

It's Elementary

April 2017

Important reminders:

Thank you for helping us keep your kids safe!

Contact Information:

Please remember to update your contact information whenever your personal, work or cell phone numbers change. It is extremely important that the school always has current contact information.

Dismissal Procedures:

In order to ensure the safe arrival of our 400+ students to their correct destinations, we need parents to adhere to our policy.

Changes in bus drop-off of children should be made by written notice a week in advance of the change.

Exceptions to this will be allowed for emergencies only.

If the usual adult will not be at the regular drop-off, arrangements must be made with family, friends or neighbors to meet the child at his/her regular drop-off. With so many students, substitute teachers, and substitute bus drivers, we are trying to keep your child's routine as consistent as possible for their own safety.

Spring has sprung and with it brings tick season!

Children will be going outside almost every day. Some classes may walk through the woods, roll down the hill, be near tall grass, and many other places that ticks may be waiting. Ticks are also in areas where your children play at home. Please take the time every night to check your children and yourselves for ticks.

Resources for you : **Proper tick removal.** <http://vimeo.com/33600814>

NYS Health Dept: <http://www.health.ny.gov/diseases/communicable/lyme/>

CDC: <http://www.cdc.gov/ticks/index.html>

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April Calendar Dates:

4/6-4/14/17—Dental Clinic

4/14/17—Spring Break Kick-off Dance

4/14/17 Marking period ends

4/17-4/21/17 NO SCHOOL—Spring break

Kindergarten Parent Information Night

Parents of children turning 5 years old before December 1, 2017, are invited to come to the Elementary Library at **6:30 on April 5, 2017.**



Report Cards:

On Friday, April 28th, report cards will be sent home. Please review and sign your child's report card envelope and then return it to your child's homeroom teacher as soon as possible.

May Calendar Dates:

5/2-5/4 NYS Math Assessments

5/4 and 5/18 BOE 6:30 P.M.

5/5 EARLY DISMISSAL for students 12:45

5/16 Budget Vote

5/17 Elem Band & Chorus 6:30 P.M. HS Auditorium

5/24-6/5 Science Testing Grade 4

5/29 NO SCHOOL—Memorial Day

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3	4	5 KDG Parent Info. Night—6:30 Elem Lib	6 BOE 6:30 p.m.	7	8
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16	17 Spring break	18 Spring break	19 Spring break	20 Spring break	21 Spring break	22
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School Counselor K-12

PBIS Topic of the Month:

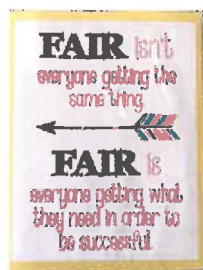
Fairness/Friendship

Question: Ask your children - when they disagree with someone, do they try to see the other persons side.

Band-Aid Lesson



During the in-class lessons for grades K-2nd I gave everyone a Band-Aid on the same spot. We spoke about the differences between being fair versus what a person needs to be successful. The students realized that they did not all need a Band-Aid on the same spot and that fairness is not always equal.



Friendship Lessons



During the friendship lessons one of the books we read was, A Bad Case of the STRIPES by David Shannon. We spoke about staying true to who you are, in your beliefs, traditions, cultures and likes. This story helps students recognize that they do not have to do things to impress friends. The better choice is to stay true to yourself, a difficult lesson that the character Camilla Cream endured in the story.

Friendship SOUP



Ask your children all of the ingredients that make a great friendship.

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