

Burr Elementary School Newsletter

SEPTEMBER 2023

From Principal Whidden

Dear Burr Families,

We have had a wonderful start to the 2023-2024 school year. Students and teachers alike came back excited to see familiar faces and meet new ones! Everyone quickly got down to work and I have been impressed with all of the learning that has already occurred in classrooms. Teachers are busy developing classroom communities, establishing routines, and setting the students up for a successful year.

September 19th we will be hosting our annual Curriculum Night for parents. This will be an opportunity for parents to hear from teachers about the grade level curriculum your child will be learning this year. You will also have the opportunity to meet the specials teachers and hear about the curriculum for art, music, PE, library and Second Step. Kindergarten and first grade teachers will present from 6:00-6:30. Specials areas will be available 6:30-7:00 and second and third grade teachers will present from 7:00-7:30. All presentation will take place in the classrooms.

Burr picture day will be on September 28th. A flyer and order information will be coming home in your child's folder soon. We will be using Kay Bagwell for our photographs again this year.

Congratulations to the 66 new kindergarten students who joined the Burr community this year. Our new kindergarten classes will ring in on September 28th. More details about this special ceremony to follow!

Several students have already been recognized with a cougar paw this year. Students can receive a cougar paw for going above and beyond and demonstrating "PAWS" itive behavior. Be sure to check out the pictures of our recipients next time you visit the school.

An important note about birthday celebrations: We have an increasing number of students with food allergies each year so we prefer that birthdays are celebrated with a healthy snack or trinket/toy instead of cupcakes or sweets. This year there are students with allergies to peanuts, tree nuts, dairy, gluten, and eggs in our school. We want to make sure that all students are safe and that no one feels left out of a celebration because they cannot eat the

treat. If you do decide to send in any type of food item for a birthday celebration, and you have been notified of an allergy in your child's class, please contact Mrs. Ulizio at least 48 hours in advance. She will need to check any food labels and/or provide guidance as to whether the item is safe for the student with an allergy. Thank you for your cooperation and assistance in keeping all of our students safe and feeling included!

Sincerely,

Brienne Whidden

Important Dates in September

Sept 19th- Curriculum night:

-Kindergarten & 1st grade 6:00 pm-6:30 pm

-Special Teachers 6:30 pm-7:00 pm

-2nd & 3rd grades 7:00 pm-7:30 pm

Sept 20th- PTO Meeting - 6:00 pm

Sept 22th- Early Dismissal at **1:05 pm**

Sept 25th- No School-Yom Kippur

Sept 28th- Picture Day, Kindergarten Ringing In- 5:15 pm

Notes From the Office

If you need to report your student absent or have a change in dismissal please email besattendance@rsd17.org. If your student has a change in buses or bus stops STA transportation also needs to be notified. The person to email is George Papadopoulos at gpapadopoulos@ridesta.com. Please include first and last names in your communications.

If your student will be participating in an HK Park & Rec afterschool program please email the office stating their full name, the name of the program and the dates of the program they will be attending. This will ensure your students is sent to the proper program and not home on the bus. Thank you for your help.

When your student is on the parent pickup list and is being picked up from school by someone other than yourself, an email must be sent to besattendance@rsd17.org even if the adult is on the emergency contact sheet.

If you receive a call from the school it may come up as "unknown caller" or "no caller id" if this happens please enter the school number 860-345-4584 in your directory so the call will come up as Burr Elementary School.

If you have a standing note for dismissal we will assume that is also for a half day unless we are notified otherwise.

Please label your students backpack, water bottle and outdoor gear. This will help us to return lost and found items to their owners.

2023-2024 School Calendar

 **School Year Calendars - Regiona...**

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School Year Calendars - Regional School District 17

Kindergarten News

Kindergarten is a busy place! Your wonderful children will be learning the routines and procedures of the classroom as we foster their independence. During our reading block, we will be listening to and looking closely at some great stories. We will work on building our oral language with complete sentences. We will also be reviewing the letters of the alphabet and playing fun word games (for phonemic awareness). In math, we will be learning about positional words, length, height, and completing sorting activities. We will learn about fall and apples. Happy Birthday Johnny Appleseed. We look forward to seeing you at curriculum night and ringing in.

Mrs. Aithal, Mrs. Boudreau, Mrs. Burt, Ms. Castro

First Grade News

First grade is off to a great start! We are so excited to begin the year with your children! We are getting to know each other and are so happy to see our old friends and get to meet new ones! We encourage you to send your child to school with a water bottle labeled with their name. Also, students will need a snack each day. It is helpful to package it separately from their lunch, if possible. We are slowly getting back into the routines of a school day.

