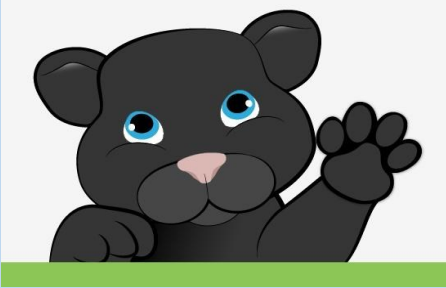


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Principal Monica Hasbrouck



CUBBY CORNER

- 2/1 – Pick A Reading Partner (PARP) begins
- 2/6 – PTA Pajama Bingo @ 6:00 p.m.
- 2/7 – Wear Red for Heart Health Awareness
- 2/7 – Valentine's Grams Order Forms Due
- 2/17 – No School – President's Day
- 2/19 – BOE Meeting – Leptondale Elementary @ 7:00 p.m.
- 2/28 – 5 Week Marking Period Ends
- 2/28 – Pick A Reading Partner (PARP) ends

Principal's Message

Dear Parents,

It's hard to believe it is February already! Our 1st ever **One Book One School** begins on February 3, 2025. You should have received a letter on January 31st to explain the process and see the timeline. We encourage families to read together with their children. You also received a packet of activities to do together at home.

The Session 2 After School Academic Intervention Service (AIS) will begin on 2-24-25 and run through 5-15-25. K-2 meets on Mondays and Tuesdays. Grades 3, 4, 5, and 6 meet on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday from 3:30-4:30 p.m. The first session was a huge success with students growing in both ELA & Math on their assessments. Invitations were sent home via backpack. **Please return if you are declining so we can invite another student.**

We understand many children have gotten ill during the winter time, so it is important when they are **not** sick to come to school. Save those absences for days they are sick. NYS guidelines states "*more than 10% is excessive.*" That equates to more than 18 days, means your child is missing quality instruction. When they are not in school, children get behind and tend to dislike school because they can't keep up with their work. Did you realize we only have about 20 days per month of school? So, missing more than 18 days is like missing a month of school. *Phone calls will be made to those with excessive absences and possibly a home visit.*

Beginning in April the NY State Assessments will begin. Please see the chart below for dates. The assessments are only two days and are completed in the morning. It's a method to obtain data. The results do not go on your child's report card or cumulative file. The data is for the teachers to analyze. ***It is very important that our students take the assessment, so we can obtain data to determine which standards our students are strong in or weak in to adjust our lesson plans accordingly.*** We strongly encourage that your child take these tests. Teachers have worked diligently to have your children prepared. Most schools in Ulster County are back to almost all of their students taking the tests. Opt out rates are extremely low.

Mrs. Hasbrouck



State Assessments 2025

ELA – 4/29 & 4/30

Math – 5/7 & 5/8

Science – 4/9 – Grade 5 only

PBIS - Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports

Here at Plattekill Elementary we have been focusing a lot on kindness. Our PNN News Broadcasts and our Morning Announcements incorporate many ways in which kindness can be spread throughout our school, in our homes, and in our community. "No small act of kindness is ever wasted."

Here are some of the upcoming activities we will be celebrating during Kindness Week:

- * Give a compliment
- * Volunteering
- * Kindness Notes & posters
- * Say "thank you" or write a "thank you"



There are many ways to show that you care! Always remember to spread kindness like confetti!

School Delays & Inclement Weather

- **School Delay Reminder** – In the event of a two-hour delay, children are NOT to be dropped off before 10:30 a.m. There is no supervision for students before the above hour. Do not drop children in the lot and let them walk among the parked cars; there are too many cars exiting the drop-off line. Your cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

In the event of a significant change in dismissal time due to weather or an unexpected problem, students/families will be notified via:

- **SchoolMessenger** (To subscribe to text message alerts, text "Y" to 67587 from the cell phone that is on file with our school.)
- **Parent notification calling system** (Please make sure your emergency information is up to date with the main office.)
- **Website notifications**

PTA News

Pick A Reading Partner (PARP) program is here! *Can your child read at least 20 out of 28 days this month?* This annual reading program runs throughout the month of February. Read each day with your child and they will earn a certificate, bookmark and a \$5 credit for the Scholastic Book Fair in May, compliments of your friends at Plattekill PTA. Happy reading!

Pajama Bingo Night will be on February 6th (snow date Feb 13th), doors open at 5:30 p.m. This is a family event and is free to all PTA members. RSVP's for Pajama Bingo are due 1/31st. We will have breakfast items and snacks for sale. We look forward to seeing you there! Please note, this is not a drop off event.

Valentine's Day Grams order forms were sent home and grams will be delivered to students, teachers and staff on Friday, February 14th. Grams are \$1 each, with your choice of a Hershey Bar, Starburst, friendship bracelet, Smickers (scented stickers) or a Smencil. Please note that the last day to order Valentine's Day grams is Friday, February 7th.