

Weekly News Letter from The Principal's Corner February 26, 2021

Please VOTE on March 2, 2021

Teachers, Parents, Students

The WS School Board loves to hear from students about their learning and things they are doing! The board has encouraged me to extend an invitation to all WS students to come to any board meeting and share their ideas, accomplishments, or interests. Currently, the board meets the second Tuesday of every month at 6:00 pm, remotely. We always publish the link and agenda before meetings so the public can join us. I will be sure to announce this over the PA system during morning announcements several times each month, but more often closest to the date of the next meeting. Please feel free to reach out to me or BJ Esty if you are interested or want to learn more. Many Thanks!

Third Graders Enter the 17th Annual Casella Calendar Contest

The third grade classes learned and discussed the importance of recycling, reusing of materials, and reduction of waste. Students expressed through artwork what waste reduction, reuse and recycling meant to them. These beautiful pieces of artwork will be entered into the Casella Calendar contest whose theme this year is "Recycle Better". We are excited to see if one of our lucky students' artwork will be selected for Casella's calendar.



Behavior Analyst Position Filled at WS

Congratulations to Meg Shambo who has accepted the Behavior Analyst, (BA), position at the Weathersfield School for the remainder of the school year. She will continue her SEI duties and combine them with a BA position. Meg will complete her Masters Degree in August from Simmons University as a Behavior Analyst. We are very proud of her work to date and looking forward to her work in this new role!

3rd Grade Invention Convention

Covid can't keep Weathersfield's third graders from doing the invention convention. It will look a little different this year but our wonderful third graders will still be inventing. They are currently hard at work thinking of problems and ways to solve them. We can't wait to see what their creative minds come up with.

They will bring in their inventions on March 1, 2021 and we will record them and create an invention movie to share with all. Be on the lookout for the amazing invention video.

Join our HEART HEROS - American Heart Association

Subject: Get ready for the Kids Heart Challenge Who: Weathersfield Students in Grades K-8

Our school is participating in the Kids Heart Challenge, a very special community service program to raise funds for the American Heart Association. It's your child's chance to be a Heart Hero by learning about heart health, spreading the word and raising funds to save other children. Have your child go to heart.org/KHC they can take one of the three challenges and email family and friends to ask for donations. Your child will earn a wristband just for registering online and taking the challenge! Thank you for supporting the physical and emotional well-being of our students and the American Heart Associations.

Event Dates:

K-1 Monday, March 22 Glow Jump Rope & Dance

2-4 Friday, March 19 Glow Jump Rope & Dance

5-8 TBA Sport Day

Donation online & collection envelopes due: March 26th For more info contact: Mrs. Berry :)

New WS Principal Hired

It is with great pleasure that I announce that the Weathersfield School Board appointed Brian Martes to a two-year contract as Principal of the Weathersfield School. Brian comes to us from Menifee, California. Mr. Martes currently serves as the K-8 principal in Menifee Union School District. He has been there for five years. Prior to that he was an Elementary Principal in Temecula, California, Vista Unified School District in Vista California and the Evergreen School District in San Jose, California. Those principalships spanned a total 13 years. Prior to his administrative success he was a teacher in Kindergarten (3 years), grade 5 (2 years), and grades 6 & 7 (2 years). He comes highly recommended from his previous districts. Brian will begin his duties on July 1, 2021. When signing his contract he said, "**This is a great opportunity for my whole family. We wanted a professional change and also a lifestyle change. Weathersfield offers both. The community outreach has already been heartwarming. I can't wait to settle in this area and begin the exciting work of leading the Weathersfield School. It is clear that this is a great school and a great community!**"

JH Basketball Clinics & Intrasquad Games

Basketball clinics are open to all seventh and eighth graders in the WSESU schools. The clinics will be Saturdays starting February 27th, at the Windsor High School gym. Girls will be 9:00-10:30, and boys will be 10:30-12:00. Please feel free to register on line: <https://forms.gle/1TYM7JynVGvbWs2V7>

Have a spectacular weekend,

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