We are working on letter formation as well as reading CVC words.

In math, we will work number partners to ten, adding and subtracting within ten, and using counting strategies to add and subtract. We will be discussing how our school is like a family with many jobs that help it to run smoothly. First grade is busy learning!

Mrs. Blasiak, Mrs. Kulmann, Mrs. Reynolds, and Mrs. Smedley

Second Grade News

The start of the school year has been an exciting time in 2nd grade and we are looking forward to a year full of learning and friendship. Across all academic areas, and throughout the school day, our second graders are learning effective communication and collaboration skills that are important for learning and life.

Our first unit in math focuses on strategies to add and subtract within 20. We are also learning to solve word problems by identifying the correct operation and applying fact strategies. Additionally, we will be learning to read bar and picture graphs and use the data to solve addition and subtraction problems. *We will send home a family letter at the beginning of each new lesson to keep you up-to-date with new concepts and vocabulary. If you look on the back, there will also be an activity for additional practice at home. The first letter came home this week.*

We are kicking off the year with our Wit and Wisdom program in both reading and writing. Lessons focus on an essential question, and students use both text and artwork to build background knowledge, along with reading and writing skills. Second graders are learning strategies to decode and fluently read words at their individual levels to promote comprehension. To increase reading comprehension, there is a heavy focus on building a rich vocabulary and background knowledge through read aloud books read to the whole class. We encourage families to continue to read to or with students at home.

We are looking forward to sharing much more with you on Curriculum Night on Tuesday, September 19th. We hope to see you there!

The Second Grade Team

Mrs. Harkin, Mrs. Lonergan, Mrs. Masci and Mrs. Penney

Third Grade News

Welcome to Third Grade!

We are excited to be back to school and looking forward to getting to know our new third grade students. We have an exciting month ahead! During language arts we are using the Wit & Wisdom curriculum to begin exploring our first unit, The Sea. In math, students are jumping right into multiplication. We are examining different strategies to start to understand multiplication and division. In social studies, we will be studying the Indigenous people of Connecticut while in science our topics for the year include Forces and Motion, Variation of Traits, Life Cycles and Environmental Changes.

Students have been working hard getting to know new routines, procedures and following school expectations. The Third Grade Team is looking forward to a great year together! Happy September!

Mrs. Bovey, Mrs. Formica, Mr. Snow and Miss Narducci

Art News

Notes from Mr. Granucci in the Art Room

Students in grades K - 3 have been working on a collaborative school wide art installation to start the year off. The installation theme will be titled: We All May Be Different Fish, But in this "School", We All Swim Together. It will include a tropical fish designed by every child. Our installation should be completed by Curriculum Night September 19. Please stop into the art room that night to say hello!

If you are ever wondering why your child isn't bringing home any of their art projects this year, the reason is that every piece of art that your child creates during the year will be saved, mounted, name tagged and put on display for our annual art show in May. If you have ever been to one of Burr School's art shows, you will know that there are literally thousands of pieces of art on display covering all the walls and tables throughout the building. So, I will once again be looking for parent volunteers to help out with mounting artwork from time to time during the year. This is a great way to be involved with your child's education and it's one of the easiest volunteer jobs, as no special talent is needed other than the ability to use a glue gun. The mounting can be done at home during the winter and early spring months once I have shown you what to do. Please email me if you would like to be a helper this year and I will add your name to the list of helpers. If at anytime during the year you have any questions you can reach me at jgranucci@rsd17.org

Calling all Burr School Cougar Cub artists!!! Our art wall outside the art room is bare! If your child created an original work of art this summer, or would like to do so during the next few weeks or anytime during the year, I would love to display their creations. Please be sure to include your child's name and grade on the front of each original piece submitted. Discourage your child from sending in coloring book pages as I would prefer to see their original art on display. I will be displaying their pictures throughout the year for all to enjoy.

Throughout this year, I will be highlighting students in kindergarten through grade 3 for their "Pawsome" art work as part of a special display for all to enjoy. Students selected are class role models that have demonstrated "Paws"itive Burr School expectations which include, doing their **Personal Best, Acting Responsibly, Working and being Safe, and Showing Respect** during art class.

Library News

Welcome Back to the Library!!

We are excited to have students come into the library to learn how to find the books they love! Our beautiful Burr District Elementary School Library has so much to explore. We love teaching kids how to grow their desire to read and care for books. Students will be able to pick out books to borrow and they will also learn many new technology skills. Mrs. Hosking and Ms. Salzano have been working very hard to get the library ready for an exciting year.

