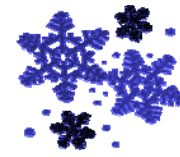


Harrison Happenings

January 22, 2009



Connecticut Mastery Test

It is nearing that time of year when we begin to plan all the logistics for our annual testing for our third graders. This year, our CMT's will be given between March 2nd and March 30th. A more detailed schedule will be sent to you in the coming weeks but this is the window for testing provided by the Connecticut State Department of Education. What you can do to help us, and your child perform to the best of their ability? Come to an informational meeting on Tuesday, January 27th at 3:45 pm OR 6:45 pm in the Teacher Resource Center at Jerome Harrison School. Both of these identical sessions, will address what you as parent need to know and provide you with resources to assist your child at home. I hope to see you there.

Bus Information/Update

As you may know, the North Branford School District contracts with DATTCO INC., the bus company, that is responsible for transporting our students to and from school. They have recently moved to a new location, 100 Hemingway Street, New Haven. If you need to contact them for any reason, they can be reached at: (203) 466-1244 or (203) 466-1200.

Benchmark Assessments

This week, students in Grades 1-3 are participating in our mid-year Benchmark Assessments to measure the growth they have made from the beginning of the year benchmark. This assessment is not something that children can study for but is rather a compilation of all that they have been working on throughout the year in *Storytown*. Results from these tests can be obtained after they have been scored and compiled by contacting your child's teacher.

Upcoming Events

- **Thursday, January 22nd or Friday, January 23rd – Grade 1 Visits the YCBA**
- **Tuesday, January 27th CMT Informational Session for Parents 3:45 pm or 6:45 pm**
- **Wednesday, January 28th – Budget Workshop at TVES at 7:00 pm**
- **Thursday, January 29th or Friday, January 30th – Grade 2 Visits the YCBA**



From Mrs. Appi, Social Worker

As a reminder, when you are in our school, please check out the Parent-School Partnership booklet section (free booklets for you!) located in the Main Office. We also have available for loan in our library Parent Resource Section, a variety of books on parent challenges. To request a copy of the resource listing available in my office or in the library please call me. There are 5 new books available for loan in my Social Work Library. These are titled: Saying Goodbye, Saying Hello (When Your Family Is Moving), Keeping School Cool! (A Kid's Guide to Handling School Problems), Learning To Be a Good Friend (A Guidebook for Kids), Playing Fair (A Kid's Guide to Sports and Games) and Christmas Cookies: Bite-size Holiday Lessons. Please call me to borrow any of these. The next group forming soon will be the "Divorce Group". A letter to parents/guardians will come home explaining this group. Have a Happy 2009!

PROJECT PRIDE

Project PRIDE is a special education preschool located at Stanley T. Williams School in Northford, CT. The program incorporates typical children to model appropriate social, language and play skills. Our program runs four days a week (Monday – Thursday) with two sessions (8:45-11:30am 7 12:30 – 3:10pm). Three year-old children typically attend the morning session and four year-old children typically attend the afternoon session. The program is seeking three and four-year old children with typically-developing skills to serve as role models in our classes for the 2009-2010 school year.

To be enrolled as typical peer, children must pass a preschool screening which assesses cognitive, speech-language, motor and social skills. Typical peers must be toilet trained. If parents are interested, please contact Mrs. Parisee at 4984-1240 to schedule a screening date and time. The screening takes approximately 30 minutes.

The names of children who pass the screening will be placed in a lottery that will take place in February. Parents will be notified by phone if their child is selected. Children who are selected will participate at no cost. However, transportation must be provided by the parent.