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Bright Futures Bulletin

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Bakerville and New Hartford Elementary

The school year is off to a wonderful start! Our Teacher Meet and Greet, Open House, fire safety education, and visits from Northwestern High School students who read to our classrooms have created meaningful opportunities to build connections and strengthen our school community. We are also reinforcing our High Five Rules: Be Safe, Be Kind, Follow Directions, Work Hard, and Take Care of Our School to help every student contribute to a safe, respectful, and welcoming learning environment. Learning extends beyond the classroom, too! Kindergarten students are wrapping up their study of toys and play and will visit KidsPlay, while first graders, who are studying tools and work, recently visited Clark Farms to explore how tools are used on a farm (and got to pick some apples, too). In November, second graders will connect their study of fossils to a visit to Dinosaur State Park. Our preschool teachers collaborated and planned a pumpkin activity day with our pre-k4 students and parent volunteers. These experiences bring learning to life and reflect our commitment to working together with families and community partners to help every child learn, grow, and thrive.





Antolini

To kick off another wonderful year, we will be hosting monthly Spirit Assemblies that celebrate the heart of our school—our students! These gatherings celebrate the positive choices our students make each day, and reinforce the values that help make Antolini such a special place to learn and grow. We will recognize our Antolini All Star students who demonstrate our schoolwide expectations: Respect yourself, Respect others, Respect the setting, and Respect property. Our bus drivers will nominate the Bus All Stars who consistently demonstrate safe and respectful behavior on the bus. We will also announce our monthly STAR winners! Each time a student earns a STAR, their name is entered into a raffle for the chance to enjoy a special activity with a staff member. Our Spirit Assemblies are a chance to come together as one Antolini family and strengthen the positive relationships that make our school community so meaningful. We celebrate kindness, respect and positive choices, to remind our students they each play an important role in making our school a welcoming and caring place for everyone.



Curriculum

Our new report card is ready to launch! During our October professional development day, classroom teachers, special area teachers, and special education staff worked collaboratively to develop and calibrate report card criteria. Families will notice more specific learning targets that clearly communicate student progress, along with an increased focus on our *Vision of a Learner* through updated learner habits. This important work will continue throughout the year, with our next professional development day scheduled for November 2. Be sure to check your weekly Friday Folder message for more information and updates about our new report card!



Most Recent BOE Policy and Regulations

- Students
  - 5112 - Revised - Ages of Attendance/Admissions/Placement
  - 5142 - New - School Safety: Preparation, Response, and After Action

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