Please remember to return the borrowed library book each library day so a different one can go home. **Library** book(s) are loaned out on a weekly basis. Students are able to renew their book(s) for another week. Renew bookmarks are available in the library return crate or students can use a sticky note. Grades K and 1 can take out one book and grades 2 and 3 can take out one or two books. Second and third-grade students will have magazines available for checkout. Library checkouts will begin soon. If a student forgets a book they can put one on hold and pick it up when the late book is returned.

Book Checkout Days

Monday: Mr. Snow, Mrs. Penney, Mrs. Macauley, and Mrs. Smedley

Tuesday: Ms. Narducci, Mrs. Masci, Mrs. Burt and Mrs. Reynolds

Wednesday: Only if normal book day will be missed that week

Thursday: Mrs. Formica, Mrs. Lonergan, Mrs. Boudreau, and Mrs. Kulmann

Friday: Mrs. Bovey, Mrs. Harkin, Mrs. Aithal and Mrs. Blasiak

Please be mindful of books and their relationship with water bottles. We do ask for damaged books to be paid for or replaced. Please email Ms. Salzano with any questions or suggestions at Csalzano@rsd17.org

Destiny Discover will show you all the books available in the library. A great resource to bookmark.

The link is below

 **Destiny Discover**

search.follettsoftware.com

Literacy



How We Teach Reading in RSD17



In RSD17, we are deeply committed to delivering a high quality education to every child with learning to read, beginning in kindergarten. Learning to read is such an essential skill for success in school and life beyond. Experiencing the joy of reading is something we want for all students! We are learning more about what research says about how children learn to read, and how to support children who are struggling with reading acquisition. The research we are learning about and implementing is called the Science of Reading.

When We Know Better, We Do Better!

The research is telling us that while reading is more challenging for some students than others, with evidence based reading instruction, nearly every child can become proficient by the end of 3rd grade. The process of learning to read must be explicitly taught with an emphasis on foundational skills such as phonological awareness and phonics in the lower grades.

A New Path to Teaching Reading in RSD17

If your family has been a part of RSD17 for some time, you'll notice some changes in how we teach reading; if you're new to RSD17, jump on board, it's going to be a fantastic journey! It's an exciting time to be in education as we align our instruction with the Science of Reading!

Components of Reading Instruction Across K-3

Code Emphasis- This means that grades K-2 especially will focus on acquiring the skills to crack the code of our alphabet to the speech sounds in English. (There are 44 speech sounds in English and 150 ways to read and spell them!) Kids must first learn to decode/sound-out words before they can understand the meaning of text; therefore, we will emphasize instruction in "cracking the code" in grades K-2.

Explicit and Systematic Phonics Instruction- We will continue to use our Foundations program in grades K-3 to teach systematic phonics instruction which provides teachers with lessons on a continuum from simple to complex.

Phonological Awareness- This is the ability to hear, isolate and manipulate the sounds of spoken language. These skills are taught systematically with the Heggerty Phonemic Awareness resources in K-1.

Decodable Readers- Our early readers will be working with decodable readers. These are books or passages that only include words that the students can 'decode' (sound out) according to the skills they have been taught thus far. Our kids need practice with the phonics skills they are learning and these books and passages provide that practice. This is different than in the past, where students were reading leveled readers right from the start.

Classroom Libraries- Your child will also be reading self-selected books from our rich and diverse classroom libraries. Students are encouraged to choose books they want to read in order to apply the skills and strategies they are learning in class.

Knowledge and Vocabulary Building- Research tells us that building knowledge and vocabulary contributes significantly to reading comprehension and should be taught beginning in the earliest grades. Students have many opportunities for this type of learning through reading complex texts in English Language Arts, social studies and science. These texts are often read aloud, followed by rich classroom discussions enabling students to develop more complex vocabularies.

Comprehension: Understanding and thinking critically about what we read is the ultimate goal of reading and occurs only when students have both decoding/word recognition skills and language comprehension skills.

How You Can Help At Home:

Decoding:

When your child is reading and gets stuck on a tricky word use the following prompts:

- Stretch it out, sound it out, or tap it out
- Look for parts you know
- Look through the whole word
- Use Point, Stretch, Say, Think strategy
- Reread and make sure it makes sense and sounds right
- If it is a word that you know your child can not sound out or hasn't learned, you can tell them the word

Fluency:

- Have your child read and reread familiar books to practice reading smoothly
- After decoding a tricky word, go back and reread it so it sounds smooth, just like talking

Comprehension:

- After reading, retell what happened in the story using names, vocabulary the author used and feelings of the characters

If you would like to learn more about the Science of Reading, contact *Jenn Beermuender* jbeermuender@rsd17.org, or *Judy Nacca* jnacca@rsd17.org.

