

Sprague Elementary School



Student and Parent Handbook 2020– 2021

**1443 Thomaston Avenue
Waterbury, CT 06704
(203) 574-8189**

SPRAGUE SCHOOL VISION STATEMENT

Our vision is for children to learn in a caring environment in which they are held to high expectations and supported academically, behaviorally and socially so all students can reach their greatest potential.

SPRAGUE SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission at Sprague School is to provide each student a high quality education that supports the development of lifelong learners. We support student achievement as we focus on student performance data to continually improve upon teaching to meet the needs of all children. We value the importance of parental involvement as we strive to maintain a safe environment that fosters respectful and responsible students who will become productive members of our community.

IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

Sprague School Main Office.....	203-574-8189
School Nurse.....	203-574-8324
<i>Ms. Danielle Izzi</i>	
Parent Liaison.....	203-346-3916
<i>Ms. Vjollca Demirali</i>	
Superintendent of Schools.....	203-574-8004
<i>Dr. Verna Ruffin</i>	
Chief Academic Officer.....	203-574-8016
<i>Mr. Darren Schwartz</i>	
Director of Special Services.....	203-574-8017
<i>Ms. Katharine Gabrielson</i>	

Additional information can be found at:
Waterbury District Website - <http://www.waterbury.k12.ct.us>

SPRAGUE SCHOOL STAFF

Mrs. Diane Bakewell.....Principal
Ms. Stephanie Carpentieri.....Vice-Principal
TBA.....Secretary
Mrs. Myrna Mitchell.....Administrative Support
Mrs. Vjollca Demirali.....Parent Liaison
Danielle Izzi.....Nurse
Elaine Hughes.....Office Aide

PRE-KINDERGARTEN

Mrs. Baker
Mrs. Hanas – Mrs. Emini
Ms. Lokites – Mrs. Hill
Ms. Dzikas – Mrs. Vensel
Mrs. Fengler – Mrs. Vega

KINDERGARTEN

Mrs. Bedell
Mrs. Maghini
Ms. Reddinger
Ms. Stasaitis

GRADE 1

Mrs. Katrenya
Mrs. Martinez
Ms. Newman

GRADE 2

Mrs. Hirbour
Mrs. Horan
Ms. Kaminsky

GRADE 3

Ms. Andreycak
Mrs. Boucher
Ms. O'Connor

GRADE 4

Mrs. Doyle
Mrs. Gregorich
Mrs. Lombardi

GRADE 5

Mrs. Davis
Mrs. Grazhdani
Ms. Perlini

SPECIAL EDUCATION SERVICES

Ms. Carr.....Special Education Supervisor
Ms. Magurne.....School Psychologist
Ms. Sea.....Speech Pathologist
Ms. Osterhout.....Resource Room Teacher
Ms. Grendzenski.....Resource Room Teacher

SUPPORT SERVICES

Mrs. Rehm.....Social Worker

PARAPROFESSIONALS

Ms. Avalos
Mrs. Delmonico
Ms. Ferrao
Ms. Minnis
Mrs. Ramos
Mrs. Thornberg

READING

Mrs. Ellington – Literacy Facilitator
Mrs. McGee – Title I
Mrs. Napolitano – Reading Teacher

STEM COACH

Mrs. Schiavo

ESL

Mrs. Bayouth
Mrs. Hubeny

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Mrs. Tucker

LIBRARY

Mrs. Rosa

ART

Vacant

COMPUTERS

Ms. Vestro

MUSIC

Mrs. Kolan

CAFETERIA

Mrs. Salvietti
Ms. Emanuel
Ms. Reis

LUNCH AIDES

Ms. Scott

CUSTODIANS

Jami Tessier
O’Neil Sumler
Adrien Williams

SCHOOL DAY HOURS

REGULAR SCHOOL DAY

<i>Kinder – Grade 5</i>	8:05 am - 2:20 pm
<i>Pre-K</i>	8:05 am – 2:05 pm

EARLY DISMISSAL DAY

<i>Pre-K – Grade 5</i>	8:05 am – 11:30 am
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TWO HOUR DELAY (No Breakfast)

<i>Kinder – Grade 5</i>	10:05 am – 2:20 pm
<i>Pre-K</i>	10:05 am – 2:05 pm

ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL PROCEDURES

Arrival:

1. Please use the Huntington Avenue entrance to enter the car drop off lane. **This is a one way entrance.** As you pull around to the right side of the building follow the lane to loop around to the side door that enters directly into the gym. A staff member will greet your child at your car door. Please stay in one line and do not cut through the driving lane. Please do not idle as you wait in line for the door to open. Remember that a school zone is a smoke free environment. You will continue around the building and exit onto Thomaston Avenue.
2. The doors will open at 7:40 am. Staff is not on duty to supervise children until that time.
3. Breakfast is served from 7:40 – 8:05 am. If you are planning to have your child eat breakfast please be sure your child arrives by 7:50 am so they have enough time to eat.
4. **DO NOT** drop your child off in the bus lane which is located in the front of the building. This is a serious safety issue!!

Dismissal:

1. Walkers (*there is no car involved in pick up – you walk to the school*) will be dismissed at the side door by the playscape. Once the teacher on duty sees your child, they will be sent out to you.
2. Car pick up students will be dismissed out of the side door in the gym using the same procedure as the morning drop off. Please remain in your car and as you pull up to the door and a staff member will walk your child to the car door.

Students who need a dismissal change on a particular day must bring a note to school on that day indicating this change.

STUDENTS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO MAKE A CHANGE IN THEIR REGULAR DISMISSAL UNLESS WE ARE NOTIFIED BY THE PARENT.

MEDIA COVERAGE

From time to time, media coverage (newspaper, radio, TV) of events taking place in our school is requested. This is an exciting and rewarding experience for most pupils. However, there may be parents who do not desire to have their child/children be a part of TV or newspaper for coverage of an event. If so, please advise the school by filling out the notice that will be coming home with your child during the first week of school; otherwise it will be assumed that your child may participate.

LOST AND FOUND

Items that are found in the school or in the schoolyard are placed in the lost and found area in the cafeteria. If your child has misplaced something, please check our lost and found. **Putting your child's name on coats, hats, gloves, and sweaters is strongly suggested.**

CRISIS DRILLS

Crisis drills are held once a month as required by state law. Each month we hold one of the following: fire drill, lock down drill or shelter in place. Procedures for each drill are reviewed with the children by their teachers in the first weeks of school.

RECESS

A 20 minute recess is a part of our daily school program. It provides your child with an important break for fresh air, exercise and socialization. Recess is held outdoors unless it is raining or extremely cold, even during the winter months. All children participate in recess unless there is a medical reason for non-participation. In such cases, a doctor's note must be sent by the parent/guardian to the child's teacher explaining why the child should miss recess.

FOOD AND ALLERGY PROCEDURE

Sprague School is PEANUT FREE due to an increasing number of students with food related allergies. Please do not pack a lunch or morning snack (kindergarten students) that has items containing peanuts. This includes but is not limited to peanut butter, peanut butter crackers and nutter butters. In order to provide a safe environment for all students, food items may not be sent to school to celebrate birthdays or holidays. Instead, you can send in items such as pencils, stickers or small novelty items.

BUS INFORMATION

Students are not allowed to ride a school bus other than the one to which they have been assigned by the City Bus Coordinator.

Durham Transportation (203) 591-1847
All Star Transportation (203) 753-8366.

See the Waterbury website to learn about the Durham Bus Tracker app.