News



Kindergarten - Mrs. Caligiuri, Ms. Radzimirski, Mrs. Signore, Mrs. Wolff

March is a very busy month! We will finally be talking about spring! We cannot wait to see the first buds on the trees! We will also be celebrating Dr. Seuss's birthday!! As we begin to go outside for recess, please keep in mind that it may still be cold. Please be sure to dress your child accordingly. Continue to practice all the know-by-heart words we have learned so far, as well as practicing to "tap out" words independently. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact your child's teacher. As always, thank you for your continued support and keep up the good work at home. Happy Spring!

Grade 1 - Ms. Capaldo, Mrs. Hamel, Mrs. Milkovic, Ms. Porcaro

Happy March!!!! Spring is just around the corner! This month we will continue to work with both our Wonders and Foundations programs. In Foundations we will be working on closed and open syllables along with vowel teams. Math students will continue to work on shapes and measurement. The Black History Month projects all came out wonderful! As a reminder please send your child to school dressed for the weather. As the weather beings to get warmer, we will be able to go outside more often. Also please make sure you are checking you child's folder and that he/she is reading every night.

Grade 2 - Ms. Cigas, Mrs. Galanti, Mrs. Katrenya, Ms. Scalo

Spring is almost here! In Reading, we are reading stories about animals, the earth and sky, and communities. In Foundations, we are focusing on the study of vowel teams. In Math, we are learning about number lines, geometry, and line plots. We are also reviewing story problems, and addition and subtraction within 200, using many strategies. Please remember to dress your child with a winter coat, hat, and gloves. Please read aloud daily with your child, and check your child's homework each evening for completion. Also, please check your child's ROARS behavior calendar daily.

Grade 3 - Mrs. Gauvin, Mrs. Kitney, Ms. Marques, Mrs. Muratori

Spring is in the air! It is wonderful that the weather is getting warmer and we can again have outdoor recess with the students. They enjoy that time with their friends. Please remind your children that the ROARS expectations need to be followed at recess too. This allows everyone to have a fun, safe place to play. It is still the 3rd marking period and we are working on many skills to prepare us for the Smarter Balanced testing. Students are expected to read every night for homework along with their weekly packet. Thank you for your support! Contact your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns.

Grade 4 - Mrs. Cassone, Mrs. Ferrucci, Ms. Osborne

Smarter Balanced testing is just around the corner! Please continue to sign behavior charts daily, have students read 20 minutes per night (also reading aloud) and practice their multiplication facts. We want to show how much we know! Also, Unit 3's focus will be on decimals/fractions, and explaining the lessons and themes of stories. Thank you for your support of the fourth grade Tiger Team!

Grade 5 - Mr. Bisailon, Ms. Dibella, Mr. Morrissey

The grade 5 team will be heading to the Connecticut State Capitol in March for a field trip! Our grade 5'ers will be learning how museums in Connecticut (and elsewhere) help us to learn about and understand our state history. Our students will be able to explain about Connecticut's American identity and will learn why capitol buildings are trustworthy places to learn about state and federal history. We are excited to include this as part of our Social Studies lessons as students learn about the rights and responsibilities of being a citizen of the state and federal government. We are also prepping up for our Smarter Balanced testing which will be this spring. It is a busy time for our future graduates and we ask that you make every effort to get your child to school and that you're setting aside at least 25 minutes of silent reading time so that our students beat their goals. Thanks for your continued partnership!