Music News

Welcome back to Music!


I am so excited to be your students' new music teacher! We have already had such great musical moments, and I can't wait to see what the year has in store.

This month, Third Grade students will begin learning recorder, as well as have the opportunity to sing in our BES Select Chorus. Recorder is part of our general music curriculum and will be provided during students' general music classes. Chorus is elective and occurs on Tuesday mornings before school. These are both great opportunities for your students to expand their musical skills. The Third Graders are already so excited, and I know we'll have some great experiences this year in music! If you have questions, your students received information packets (and permission slips!) for both recorder and chorus this week. Feel free to email me at aforet@rsd17.org.


I am so looking forward to making more music with your students. Already we have had great successes exploring our voices, reviewing rhythms, and expressing ourselves through folk dances!

Ms. Foret

Physical Education News



Welcome to Health and Physical Education



General Info

Hello! My name is Garrett Lemke and I will be your child's health and physical education teacher this year. I'm excited to be back at BES! Physical education is a place where students learn to be active for a lifetime. In physical education, students learn how to move their bodies safely and develop competencies in the psychomotor, cognitive and affective learning domains. I want to help our students stay happy and healthy for life! **sneakers are required for P.E.** The curriculum for all grades at BES is based off of the Health and Physical Education standards and grade level outcomes from the Connecticut State Department of Education.

Behavior Expectations

Students will do their...

- Personal Best;
- Act Responsibly;
- Work and be Safe;
- Show Respect

In September...

PE:
Students will be actively participating in a variety of cooperative activities and challenges to strengthen their interpersonal communication with their peers.

Health:
We will be discussing germs, and preventative strategies to stop the spread of them to keep us and our friends healthy and safe.

Schedules

Grade 3
Monday: Narducci
Tuesday: Formica
Wednesday: Health Rotation
Thursday: Bovey
Friday: Snow

Grade 2
Monday: Masci
Tuesday: Loneragan
Wednesday: Health Rotation
Thursday: Harkin
Friday: Penney

Grade 1
Monday: Reynolds
Tuesday: Kulmann
Wednesday: Health Rotation
Thursday: Blasiak
Friday: Smedley

Kindergarten
Monday: Burt and Macauley
Tuesday: Burt and Boudreau
Wednesday: Health Rotation
Thursday: Boudreau and Aithal
Friday: Aithal and Macauley

National P.E. Standards

Standard 1: Students will demonstrate competency in a variety of motor skills and movement patterns.
Standard 2: Students will apply knowledge of concepts, principles, strategies and tactics related to movement and performance.
Standard 3: Students will demonstrate the knowledge and skills to achieve and maintain a health-enhancing level of physical activity and fitness.
Standard 4: Students will exhibit responsible personal and social behavior that respects self and others.
Standard 5: Students will recognize the value of physical activity for health, enjoyment, challenge, self-expression, and social interaction.

Health

On Wednesdays, Specials have a rotating schedule. When your students sees me on a Wednesday, we will have health class. We will be talking about important health topics and students will participate in activities and games that help them to further understand the health topics in fun and engaging ways! Some of the topics this year in health are; optimal wellness and disease prevention, building healthy relationships, healthy eating and physical activity, mental and emotional health, and safety and injury prevention.

Contact Me!

Name: Garrett Lemke
Email: glemke@rsd17.org

Second Step

Second Step has begun weekly lessons in each classroom. The first unit covers Skills for Learning, including rules for listening, focusing attention, following directions, using self-talk as a strategy and being assertive. Students are learning the concept of *Whole Body Listening*. watching with our eyes; listening with our ears; keeping a quiet voice; and showing a still body. Listening and attention games are played to increase awareness and skill following directions and ignoring distractions.

Opportunities to practice skill building at home are contained in the Home Links that are periodically sent home with your child and are available on the Second Step website. If you require the activation key to access Second Step online, feel free to reach out to Margie Scott at mscott@rsd17.org.

Summer Reading

The following students completed the Summer Reading Challenge!



From the Health Office

Hope everyone had a wonderful summer vacation and a great start to the school year!

I just want to share some information regarding the annual vision and hearing screenings that occur each year at Burr.

Vision Screenings:

The State of Connecticut requires vision and hearing screenings to be done on all K, 1st, and 3rd grade students each school year. In the past, students have been screened in the Health Office utilizing the Snellen Chart. This school year the District has partnered with the local Lions Club to provide vision screenings as part of KidSight, a Lions Club community service program. The Lions Club representatives will come to Burr Elementary on a set date to perform the screenings during school hours. The vision screening is done with a device similar to a camera, a quick scan of the student's eyes and a report will be generated. This screening is non-invasive, fast and can detect a number of issues which if detected would require following up with your healthcare professional. There is no cost for this screening. I have included in the newsletter some information regarding the screening which provides some details of what the equipment can detect. If a discrepancy is noted, parents will receive a note from me with a copy of the report from the scanner recommending further evaluation with your health professional. We are tentatively looking at October 12th for the screenings to

be performed. The Lions Club hopes to work efficiently and provide the service this year to all grade levels, but definitely to the required grades as stated above. I will be working alongside the Lions Club representatives to assist with a smooth screening day. This is a screening tool, not an eye exam. If you wish for your child to opt out of this vision service, please email me eulizio@rsd17.org prior to the tentative date of October 12th.

Hearing Screenings:

Hearing screenings for K, 1st & 3rd grade will be done in the Health Office throughout the school year. You will be contacted by me if a discrepancy is detected.

If you have any questions about the screenings, feel free to reach out to me in the Health Office.

Eileen Ulizio, RN

860-345-4584/eulizio@rsd17.org



We Serve VISION SCREENING

WHY is vision screening important?

The first few years of a child's life are critical in the development of good vision. Children should have their vision checked for issues such as misaligned eyes, and problems that need correction with eyeglasses. These problems are not always evident by simply looking at a child. Young children often compensate for vision problems so well that parents, teachers, and pediatricians are unaware of a problem. Many common vision robbing conditions such as "lazy eye" can be effectively treated if detected in a child's formative years.

KidSight, a Lions Club community service program provides a simple, non-invasive and cost-free vision screening test performed on young children. It requires no medication or preparation and is PAINLESS.

KidSight screens for the following:

Hyperopia – "Far-sightedness" is the difficulty seeing objects that are near. Untreated this can contribute to "crossing of the eyes" but can be corrected with glasses.





Myopia – "Near-sightedness" is when the eyes focus incorrectly, making distant objects appear blurred. It can be treated with glasses.

Astigmatism- A condition in which the cornea has an abnormal curve causing out-of-focus vision.

Anisometropia – This condition can adversely affect the development of binocular vision in infants and children. The brain will often suppress the vision of the blurrier eye in a condition called Amblyopia or "lazy eye."

Strabismus – Eyes are not directed to an object simultaneously. Sometimes the eyes deviate outward and sometimes inward.

SEPTEMBER BREAKFAST 2023


MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Breakfast Is Free For This School Year		AUGUST 30. Banana Bread, Mixed Fruit Juice, Milk, 	AUGUST 31. Blueberry Muffin Applesauce Juice Milk 	1. Raspberry Cream Cheese Breakfast Bar, Carrots, Juice Milk
4. Labor Day 	5. Cinnamon Bun, Juice, Sliced Apples Milk	6. Banana Bread, Mixed Fruit Juice, Milk,	7 Blueberry Muffin Applesauce Juice Milk	8. Raspberry Cream Cheese Breakfast Bar, Carrots, Juice Milk
11. Breakfast Breaks Juice, Milk	12. Cinnamon Bun, Juices, Sliced Apples Milk	13. Banana Bread, Mixed Fruit Juice, Milk,	14. Blueberry Muffin Applesauce Juice Milk	15. Raspberry Cream Cheese Breakfast Bar, Carrots, Juice Milk
18. Breakfast Breaks Juice, Milk	19. Cinnamon Bun, Juices, Sliced Apples Milk	20. Banana Bread, Mixed Fruit Juice, Milk,	21. Blueberry Muffin Applesauce Juice Milk	22. Raspberry Cream Cheese Breakfast Bar, Carrots, Juice Milk
25. Yom Kippur No School	26. Cinnamon Bun, Juices, Sliced Apples Milk	27. Banana Bread, Mixed Fruit Juice, Milk,	28. Blueberry Muffin Applesauce Juice Milk	29. Raspberry Cream Cheese Breakfast Bar, Carrots, Juice Milk



Menu is subject to change

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Elementary September 2023 Lunch

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Lunch Prices- \$3.25 Milk-\$0.65 Approved reduced students will receive lunch free this school year		August 30. Cheeseburger Smiley Fries Roasted Carrots Fruit, Milk	August 31. Chicken Tenders, Mashed Potatoes, Broccoli Fruit, Milk	1. Pizza LOCAL-Fresh Garden Side Salad, Fruit, Milk
4. Labor Day 	5. Chicken Patty Sandwich Oven Fries Fruit, Milk	6 French Toast Sticks Hash Brown Patty Cheese Stick Carrots, Juice Milk	7 Zesty Orange Popcorn Chicken, Rice Broccoli, Fruit, Milk	8. Pizza Fresh Caesar Salad, Fruit, Milk
11. Grilled Cheese Oven Fries, Peas, Fruit, Milk	12. TACO Tuesday Beef Taco Boat, Lettuce, Cheese, Salsa, Cole Slaw, Juice, Milk	13. WG Waffles Strawberries, Sausage, Breakfast Potato, Milk	14. Chicken Teriyaki Fried Rice Oriental Vegetables Fruit Milk	15. Pizza LOCAL-Fresh Veggies with Ranch Dip Fruit Milk
18. WG Corn Dogs, Baked Beans, Fruit, Milk	19.Nacho Tuesday Chicken Nacho's, Lettuce, Cheese, Salsa, Black Bean and Corn Salad, Watermelon, Milk	20. Turkey Bacon, Egg and Cheese Sandwich, Hash Brown, Apple Crisp, Milk	21. Chicken Nuggets, Seasoned Noodles, Green Beans, Orange Wedges, Milk	22. Pizza LOCAL- Cucumber Salad, Fruit Milk
25. Yom Kippur- No School	26. Pasta w/ Meat sauce, Side Salad, Roll, Fruit, Milk	27. Mini Pancakes , Sausage, Tater Tots, Fruit, Milk	28. Chicken and Cheese Quesadilla, Salsa, Broccoli Salad, Fruit, Milk	29. Pizza Fresh Caesar Salad, Fruit, Milk



**A MEAL IS HOT
ENTRÉE LISTED ON
LEFT**

**B Sun butter and Jelly
Sandwich, Cheese stick, a
Fruit and Vegetable, Milk**

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These are students that have displayed The Burr School Pledge:

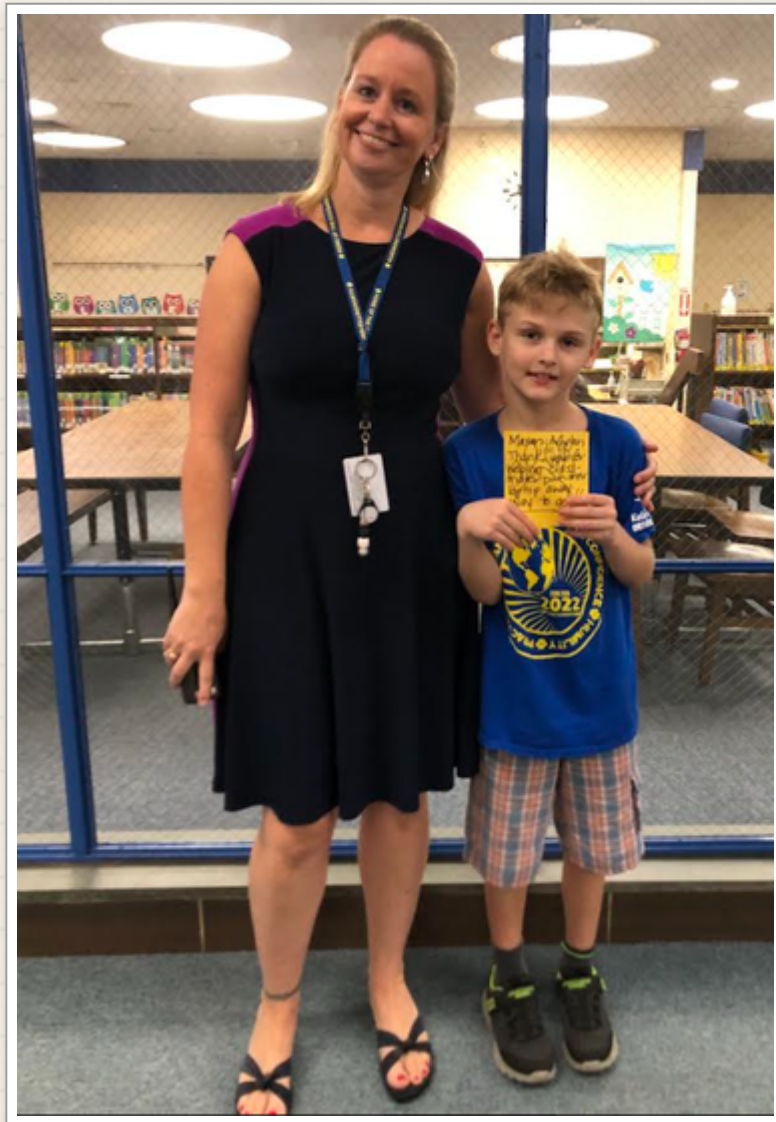
Personal best,

Act Responsibly,

Work and play safely, and always

Show respect.

Week of 9/4-9/8



week of 9/11-9/15



HK Youth & Family Services



Youth & Family Services of Haddam-Killingworth, Inc., P.O. Box 432 / 91 Little City Road
Higganum, Connecticut 06441-0432

FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND CONSIDERATION:

A Notice from HK Youth and Family Services Mentoring Program



As the parent or guardian of a child enrolled in RSD 17, have you considered if your son/daughter may benefit from having an additional, positive adult role model in their life? If your answer is "yes" or "possibly," then you may want to learn more about the HK Mentoring Program.

Children who participate in formalized mentoring programs may:

- Show improved school attendance;
- Show improved self-esteem;
- Show improved school engagement;
- Be less likely to start using illegal drugs and alcohol;
- Show improved relationships with adults;
- Improve their school performance;
- Show increased participation in extra-curricular activities;
- Experience higher graduation rates and be more likely to enroll in post-secondary education programs.

A Mentor is a role model, a friend, a listener, and a confidant. Children selected for the program are matched with an adult mentor who has received training and has agreed to a formalized background check. Children meet with their mentors for an hour each week during the school year and in the school setting.

If you have an interest in learning more about the HK Mentoring Program, please contact your child's teacher, who typically initiates the nomination process. You may also contact Ms. Patty Coletti, Program Coordinator at 860-345-7498 for more information.

Burr PTO News

September Newsletter
2023-2024

NEW DATE!

Meeting Schedule - Join Us!

September 20, 2022

October 11, 2022

November 8, 2022

All meetings are at
6 pm in the library

PTO Members:

President, Jay Salafia

Vice President, Jen Farotti

Treasurer, Tara Heikkila

Fundraising Chair, Randi Edwards

Events Chair, Jamie Sierpinski

Communications Chair, Emily Kyle

Secretary, Lauren Casini

Contact Us

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FaceBook: PTO Burr

**Back to
SCHOOL**

Upcoming Events

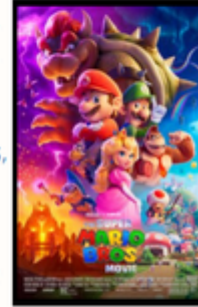
Movie Night!!!
Friday, September 29th

Movie starts at sunset,
approximately 6:35pm.

Bring the family,
blankets, chairs, snacks,
& drinks.

Movie Rated PG

(Rain Date: will really be held
in the **spring!**)



Lyman Pies Fundraiser

Pie Order Forms go home the week of 9/11.

HKYFS Fall Festival!

October 28

More information to come!

(More events to be announced throughout the year)



Park & Rec

HK Recreation: Sept./Oct Youth Programs

Karate Kids

Mondays 9/11 - 10/30 (No 9/25, 10/9) at KES
Wednesdays 9/13 - 10/18 at BES
3:30 - 4:45 pm Gr. K - 5
\$48 (NR add \$10)

Running Rams - 'Cross Country'

Wednesdays 9/13 - 10/4
5:30- 6:30 pm at Sheldon Park
\$90 (NR add \$10) Age 5 - 13

Abrekadoodle - Myths & Legends

Wednesdays 9/13 - 10/11 at BES
Fridays 9/15 - 10/20 (No 10/6) at KES
3:30 - 4:30 pm Gr. K - 6
\$77 (NR add \$10)

Spins & Sparkles (Ballet/Jazz)

Gr. K - 3
Dates TBD at KES and BES
Watch for flyer

Play-Well - Level Up

Tuesdays 9/12 - 10/24 (No 10/10) at KES
Thursdays 9/14 - 10/19 at BES
3:30 - 5:00 pm Ages 5 - 10
\$133 (NR add \$10)

Toddler Swim

Parent/Tot (9 mos - age 2):
Tuesdays, 9/12 - 10/10

Pre-School (age 3):
Thursdays, 9/14 - 10/12

6:30 - 7:00 pm at HK HS Pool
\$60 (NR add \$10)

Food Explorers - Bunch Club

Mondays 9/11 - 10/16 (No 9/25, 10/9) at KES
Fridays 9/15 - 10/20 (No 9/22, 10/6) at BES
3:30 - 4:45 pm Ages 5 - 10
\$85 (NR add \$10)

Zumba Kids

Wednesdays 9/13 - 10/18 at KES
Thursdays 9/14 - 10/19 at BES
3:30 - 4:30 pm Gr. K - 5
\$80 (NR add \$10)

Skyhawks Sport Programs

Soccer Tots: Thursdays 9/14 - 10/19
4:15 - 5:00 pm ages 2-3 w/ parent

Baseball/Soccer: Thursdays 9/14 - 10/19
5:15 - 6:00 pm ages 4-6

\$89 (NR add \$10) HES Outside

Wizard School of Magic

3:30 - 4:30 pm
9/20 at KES & 10/20 at BES
\$26 each (NR add \$5)

Creative Art

Tuesdays 9/12 - 10/3 at BES
Tuesdays 10/17 - 11/21 (No 11/7) at KES
3:30 - 4:45 pm Gr. K - 5
\$55 (NR add \$10)

Cupcake Decorating

Wednesday 10/11 or Thursday 10/19
HK HS Cafeteria
6:00 - 8:00 pm Age 6 & up
\$50 (NR add \$5)

Tennis Time

Tuesdays 9/12 - 10/24
5:00 - 6:00 pm at Sheldon Courts
\$66 (NR add \$10) Age 7 - 10

Gymnastics - Tumbling & More

Tuesdays 9/12 - 10/3 at KES
Tuesdays 10/17 - 11/14 (No 11/7) at BES
3:30 - 4:30 pm Ages 5-11
\$82 (NR add \$10)

All-Day Childcare Days

Look for more info. to come!

- 9/25 8:00 - 4:30 pm
- 11/7 at BES (TBD)

Archery

Thursdays 9/21 - 10/26
5:30 - 6:30 pm at HK HS Field
\$55 (NR add \$10) Age 8+

Basic First Aid

Wednesday 11/1
5:30 - 7:00 pm at HK HS Media
\$26 (NR add \$5) Age 8+

Swim Lessons (age 4+)

Tuesdays 11/14 - 12/12
Thursdays 11/9 - 12/14
6:30 - 7:10 pm at HK HS Pool
\$65 (NR add \$10)

When I'm in Charge

Wednesday 11/15
5:30 - 7:00 pm at HK HS Media
\$26 (NR add \$5) Age 8+

Registration opens 10/2

Please only register for either T or Th

Upcoming Programs

- CPR for Babysitters in Dec.
- Nov./Dec. sessions (Karate, Zumba, Creative Art, Abrakadoodle, Dance, Food Explorers, Play-Well)

Babysitter's Training

Monday & Wednesday 10/16 - 10/23
5:30 - 7:00 pm at HK HS Media
\$76 (NR add \$10) Age 10+



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HK Recreation: Sept./Oct Adult Programs

Fitness Yoga

Tuesdays (in-person at HK IMS Caf)
Thursdays (via zoom)
9/7 - 10/17 & 10/24 - 12/12 (No 10/31, 11/2)
7:00 - 8:15 pm
\$120 (12 classes) / \$66 (6 classes)
\$12 drop-in NR add \$10 (in-person)

Aqua Aerobics

Mondays & Wednesdays
9/11 - 10/2 (No 9/25) / 10/11 - 10/30
6:30 - 7:30 pm at HK HS Pool
\$48 (6 classes) / \$24 (3 classes)
(NR add \$10)

Pickleball - Beginner Clinic

Wednesday 9/6
5:30 - 7:00 pm at Sheldon Courts
\$45 (NR add \$5)

Basic Boating

Mondays & Wednesdays 9/13 - 9/20
6:00 - 9:00 pm at HKIMS Cafeteria
\$15 (NR add \$5)

Pickleball - Boot Camp

Wednesday 9/13
9:00 - 3:30 pm at Sheldon Courts
\$150 (NR add \$10)

Pickleball for Int/Adv. Players

Mondays 9/25 - 11/13
Wednesdays 11/1 - 12/20
6:30 - 8:30 pm at HES
\$48 each session (NR add \$10)

Adult/Child 1st Aid/AED CPR

Tuesday & Wednesday 9/26 & 9/27
5:30 - 7:00 pm at HK HS Lower Media
\$68 (NR add \$10)

Italian Cooking 101

Tuesday 10/24 (Homemade Pasta)
Thursday 11/16 (Homemade Ravioli)
6:00 - 9:00 pm at HES All-Purpose Rm
\$88 (NR add \$5) *fee includes meal

Adult Coed Volleyball

Wednesdays 11/1 - 12/13 (No 11/22)
7:30 - 9:00 pm at HK HS Fieldhouse
\$30 (NR add \$10)

Women's Self Defense

Thursday 10/26
6:30 - 8:30 pm at HK HS Cafeteria
\$18 (NR add \$5)

Pottery

Wednesdays 10/18 - 11/29 (No 11/22)
5:30 - 8:30 pm at HK HS Art Room
\$210 (NR add \$10)

Cake Decorating

Friday 11/17
7:00 - 9:00 pm at HK HS Cafeteria
\$65 (NR add \$5)



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